

What new social and cultural activities/events would encourage you to visit the city centre after 5pm?

1	Perhaps some good talks.
2	Been able to drive around MY city
3	Concerts and other music events
4	Quality restaurants
5	Galleries, jazz
6	Any events would be welcome. Evening events are few and far between and when they exist they tend to be poorly advertised
7	More cafes open as opposed to bars
8	Open air music events in the parks and gardens, either live or on big screen. Major sports events on big screen in parks and gardens.
9	Arts centres/galleries open late, more live music venues
10	Anything different, new or unusual
11	Music concerts, cinema, comedy
12	Shops open later, an adult adventure playground near the city centre, night events such as street entertainers.
13	I don't need any more encouragement! Perhaps I'm the wrong person to be doing this survey...
14	Coffee shops being open ie non alcoholic drink venues
15	Better live music. Better variety of clubs.
16	Longer opening hours in shops and banks
17	Shops and cafes open late
18	Fairs and late night markets.
19	Shops open later?
20	Fruit & veg market in early evening hot food market like Singapore hawker centres, concerts or theatre in unusual venues street artists
21	Music events (Oxjam style), promenade theatre, secret cinema, pop up shops and cinemas.
22	Shops open longer, more choice in cinemas and theatre shows.
23	Events in the gardens Fairs, fireworks
24	Late night shopping, art galleries/museums opening late some evenings, more theatre
25	Later shopping!
26	Live music venues
27	Outdoor cinema in the summer,
28	Open air theatre, night market, gigs

29	Evening cycle racing
30	Street performances/ events
31	More pubs serving food later than 8pm to avoid the need to visit restaurants for food.
32	More night markets and outside activities such as Blood and Chocolate
33	Festivals, fireworks, street performances
34	Concert venue suitable for bigger-name musical artists (comparable to locations in Leeds) More casual food options (i.e. not sit-down, table reservation-style) open later
35	There should be more non-alcoholic places to go. There are a lot of new international students that arrive at York and we don't drink. If we don't want to drink then we don't have many places to go. The only things open are pubs. Nowhere to really socialise.
36	Music concerts
37	Bazaar
38	Cheaper drinking.
39	Clubs, themed nights, open mic evenings, karaoke, open air cinemas, bar crawls, theatre shows (all at student prices)
40	More live music events
41	Less chain bars and pubs, more unique
42	Coffee shops open until 7 as want a coffee but restaurants and pubs not ideal.
43	Shops staying open later
44	More lectures and exhibitions. Also more art-house type film shows.
45	Jazz club Larger salsa/dance venue Arts centre activities Late night shopping
46	Evening open air barbecues, food stalls, etc. Festivals. Firework displays.
47	A better bus service in the evenings would help
48	More cultural activities
49	Ones that celebrate the history of York and are sympathetic to its cultural heritage. It's easier to say what should NOT be encouraged, namely: - stag and hen parties - loud music venues - places that encourage excessive drinking
50	More events such as the light shows and outdoor events (sports, theatre, etc.)
51	Free parking
52	Shopping

53	A decent nightclub for a more discerning clientele!
54	Better music venues
55	I would love the art gallery (when reopened) to do a late evening once a month or something, like some of the big museums like the V&A, Met Museum of Art etc. I know these are massive institutions in large cities, but I believe there might be a market for some sort of paid entry evening event that is cultural, rather than booze based. I would go.
56	More festivals and musical events. It's difficult to find the time to visit things such as food festivals, farmers markets etc. when you work full time. Weekends get taken up by other things most of the time
57	Better shop opening hours, so can go shopping after work. More places to go to relax or meet friends that don't involve alcohol - more coffee/tea lounges open. Events like Illuminating York and food festival are brilliant after 5 activities.
58	I wish coffee shops were open later in the evening.
59	Outdoor activities in summer
60	Visual art, music, some disposable income
61	More theatre and concerts. Premises that provide for non alcoholic drinking - such as coffee bars. The provision of late(r) closing of coffee shops might also encourage some to go for coffee after shopping rather than straight to drinking - with less drunks wondering around in the early evening.
62	More cafe type venues and late night opening shops - I'd like to be able to socialise after the shops are shut but do not particularly like the atmosphere of pubs, especially on a Saturday night when York has a surprisingly 'rough' atmosphere. The assumption that we all want to get drunk is very annoying! Visits to America always make me envious that you can meet friends in Starbucks, book shops etc after work. We used to have Borders for that but not anymore. York tends to have a dead atmosphere after 6pm in the week and a horrible drunk atmosphere at the weekend!
63	More cafes open, perhaps with singers more for over-30s
64	Shopping
65	New festivals, new music and new theatre. Outdoor productions that make the most of York's historical architecture in a new way.
66	More late night cafés. Fewer bars. More free wi-fi. Places to while away an hour waiting for friends
67	Late opening shops
68	More festivals, markets and events like Blood and Chocolate

