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# Easy Walk 16

## Centurion Ghost Walk

### Treasurer's House

Early one morning in 1953, Harry Martindale was installing a heating system in the cellar at Treasurer's House when he heard the sound of a horn coming from the walls. Then a horse and Roman soldiers in green tunics appeared to come through the wall and across the room. And they seemed to be walking on their knees....

Find out why and lots more on this easy walk around York city centre; with a couple of stops for refreshment too....

- Follow the map out from Treasurer's side door and up towards the Minster and you will find a plaque on the wall telling you about the Via Decumana Roman road which runs underneath Treasurer's House and originally went to the North East Fortress - perhaps this was the road which the Roman ghosts were walking on? Perhaps this explains why Harry only saw down to their knees...
- Follow the map round to Colliergate and why not stop at the Last Drop Inn, a York Brewery pub and have a Centurion Ghost Ale - named and created after the Harry Martindale ghost story!
- Once you've had a drink, follow the map and you come out onto a road called Pavement, turn right and follow this road straight up onto High Ousegate and over the river to Micklegate, one of the main Roman roads into York. As you walk up this road, on your left would have been the Colonia, an important civic centre. At the top of Micklegate, climb onto the walls on the right hand side.
- Enjoy the view as you follow the wall. At Museum Street, have a trip into see the Multiangular Tower which stood at the West Corner of the Roman fortress.
- Go back out of the gardens and follow the map until you get to another city entrance - Bootham Bar - which stands on the site of the main gate to the Roman fortress. Finish with another beer at the Three Legged Mare - perhaps a Constantine or another Centurion Ale, before you meet the Roman Emperor Constantine, outside the Minster on your return to Treasurer's House.





**Distance**  
2 Miles

**Terrain**  
Easy

**Start the walk at**  
Treasurer's  
House

**Refreshments**  
Treasurer's  
House Tea Room

Last Drop Inn

Three Legged  
Mare



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