

Henry VII Visual Story



What you might see

Visiting the Henry VII exhibition in Micklegate Bar on York city walls can be an exciting experience! You will probably see Micklegate Bar before you get into it. Depending on which direction you approach Micklegate Bar from you will see either the front, back or side of this tall and impressive gatehouse first, just like you can see in the three pictures to the right.



Unless you are already on York city walls then you will need to climb the stone stairs on either side of the gatehouse. This is what they look like:



When you are on York city walls you just need to head into the archway in the side of the gatehouse, which looks like the photos to the right:



After entering the building you will find yourself in Micklegate Bar's shop and admissions area. This is the entrance to the Henry VII exhibition and will be occupied by our friendly staff. It looks something like the photo to the right:



It's okay to come in here with any valid ticket type, or to buy a ticket at the front desk if you want one to go upstairs and see the exhibition. If you have pre-booked your ticket it is okay to come a little earlier or later than the time you booked for. Inside this room there is also some historical information as well as the retail area.



There are interesting information boards here and a touch screen with lots of information on about York city walls that you are welcome to look at. You can also look at a 3D model of Micklegate Bar which shows you how the building looked before 1827 and our staff will be happy to tell you all about it!



When you are ready to go and look at the Henry VII exhibition the best thing to do is go up two flights of stairs to the top floor. The stairs are very steep and narrow so you need to be careful when using them. If you are very tall you should also mind your head as space is limited on the stairs here.



The top floor of the building has lots more information boards for you to read. The best way to read them is to start on the far left with the timeline of Henry VII's life and then work clockwise around the room. As well as the information boards there are some helmets you can try on in one of the turrets and for children there is a great tent you can climb inside where you will find some fun things. There are some dressing up clothes and jigsaws in the left hand corner of the room for children, as well as some crafts on a table at the other side of the room too!



When you have explored the Top floor you can go carefully back down the stairs to the middle floor. Here there is lots of information about the merchants and shop-keepers in York during Henry VII's reign. There are some herbs that people would have used back then which you can touch and also some information about the windows in the building and carvings on York City Walls.



When you have finished here you can go back down the stairs to the shop and you may want to tell us about your visit using the survey touchscreen!



What you might hear and touch:

Micklegate Bar is a very quiet building although you can sometime hear cars and traffic passing underneath. You may touch; metal helmets, dressing up clothes, wooden jigsaws, paper crafts, seeds and herbs.

