

"The Leeds Owl Trail is a unique concept that's brilliant for Leeds. It enables both visitors and residents from all backgrounds to explore and experience our beautiful city"  
Tom Riordan - Chief Executive Leeds City Council

LEEDS **OWL** TRAIL MAP  
Tour De France Special Edition Map

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**KEY**

**CIVIC OWL TRAIL**

1. Millennium Square Owls - Millennium Square
2. Civic Owl - Rear entrance to Civic Hall
3. Leeds Museum Owls - Millennium Square
4. St. Anne's Cathedral Owls - Cookridge Street
5. War Memorial Owls - Victoria Square, The Headrow
6. Leeds City Library Owls - Victoria Sq, The Headrow
7. Leeds Tapestry Owls - Leeds City Library
8. Municipal Owls - Calverley Street
9. Leeds School Board Owls - Civic Court
10. Leeds Town Hall Owls - The Headrow

**Extend to GRAND OWL TRAIL**

11. Fountain House Owls - South Parade
12. Kenneth Hodgson House Owl - 18 Park Row
13. Yorkshire Penny Bank Owls - Infirmary Street
14. Quebec Owl - Quebec Street
15. The Met Owls - King Street
16. Flares Owls - corner of Bishopgate Street/City Square
17. The Bourse Owls - Boar Lane
18. Trinity Leeds Owl
19. Yorkshire Bank Owls - Kirkgate
20. Kirkgate Market Owls - Vicar Lane
21. Corn Exchange Owls - Inside and outside
22. Malmison Owls - Swinegate
23. Leeds Bridge Owls - Bridge End
24. Leeds Civic Trust Owls - Wharf Street
25. Leeds Minster Owls - Kirkgate

To sponsor this map & fly with the Leeds Owl Trail, or to let us know of any new owls you've spotted, contact [info@leedsowltrail.com](mailto:info@leedsowltrail.com)

Take care crossing roads when Owl Spotting!



**LEEDS MINSTER OWLS**

"Five churches on one site - the previous four fell victim to fire, war, plague and the Victorian! Five pews for the poor said Dr Hood, and so was built something worthy of Leeds."



**KIRKGATE MARKET OWLS**

"Created by architects Learning & Learning in 1904 we survey a magnificent encumbrance of market stalls. We've survived great wars & terrible fires but here we still are."



**LEEDS CIVIC TRUST OWL**

"Captured in glass above the door I rest patiently while these custodians of the city consider all that is great in Leeds. Formed in 1965, Leeds is what we are about."



**YORKSHIRE BANK OWLS**

"Guinea, shillings and pence! It's all been under our watchful gaze. Deeper than's us! We survived world wars and depressions to boot, looking out over Kirkgate has been a hood!"



**THE MET OWLS**

"Look up at our roof. It's a delicious cupola, salvaged from the fourth White Cloth Hall. Gaze down at the rich terrazzo and fierce facade. If only we handsome owls were at the front door!"



**QUEBEC OWL**

"I've been etched in the grass since the 1890's. This was the original Leeds and County Liberal Club. We reside now in a posh hotel!"



**LEEDS BRIDGE OWLS**

"Our home was the first to be caught on camera with moving film in 1888 by Louis le Prince. Lots of traffic led to the creation of this new cast iron Leeds Bridge in 1873."



**TRINITY LEEDS OWL**

"Turned in 2013, I am the small king of these grand architecture from hell, made to measure, a modern work and a city treasure. As the guardian of Trinity Leeds I am a like bird and a gem in your hand forever."



**MALMAISON OWLS**

"In 1915 Leeds City Tramways Department opened as a symbol of how important transport had become. Leeds was the first to use electricity from overhead lines to power the trams."



**THE BOURSE OWLS**

"Weather-beaten, rough and gritty! I was quite from muck and brass. I nearly didn't make it as the seventies wrecking ball was poised to take me away in a cloud of dust!"



**CORN EXCHANGE OWLS**

"A cylindrical Yorkshire stone palace like a giant wheel, but with a dome lid. We inhabit Gilbert Broadrick's masterpiece both inside and out, once dedicated to the commerce of corn."



**FLARES OWLS**

"We've been here since 1899 and what a grand view we have of City Square. Notice we're not square but round; eye up our rich green copper dome, ballustrades and pillars!"



**FOUNTAIN HOUSE OWLS**

"Doesn't everyone love art deco? We're silver and dashing, the original colour of the owls on the Coat of Arms. We guard the 1930's Portland Stone building with retro chic."



**KENNETH HODGSON HOUSE OWL**

"Wall Street of the North this was! All brickface and bowler hats. We arrived in 1900, delightful in our John Thellus frieze. Today Park Row oozes culinary delight!"



**YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK OWLS**

"I was built to guard your pennies, alas I'm a bank no more. How grand! Butteresses and spires. Look up and enjoy! Can you find me rasping my wings?"



**MILLENNIUM SQUARE OWLS**

"Gold statues and white Portland Stone; we were born in 1933 to provide work in the depression. In 2000 our family grew with the new Millennium Owls!"



**LEEDS CITY LIBRARY OWLS**

"If you think we look fabulous from outside, step in and check out the staircase of Byzantine Romanesque lines and paired dogs. We owls can't take all the credit for this grandeur."



**CIVIC OWL**

"This is no tradesman's entrance, all the worthies pass beneath me! I spend my days trying to catch a glimpse of my reflection in the green tinted glass of the Rose Bowl building."



**LEEDS TAPESTRY OWLS**

"Bayerus surely not! The Great City of Leeds was founded on textiles. A beautiful national treasure stitched by hundreds of volunteers. There's a parliament of owls in here too!"



**LEEDS MUSEUM OWLS**

"The Mechanics Institute appeared in 1865 created by Arthur Brodric the City architect. Inspired by the Paris Opera House it is an elegant triumph in stone."



**MUNICIPAL OWLS**

"In 1876 we appeared crowning the railings of the fine municipal offices by George Corson the architect. Those men at the war ministry wanted to melt us down for rifles!"



**ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL OWLS**

"The old Cathedral was in the way of the traffic so it was torn down and we were born on a new one at the side of the road. It was 1994 and here we are nesting in the gutters!"



**LEEDS SCHOOL BOARD OWLS**

"A George Corson rich Italianate palace, the new home for the Education Board. A big 1990's wash and brush up brought a shine back to our feathers."



**WAR MEMORIAL OWLS**

"Our life began in City Square, then we moved to our own enclosure of culture. Gallantly we commemorate the souls lost in conflict while Henry Moore watches us."



**LEEDS TOWN HALL OWLS**

"Fluttering skywards, sid all around, we were the highest owls in the world for a century on this most famous town hall in the land. Opened in 1858 by Queen Victoria!"



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If you visit the 25 locations across Leeds City Centre marked on the Leeds Owl Trail map you will discover some unique owls. Suddenly you will set out on a voyage across history as each owl informs you of why it is there and gives you a brief snapshot of what it has seen in its lifetime.

You'll have to keep your eyes wide open as some of the owls are not in the most obvious of places. If you spot any other owls along the way that we have missed then please email and let us know at [info@leedsowltrail.com](mailto:info@leedsowltrail.com).

To find out more about the history of the Owls in Leeds and the Leeds Coat of Arms visit [www.leedsowltrail.com](http://www.leedsowltrail.com)



LEEDS COAT OF ARMS

The purpose of the Leeds Owl Trail is to inform and inspire people about Leeds' rich heritage and also to create new owls for future generations to enjoy.