

While the original gate to Beverley - the old North Bar - still exists, the real gateway to the market town is the pastures, grass and woodland where the shopping streets out towards the high street stores, while its popular markets take place every Wednesday and Saturday. Don't miss the Minster, arguably one of Europe's best Gothic buildings before heading across to the opposite end of town where you'll find St Mary's Church. If you look closely, you'll see the white rabbit that inspired the character in Alice in Wonderland.

With so many stories to explore it's time to make plans, meet friends and enjoy the delights of Beverley.



Looking for the perfect place to play, shop and unearth hidden gems? Welcome to Beverley.

A town standing as tall as its majestic Minster and with recent accolades declaring it one of the top places to live (as voted by The Sunday Times), this gem of a market town is a place to be explored. From fun days with the family to culture-filled weekends, Beverley offers plenty for everyone.

With its towering gothic Minster, pretty market squares and beautiful Georgian townhouses, it's a town steeped in history, yet one with an attractive present. From home-cooked market-fare to cafe culture and Michelin starred restaurants, your palate will be pleased with a visit to East Yorkshire's larger.



Beverley.

East Yorkshire

VISITOR MAP



BEVERLEY TOWN TRAIL

Medieval Guilds & Crafts

TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME

Discover what life was like in Medieval Beverley

Stroll from the North Bar towards the Beverley Beck and absorb the town's heritage

Medieval Beverley was a wealthy town with a diverse population of skilled workers, including carpenters, butchers, jerkin makers, musicians and armourers - to name just a few!

In total the Beverley town trail depicts 40 medieval guilds and trades and the sculptures are positioned close to their original locations. Split the trail up into four different walks - or spend a whole day completing it all in one go!

Whether you want to find out where bakers were put in the ducking stool for selling poor bread, or simply want to take in the historic sights of Beverley, you are sure to have fun whilst learning on the Beverley town trail.

Over 700 local school children were involved with the craft activities and ideas for the development of the sculptures and works of art - have you spotted any sculptures yet?

DID YOU KNOW?

1213

The Minster's central tower collapsed as a result of an attempt to heighten it, causing serious damage to the eastern arm of the church.

1220-1270

Great rebuilding of the Minster starts following the disaster of c.1213.

1280

The present market cross is erected in Saturday Market.

1359

'Great Charter' of the community of Beverley: rules laid down for the town government and each year the 12 Keepers were to nominate 18 worthy men from the community, and, from these 18, the community were to choose 12 new Keepers for the following year.

1410

The North Bar rebuilt at a cost of £96 17s 4½d.

1714

The present market cross is erected in Saturday Market.

1910

a museum and art gallery opens.

1934

H.M. Queen Mary visited the Minster and St Mary's.

2015/16

Flemingate retail and leisure destination is completed.

WALK 2:

1. BUTCHERS

Many medieval butchers traded in Beverley – some in Butcher Row, others at the North end of Saturday Market and at the Beck. Can you spot the ox carcass?

2. WALKERS

Walkers were part of the wool industry. They walked on woollen cloth to shrink and thicken it around the 'Walker Beck', which now runs beneath Walkergate. How many footprints can you find?

3. CORDWAINERS

A Cordwainer made footwear out of the finest leather. Beverley's medieval shoe market was nearby. Find the shoe patterns, take a rubbing and make up a pair of shoes at home!

4. SPINNERS

Spinners were mainly women. Spinning was a cottage industry, originally done by hand, using a spindle whorl. From the 14th century, spinning wheels speeded up production.

5. DYERS

Beverley dyers used plants to create dyes. Woad made blue, madder and brazil - red, weld - orange and bog myrtle - yellow. Can you find one of these plants?

6. CARTMEN

Can you find a horse and cart near the Market Cross? In the Middle Ages, carts provided the main form of transport to and from the market. This image from Beverley Minster shows the cart back to front because saying 'putting the cart before the horse' means doing things in the wrong order.

7. GLOVERS

Glovers made gloves from leather tanned in the town and Beverley Grammar School pupils would give them to the officers of Beverley Minster when they left school with a bachelorhood. Check the seat at the end of Saturday Market - has anyone lost a glove?

8. JERKIN MAKERS

Beverley's Jerkin makers made leather tunics and traded between St. Mary's Church and Saturday Market. Look up can you find a tunic hanging around?

9. MINSTRELS

The remains of several windmills of the Northern Guild of Minstrels between the rivers Tweed and Trent. The Minster and St. Mary's contain many carvings of musical instruments. What instruments are the musicians near St. Mary's playing?

