

# York – Scene From The Walls

York is one of the more photogenic and photographed places in the UK, with many photographers aiming to produce that ideal picture postcard image. However, three York local photographers, Alan Fleming of Clifton, John Saunders of Heworth, and Graham Smith of Fishergate are looking at things in a different way and are taking part in a new photography project for the Friends of York Walls (<http://yorkwalls.org.uk/>). Their aim is to produce a detailed pictorial photographic record of everything that can be seen from, and adjacent to, York's historic bars, walls and associated defences as a snapshot in time – early 2013.



Panorama looking west from Clifford's Tower by John Saunders

The object of the project is to record everything that can be seen in all directions and at all “significant viewpoints” around the bars, the full walls circuit and all the associated defences in York. An archive of still photographs is being produced and made available to the general public on the photo sharing website Flickr. The images are held in a group called “York – Scene From The Walls” and can be viewed at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/scenefromthewalls/pool/> It is hoped that these images will provide a useful and lasting resource not only for the Friends of York Walls but also for local organisations including the City of York Council and anyone interested in York's archaeology and history at a snapshot in time – i.e. Winter/Spring 2013. An option to produce a DVD of all the photographs taken is also being considered.

Still photographs are being taken - wide angle in the main with close up detail only when required. The emphasis is on recording what can be seen, warts and all, from and around the walls



Bootham Bar from Exhibition Square by Alan Fleming

walks, and at ground level where necessary, as a “snapshot in time”. Some images are not all that interesting but are still included if they are a part of the views. Wide panorama shots have also been included and a further option to add video footage and 360 degree panning video footage is being considered. New images may be added in the future if any sections change significantly.

The archive already contains over 1760 images, with some more work still to be completed. A comprehensive “tagging” system has been used to identify locations and viewpoints and to make searches and filtering possible. Images are also being geo tagged on the Flickr map facility.

[Friends of York Walls](#) is a voluntary (not for profit) group based in York, UK. The group aims to help promote, manage and develop York's Bar Walls, St Mary's Abbey, Clifford's Tower and The Castle for the benefit of local residents and visitors. The group organise and undertake practical work, and organise public events in co-operation with the City of York Council and other like-minded groups or individuals. They seek to establish York's Walls as a major worldwide attraction, one that the residents of York can take a pride in, and residents and visitors can enjoy to the full.



Walmgate Bar Barbican by Graham Smith

It is the Friends of York Walls aim to re-open to the public the Fishergate Postern Tower in Piccadilly, York and establish it as an educational and visitor centre. The public now have the opportunity to [sponsor a stone](#) at the Tower and own a piece of York's history and contribute to the restoration project.

For more information see the Friends of York Walls website at <http://yorkwalls.org.uk> or email [sec@yorkwalls.org.uk](mailto:sec@yorkwalls.org.uk) for more details and membership.

## APPENDIX -

### Section TAGS used in the Flickr Group “York – Scene From The Walls”

Section(s) covered :-	Flickr TAG
Bootham Bar - street level	BOB
Bootham Bar to Monk bar - walls walk	BOBtoMOB
Monk Bar - street level	MOB
Monk Bar to Layerthorpe Postern - walls walk	MOBtoLAP
Layerthorpe Postern to Red Tower - street level	LAPtoRED
Red Tower to Walmgate Bar - walls walk	REDtoWAG
Walmgate Bar - street level	WAG
Walmgate Bar to Fishergate Postern Tower - walls walk	WAGtoFPT
The Castle, Clifford's Tower, Tower Gardens, Davy Tower - street level	CCTTGDT
Baile Hill to Micklegate Bar - walls walk	BAHtoMIB
Micklegate Bar - street level	MIB
Micklegate Bar to Barker Tower / Lendal Bridge - walls walk	MIBtoBAT
Lendal Tower, Multiangular Tower, Anglian Tower - ground level	LTMTAT
Bootham Tower, Bootham, Marygate Tower, Marygate to Water Tower - ground level.	BTBMTWT