

York Cat Hunt

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The Cat Gallery
45 Low Petergate
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FIND THE CAT STATUES ON OUR SELF GUIDED HUNT

CAT HUNT STATS

2km
1-1.5 hours
4000 steps

- 01** Look towards The Cat Gallery shop – can you see him? **Alfie says:** "This cat was commissioned by The Cat Gallery when they moved here in 2010."
- 02** Turn right towards York Minster, then almost immediately left down Stonegate. Can't see him? Look just above the doorways! **Charlie says:** "His name is Gordon, and he's modelled on a real cat who was born without eyelids on one eye and wears an eyepatch to prevent infections."
- 03** Cats 3 & 4 have been temporarily withdrawn from our Cat Hunt. Major re-development work in that area is imminent and the cats could be hidden or removed at short notice.
- 04** That would be a CAT-astrophe for the Hunt!
Alfie says: "So, straight on to Cat 4a."
- 4a** Continue down Stonegate, noting two of York's oldest pubs and a plaque commemorating the birthplace of Guy Fawkes. Arriving in St Helen's Square, admire the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor's official residence. Turn left into Davygate, passing Betty's Tearooms. Continue past Brown's, then turn right into Feasegate. As it joins Market Street, go straight ahead down Peter Lane. Can you see brand new Cat4a? We think he's spotted a pigeon on the roof above! Continue on Peter Lane which turns into one of York's famous snickleways – a great short cut for pedestrians! At the end, turn right onto High Ousegate. Keeping to the right, go straight ahead towards Ouse Bridge. Before the bridge, look to your left. **Charlie says:** "These are the two oldest cats, placed there by Sir Steven Aitchison in the 1920's, possibly to scare away vermin or perhaps he thought they might bring good fortune to his retail business below?"
- 07** Continue to the middle of Ouse Bridge, then look right, on the roof of the building opposite the Radisson Hotel.
Alfie says: "If you can't find him, look near the tallest tree!"
- 08** Retrace a few paces, then cross the road and head down the steps towards the river, along King's Staith. Sticking to the river's edge, continue to the junction of Friar's Terrace and South Esplanade. Look to the upper floors of the houses facing the river. **Charlie says:** "Can you see these kitties sunning themselves on the window ledges?"
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- 10** Retrace a few paces, then take the steps up to Peckitt Street, heading away from the river. Stop to admire **Clifford's Tower** before turning left on Clifford Street. Pass the **Grand Opera House** then cross the road and head down Coppergate. Look to the right. **Alfie says:** "If you need a clue, how much might an elephant weigh?"
- 11** Go straight across the crossroads, onto Pavement. Look up to the right. There is another animal on the same building. **Charlie says:** "This one is known as the ghost cat!"
- 12** Cross over the road and down the cobbled street of **Shambles**. Halfway up on the left you'll find the next cat. Turn around and you'll see another cat, which is a recent addition. **Alfie says:** "This is York's most famous street!"
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TURN OVER FOR MORE CATS...

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Walk back down Shambles and turn left through the stone arch and into the passageway - this will bring you out at Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma-Gate. Head left along Colliergate and keep an eye out for Cat 14 on the right. **Charlie says:** "This is the only two-dimensional cat on the Hunt."

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A very short distance along, look under the clock. **Alfie says:** "This is a Tom Adams cat. Tom was a local architect with an office above Barnitts. He "signed" many buildings he worked on with a cat sculpture. Several of these beautiful sculptures were created by Jonathan Newdick ARBS. Jonathan accepts commissions and can be contacted via The Cat Gallery."

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You are now standing in King's Square. Scan the roof line above the pub. **Charlie says:** "The plastic pigeon was put there by a plumber with a sense of humour!"

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Look out for St Andrewgate and head down there. On the left is an unusual house (No. ½). Look for cat 17 there.

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Alfie says: "Due to the house number, Tom Adams felt it could not have a full size sculpture. So it's a kitten!" Just next door, at house No.1, you will find another cat.

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Continue along St Andrewgate, turning left onto Bartle Garth. Look at the house immediately on the right. **Charlie says:** "It's a Suzie Marsh sculpture called Maxim Fishing."

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Continue along Bartle Garth, past **Bedern Hall**. Head towards York Minster, following the road left onto Bedern, then turn left onto Goodramgate. Keep to the left, and just after the road forks you'll see cat 20 on the right hand side. **Alfie says:** "Here's a clue - it's not a meat eater!"

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Continue down Goodramgate to find a climbing cat called Hope, commissioned in 2020 by The Cat's Whiskers Cat Café. **Charlie says:** "It's where to go for tea and cake with real cats. Book in advance if possible."

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Retrace your steps to take the other fork, Deangate, passing York Glazier's Trust on your left. Opposite the South Doors of York Minster find a small road, Minster Gates. Go down there, then turn directly left onto Low Petergate. **Alfie says:** "Look in The Cat Gallery window. Cat 22 is the brand new and exclusive 'Wizard Walk of York' Cat. Book for magical family fun at wizardwalkofyork.com"



Kids, fill in the answers below, or just tell them to a member of staff. As a reward for your great cat spotting you'll get a special souvenir wristband with magical properties!

Name:

What colour is cat 2?

What animal is with cat 11?

What is the name of cat 22?

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