69	Well lit cycle ways, secure well lit cycle parking, not tripping over piles of retail waste left on pavements to be collected by council the next day
70	Outdoor events in summer evening shopping events
71	Art/museum late openings. Live music.
72	Later opening of cafes and coffee-shops.
73	Fashion/music shows
74	One-off events e.g. Illuminating York
75	Swimming pool. Continental style street cafes (outdoor heating).
76	More activities in Parliament Street (e.g. as per food festival) would be good, but activities finished too early (9pm) this year.
77	New? Why new?
78	None
79	Concerts, talks, events
80	Reduced bus fares into York
81	Shopping
82	More cafes open after 5pm, not just bars and pubs.
83	More music events, more restaurants.
84	Arthouse cinema
85	I don't know what new events would bring me in but I like to come for the festivals and evening fairs and markets
86	Food and drink festivals staying open later in the evening Street theatre and music events Shops open later
87	More late night cafes, street performance - music/theatre
88	None. York already has enough venues, bars, activities and events in the evening.
89	Outdoor events/exhibitions, Christmas markets in the evenings,
90	More music events/gigs, perhaps better jazz nights or evening fairs/markets
91	Late night shopping Food markets
92	Better clubs/bars - fewer like Salvation/Tokyo
93	More places I could drop in to with my daughter (and occasionally the dog!). Unless we are going out for dinner the city centre shuts down at 5 for families. More street food, places to buy snacks/puddings open till 8 like on the continent, markets (food festival/continental etc) open till 8. Late night shopping monthly.
94	Music events / festival.
95	New and different variety of events like the minster in light was good
96	Late opening shops and cultural offers.

97	More bars that open very late and offer something different. Seems to be an odd running trend of bars blasting music louder than conversation. These are all bars without dance floors, so why do they make it so hard for people to converse in them? Often end up hanging outside in the freezing cold smoking section (I don't smoke) just to chat. Sotanos has been a much needed addition to the evening drinking options, although it is expensive and it would be good to see cheaper alternatives.
98	Bands, festivals, fairs, exhibitions
99	More non alcohol options open late, more late-night cafes. More cultural events that use city centre space and create different social dynamics
100	Outdoor seating for bars and restaurants, for a more lively feel!
101	Markets Indie popup shops Music
102	I'd like to see the Arts Centre resurrected.
103	Late night shopping!!!
104	Free live music.
105	In summer more late night cafe style bars with outdoor eating
106	Happy with the current offer
107	Late night museum /gallery openings, Art events like Illuminate York. Minster events
108	Family events such as Illuminating York
109	More buskers/entertainers, more outdoor eating areas. Restrict traffic to make it family friendly. Discounted buses for local residents after 6pm.
110	Shopping
111	Evening events such as comedy nights, book signings and late opening cafes.
112	More things like Illuminate York
113	Fireworks back in Clifford's Tower
114	Late night markets (themed one), pop up bars and restaurants as well as city wide open-air festivals (that are accessible - not too high minded)
115	Late shopping opening times. Outdoor concerts. Markets.
116	More cultural events such as the recent Blood and Chocolate, the light display or musical events
117	Less buses so I can get there
118	I already do visit the city centre after 5pm, but it would be good to have more shops open later.

