

The history of the Jewish community in York is a fascinating, if often overlooked, chapter in the city's long and colourful past. Whilst attention is usually focused on the tragic event at the site now called Clifford's Tower, there are stories to be told about the resiliency of the medieval Jewish community and of commemoration and revival of Jewish life in the more recent past. Along the trail, we will discover the sites of synagogues both ancient and new, meet prominent historical Jews such as Aaron of York and the unfortunate Benedict, explore the remains of a 12th century house and the place of the medieval Jewish burial ground, and finally reflect on tragedy and remembrance at Clifford's Tower itself, where Jewish families tragically died on 16th March, 1190.



*The Norman House*

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## *A few details...*

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- Walking time between stops is 45 minutes at moderate pace (some steps involved)

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# *York Jewish History Trail*



**A Journey Through  
York's Hidden Past with  
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# Jewish History Trail Stops



## Stop 1: Norman House

Enter marked door off 52A Stonegate. If locked, a key can be obtained from the Church of St. Michael le Belfrey's office, located on Deangate, opposite the entrance to York Minster giftshop.

## Stop 5: Medieval Synagogue

On Coney Street, look towards the building housing the Next clothing store.



## Stop 6: Clifford's Tower

Where the stone structure now stands was the site of the wooden royal castle keep, destroyed in the fire of 1190, and rebuilt in stone.

## Stop 2: Jewbury Cemetery

Walk along the walls until you see a medallion on the walkway marked "Jewbury". Look outside the walls at the brick carpark and the plaque on its wall.



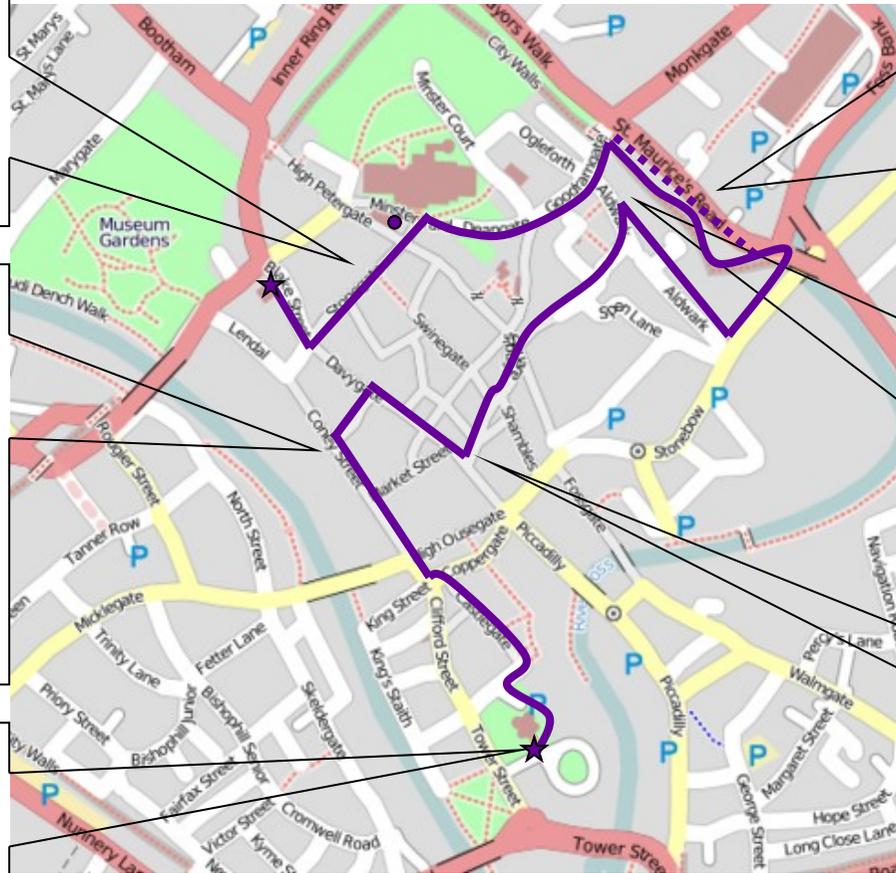
## Stop 3: Aldwark Synagogue

Look for a building housing the RAF Association Office.



## Stop 4: Jubbergate

Stop at the fountain in Parliament Square and look to the left of the Newgate Market sign.



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- ★ = Trail Start and End
- = St. Michael le Belfrey Church Office