

2 The Hidden City: York

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Hidden Cities is a new photography feature intended to take Post Hole readers through parts of famous cities that tourists, and perhaps even the residents, never get a chance to see. It is our earnest hope that this will expand the type of submissions we receive. The Post Hole team welcomes photographs of any city. We hope you enjoy the Hidden City of York.

Introduction

York is my home. This is where I choose to live. It is an understatement to say that York has a very rich past. However, no words come to mind when trying to describe the overwhelming sense of history that I experience every day. To keep true to our publication, I have chosen places with diverse pasts and which have been archaeologically examined. Among the photos, one will find a view of the Hungate site from the divided River Foss, along with Lady Peckitt's Yard and a few gems from the often overlooked west bank of the city.



Figure 1 – As a student I cross this bridge often, but with all the hustle and bustle, it is easy for the hundreds of residences, which lie above or behind the storefronts to go unnoticed. The Blue Bicycle restaurant denotes a well-known landmark for many students and residents. (Credit: Author).



Figure 2 – This a panorama of Tower Place, a line of houses near the River Ouse. (Credit: Author).



Figure 3- A secret garden is enclosed by the city walls, a separate wall facing Peasholme Green, and the Quilt Museum. While the nearby Foss Islands road and Peasholme Green make the area a noisy retreat at times, watching the sunsets at different times of the year transform it into an unforgettable escape. (Credit: Author).



Figure 4-This is the old churchyard of St. Saviours, a redundant church now known as DIG, an archaeology showcase and hands on centre for the public.(Credit: Author).



Figure 5 – An alley leading off of the main Tower Place snickelway. (Credit: Author).



Figure 6 – To bring to an end this half of the Hidden City of York, I took a picture of the construction site at Hungate. In the image, we can see two symbols of York; past and present. On the far left is the Stonebow House, a modern building home to two alternative music venues. A little to the right and further back is the York Minster, a testament of the city’s long and beautiful history. In the foreground, archaeological investigation is delving into this past to understand the people who inhabited this city and created these out-of-sight gems. (Credit: Author).