

MICKLEGATE BAR

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Micklegate bar is the most important medieval gateway and the main entrance to the city of York from the South. It is the place where grand events take place.

Its name comes from “Mickleith” which means “great street”. It comes from the old Norse ‘gata’ or ‘street’.

Micklegate Bar was the welcoming gate for everyone coming from the South. Also, if the royals wanted to visit York, they passed through the gate and had to ask the mayor for permission. Last but not least, the severed heads of rebels and traitors were displayed above the gate.

The lower section was built in the 12th century and the top section was built in the 14th century. A restoration was finished in 2017.

Its opening hours are 8:00 am – 6:00 pm and it has many positive reviews such as “The best way to enter York.”

