

More Cats to Discover!

Our tour covers many city centre cats, but not all. Please pay cats 20-23 a visit if you have time. For even more cats in York, please visit www.catsinyork.com.

20 After visiting Cat 2, turn left into High Petergate, go straight on past York Minster and under the archway at Bootham Bar. Turn right into Gillygate. Cat 20 is about half way down on the right hand side. Struggling to see him? Look for an old fashioned gas lamp. Walk back to Bootham Bar and cross over into Exhibition Square. At the side of King's Manor is a path that leads into Yorkshire Museum Gardens. Follow this into the gardens continuing past the tower and follow the path to the left and out through the main gates. Cat 3 will now be directly ahead, across the road.



21 After finding Cat 11, continue a short way along Pavement, then turn right and head down Fossgate, crossing the River Foss. 100 yards further on, on Walmgate you'll find Cat 21. You may spot the other animal on the same building first. Retrace your steps to Cat 11 or, if you have more time continue your walk down Walmgate to Walmgate Bar.



22 **NEW** Clearly visible as you approach Walmgate Bar is Cat 22 called "Kinship". He was placed here in November 2016 by the founders of Gatehouse Coffee, a highly regarded, not for profit, café housed within Walmgate Bar. They even have a roof terrace! Retrace your steps to Cat 11.



23 After Cat 17, continue down St Andrewgate, but turn right into Spen Lane, then St Saviour's Place towards the Black Swan Inn where you will find Cat 23. The pub has a real life black cat called Salem. Carry on to the traffic lights and up onto the city walls, then walk along the Walls to the steps at Monkbar. (If the Walls are closed, use Aldwark, opposite the Black Swan). Come down the steps into Goodramgate and walk towards the Minster. Take the left fork and very shortly you'll see Cat 18 on the right.



The history of cats in York

The history of the cats in York dates back to 1920, when Sir Stephen Aitchison placed two on a building that he owned in Low Ousegate. Some say he put them there to scare away rats and mice but he probably also thought they look attractive and bring good luck. Others followed his idea and the odd cat appeared around the city in the hope that good things would happen!

It was in 1979 that a local architect called Tom Adams (who had drawn black cats as his signature since the '50s) decided to resurrect the idea by placing them on buildings he designed. York based sculptor Jonathon Newdick was then commissioned to bring them to life. Tom passed away in 2006 aged 75, but his inspiration lives on through new commissions of York cats.

If you would like to order an original cat sculpture contact Jonathan at www.newdicksculpture.co.uk

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The trail starts at The Cat Gallery shop and takes an hour or so. If you have a little longer, it is well worthwhile adding cats 20-23 onto your itinerary. They will give you a stroll through the delightful Museum Gardens and a walk on the City walls with wonderful Minster views.

- 1 Cat 1 was commissioned by The Cat Gallery when they moved here in 2010.
- 2 Pop round the corner into Stonegate. Cat 2 is a short way down Stonegate on the left. Can't see him? Look just above the doorways! Gordon is modelled on a real cat who was born without eyelids on one eye and wears an eyepatch to prevent infections. [optional diversion to Cat 20 & Museum Gardens].
- 3 Retrace your steps in Stonegate and turn left into High Petergate. Stop briefly to admire York Minster, then turn left down Duncombe Place, keeping to the right. Cross over at the lights onto Museum Street. When you reach the entrance to the Yorkshire Museum gardens, look across Museum Street and see Cat 3. He's called Chambers.
- 4 Head down Lendal and continue into St Helen's Square, past the Mansion House and into Coney Street. Cat 4 is halfway down on the right. This was one of the first placed in the city by Tom Adams. Look for the number 25 if you're stuck.
- 5 Carry on to the end of the street and turn right into Low Ousegate. On the opposite side of the road is the building where the first two cats were placed by Sir Stephen Aitcheson.
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- 7 Continue to Ouse Bridge, then look right, along the near bank of the river. Cat 7 is on the roof of the building opposite the Park Inn (tip: look near the tallest tree).
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- 9 Cross the road and head down the steps towards the river along King's Staith. Continue to the junction of Friar's Terrace and South Esplanade. Look to the upper floors of the houses facing the river. You should see cats 8, 9 and 9a sunning themselves on the window ledges.
- 10 Retrace your steps and head away from the river up Peckitt Street. Stop to admire Clifford's Tower before turning left on Clifford Street. Pass the Grand Opera House then cross the road and head down Coppergate. Cat 10 is on the right (Clue: How much might an elephant weigh?).
- 11 Continue onto Pavement. Look up to the right for Cat 11 (Clue: There's another animal on the same building). Cat 11 is reputedly a ghost cat. [Diversion to Cat 21 and 22].



- 12 Cross over the road and the cobbled street ahead is one of York's most famous; Shambles. Halfway up on the left is Cat 12. Turn around and you'll see a very recent addition. We'll call him Cat 12.1. Walk back down Shambles and turn left through the stone arch and into the passageway, this will bring you out on Whipma-Whop-ma-Gate.
- 13 Head left along Colliergate. Keep an eye out on the right for Cat 13. It's different to all the other cats on the trail. How?
- 14 A very short distance along, under the clock, is Cat 14. This was the last cat commissioned by Tom that was placed in its intended position.
- 15 You are now standing in King's Square. You'll need to scan the roof lines to find Cat 15. The plastic pigeon on the same roof is a later addition, put there by a plumber with a sense of humour!
- 16 Look out for St Andrewgate and head down there. On the left is an unusual house (No 1/2). Can you see cat 16 on the property? Next door at No.1, you'll find Cat 17.
- 17 You will notice that Cat 16 is a kitten. Tom Adams thought that due to the house number it could not have a full size sculpture so he purchased it from a nearby shop and sprayed it black. [Cat 23 & a walk on the walls].
- 18 Continue along St Andrewgate turning left onto Bartle Garth past the Church. Head towards York Minster past Bedern Hall and the York Glaziers Trust. Turn left onto Goodramgate. Keep to the left and just after the road forks you'll see Cat 18 on the right hand side. (Clue: He's not a meat eater).

Mini Quiz

- 1: What Colour is Cat 2?
- 2: What animal shares the building with cat 11?
- 3: What is the name of cat 19?

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One more cat awaits....

Retrace a few steps to take the right fork (Deangate) towards York Minster. Opposite the South entrance you will find a small road, Minster Gates. Go down there, then turn directly left onto Low Petergate and you'll find yourself back where you started at The Cat Gallery.

- 19 Cat 19 is inside The Cat Gallery. (Clue: He's behind glass in the back room). What is his name?

Hand in your completed mini quiz and kids will receive an immediate cat-themed reward. Adults providing an email address will receive our Email Newsletter, including an introductory £5 voucher to spend at www.thecatgallery.co.uk.