

## Did You Know?

Clockmaker John Whitehurst began his business in 1726 and one of his first projects was the turret clock for Derby's Guildhall.

# CQ HISTORY TRAIL

Derby Cathedral Quarter has proudly preserved its charm and character over the centuries and mirrors the city's rich tapestry of culture and heritage.

**This is the historic heart of the city with much of the architecture dating back to Tudor, Georgian and Victorian times nestled around the magnificent Derby Cathedral featuring the 16th Century 212 ft tower.**

As well as a wide range of historic buildings, there is a wealth of Blue Plaques, monuments and other attractions commemorating famous names and dates that helped to shape not only Derby but other pioneering moments around the world.

Here are some of the highlights you can expect to see on a tour of the Cathedral Quarter. The trail starts and finishes on the Market Place but you may choose to wander at your leisure, taking in some of the most beautiful parts of the city along the way.

- 1 The **War Memorial** in the **Market Place** was unveiled in 1924 with an inscription to the fallen of the Second World War subsequently added. It was re-dedicated by the Bishop of Derby in 1993.
- 2 This **plaque** in the **Lock Up Yard** commemorates the talents of 'King of Football' and Derby County player Steve Bloomer who was Derby County's record goal scorer as well as an England international footballer and manager.
- 3 A **plaque** in **Wardwick** commemorates Markeaton Brook bursting its banks and causing unprecedented flooding to the city centre on May 22nd 1932.
- 4 The statue of **Michael Thomas Bass** stands tall in **Wardwick** celebrating his leadership of the famous Bass brewery and marking his generosity in donating the Derby Museum and Art Gallery to the city.
- 5 **St Werburgh's Church** is a Grade II listed building and re-opened as a place of worship in 2017.
- 6 **The Friary** was a townhouse built in 1731 by Samuel Crompton. It is built on part of the grounds of the Blackfriars Dominican monastery. Behind the building are the remains of a much older wall, thought to be part of the old friary.
- 7 **The Old Bell Hotel** in **Sadler Gate** is one of Derby's oldest and largest coaching inns. The building has numerous ghost stories which have spawned from its 350 year history.
- 8 A **plaque** at Jorrocks in **Iron Gate** commemorates William Cavendish, Lord Lieutenant in the mid-18th century who commanded his own troop of loyal Derbyshire Blues in the venue and was famously courted by 'Bonnie Prince Charlie'.



9 There are references to **Joseph Wright** of Derby throughout the Cathedral Quarter including the **Armillary Sphere** memorial on **Iron Gate** near his birthplace.

10 Number 16 **St. Mary's Gate** was designed in 1893 by John Somes Story, the County's architect. Built in 1894-5 the building was originally used as a police station, and more recently administrative offices and a Police museum. It became the Cathedral Quarter Hotel in May 2008.

11 **Derby Cathedral** is a Grade I listed building which was upgraded in 1927 as the seat of the Bishop of Derby. The original church of All Saints was built in the mid-10th century and the main body of the church was completed in 1725.

12 **Ye Olde Dolphin** is Derby's oldest surviving pub – first licensed in 1530 – and a fine example of a timber-framed building. Renowned as the stopping off point for highwaymen, a hidden room was recently discovered on the first floor.

13 The **Old Clockworks** in **Queen Street** was home to two important Derbeians. John Flamsteed made the earliest recording of the planet Uranus in 1690 and Joseph Wright was an acclaimed English landscape and portrait painter.

14 **St Helen's House** in **King Street** is now the home of Smith Cooper but was historically the residence of MP and anti-slavery campaigner John Gisborne as well William Strutt – a renowned civil engineer, architect and inventor.

15 This **Blue Plaque** on Flint Bishop's building in St Michael's Lane marks the birthplace of Jacob Rivers, a recipient of the Victoria Cross for his bravery in WWI.

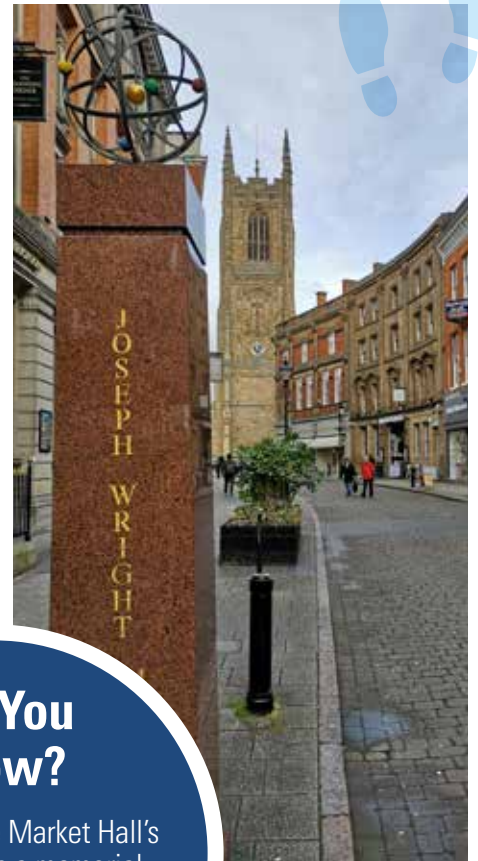
16 **Derby Silk Mill** on the site of the world's first factory is part of the UNESCO inscribed Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage site.

