

Learn about the history of New Briggate and test your local knowledge with this fun walking tour!

Return your sheet to us for the chance to win exciting prizes!

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NEW BRIGGATE

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Can you see me? I can see you!

Merrion Centre

St John's Centre

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MERRION STREET

Grand Arcade

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Nash's

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Grand Theatre

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NEW BRIGGATE HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE

New Briggate and the Grand Quarter are part of the New Briggate High Street Heritage Action Zone. This is a government-funded scheme to celebrate and breathe new life into High Streets across the country and will last until 2024.

At New Briggate, Leeds City Council are working with Historic England to regenerate the street and to transform the area, improving the buildings and public spaces with grant funding. We want you to be involved and we will be running lots of community and cultural events to celebrate the street and its history.

#NewBriggateHAZ

If you can't get into Leeds City Centre, why not explore on the internet? All the answers can be found online!



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Start in New Briggate by the entrance to the churchyard

1 **St Johns Church** was built by John Harrison who was a merchant and one of the richest and most well-known citizens of Leeds in the 1600s. **What kind of merchant was he?**

A:

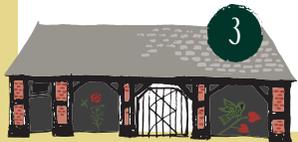
Walk into the churchyard

2 **St Johns Church** is the oldest surviving place of worship in Leeds city centre and was built in 1632. It is grade I listed which means and has the same status as the Houses of Parliament and Leeds Town Hall and it is older than both of them! **Look up! What can you see above the church door?**

A:

Walk through the churchyard into Merrion Gardens

3 **Merrion Gardens** were laid out in 1932 by Wades Charity.



Isn't it a lovely space to have a break from the hustle and bustle close by!

Walk out of the gardens through the gates and turn right onto Merrion Street

4 **St Johns House** is mock timber framed building, now used as a bar. **Which year do you think it was built? (the answer isn't obvious - just have a guess!)**

A:

Continue along Merrion Street, cross the road to the lower part beyond

5 **Merrion Street** today is full of bars and restaurants, but in the past these were houses and shops. At one time, there was a cinema in the Grand Arcade building on the right hand side of the street (if you're looking downhill). **Can you tell what the cinema was called?**

A:

Walk to the end of Merrion Street and turn right and right again into the Grand Arcade

6 **The Grand Arcade** is a really lovely Victorian shopping arcade, just like the ones lower down Briggate. Originally it was built on 'H' plan with two arcades of shops, but



Answer the questions to win a prize!

CLUE - it's not as old as you think!



CLUE - look on the wall on that side of the street

only one survives now. Inside the arcade is a mechanical clock. **Can you see who it was made by?**

A:

Walk uphill through the arcade, and stop and look back at the front from outside

Above the main entrances are panels of colourful faience tiles which were made by a famous local tile manufacturer Burmantofts. They were a nationally important company in the 1800s. The shimmer they created in their glazes was popular all over the world. **What does the lettering above the arches say?**

A:

Cross over New Briggate into the small cobbled yard opposite

7 **Nash's** is a chip shop today, but did you know that the building is actually one of the oldest houses in Leeds? When it was built in 1720, by the merchant Matthew Wilson, it was a very fashionable townhouse. In 1817 the building was bought by a Mr Richard Kemplay who gave it a new use. **What was that use?**

A:

Walk along New Briggate to the row of shops opposite the theatre

8 **23-51 New Briggate** - these buildings were built in the late 1800s and have always been shops with a hotel or housing above. There is evidence of the old shop-fronts which used to be there.

CLUE - look closely at the front of the building



One of them has a carved animal head on the bracket. **What animal is it?**

A:

Cross New Briggate or look back at Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera North from where you are

9 **Leeds Grand Theatre & Opera North** building opened in 1878. It has a very ornate and flamboyant frontage, which is often found in theatres and is typical of the Victorian era. Take a look at their programme of upcoming events. **Is there anything you'd like to see?**

A:

Why not finish your tour by popping into one of the cafés or bars on New Briggate to have a rest and think about any questions you haven't answered.



What to do next

If you've enjoyed the tour please tell us on social media using the hashtag **#NewBriggateHAZ**

If you'd like the chance to win an exciting prize:

- Email a photo of your completed sheet, or your answers, to us at NewBriggateHAZ@leeds.gov.uk
- or, post your sheet to: New Briggate HAZ Walking Tour, Civic Hall Mailroom, Civic Hall, Calverley Street, Leeds, LS11UR (please include your contact details so we can contact you if you win!)

The deadline for entries is 29 October 2021. We will draw winners at random on 6 November 2021. You don't have to answer all the questions correctly to win - just have a go! If you enter, your details will be securely stored for the purposes of the competition, and also so that we can keep you up to date on progress with the HAZ project and other activities on New Briggate. Your information will be stored in accordance with the Leeds City Council Privacy Notice, found at www.leeds.gov.uk/privacy-and-data/privacy-notice. If you would prefer we didn't store your information, please let us know when you contact us.

