

Hi! WHITEFRIARGATE

Hull's White Rabbit Trail

22nd May until 8th June 2021



Did you know that the mother of Lewis Carroll, author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, was raised in Hull?

To celebrate the city's connection with this famous author, local Primary Schools were asked to design a Hull-based interpretation of the White Rabbit character from the beloved children's story, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. The winning entries are displayed on this trail along with some quirky facts. This project was funded by Historic England as part of Hull's High Street Heritage Action Zone and delivered in partnership with Hull Schools' Library Services.

1 Ferens Art Gallery 
Did you know: Lewis Carroll's mother attended the church formerly on this site as a child. Outside the doors to Princes Quay you can see the Fish Trail Lobster. Inscribed with "Will You Walk a Little Faster" from Lobster Quadrille in Alice in Wonderland.

2 Beverley Gate
Did you know: Beverley Gate was the main Medieval Entrance to Whitefriargate, but between 1854 and 1903 five different wooden gates were erected at the top of the street to welcome Royal visitors to the town.

3 Former Burtons building 
Did you know: 34/35 Whitefriargate was built in 1935. In addition to being a store and offices, the Burtons building was where volunteers signed on for National Service during WWII.

4 Former Schuh building 
Did you know: 20 Whitefriargate was once the site of Thomas Reynoldson and Son's Jewellery shop, who were known for making watches and jewellery for Queen Victoria. Queen Victoria was allegedly a huge fan of 'Alice in Wonderland'.

5 LW Plants 
Did you know: The HMV store nearby was once the site of Hull's workhouse 'Charity Hall'. The workhouse closed in 1852 when it moved to Anlaby Road.

6 Wrecking Ball Music & Books 
Did you know: 15 Whitefriargate is part of the former Neptune Inn which was opened in 1797 and designed by George Pycock, but by the early 1800's the Hull Customs were situated in the property. Lewis Carroll's grandfather was listed as working here in 1805 as a collector of dues.

7 Hull 4 Heroes 
Did you know: The building opposite (60 Whitefriargate) was the home of the Hull News in 1888. The original illustrator of the Lewis Carroll stories illustrated newspaper reports here.

8 Dove House Hospice Shop 
Did you know: 66 Whitefriargate was the site of the original George Hotel. It was here for many years until it was sold in 1934 when it was demolished and replaced with a new British Home Stores.

9 Hepworth's Arcade 
Did you know: During the lifetime of Lewis Carroll and his grandparents, this site would have been known as "Spread Eagle Entry," but it was sold and demolished and the arcade opened in 1895.
It is the UK's largest L-shaped covered arcade.

10 Lowgate
Did you know: The County Fire Office was established on Lowgate, opposite the entrance to Trinity Market during July 1807. The company provided nationwide insurance against fire.
Lewis Carroll's grandfather joined the company and was listed as a director in December 1807.

11 Trinity Market 
Did you know: Just a short distance from Trinity Market is Hull Minster (formerly Holy Trinity Church) where Lewis Carroll's grandmother (Elizabeth Anne Lutwidge) was buried.

Please note that Trinity Market and Hepworth's Arcade are open Monday to Saturday, 7.30am to 5pm and face coverings must be worn when inside these venues. Social distancing must be observed at all times.

