



To tribute all lost feline lives you can give them one more life and adopt Frightening Feline in our shop.



The mummified cat found hidden beneath the floor of York Mansion House may have been there for that purpose.

In the past people believed that bricking up a pair of live black cats in the walls of a house would protect the house against fires and brings good fortune.



There are a lot of mystery stories about York's Ghost Cats. We know that that York is famous from it's ghosts but not too many people know about Ghosts Cats.

# MYSTERY YORK'S GHOST CATS

## YORK CAT TRAIL

Our fabulous FREE self- guided tour...



Our trail has been revised countless times whenever new cat statues are added and we hope that you pick up a copy and enjoy the experience.

It's a beautiful way to discover the city and looking up for the statues adds an extra dimension to appreciating the beautiful architectural detail in the heart of York.

There are currently about 35 cat statues. Our 'Original York Cat Trail'® focuses on the most central ones and takes around two hours to complete. It's as pedestrian friendly as we can achieve and all within the ancient city walls. Fabulous free fun for all, and also wheelchair friendly.



Fill in the quiz below and hand in at the York Lucky Cats shop on Coney Street in York and **every CHILD will receive a free gift!**

MINI QUIZ!

Name

Email

What animal is with cat no. 15?

What does cat no. 12 chase?

What colour is cat no. 21?

## YORK CITY OF CATS



In ancient medieval York cats always acted as effective pest controllers and whilst the first cat statue is attributed to Sir Stephen Aitchison in 1920, it is fairly certain that other wooden carved statues of cats were on buildings to act as scarecrows long before.

It has always been held that the cat statues provided people with good luck and certainly in ancient times if either a cat statue or a live cat deterred a rat or mouse from coming into your home then it was your lucky day.

Especially when you consider that the rat might then have carried the plague.

The late Tom Adams, an Architect deserves a special mention as he, along with others

helped to reinvigorate the York Cat Trail, commissioning Sculptor Jonathan Newdick to produce Statues to be placed on buildings he either owned or worked on, as a kind of trademark. Other sculptors including York based Eoghan Bridge, Susie Marsh and Antony Baryla have also had involvement through commissions from shopkeepers and owners.

## YORK LUCKY CATS



The original York Lucky Cats are the perfect souvenir of York.

Our Lucky Cats have been adopted and loved by many people. They have travelled the world and are famous as a good luck charm.

- Handmade in York
- Designed to celebrate the York Cats story
- The purr-fect gift for any cat lover

[www.YorkLuckyCats.co.uk](http://www.YorkLuckyCats.co.uk)

- York Lucky Cats
- The York Cat Trail

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## YORK CAT TRAIL FREE FUN!



Let's go cat hunting!



YORK LUCKY CATS



Luck has always been associated with them and we hope they provide a wonderful reminder of happy times in York.



Our York Lucky Cats are available in the twelve lucky birthstone colours.