10. ARMOURERS

Armourers made armour and weapons for Beverley's soldiers and their horses. Before leaving for battle, Beverley's soldiers paraded at North Bar. Can you find the piece of chain mail? Imagine wearing a whole suit of it!

11. BRICKLAYERS

The North Bar is the earliest brick-built town entrance in England. Look to the floor and read the North Bar accounts. How much did Agnes the Tiler and William Potter get paid?

12. FARRIERS & LORIMERS (BLACKSMITHS)

Farrriers and Lorimers traded along York Road, which used to be called 'Lorimers Row'. Outside the Bar, horse fairs were held. Clippity clop – how many horse shoes can you spot?

13. WIND MILLERS

The remains of several windmills can be found on the Westwood. They were used to grind grain that was locally grown. Can you see the post-mill on Pasture Terrace?

14. BAKERS

Medieval bakers were punished for selling poor bread - they could be fined or ducked on the ducking stool, which was down Tiger Lane. Walk carefully! Don't trip over the loaf of bread!

15. GOLDSMITHS

Stephen the Goldsmith once worked for the Canons of Beverley Minster and made silver shields and plate for churches and rich merchants. Can you find him?

16. HATTERS

In the Middle Ages, almost everyone wore hats including men, women and children. Noble people wore fancy hats and jesters wore a fool's cap! Look up – can you spot one?

17. FLETCHERS

A fletcher made arrows fitted with feathers (called flights). Watch out! There is a hail of arrows flying through the air!

18. TAILORS

Tailoring was an important medieval craft because all clothes were hand-made from scratch. There weren't any ready-made clothes, like today! Hunt for six thimbles in Toll Gavel.

19. APOTHECARIES

Apothecaries used old-fashioned plants, herbs and roots to treat illnesses and wounds. Can you find the four healing plants?

20. BARBER SURGEONS

Medieval Barbers didn't just cut hair – they were surgeons, pulled teeth and healed wounds. Their sign was the snake and it is still shown on most ambulances. Look up – make sure the snake doesn't fall on you!

21. MERCHANTS

The Merchants Guild was the largest in Beverley. The wool and cloth trade made the town very wealthy. Spot the old measurements used by merchants!

22. FISH TRADERS

The medieval name for Well Lane was 'Fishmarketmoorgate' - the road between Westwood and the fish market. How many eels can you find wriggling along the kerb?

23. PRINTERS

Hugo Goes, one of the earliest printers in England, set up his press in Highgate in around 1500. He printed the earliest-known wallpaper surviving in England – can you spot the goose in his wallpaper design?

24. MASONS

Masons built the Minster and St.Mary's. They built in good weather, but when it was bad, they carved stones. Each mason had his own mark, which he engraved into each stone he carved. Can you find any of them?

25. BREWERS

Beverley's brewers brewed beer and people loved to sing whilst drinking. Don't trip over the song lyrics about John Barleycorn!

26. CARPENTERS

The Sun Inn, one of Beverley's last remaining half-timbered buildings, was made by medieval carpenters - the only guild allowed to build houses. Can you find the mortise joint and tenon?

27. SADDLERS

Saddles were vital when riding. Horses were an important form of transport and every rider had to have a saddle. They are still made to this day – but not in Beverley. Did somebody leave one behind?

28. WEAVERS

Medieval weavers came from Flanders and Holland and were known as 'Flemings'. Beverley had a huge wool trade and exports were shipped to Flanders from the Beck. Has a Fleming dropped a piece of cloth?

29. ROPE MAKERS

Ropes were made and used in Beverley – especially on the ships and boats that used the Beck. Until recently, ropes were made near Flemingate – did one get left behind?

30. CREELERS

Creelers and porters loaded and unloaded the ships that came to the Beck. They carried goods to and from the town centre. The stone used to build the Minster and St. Mary's came to Beverley that way.

31. WILDFOWLERS

Wildfowling is the hunting of ducks and geese for food, feathers and fat. The wildfowlers hunted near the Beck. Make sure you don't let the greylag goose get away!

32. POTTERS

Pottery was a thriving trade in medieval Beverley. Potters worked all over the town, including at Potter Hill. Can you find the jug?

33. WATER MILLERS

Three water mills were recorded in Beverley in the Domesday Book. They were situated in this part of the town and later competed with the wind millers on the Westwood. Can you spot the water mill?

