

ARCHITECTURE GROUP – TALK ON LINCOLN MEDIEVAL MARKETS

It is our custom to have a talk in February so I suggested my fellow Cathedral Guide, Penny Forsdyke, who I knew had been involved in the development of several new tours in uphill Lincoln. Although designed as a physical walking tour, her Medieval Markets tour translated well into a visual screen presentation.

Starting in Castle Square she led us down Steep Hill and the Straight. Then, turning left at The Cardinal's Hat, we went down past the library and Greyfriars before finishing at High Bridge over the River Witham.

On route we learned about the location of the various medieval markets and the activities that grew nearby. For example, the arrow makers had set up close to the poultry market because of the constant supply of feathers. Likewise, the parchment and vellum makers had established their tanning businesses near the beast market to take advantage of the availability of animal skins.

We enjoyed the talk and learnt a lot, so much so that we are hoping to book Penny to take us on the actual walking tour next year.

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