

Fishergate Postern Tower

Fishergate Postern Tower is located where Piccadilly reaches the City Walls. It was built around 1505 at the end of the walls by the River Foss, where water lapped its foundations, creating a natural defence for the city.

It has four floors linked by a spiral staircase with several masons' marks visible. The roof was added in the late 1500's and this turned the battlements at the top of the tower into a row of square windows on the top floor.

The Friends of York Walls lease the tower from the City of York Council and plan to bring it back into community use, possibly as an exhibition centre and as a base for The Friends. Various fund raising opportunities are being explored and we also have a "sponsor a stone" scheme. For a £20 donation, you can "sponsor a stone" in your name or for someone else; in this scheme a particular stone on an external wall of Fishergate Postern Tower is linked to your donation which will help FoYW to return the currently unused tower to community use.



Fishergate Postern Tower Opening Dates in 2016

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| Sat 30th & Sun 31st Jan | = York Residents Weekend |
| Sat 20th & Sun 21st Feb | = York Viking Festival |
| Sat 12th March | = York Literary Festival |
| Sat 26th & Sun 27th March | = Easter Weekend |
| Sat 9th April | = Easter School Hols |
| Sat 30th April & Mon 2nd May | = May Day BH |
| Sat 28th & Mon 30th May | = Late Spring BH |
| Sat 18th & Sun 19th June | = York Ideas Festival |
| Sat 9th & Sat 23rd July | = July Saturdays |
| Sat 13th August | = Mid August Saturday |
| Sat 27th & Mon 29th August | = Late Summer BH |
| Fri 9th Sept (1pm to 5:00pm) | = Heritage Open Day |
| Sat 10th & Sun 11th Sept | = Heritage Open Weekend |
| Sat 24th Sep | = September Saturday |
| Sat 8th & Sat 29th Oct | = October & Hallowe'en |

Normal opening times - 10:00am to 16:00pm

NOTE – All dates to be confirmed on the website, and are subject to volunteer numbers.

Join FoYW. Make a Donation

To become a Friend of York Walls, please use our website at : <http://yorkwalls.org.uk> or send an email to : friendsofyorkwalls@gmail.com
Joining is FREE, but any donations are welcome. Volunteer as a guide at Fishergate Postern Tower or as a walks/talks/tours guide. Help us fundraise.

Sponsoring a Stone

Stones can be sponsored on the website, or by email to: stones@yorkwalls.org.uk



Scan the QR code on your smart phone and go directly to sponsor a stone.

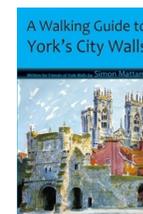


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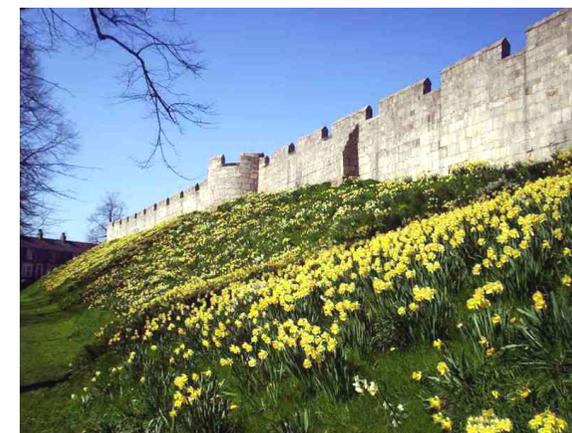
The Friends of York Walls is a charity set up to educate the public in the history, natural history and architecture of York's City Walls and Defences and to secure the preservation, protection and improvement of these features of historic public interest.

York's City Walls Trail

Follow the "Walls Trail" on the FoYW website at http://yorkwalls.org.uk/?page_id=3690



Or buy the book :-
"A Walking Guide to
York's City Walls"
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9780992900205





York's City Walls



York's medieval City Walls (or "Bar Walls"), a scheduled ancient monument encircling the historic City of York, comprise 3.4km (2 miles) of surviving masonry. They were built mainly in the 13th century of magnesian limestone and, uniquely in England, were set on earthen ramparts.

York's City Walls offer a splendid elevated walk around the city. The accompanying moats have largely disappeared but the slopes of the ramparts are well known for the display of daffodils in March and April of each year.

A walk round the walls takes about 2 hours and offers an opportunity to see the main features of the walls. There are four main bars, or fortified gateways, two smaller gateways with more modern stonework and one postern (a very small gateway defended by a tower), frequent intermediate towers, and details like windows, arrow-slits and gun ports, sculptures, and masons' marks. There are also good views of many important buildings from the walls.

One section of the medieval walls is in the Museum Gardens, where you can see the best surviving stretch of the Roman fortress wall and the Roman Multangular Tower with medieval stonework above it. Also in the Museum Gardens are the ruins of St Mary's Abbey and the precinct walls around two sides of the Abbey. These walls were built at the same time as the City Walls and are the finest surviving example of Abbey walls in the country. FoYW are concerned with both sets of walls and with Clifford's Tower and the old castle bailey wall nearby.

Further information is available at www.yorkwalls.org.uk and at www.visitork.org/explore/walls

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St Mary's Tower (in the Abbey precinct walls)



Multangular Tower



Bootham Bar (with portcullis)



Lord Mayor's Walk and the last remaining City Wall ditch



Monk Bar (with museum and portcullis)

East of the station the City Walls were pierced for roads and railways during the 19th century



Micklegate Bar (with museum)



Clifford's Tower



Fishergate Postern Tower



Red Tower (at the south edge of the land once flooded to make the King's Fishpool)



Walmgate Bar (the only bar which still has a barbican extending from its gateway to defend it)

KEY

- The "City Walls Trail". A route marked by brass studs on the pavement when it is not on the Walls.
- The City Walls.
- Other medieval defensive walls.
- Gardens and green space usually freely open to the public; please respect rules that are displayed.
- Selected roads.

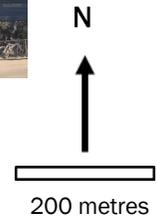
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York's Old Defensive Walls