17 The **Bonnie Prince Charlie statue** commemorates Charles Edward Stuart's march into Derby and subsequent flight in 1745.

18 A **Blue Plaque** commemorating the life and works of **Dr John Hollis** can be found at the HUUB offices in Full Street. He is recognised for reviving Freemasonry in the city.

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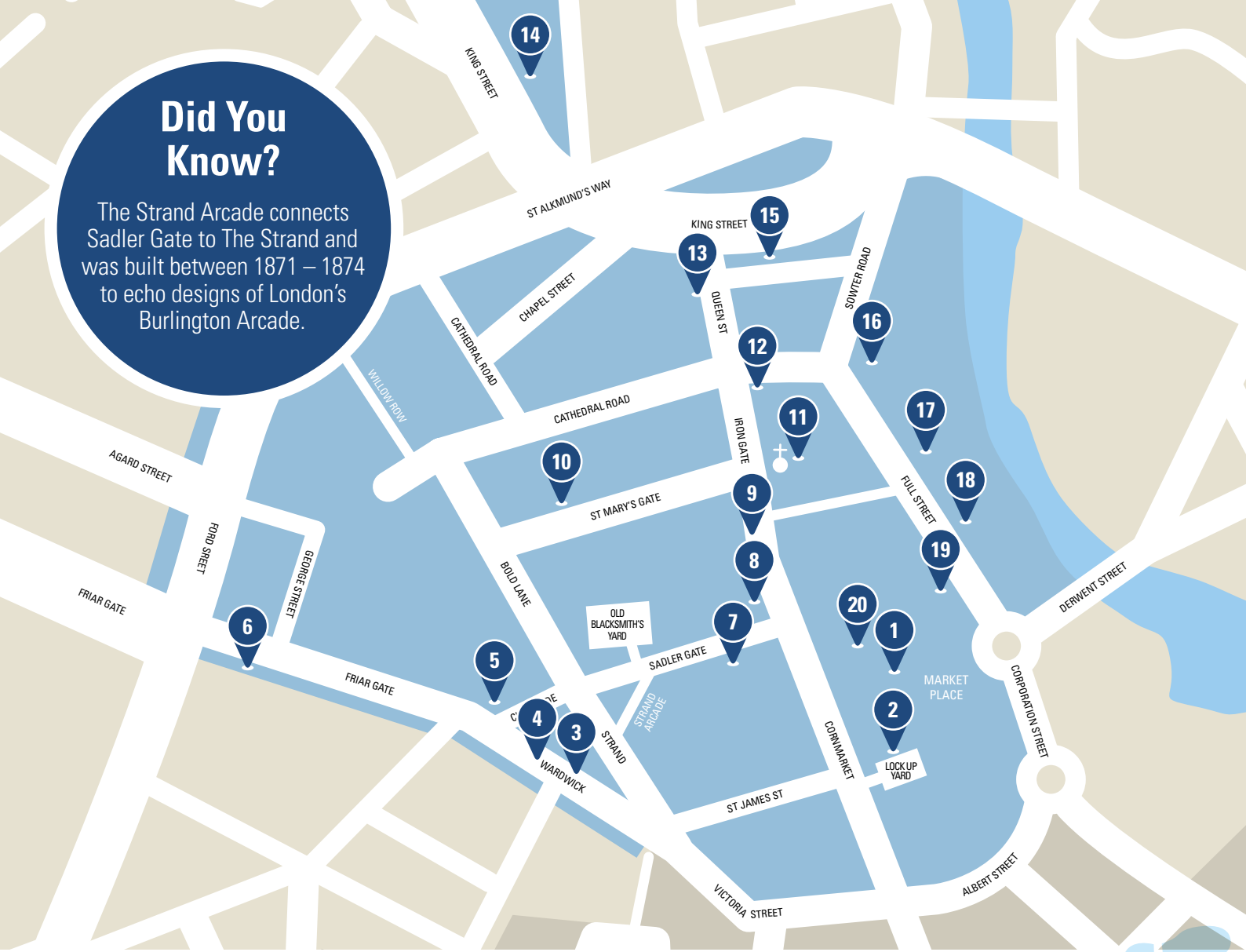
A plaque in the Market Hall's Lockup Yard is a memorial to PC Joseph Moss, the only police officer to be murdered on duty in Derby in 1879.





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The Strand Arcade connects Sadler Gate to The Strand and was built between 1871 – 1874 to echo designs of London's Burlington Arcade.



**19** **Dr Percival Willoughby** pioneered gynaecology and a **Blue Plaque** is installed in his memory on the side of the Registry office building in the Market Place where he lived between 1660 and 1685.

**20** **The Guildhall** was built in 1828 as Derby's Town Hall. Having suffered a fire in 1841, hosted a visit from Queen Victoria in 1891 and the infamous trial of Alice Wheeldon in 1917, it closed in 1949 and opened as a theatre in 1975.

