

"The Leeds Owl Trail is a unique concept that's brilliant for Leeds.
It enables both visitors and residents from all backgrounds to
explore and experience our beautiful city"
Tom Riordan – Chief Executive Leeds City Council

LEEDS OWL TRAIL MAP

The Lord Mayor
of Leeds
Olympic Map

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KEY

CIVIC OWL TRAIL

1. Millennium Square Owls - Millennium Square
2. Civic Owl - Rear entrance to Civic Hall
3. Leeds Museum Owls - Millennium Square
4. St. Anne's Cathedral Owls - Cookridge Street
5. War Memorial Owls - Victoria Square, The Headrow
6. Leeds City Library Owls - Victoria Sq, The Headrow
7. Leeds Tapestry Owls - Leeds City Library
8. Municipal Owls - Calverley Street
9. Leeds School Board Owls - Civic Court
10. Leeds Town Hall Owls - The Headrow

Extend to GRAND OWL TRAIL

11. Fountain House Owls - South Parade
12. Abtech House Owl - 18 Park Row
13. Yorkshire Penny Bank Owls - Infirmary Street
14. Quebec Owl - Quebec Street
15. The Met Owls - King Street
16. Flares Owls - corner of Bishopgate Street/City Square
17. The Bourse Owls - Boar Lane
18. Trinity Leeds Owl
19. Yorkshire Bank Owls - Kirkgate
20. Kirkgate Market Owls - Vicar Lane
21. Corn Exchange Owls - inside and outside
22. Malmaison Owls - Swingate
23. Leeds Bridge Owls - Bridge End
24. Leeds Civic Trust Owls - Wharf Street
25. Leeds Minster Owls - Kirkgate

To sponsor this map & fly with the Leeds Owl Trail, or to let us know of any new owls you've spotted, contact info@leedsowltrail.com

Take care crossing roads when Owl Spotting!



1 **MILLENNIUM SQUARE OWLS**

"Gold statues and white Portland Stone; we were born in 1933 to provide work in the depression. In 2000 our family grew with the new Millennium Owls!"



2 **CIVIC OWL**

"This is no tradesman's entrance, all the worthies pass beneath me! I spend my days trying to catch a glimpse of my reflection in the green tinted glass of the Rose Bowl building."



3 **LEEDS MUSEUM OWLS**

"The Mechanics Institute appeared in 1865 created by Cuthbert Brodrick the City architect. Inspired by the Paris Opera House it is an elegant triumph in stone."



4 **ST ANNE'S CATHEDRAL OWLS**

"The old Cathedral was in the way of the traffic so it was torn down and we were born on a new one at the side of the road. It was 1904 and here we are nestling in the gutters!"



5 **WAR MEMORIAL OWLS**

"Our life began in City Square, then we moved to our own enclosure of culture. Gallantly we commemorate the souls lost in conflict while Henry Moore watches us."



6 **LEEDS CITY LIBRARY OWLS**

"If you think we look fabulous from outside, step in and check out the staircase of Byzantine Romanesque tiles and paired dogs. We owls can't take all the credit for this grandeur."



7 **LEEDS TAPESTRY OWLS**

"Bayeux surely not! The Great City of Leeds was founded on textiles. A beautiful national treasure stitched by hundreds of volunteers. There's a parliament of owls in here too!"



8 **MUNICIPAL OWLS**

"In 1876 we appeared crowning the railings of the fine municipal offices by George Corson the architect. Those men at the war ministry wanted to melt us down for rifles!"



9 **LEEDS SCHOOL BOARD OWLS**

"A George Corson rich Italianate palace, the new home for the Education Board. A big 1990's wash and brush up brought a shine back to our feathers."



10 **LEEDS TOWN HALL OWLS**

"Fluttering skywards, sited all around, we were the highest owls in the world for a century on this most famous town hall in the land. Opened in 1858 by Queen Victoria!"

LEEDS



25
OWL
LOCATIONS
15 EXTRA
SPOTTED BY
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If you visit the 25 locations across Leeds City Centre marked on the *Leeds Owl Trail* map you will discover some unique owls. Suddenly you will set out on a voyage across history as each owl informs you of why it is there and gives you a brief snapshot of what it has seen in its lifetime.

You'll have to keep your eyes wide open as some of the owls are not in the most obvious of places. If you spot any other owls along the way that we have missed then please email and let us know at info@leedsowltrail.com.

To find out more about the history of the Owls in Leeds and the Leeds Coat of Arms visit www.leedsowltrail.com

The purpose of the *Leeds Owl Trail* is to inform and inspire people about Leeds' rich heritage and also to create new owls for future generations to enjoy.



LEEDS COAT OF ARMS



11 FOUNTAIN HOUSE OWLS
 "Doesn't everyone love art deco? We're silver and dashing, the original colour of the owls on the Coat of Arms. We guard the 1930's Portland Stone building with retro chic."



16 FLARES OWLS
 "We've been here since 1899 and what a grand view we have of City Square. Notice we're not square but round; eye up our rich green copper dome, balustrades and pillars!"



21 CORN EXCHANGE OWLS
 "A cylindrical Yorkshire stone palace like a giant sweet jar with a dome lid. We inhabit Cuthbert Brodrick's masterpiece both inside and out once dedicated to the commerce of corn."



12 ABTECH HOUSE OWL
 "Wall Street of the North this was! All briefcases and bowler hats. We arrived in 1900, delightful in our John Theulis frieze. Today Park Row oozes culinary delights! "



17 THE BOURSE OWLS
 "Weather-beaten, rough and gritty! I was built from muck and brass. I nearly didn't make it as the seventies wrecking ball was poised to take me away in a cloud of dust!"



22 MALMAISON OWLS
 "In 1915 Leeds City Tramways Department opened as a symbol of how important transport had become. Leeds was the first to use electricity from overhead lines to power the trams."



15 YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK OWLS
 "I was built to guard your pennies, alas I'm a bank no more. How grand; buttresses and spires. Look up and enjoy! Can you find me flapping my wings?"



18 TRINITY LEEDS OWL
 "At Trinity Leeds I will be the golden owl in the heart of the city. Soaring at dizzy heights in my new home. I am waiting for the keys!"



23 LEEDS BRIDGE OWLS
 "Our home was the first to be caught on camera with moving film in 1888 by Louis le Prince. Lots of traffic led to the creation of this new cast iron Leeds Bridge in 1873."



14 QUEBEC OWL
 "I've been etched in the glass since the 1890's. This was the original Leeds and County Liberal Club. We reside now in a posh hotel!"



19 YORKSHIRE BANK OWLS
 "Guineas, shillings and pence! It's all been under our watchful gaze. Dapper that's us! We survived world wars and depressions to boot, looking out over Kirkgate has been a hoot!"



24 LEEDS CIVIC TRUST OWL
 "Captured in glass above the door I rest patiently while these custodians of the city consider all that is great in Leeds. Formed in 1965, Leeds is what we are about."



15 THE MET OWLS
 "Look up at our roof. It's a delicious cupola, salvaged from the fourth White Cloth Hall. Gaze down at the rich terracotta and faience facade. If only we handsome owls were at the front door!"



20 KIRKGATE MARKET OWLS
 "Created by architects Leeming & Leeming in 1904 we survey a magnificent emporium of market stalls. We've survived great wars & terrible fires but here we still are."



25 LEEDS MINSTER OWLS
 "Five churches on one site. The previous four fell victim to fire, war, plague and the Victorians! Free pews for the poor said Dr Hook, and so was built something worthy of Leeds."