119	Cinema, pubs, restaurants, gigs, would go more often if there were more on
120	The short film festival is very good model. Businesses diversify by screening the short films.
121	Festivals, open air events
122	Evening markets. Events during the week for those who work weekends
123	Late opening museums
124	Later markets in city centre
125	Pubs serving food after 9.
126	Festivals, evening markets, open-air cinema / theatre
127	More retail and cultural offerings open later to offer alternatives to dining and drinking culture
128	Comedy mid week, live music, lectures
129	Music events, historical
130	More good dining More like Blood and Chocolate. Shops open later
131	National or sports events
132	Buskers and late street markets
133	A new nightclub or night time attraction would be good for York. Another cinema in the city centre, also more night-time activities like the illuminations are good at pulling in visitors and tourists and boosting up the economy in the area.
134	More cultural entertainment, music, arts, exhibitions. Shops open.
135	I would encourage more events for a wider range of people so that the venues do not become unbearably crowded.
136	More family friendly non threatening activities like recent Illuminating York, Blood and Chocolate etc
137	More displays in the style of Illuminate york
138	Places you can go for a coffee and sit and chat easily with friends without having to shout over bar noise/music etc
139	Better theatre and bands. York seems to only attract third rate performers.
140	Reducing the number of stag/hen parties. I won't go into town at the weekend because it is so noxious.
141	A comedy club
142	More live music, in particular open air in museum gardens. Why not a last night at the proms; brass band or even local bands.
143	Outdoor theatre productions

144	More activities like Illuminating York - it was good to see so many people/families enjoying our beautiful city
145	Non-alcohol related. We've dozens of coffee shops - some should be open later
146	Shops and cafés to stay open later
147	Book events with authors?
148	Generally I like gigs and nightclubs. There are a good number of both live music venues and nightclubs in York, but not lots of variety. When visiting other cities - for example Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool - there are whole pedestrianised nightlife areas which feel safe and vibrant places to be. Swinegate in York has something of this vibe, but I can see potential for this in other areas, particularly the area around Micklegate, Toft Green, Rougier Street.
149	Folk clubs, pub quizzes, theatre
150	Multiplex cinema, large comedy club
151	Shops to be open for longer to compete with Monks Cross, Pavement cafes to stay out for longer into the evening and more of them.
152	If there were more cafes serving coffee/hot chocolate/ice cream/light meals. I came to the Illuminations on Wednesday and we couldn't find any where other than pubs or bars to go for a drink - Betty's was open and very busy, there was City Screen but I didn't remember this at the time. We thought Costa Coffee or Cafe Nero might have been open given the special event that was taking place but they weren't. I was very disappointed that I couldn't find anywhere to sit and have a drink - I have difficulty walking and standing for any length of time and in the end we went to a pub. I enjoy City Screen and the odd concert or book reading at the library but don't really go to any other events - if there were any galleries open that would be somewhere to go too. I'm not keen on the loud behaviour later on in the city so tend to say away
153	More shows at the theatres.
154	I think York has most things covered I am interested in.
155	Shows/ early evening time buskers
156	Shops open
157	None. It's not a place we'd want to be after 5

158	Alcohol free venues - to encourage more divers, groups to socialise together, e.g. more coffee bars serving drinks and light meals in the evening. There are bars serving coffee etc., but those who are unable to use venues serving alcohol (e.g. for religious/cultural reasons) are excluded. Also, tourists to the city expect more variation in venues to encourage them to use evening venues - sometimes visitors looked shocked on our streets at night. A more diverse economy would discourage the extremes of alcohol fuelled behaviour.
159	There are already a lot of things to do after 5 in the city centre
160	A better selection of social areas that cater for more mature people and that are child friendly. I think a lot is focused on young people and elderly people. But if you are like myself in your 40s then it lacks in many areas. York has restaurants in abundance, but I don't eat out very often, it's too expensive. So I'm left with Micklegate - wouldn't take a dog that side after 5pm, or bars like Kennedy's - grossly over priced, snobby and for the under 30's. Where in York caters for my age group?? It's lagging behind other cities, I would rather go away for the weekend and socialise elsewhere, or have friends round to my house than have a night out in the city I live in. Sad really!!
161	More theatre and culture.
162	Live music events.
163	More good quality pubs
164	Nothing
165	Ones that are child friendly
166	Covered markets/arts or music events such as run by The Arts Barge
167	Food events and festivals. Tasting evenings and live music. Christmas market
168	Shops staying open later - less alcohol related entertainment
169	Places to socialise and congregate in the dry without money grubbing Northerners around every corner demanding half of our student loan for poor service and alcohol we could just as easily go down to Asda and buy
170	Events at bars/ restaurants and landmarks
171	Outdoor plays/music/shows. Places to eat. Places to sit and chill with friends without a clear obligation to buy something.
172	Better evening bus service (back to Selby). Less drunkenness on the streets, can range from unpleasant to intimidating, even early on. Not having to come to work the next morning :-)
173	Later opening cafes, music events

