



## **Stage Four - The Marina**

*Allow a minimum of 25 minutes for this stage.*



You should now be standing at the northeast corner of the Marina on Humber Dock Street having crossed over the “Murdoch’s Connection” named after Dr Mary Murdoch who worked in Hull during the late 19th and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The bridge was opened in March 2021

From Humber Dock Street look across the Marina to a tall building - number 13 warehouse. It now has luxury apartments and an Italian Restaurant, Al Porto. To the right is the Holiday Inn, and between them is a modern version of a Dutch style



bridge. It spans the entrance to the old Railway Dock, the 4<sup>th</sup> dock, built in 1846 and is now part of the Marina. The Marina itself was the second of Hull’s town docks, opened in 1809

Originally called New Dock, it wasn’t until Princes Dock was opened in 1829 that it became Humber Dock. It was designed to provide a berth for 70 ships. (The material from Humber Dock was used to create land south of the present Humber Street on the edge of The Humber.)

Also across the Marina you can spot Kildale Marine. This was where Hull born actor, Barry Rutter and the Northern Broadside Theatre Company staged their first ever production, Shakespeare’s Richard III, in June 1992.

Continue down the side of the Marina. On the ground you will see, set into the pavement, a series of iron rings. These were used for tethering horses as carts were being unloaded and loaded. Closer to the road is a broad line of bricks that marks the original position of the city walls. These were knocked down in 1803 to allow for the development of the dock. In a glass case there is a steam engine with an information plate on the side. It was used to haul boats out of the water onto a slipway on Victoria Dock.

On the east side of Humber Dock Street you will see Blanket Row and Sewer Lane. (A sewer was a natural watercourse. One ran along the lines of Dagger Lane and Sewer Lane). These narrow streets are part of the old Medieval Street pattern.

Now we come to The Humber Dock Tavern opened in 1806. The older part has green bricks which gave it its nickname. (See ‘Want to Know More?’ section - Hull’s pubs.)



Next to the *Green Bricks* is Hesslegate House, built in 1884 which is now a restaurant.

Continue along Humber Dock Street. You will pass The Spurn Light ship in the Marina. It is being renovated and will be moved to another mooring in The Marina, close to The Murdoch Connection very shortly. Then it will be open to visitors.

Here you are close to the end of **Humber Street** on the opposite side of Humber Dock Street.

Humber Street was named when it was much closer to the Humber. Look down and you will see Hesse Gate marked out in brindle bricks. Here the city walls turned into Humber Street.

The area between here and the Humber Estuary is reclaimed land built with the spoils from the excavation of Humber Dock which was opened in 1809.

Humber Street was formerly the Fruit Market; now it's a cultural centre with café bars and specialist museums.



Around the city you will see references to '**Dead Bod**' on T shirts, pens, mugs, coasters and such. To find out about it, visit the Humber Street Gallery/café and see the original 'Dead Bod' for yourself.

Walk down Humber Street until you reach the first on the right, here you will see the Humber Street Gallery and **Dead Bod**. From here we turn right down Pier Street until we reach Wellington Street This and nearby Nelson Street were named after well-known national heroes of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Please now turn right onto Wellington Street and walk back toward **Humber Dock Street**



As you walk you will see on the other side of the street Henry Vernon Court is on the corner and ahead of you on the other side of a low brick wall is a **Napoleonic Cannon**.

We'll be coming back to it at the start of stage 5.

But for now, please carry on walking along Wellington Street over Humber Dock Street and you will pass, on your left, a floor sculpture depicting waves. Continue to the lock gates and old railway bridge over Humber Dock Basin. **Keep a close eye on children in this area.** Cross to the west side of the Marina. (It may be difficult to get wider wheelchairs over the lock gates) With luck you will see a boat entering or leaving the Marina. You are now in **Humber Quays** which was the area where the cargo railway system was prominent; indeed the rails can still be seen embedded into the road.



Humber Quays is a quiet and pleasant place to spend a little time on a nice day. There is another 'wave' sculpture and a statue to the thousands of transigrants who passed through Hull between 1836 and 1914.

*See Transigrants in the Want to Know More Section of our website*

There are four information boards in this area.

There is also a First World War anti-submarine gun salvaged from the sea.

This is the end of **Stage Four**

**Stage Five** starts back at the Napoleonic Cannon on the other side of the lock gates.