

The Shambles

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The Shambles is Europe's best-preserved medieval street. It has been there for over nine-hundred years.

There are twenty-seven listed buildings. There are 10 listed Grade II* and 17 listed Grade II. Most of them are from the 14th-17th centuries.

J.K. Rowling was inspired by the Shambles of the street "Diagon Alley" in the book Harry Potter.

The origin of its name, "Shambles", is the Old English word "screamel", which means a bench or stool.

The Shambles is in the city centre of York, England. There are three ways to get there. Firstly, from King's Square in the west. Secondly, from the eastern end of Pavement. Last but not least, from a snickleway leading north off Shambles Market.



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