

Welcome to Living Leicester: Picturing the Past. This is an augmented reality experience.

Look through a window into Leicester's hidden past, but this app only works if you are in Green Dragon Square in Leicester!

**Are you in Green Dragon Square?**

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Sorry! This app won't work for you right now.

If you do make it to Green Dragon Square be sure to open up the app and try it out.

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Great! Let's see what hidden stories we can discover.

The artefacts on your screen will help to uncover the hidden stories of Leicester and understand the history of this amazing city.

**Tap an artefact to find out more.**

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That's interesting. It looks like you chose the Roman mosaic.

This artefact is linked to the exciting story of Roman Leicester.

**Would you like to know more?**

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Let's take a look at the story of Roman Leicester.

To hear this story, we need to find the right spot in the square. Standing in the centre of the Square you will see a long covered pavement with iron pillars.

At the end of the covered area you will see a Roman Mosaic mounted on the wall and a sign that shows you found the Roman story.

**When you see the sign press continue**

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Well done. You found the Cherry Orchard Mosaic.

**Hold up your phone and frame the whole sign on the screen to uncover this hidden story...**

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Look! It's a window into Leicester's past.....

This doesn't look like the Leicester I know.

Oh wait, look at those uniforms...

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We must be in early Roman Leicester, which puts us in the 1st Century AD.

See how the surrounding wall is very simple? It's made from basic timber and mud.

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This road is how everyone arrives into the town, including the first Roman traders, selling things like food, livestock, textiles and pottery.

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Let's see how things have progressed in the second century....

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Leicester now covers more than 100 acres. The streets are in a grid pattern. That's very Roman.

There are proper roads linking Leicester with other towns to trade with.

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Speaking of trade, remember the traders who were selling livestock?

Well now they're selling luxury items from all around the Roman Empire. Leicester is doing very well!

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The mud and timber buildings have been replaced with stone ones. Bathhouses, temples, and a forum and basilica have been built.

They even have a shopping centre!

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I wonder what happened next?

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Evidence of the Romans is still everywhere in Leicester.

This picture is of Jewry Wall. It is one of the largest remaining Roman masonry structures in Britain.

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Through all we've seen of Leicester's development, then and now, trade is at its heart.

The importance of trade to the city still continues today with a busy market nearby providing customers with goods from around the world, just like in Roman times.

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Leicester is a melting pot of influences and, almost two thousand years later, look at the diverse city we have today!

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You completed the Roman story!

It looks like you've unlocked some more knowledge about Roman Leicester!

If you want to know more about Roman Leicester you can tap the main menu button (the three lines at the top of the screen) to see some Roman related places around Leicester. They will stay there so you can go and explore them when you've finished in Green Dragon Square.

For now, let's look at another one of Leicester's hidden stories.

Tap an artefact to find out more.

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That's interesting. It looks like you chose the Green Dragon Inn sign.

This artefact is linked to the exciting story of the Green Dragon Inn, a Medieval building that this Square was named after.

Would you like to know more?

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To hear this story we need to find the right spot. Head towards the Knight and Garter pub at the end of the square. As you approach you should see an alleyway to the right of the pub with a

whitewashed wall. There, you should find a sign that shows you found the Green Dragon Inn story.

When you see the sign press continue

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Well done. You are near the spot where the Green Dragon Inn stood.

Now hold up your phone and frame the whole sign on the screen to uncover this hidden story...

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Look! It's a window into Leicester's past.....

Did you know that the square you are standing in was home to at least five inns. Some of those inns were built in Medieval times and were very old, even in the 18th Century!

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The timber-framed Green Dragon Inn was one of many pubs that served local traders and merchants.

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It was the setting for a dramatic event that took place in 1778, after French teacher Francis Soules played a game of billiards with James Fenton.

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Let's see what happened next...

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An argument broke out, and Soules went to the Green Dragon Inn, where James lived, to challenge him to a fight.

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His brother, John Fenton, was there and tried to throw him out to protect his brother. There was a fight, and Soules pulled out a pistol and shot John.

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John died of his injuries the next day. Soules was tried at Leicester Guildhall, but a messenger arrived with a royal pardon and Soules returned to France.

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That's strange! Let's see how it ended...

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John Fenton was buried in St Martin's churchyard, now known as Leicester Cathedral. The inscription on his gravestone, by schoolmaster Charles Rozzel, criticises the justice system that many people felt had failed.

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"Near this place lieth the body of John Fenton, who fell by violence May 17, 1778, and remains a sad example of the incompetency of Juridical institutions to punish a Murderer!"

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This Square was named after the Medieval Green Dragon Inn.

Connecting places to their past is an important way to share links to our history.

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It's amazing to think of the stories that happened right here.

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You completed this story!

It looks like you've unlocked some more knowledge about Leicester's Inns

If you want to know more about this part of Leicester's story you can tap the main menu button (the three lines at the top of the screen) to see some Medieval and Georgian related places around Leicester.

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Tap an artefact to find out more.

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That's interesting. It looks like you chose Alice Hawkin's 'Votes for Women' Sash.

This artefact is linked to the exciting story of Leicester's Suffragette movement.

Would you like to know more?

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Let's uncover the story of Hawkins and the Suffragette Movement.

To hear this story we need to find the right spot. Head over to Alice Hawkins' statue. From there, look towards the large white wall, the sign that shows you found the Alice Hawkins story will be on the far left.

When you find the Alice Hawkins sign press continue

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Great, you found the Alice Hawkins' sign.

**Now hold up your phone and frame the whole sign on the screen to uncover this hidden story...**

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Look! It's a window into Leicester's past...

["I am not satisfied with being in the shadows, Or being the doormat on which society wipes its feet."](#)

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Ah yes, this is Equity Shoes on Western Road, where Alice Hawkins worked as a shoe machinist.

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She was a pioneer for the women's suffrage movement in Leicester, and fought for women's rights in the workplace, equal pay and the right to vote.

[You must use your vote, we suffered for it!](#)

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Let's find out more about Alice...

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Alice would give speeches to the noisy crowds at Leicester's HayMarket on Humberstone Gate.

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I am not happy with being constantly told I do not count.

That what I have to say is meaningless.

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We must fight for freedom, for liberation.

For liberation from the chains that have bound us all for far too long.

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What an inspirational woman...

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We are beside the statue of Alice Hawkins in Green Dragon Square.

It is a symbol to show that throughout history, Leicester has always been a place for progressive thought and politics.

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A city where different people, and different attitudes find a home together.

We are still fighting for equality. But it is thanks to inspirational individuals like Alice Hawkins, that the hope of progress is kept alive.

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**Don't stand on the sidelines, but jump in with two stockinged feet!**

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It's amazing to think that all of these stories happened right here in Leicester, in the place you are today.

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You completed this story!

It looks like you've unlocked some more knowledge about Leicester's past.

If you want to know more about this part of Leicester's story you can tap the main menu button (the three lines at the top of the screen) to see some Edwardian related places around Leicester.

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Congratulations. You finished all of Leicester's living stories.

Now you've looked through a window into Leicester's past, why not explore the locations in the 'More Information' list to see what else you can discover!