34. COOKS

Most cooks were men, often cooking for Civic functions. By the 18th century, regularly the Town's Cook was a woman, sometimes it was the Mayor's wife.

35. TANNERS

From medieval times until the late 20th century tanning was a major Beverley industry, situated where the Flemingate Centre now stands. Spot the stretched hide!

36. COOPERS

Excavations in Beverley have found wooden buckets, wheels and ale barrels – all made by local Coopers. Hunt for the medieval barrel outside the Lord Nelson!

37. SCRIVENERS

Scriveners wrote letters and charters using sharpened feathers called quills. Also, the Dominican Friars were nicknamed 'ravens' because of their black coats. Can you see the hidden black feathers that lead to the Friary?

38. LOCKSMITHS

Locksmiths made locks for churches, houses, chests and boxes, throughout the Middle Ages. A padlock of the viking era was found on this site. Shakespeare mentioned locksmiths - find the reference!

39. CANDLE MAKERS

Candles were used to light homes, churches and taverns. Fancy candles were made out of beeswax, however everyday candles were made from tallow (animal fat). Can you find any bronze candles?

40. FISHMONGERS

Fishmongers were strictly regulated. Two scriveners examined the fish, set the prices and fined for irregularities, such as selling stinking fish. Try not to step on the fish!



Beverley Minster

Towering high above the rooftops is Beverley's majestic Minster, a popular place of worship and host to concerts, events, festivals and markets. One of Britain's finest examples of medieval gothic architecture, step inside to discover over a thousand years of history. Look up in awe at The Percy Canopy, a masterpiece of 14th-century carving, and look down to discover the 68 misericords hiding on pews.



St Marys

After more than 400 years under construction, St Mary's Church is steeped in stories. Situated in North Bar Within, its turrets were lit to guide wayfarers safely across the Westwood and today visitors are still greeted by its elegant tower emerging from the trees. The carving of a March hare in the North Choir aisle is said to have inspired the character in Lewis Carol's *Alice in Wonderland*.



Flemingate

Fashion, food and film close to East Yorkshire's historic heart. Offering an independent cinema and mix of high street names, independent shops and boutiques, discover department stores alongside local creative talent. A great place for cafe culture and entertainment for the whole family. Explore the outdoor play park, get sweaty at InflataNation or cool off with ice cream.



East Riding Theatre

The jewel of East Yorkshire's cultural crown, East Riding Theatre has delighted audiences of all ages since 2014 with eclectic theatre, music and entertainment. Founded by esteemed actor and local resident Vincent Regan and with the support of the local community, this old Baptist church is now an intimate yet vibrant theatre and events venue. Check out the event programme and get those tickets booked!