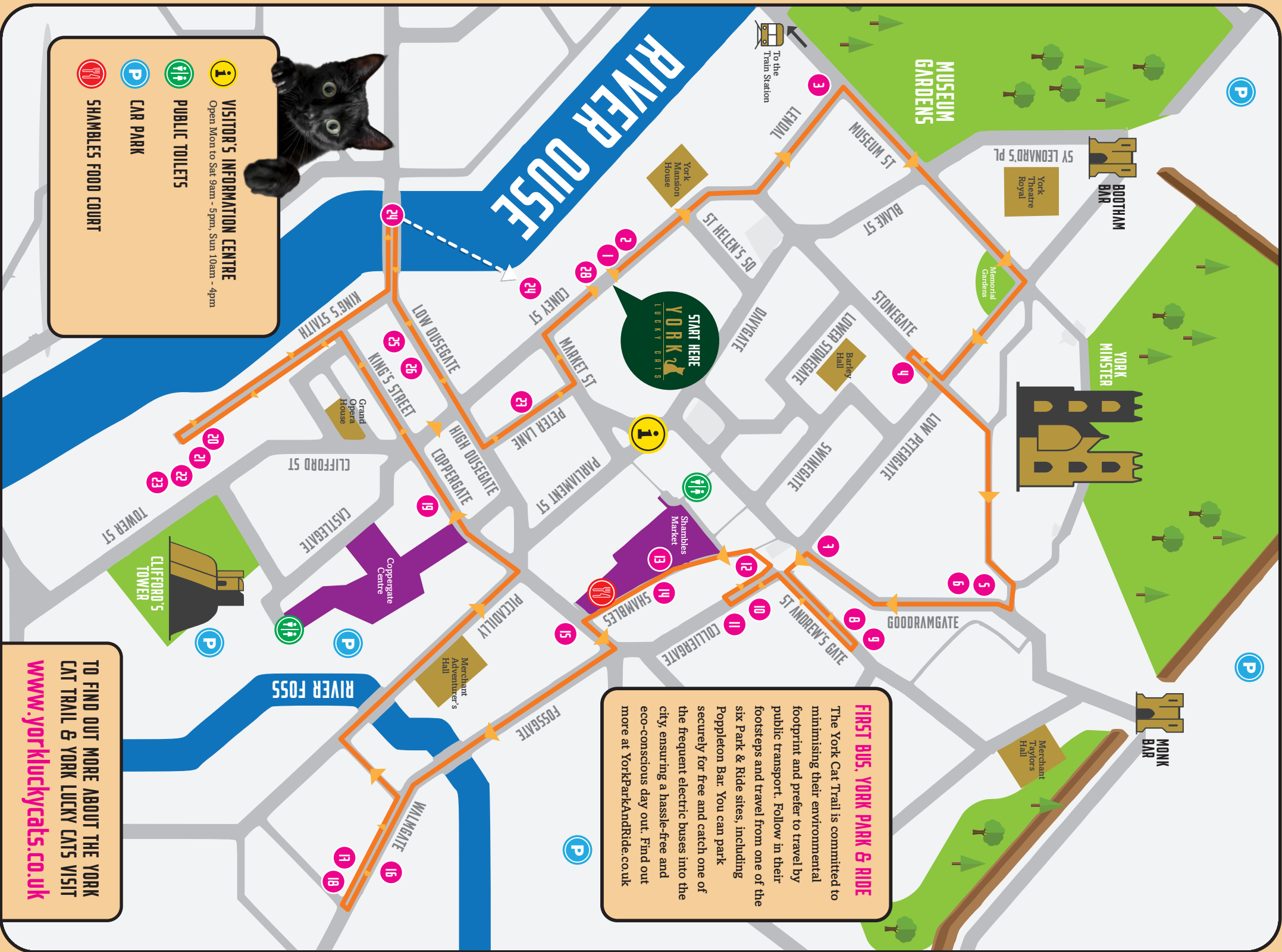
Each cat is created using lampworking techniques where the solid glass rods are melted in a 1,500°C flame and then twisted allowing gravity to help create the feline shape which is then allowed to gently cool.



Our wholly unique York Lucky Cats were first designed, crafted and created at York Glass our then Shambles based shop.

## YORK LUCKY CATS





# THE YORK CAT TRAIL

- 1 & 2** Let's start from our York Lucky Cats shop. Simply pick up a paper copy from the shop and let's go cat hunting! You do not need to look long around to spot our two shop cats. They are hunting for rats!

**3** Turn right on leaving the shop and walk to Lendal. Cross the road, walk a few steps left and look across the road from near the entrance to Museum Gardens. Can you see the cat called Chambers? **Clue: Accountancy Office**

**4** Follow Museum Street towards Minster. Turn right onto High Petergate and then first right on Stonegate. Just look above the doorways on the left hand side and you will see Gordon, the pirate cat who was put up for the winners of one of our competitions many years ago.

