



Derby CAMRA Heritage Pub Trail 2



Heritage Pubs Walk 2

(Refer to map on Derby CAMRA website)

Getting to the Start

The route starts five minutes' walk from the bus station and 12 minutes from the railway station. There is a frequent bus service between the two stations.

*From the **railway station**, turn right along Railway Terrace, following around a left bend to become Siddals Rd. On reaching a major junction with an urban dual carriageway, opposite the Derbion shopping mall, cross the carriageway and follow right under a bridge to arrive opposite the bus station on the Morledge.*

*From the **bus station**, exit nearest stand 1, turn right and proceed along the Morledge, across 2 roundabouts into Full Street. You will pass the Cathedral on the left, and on the right see the Derwent River and the Museum of Making, in the former Silk Mill – one of the first factories ever built. Facing you on a left bend is the Silk Mill pub.*

Old Silk Mill Pub – Full Street

Originally established as a small Inn on a nearby site, probably in a silk mill worker's cottage. Construction of a power station led to its demolition and the current building (1928). Ownership passed between a number of breweries and refurbishments to leading to its currently largely open plan style. The tiling in the passageway is an original feature, and the style of the exterior is the then-fashionable Brewers' Tudor. The mural on the NW wall was painted in 1986 and depicts a view of the Trades Lockout of 1833/4.

Stepping out of the pub, carefully cross the road to the Ye Olde Dolphin Inne

Ye Olde Dolphin Inne – Full Street

Celebrated; as Derby's oldest pub, occupying a 16th century building. It is notable as being in the CAMRA inventory of Historic Pub Interiors as "of national importance" <https://pubheritage.camra.org.uk/pubs/15> . Not all as old as it looks, due to 'Brewers Tudorisation' and restoration between the wars. A corridor passes through the building, connecting 4 rooms, all serviced by a central bar. The front bar is quarry tiled, the Officers Lounge is raised with the remains of bell pushes, there is a further lounge and tiny snug.



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Leaving the pub by the front entrance, turn left into Queen St, past the Cathedral, and on to Iron Gate. On the right find the Standing Order Pub.

The Standing Order – 28 to 32 Iron Gate

The pub opened in the mid 1990s, having previously been occupied by the NatWest Bank, and rather appropriately named The Standing Order. It is a fine Grade II listed building, originally erected in the 1870s for Crompton and Evans Union Bank. Samuel Crompton founded the first bank in Derby, in 1685. Of interest are the reproduction paintings of Derby worthies, and the nearby monument to the painter Wright of Derby.

Turn right onto Iron Gate and almost immediately find Jorrocks Pub.

Jorrocks – Iron Gate

One of two pubs in the City Centre which are only a fragment of what they once were. The other is The Tiger in Lock-up Yard.

The Jorrocks name is recent and has no historical connection with Derby, but comes from the stories of a fictional sporting gentleman narrated by RS Surtees.

The original hotel was the Globe, one of several important coaching inns and hotels facing or near to the original route of London Road. The main surviving historic feature is now the leaded light front window which survived one attempt by its owners to have it removed.

If you have entered Jorrocks, turn right and immediately into Sadler Gate, shortly finding The Old Bell on the left.

Old Bell Hotel – 51 Sadler Gate

The Old Bell Hotel is Derby's largest and last surviving coaching inn, with a heritage of over 350 years.

It was considered one of the most prestigious coaching inns outside of London. The Old Tudor Room (once a men-only preserve) has been restored to near its former glory. The Bell is much altered the front bar, which was once two rooms, has been restored to pristine condition. The former lounge, snug and snooker rooms have been restored to an ornate function room, almost as it was pre-war. It lost the Dilly Bar which is now the adjoining shop on the Market Place side of the pub.

Curiosities: The builders Ford and Weston added the mock-Tudor timbering as part of a decorative refurbishment in 1929, using timber that had been rescued from other local sites.

The Old Bell was not just a coaching inn, it provided many essential services to the people of Derby, including a doctor's surgery, courtroom and its cellars were even used as prison cells. Rem-



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nants of its past are dotted across the building with pathways and tunnels deep in the cellars that lead to various parts of the city.

Turn right on leaving the Bell, retracing your steps via Sadler Gate to the Market Place, keep straight on into Corn Market and almost immediately see The Tiger through a covered entrance into a courtyard, also a way into the Market Hall.

Tiger Vaults – Lock-Up Yard, Corn Market

Situated in the Lock-up Yard, once the scene of the brutal murder of a policeman. It dates from 1737, designed by Joseph Pickford, when it operated as a coaching inn, and originally much larger. It was used by travellers between London and Manchester, when the frontage stretched as far as the Cornmarket. The building was restored in 1990.

Located at western entrance to the covered market hall, facing the fish market. Narrow frontage opens onto spacious, many-angled interior providing plenty of snug, tucked away corners. Congenial tavern atmosphere. Lock-Up Yard is named after the 19th century nick that once held four prisoners charged with plotting to kill Lloyd George (1917). A more recent claim is that it provides access for a subterranean trip down into the barrel-vaulted tunnels beneath the Guild Hall, in search of ghosts.

Back to the Bus Station

To return to the bus station, leave the pub and walk back to turn left onto Corn Market, then left into Albert St. emerging opposite the Council House and then right to the bus station.

Back to the Railway Station

Walk to the bus station (see above).

From the Bus Station; continue to walk along the Morledge, under a Car Park, and pass the steps to an entrance to the Derbion Centre on the right.

Cross the main road towards an open car park, with a rough surface. Walk to the left of the Car Park along Siddals Rd. Continue onwards following this road, pass the Alexandra Hotel then past The Brunswick, to continue to the Railway Station.