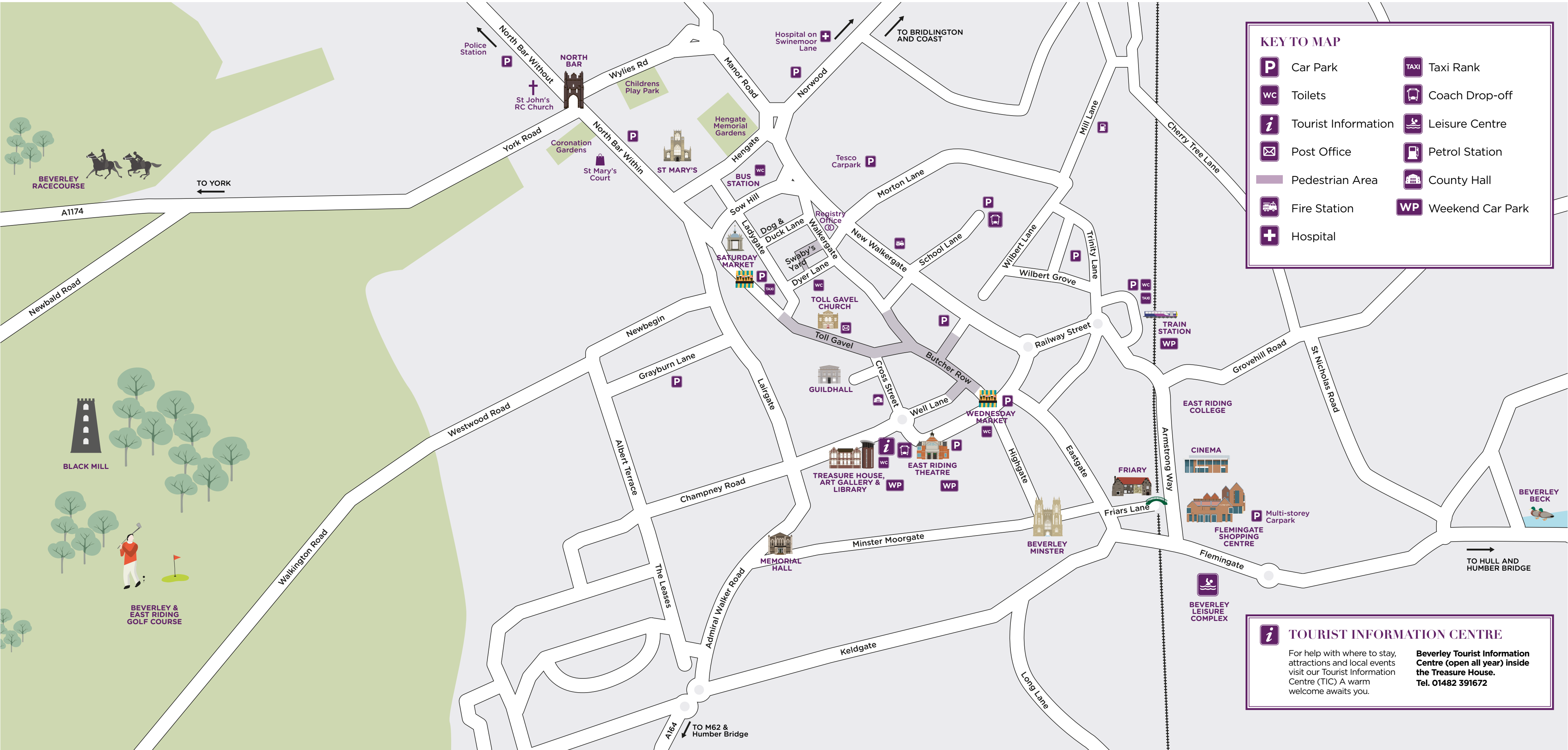
The Guildhall

Discover Beverley's rich history at the historic Guildhall. Step inside to explore 500 years of civic pride and a community museum all about this historic town. Discover ornate plasterwork by Giuseppe Cortese in the Georgian courtroom, original 17th and 18th century furniture in the Magistrates room and England's oldest set of minstrel chains in the elegant parlour.



The Treasure House and Art Gallery

Where history and culture collide. Explore a treasure trove of regional history and art across four gallery spaces. Originally founded by Edward Champney in 1910, Beverley Art Gallery's permanent collection is displayed in a beautifully restored Edwardian space. Explore permanent and temporary exhibitions on local heritage and browse the largest collection of works by celebrated local artist, Frederick Elwell.



Beverley Racecourse

Sip champagne, place your bets and enjoy the thrill as thundering hooves race across the pasture. The town's popular thoroughbred horse racing venue first opened its doors in 1690. Today the racecourse hosts flat racing from April until September, attracting thousands of racegoers and visitors from across the country. Dress to impress at one of the county's top Ladies' Days, experience a musical race night or celebrate your wedding.



Beverley Beck

Meander along the canal from the heart of Beverley to the River Hull. Taking you from town to country in just under a mile, enjoy the peaceful waters of the Beck, home to a boatyard, fishing docks and even a submarine. With rowing and motorboats available for hire, you'll also find a historic barge open to visitors on Sundays in the summer.



Beverley Westwood

If you're travelling here from the west you may encounter a cow or two as you venture over the lush 500-acre Westwood pasture that is Beverley's playground. Home to hundreds of grazing cows, a racecourse, golf course and the remains of a medieval forest, the Westwood is in equal amounts a hive of activity and place to escape.



North Bar

Step within or step without on Beverley's most prestigious street. Constructed in 1409 using bricks made right here in Beverley it was used primarily to facilitate taxation, and is the only surviving brick-built town gate in the country. Look down to find the old North Bar accounts and discover how much Agnes the tiler used to get paid.



Markets

Dating back centuries, Beverley's bustling markets are a vital part of community life and take place weekly in the aptly named Wednesday and Saturday Markets, while annual food and Christmas festivals take over the town with a feast of delights.



Gardens

Hidden away on North Bar you'll find Coronation Gardens, a peaceful oasis in the bustling town with a sensory area, water feature and plenty of seating. For contemplation or simply to rest your feet, venture past St Mary's Church on Hengate to discover Beverley's war memorial gardens.