**5** Retrace your steps and continue passing through Minster Gates turning right when you see the Minster and keep walking along the front of the Minster. Find Goodramgate and turn right making sure you look up. **Clue: : It is not a meat eater!**

**6** Continue along Goodramgate, keep looking right to find a climbing cat called Hope. **Clue: You can find some real cats here!**

**7** Continue further along Goodramgate to find the gate (hopefully open) to Holy Trinity Church. Look around the church grounds and you will find the memorial to the now dead York Minster Cat, called Gerald. Please be aware of the church opening hours available to check online. **Clue: LHS of bench in grounds.**

**8** Keep walking along Goodramgate, until the crossroads. Turn left to King's Square and left again onto St. Andrew's Gate. **You will find an unusual house with number ½ and unusual half the size of a cat, too! So look for a kitten!**

**9** Just next door at house no 1 look for another feline.

**10** Retrace your steps back to King's Square. Turn left and look up. **Clue: Tick-Tock**

**11** Keep walking along Collergate, another few steps, to find another but unusual black cat. **Clue: Two-dimensional cat**

**12** Walk back again to King's Square and look at the roof line around to spot a cat chasing a pigeon.

**13** Next, follow the signs and crowds towards the Shambles. Our cat is still climbing above our former shop, where The York Cat Trail began and the first Original York Lucky Cat was made!

**14** Look opposite, slightly left and spot another Shambles cat with a spiral body, called Fortinus aka Jim, being opposite Lucky who we placed on our original Lucky Cat Shop.
- 15** Continue down to the bottom of the Shambles. Look across the road for frightening ghostly feline going through the wall of the most haunted York pub. **Clue: Look for a sheep**

**16** Cross the road, turn left and then right onto Fossgate. Keep walking, cross the bridge and continue to Walmgate. Keep left, to find a black gate to another haunted pub. The cat statue can be seen in the backyard of the pub, through the gate.

**17** Turn back on the Walmgate and just opposite you will find another cat proudly sitting on the window sill. **Clue: Look for a horse head!**

**18** A few steps further along the Walmgate, you will find a twin brother of the cat from the opposite side of the road. Look above the restaurant doorway.

**19** Retrace your steps along Walmgate turning left onto Merchantgate and right onto Piccadilly and then left again to Coppergate. The cat will be lurking above the window of yet another haunted pub.

**20 21 22 23** Carry on to the end of Coppergate, cross the road and continue to King's Street. On the bottom turn left into King's Staith. Continue along the river's edge until Friar's Terrace and South Explande join. You will find two twin white cats there, along with a black and a siamese cat. **Clue: If you are stuck, look for a black gate going nowhere!**

**24** Retrace your route, pass the King's Arms pub, climb the steps and turn left into Low Ousegate. If you want to avoid steps, retrace your route to King's Street and turn left to Low Ousegate. Cross the road safely. On the middle of the Ouse Bridge look right. Far away you will see a cat balancing on the rooftop. If you do not have good eyesight you may need a pair of binoculars or keep walking over the Bridge and look from the raised walkway on the right. Look for gaps in trees.

**25 26** Return to Low Ousegate. Just after the bridge and close to Tesco, look up to see the two oldest remaining cats on the trail, dated around 1920. Others have fallen or been removed.

**27** Continue onto High Ousegate looking for Santander. On the left hand side, look for a very narrow snickway, Peter Lane. Do not be scared and continue to the bottom of it. Keep looking left, to spot the cat, called Bruk.

**28** Turn left to Market Street and right to Coney Street. On the way back to Lucky Cat Shop, keep looking left. **Clue: Number 25.**

**CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE!**  
**YOU FOUND ALL THE CATS ON THE YORK CAT TRAIL.**  
Now pop back to our fabulous shop to get one of our famous Original York Lucky Cats.

There are still plenty of cats to find around the city if you feel adventurous. You can find more about them in the cat directory on our website.