

## Scarborough & District Civic Society

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# STEPPING OUT IN SCARBOROUGH

A guide to a short walking tour of Scarborough



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**15 Bar Street** The most notable feature is a Blue Plaque (Westborough end of Bar Street) to William (Strata) Smith, the Geologist, whose name is forever linked to the Rotunda (see Rotunda reference 9)

**16 Site of the Pancake Bell** North Street, near junction with Westborough 12 feet above the pavement.

**17 Balmoral Centre** Westborough, now mainly occupied by the Wilkinson's store. The site was formerly a Coaching Inn. (The Balmoral Hotel)

**18 Huntriss Row** The Royal Bank of Scotland, built as the first General Post Office. Pizza Hut was the Assembly Room opened in 1857 and visited in 1858 by Charles Dickens who gave a reading there, (see plaque in middle doorway)

**19 Post Office** (listed building) and the Scarborough News.

**20 The Bathing Belle** (2008), artist Craig Knowles. Designed as a pair with the Diving Belle on Vincent's Pier (2007). Presented to the town by Scarborough & District Civic Society.

**21 Brunswick Shopping Centre** incorporating Tourist Information Centre and toilets.

**22 Public Library** Vernon Road (Blue Plaque to Stephen Joseph). Built in 1840 and opened as the Oddfellows Hall and later the Mechanics Institute. Site of Stephen Joseph's first productions. (See SJT reference 3)

**23 Boyes Store** The earlier 1901 store was burned down in 1915. Designed, rebuilt and re-opened within eighteen months this, flagship building is established as the focus of a regional group founded in 1881

Scarborough & District Civic Society is an entirely voluntary group of people concerned with preserving our unique heritage and encouraging best practice in the planning of new buildings and open spaces.

### Our aims are:

- To promote civic pride in the beauty, history and character of Scarborough and its surroundings.
- To take an active interest in maintaining those features on which the character of the town depends.
- To encourage high quality developments which lead to an improved living and working environment for us to enjoy.
- To act as a co-ordinating body and to co-operate with the local authorities, planning committees, and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.

### What we do:

- **Commissioned more public art for Scarborough: the Diving Belle (Vincent's Pier) and the Bathing Belle (in front of the Brunswick Centre).**
- **Read and respond to important planning applications submitted to the Council.**
- **Publish guide books and information leaflets for residents and visitors.**
- **Publish regular newsletters to keep everyone informed of what's happening to our town and our Society.**
- **Publish this free leaflet and much more.**

If you believe our surroundings matter and want to ensure that future generations enjoy them too, then you will want to be a member of the Civic Society.

Complete your membership form now and return it to:  
Scarborough & District Civic Society,  
PO Box 151,  
Scarborough YO12 4YJ

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other/Co).....  
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### Type of Membership (please tick box)

- Single  £15 You can support the Civic Society through leaving a legacy. Please send details about how I can remember the Civic Society in my will
- Married Couple  £20
- Senior/Student Single  £12
- Senior/Students Joint  £15
- Corporate Membership  £100
- Voluntary Donation  £

### Method of Payment

Cheque enclosed  £

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## Starting from the Railway Station



**1 Railway Station** Built in 1845, designed by architect George Townsend Andrews, a Grade II listed building extended and altered in 1882. The signal box and excursion station are also listed.

**2 The Old Vic** Formerly the Victoria Hotel (West Sq, Westborough). The birthplace of two brothers, Charles and Tom Laughton. Charles (b 1899) achieved fame as an actor and film star. Tom (b 1903) followed his parents into the hotel trade, (Pavilion, Royal) and was honoured for his wartime skills as an organiser in both catering and re-building. He presented 39 paintings as a collection to the Borough.

**3 Stephen Joseph Theatre** (previously Odeon Cinema, Westborough). The black tiling is an Odeon design feature. Now the focus of Sir Alan Ayckbourn, the building is listed. The first home of the SJT was the Public Library. (Visit reference 22 and note Blue Plaque).

**4 Pavilion House** This 1970s "brutalist style" building on Westborough replaced the Pavilion Hotel demolished in 1973. The former hotel, opened in 1870, was part of a distinctive architectural style and matched the buildings in Pavilion Square.

**5 The Lord Rosebery** Westborough. Built in 1894 as The Liberal Club and named after the then Prime Minister. Designed by architects Hall & Tugwell who also designed the National Westminster Bank on Huntriss Row/Westborough corner.

**6 York Place** Blue Plaque to Henry Barlow Carter, artist (1803 - 1868) at number 16. A pleasing terrace with a number of listed buildings (5-10, 11-17 and 18-19).

**7 The Crescent** (all properties are listed). Here is the Art Gallery, Wood End now Creative Workspace (former Sitwell Home and Natural History Museum) built 1835 and Londesborough Lodge.

**8 The Bridge** (over Vernon Rd) - Listed. Connecting the public gardens to the rear of the Art Gallery with the area of 'The Mount' and 'Grand Hotel'. Rather a hidden feature but should be encountered. (Note : Unsuitable for wheelchairs)

**9 Rotunda** (listed building) Museum Terrace. This building is the embodiment of the pioneering work of William (Strata) Smith. The upper portion features a circular mural reproducing the local coastal geology.

**10 Grand Hotel** (listed building) St Nicholas Cliff. Designed by Cuthbert Brodrick who was also the architect of Leeds Town Hall amongst other buildings. Opened in 1867, the four domes represent the four seasons and it has twelve floors and 365 bedrooms.

**11 The Royal Hotel** (listed building). Former 'Long Room' used for entertainment and soirees. Restored by Tom Laughton in post-war years.

**12 Town Hall** (listed building). St. Nicholas Street. Former home of the banker John Woodall. Became a Civic Building in 1900.

**13 Market Hall** (1853) St. Helens Square. Worth an interior and exterior examination. The vaults were formerly used as Custom House.

**14 St. Mary's Church** (Listed grade I) Castle Road. (Visit Anne Bronte's grave, died 1849). Building began in 1180. Damaged in Civil War 1644 - 1645.

**PC** Public Convenience  
**TIC** Tourist Information Centre