

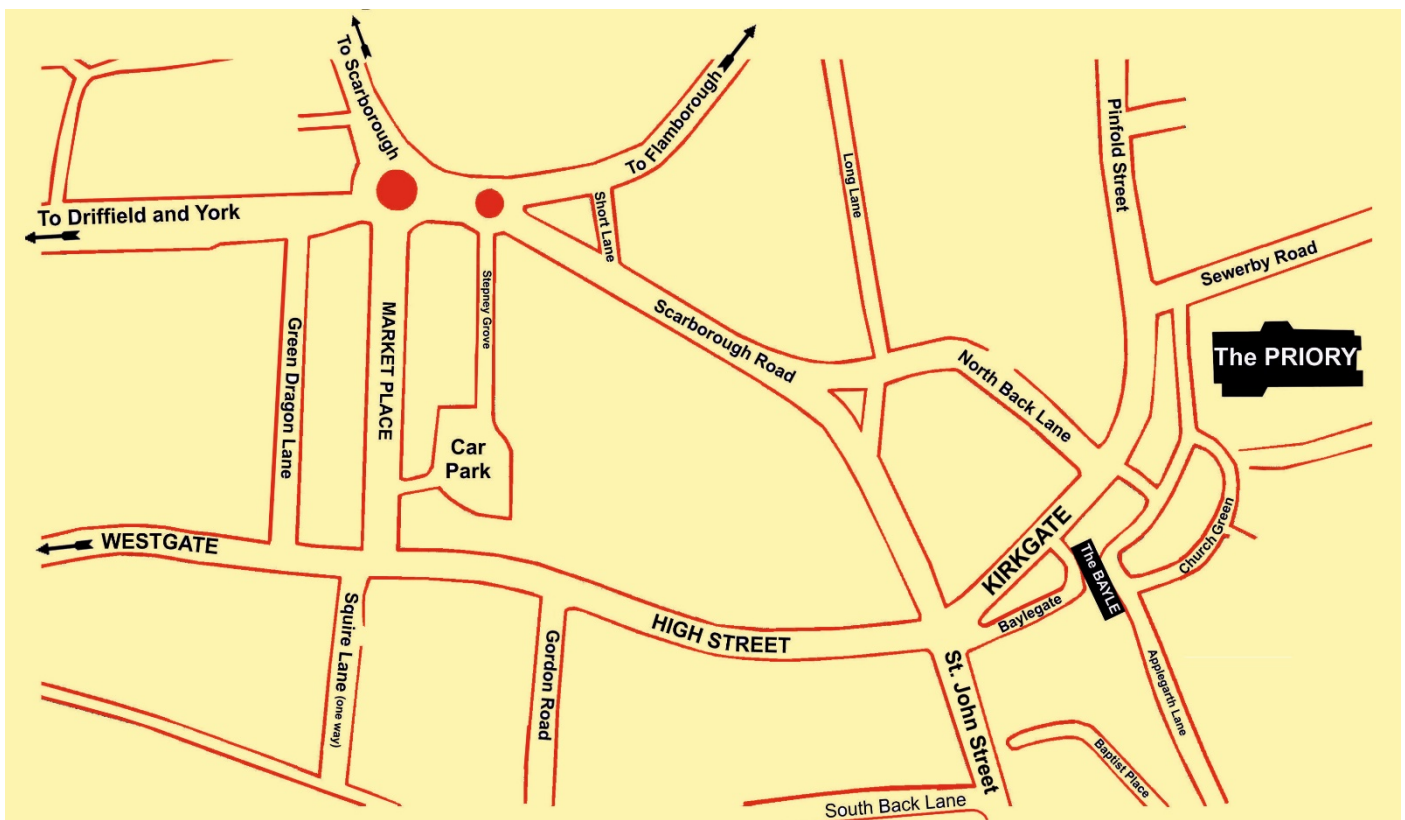


## Edible Old Town - Food and Drink Trail

Walk around the Old Town and discover the differences between the places you can buy food and drink today, and how it was over just over 100 years ago when everyone shopped locally. Detailed information from the 1911 census shows how many people were working in food and drink production and sales (see overleaf).

Houses did not have fridges or freezers, although some may have had an ice box, and perishable foods needed to be bought daily. Food was mainly locally grown, and without modern supermarkets, nearly everyone shopped very close to home. Whilst many houses had kitchen ranges, the poorer houses in the Old Town had only an open fire for cooking. Nowadays we can pop out for a cup of coffee or tea, or enjoy a restaurant meal, but this was not possible in the Old Town in 1911. However, fish and chip shops were around at that time - and we can still enjoy this traditional take-away today.

Look out for Posters in the following locations: Market Place, Westgate, High Street, Kirkgate, Baylegate and Church Green.



Please note, the numbers and table below only include the following streets: Westgate, Market Place, High Street, Kirkgate (from St. John St. to North Back Lane), Baylegate and Church Green, and the once densely populated yards behind them.

Food or Drink Business	1911	2021
Pub	9	7
Beer Agent	1	0
Fish Fryer	4	2
Fruiterer	7	1
Grocer	10	2
Baker	1	1
Confectioner	4	1
Butcher	6	1
Tripe Dealer	1	0
Poultry Dealer	1	0
Milkman	1	0
Cow Keeper	2	0
Farm	2	0
Market Garden	1	0
Corn Merchant	1	0
Restaurant	0	3
Coffee Shop	0	1
Tea Room	0	1
Sweet Shop	0	1

In the streets mentioned above, there were also 16 agricultural labourers, 2 shepherds, 2 cattle drovers and 3 cowmen, all of whom must have worked nearby, as most of them probably walked to work. There were also 2 fishermen, surprisingly. At the junction of South Back Lane and Squire Lane, on a site now built over, was an aerated water manufacturer, who employed at least 4 local men. It probably made lemonade and other soft drinks.

