

Fishergate Postern Tower

Fishergate Postern Tower (FPT) is at the end of Piccadilly. It was built around 1505 at the end of the walls. Water once filled the gap between this tower and York Castle. It has four floors, a spiral staircase, an unusually complete Tudor toilet and many masons' marks. The roof was added in the late 1500's; this turned open battlements into the row of square windows all round the top floor.

Friends of York Walls lease the tower from the City of York Council. Displays here are about the tower and the history of the City Walls. Entry is free on our open days, and we can also open for payment. Planned Open Day dates are listed in the next column. For £20, you can "Sponsor a Stone" in your name or for someone else – you choose a stone on an external wall of the tower, then a certificate and book entries link that stone uniquely to the name you give [the next column explains how to sponsor your own stone]. Currently we need money for better displays, electrics and for roof repairs. Please help FOYW to carry on returning the tower to fuller community use.



F P T Open Days in 2021

Sat 22nd May = Re-opening after lockdown

Sat 29th May = Late Spring BH weekend

Mon 31st May = Late Spring BH Monday

Sat 19th June

Sat 3rd July

Sat 17th July

Sat 14th August = York Walls Festival 2021

Sun 15th August = York Walls Festival 2021

Sat 28th August = Late Summer BH weekend

Sat 11th September = Heritage Open Days

Sat 18th September = Heritage Open Days

Sat 2nd October

Sat 23rd October

Sat 30th October = Halloween Saturday

Sat 13th November

Free entry. Open 10:00am to 4:00pm. No need to book.

All openings are subject to Covid 19 restrictions, including social distancing, facemasks and limited numbers. Please check our website; where you may also find extra events. If you would like to pay for a special opening please contact us via email below.

Please help us -

We are an all-volunteer charity that helps people understand and enjoy York's old defensive walls. Joining the email list for our monthly newsletter is FREE or to become a full friend make a donation. Please use our website at:-

www.yorkwalls.org.uk or alternatively send us an email at:

friendsofyorkwalls@gmail.com

We would like to do more but we need more volunteers - as guides at FPT, to help us with fundraise, as walks and talks guides, to join the committee, etc..

Sponsoring a Stone

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



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

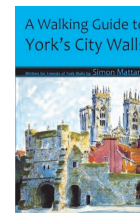


YORK'S CITY WALLS



This leaflet is produced by the Friends of York Walls to help you to understand and enjoy York's old defensive walls. We promote the City Walls and open a Tudor tower on them. Look inside this leaflet for a map of the Walls, photos and facts about the Walls.

The map overleaf shows the route of a great brass stud marked trail - for full details go to the 'Walls Trail' pages on our website at - www.yorkwalls.org.uk



Or buy our book:-

"A Walking Guide to York's City Walls"

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Scan for Walls Trail Link



York's City Walls

York's old City Walls are the most complete in England. They were built mainly in the 13th century on top of older earth banks. There are a few bits of dry moat left around the banks. The slopes are well known for their daffodils in March and April. At other times they are grassy or covered with wild flowers.

A walk all round the walls (going up on the wall-walk, or just using the pavement outside them) takes about 2 hours. It will take longer if you pause much to look at things like the four main 'bars' (these are fortified gateways), the 2 lesser bars, the postern (this is a small gateway defended by a tower), the many other towers and details like arrow slits, musket loops, sculptures and masons' marks. There are also good views of many interesting buildings from up on the walls. The wall-walk is usually open from 8.00 am till dusk. A social distancing ONE-WAY - CLOCKWISE ONLY route is in operation. For details see the City of York Council web page at www.york.gov.uk/york-city-centre/city-walls

Wheelchairs, pushchairs and dogs are not practical up on the narrow wall-walk but they are fine in the Museum Gardens where you can see York's best Roman walls. These include the Multangular Tower which is topped with a row of arrow-slits from the time it was made a part of the city walls. Also here are the ruins of St Mary's Abbey; - including England's best abbey-defending walls.

The FOYW are concerned with these as well as with the City Walls, Clifford's Tower and the stretch of medieval castle wall nearby, all built at about the same time using the same Magnesian Limestone.

Further information is available at www.yorkwalls.org.uk
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