

SHUDDERSFIELD GHOST TRAIL

About the Shuddersfield Trail

This trail was created by Rebecca Legg, a theatre practitioner from locally-based arts company, Chol Theatre. Before moving to Huddersfield, Rebecca spent several years creating and leading ghost walks in her native Ontario, Canada. Special thanks goes to Kai Roberts, author of 'Haunted Huddersfield' who contributed a great deal to the development of this trail.

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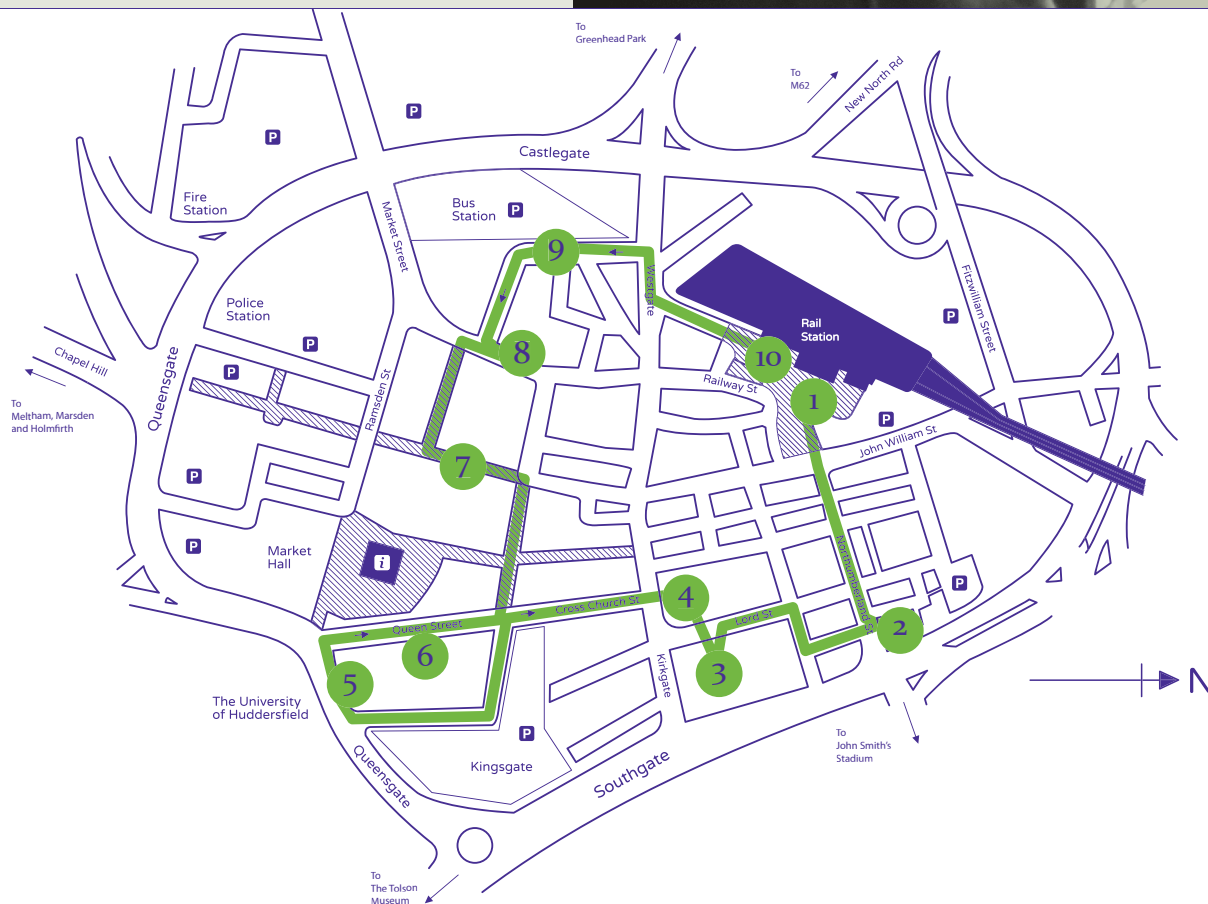
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Key:

Pedestrian area

Parking

One way traffic flow

Discover Huddersfield offers new ways to experience this amazing Yorkshire town, through guided walks, talks and trails. See Huddersfield at its very best: grand listed buildings and small independent shops; a place for radicals from the Luddites to the Sex Pistols; birthplace of Rugby League; a town rich in creativity, stories, heritage and the odd ghostly encounter.



1 Huddersfield Rail Station
St George's Square

One of England's most beautiful rail stations may also be one of the most haunted. Jonah Marr, a porter in the 19th century, fell onto the tracks and broke his legs one morning at 11:25am. No one came to his rescue. Some say you can still hear Jonah's menacing laughter on the platform around that same time.

2 Mechanics' Institution
Northumberland Street

While it is currently part of The Media Centre, the Mechanics' Institution was once home to the Friendly & Trades Club. During this time, the Huddersfield Daily Examiner sent a journalist to investigate disturbing activity happening there including caps popping off bottles, beer taps shutting on and off and glasses jumping off shelves.



3 Beast Market
off Lord Street

In the 1970's Buccaneer Fish Bar & Restaurant, then located on this street, reported a number of strange occurrences happening here: slamming doors, flickering lights and cutlery being bent violently out of shape. Many staff described the ghost as a grey-haired old man who they said was a "very nice old ghost".

4 Huddersfield Parish Church
Byram Street

Until 1855 when Edgerton Cemetery opened, the burial grounds here were the only ones in town. In the 1830's it was estimated that approximately nine bodies were buried for every square foot of land here. The situation became so dire that in hot weather the church windows had to be shut due to the horrible smell.



5 The Zetland Hotel
Queensgate

When this historic building was O'Neill's Irish Pub in the mid 1990's many staff and patrons reported seeing a young soldier who was very unhappy wandering the premises. The eerie coincidence is that the building next door was used by the 6th West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers between 1861 and 1901.



6 The Lawrence Batley Theatre
Queen Street

Formerly the Queen Street Chapel, areas of the LBT were once used for a much darker purpose. What is now the Cellar Theatre was once designated as the crypt with space for over 1000 bodies. In the 1970's the crypt was exhumed under great secrecy and 83 bodies and 1 stillborn child were removed. Many of the bodies were children who died of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis.



7 New Street

In 1837 New Street was the site of a mysterious murder that was never solved. A body was discovered here and taken to the nearby Commercial Hotel. The body was of a local woman and her feet were found bruised and scraped as though she had been dragged a great distance. No answer was ever found to how she died, but many people believe she still wanders this area.



8 The Cloth Hall
(Replaced by Sainsburys)

From 1766 to 1930 this area was home to the Cloth Hall, where cloth was sold to merchants. While in existence it was also home to many mysterious deaths (and ghosts) including a man who killed himself; a man trapped inside; and a famous ghost named 'Old Mike' who visited his workplace long after his final shift.



9 Upperhead Row (Near
Huddersfield Bus Station)

Many flats and houses were once located here. One couple in particular who lived in this area reported some very disturbing incidents involving their young son. On a few occasions they saw the child being choked by an unseen force, and on another occasion the child was seen dangling dangerously close to the fireplace. The couple moved out not long after.

10 The Head of Steam and
The King's Head
St George's Square

Why not reward yourself after your walk with a cold pint at either the Head of Steam or King's Head pub? But beware, many licensees have reported objects being propelled across the pub without explanation. So hold on to your glass or else you might be the next to share your story...