174	More open air theatre/events like Illuminating York, free cultural events
175	A swimming pool
176	Good sized music entertainments centre
177	Large screen TV events
178	Live bands.
179	If my bus service ran past 8pm, and was more frequent than every 30 minutes at the best of times, far worse at less ideal times.
180	More music
181	More art/cultural places to be open
182	Late markets-outdoor theatre/music -buskers into the evening Outdoor cafes in dry weather
183	Open air theatre during the summer/early autumn, like the recent Blood + Chocolate. Themed events/lectures/discussions on York related issues eg history. The cost of these things would be a major factor, and keeping it reasonable would probably require a lot of sponsorship from commercial bodies.
184	Better retail facilities. Cultural activities starting earlier, more family friendly events, Late night specialist markets, more learning facilities in city centre rather than out at schools
185	Music events theatre etc. Shops being open until 8 pm as on the continent
186	Shops open later, more free/open events. Late closing of the special markets?
187	Theatre, concerts, cultural events
188	More family friendly activities such as the Illuminate York or the Blood + Chocolate show or even just that shops open longer. Events that discourage the hen and stag dos and make the city centre a nicer place to be for the entire family. I finished a meeting at York St John last week at 5pm, walking back to my office on the other side of town I could not find one independent coffee shop to stop for a drink, why is this? I don't want a clinical coffee from a chain, all those lovely coffee shops on Gillygate and not one was still open! Why do shops not realise that if they stay open people will stop on their way home from work and spend? Recently we were in Spain and in an evening whole families are out enjoying the city. We come back to York and despite this being such a tourist hotspot after about 3pm in an afternoon the city is full of drunks, making it a nasty, intimidating place to be. Coming back to York from holiday I realised if I was visiting I would be disappointed by York's evening offering.

189	Festivals, alternative markets open
190	An extension of the Illuminating York festival with temporary light art installations, more social activities for young adults in the city besides drinking - this could include video gaming societies or other such hobbies and clubs, and any interesting retail opportunities that could be opened during this time.
191	Special events
192	More events at the library or more family focussed events. We currently nearly always come in after 5 just to go to the cinema or the theatre, very rarely go out to the pubs and restaurants
193	Events in the newly refurbished Parliament Street, especially family orientated events, outdoor theatre of some sort.
194	I would really like to see the shops/cafes stay open later. Especially from April to Sept/Oct. I am often in town after the shops have closed and there are so many people and tourists still wandering around. There could be a really nice later evening atmosphere in town if the whole place stayed open later. Make a shopping/cafe culture that could rival the boozy hen/stag culture that is growing.
195	None
196	York already has a really strong presence in terms on festivals and theatre, but it would be nice to see more of this. Site specific performances in unused buildings for instance (subject to health and safety) would help to make use of these sites and would give residents a reason to visit them. More child-friendly activities in the early evening would maybe also prove beneficial - if these are available already then I don't know where to find them (Full disclosure I've only been living back in York for 4 weeks). I remember a few years ago there was a lovely arts project which projected coloured lights onto the ground opposite Coopland's bakers in town - everyone loved it and it just made using the city more fun. On a personal note it would be really great if there was a non-alcohol serving coffee bar or something which opened until later on in the evening (10pm?) as I don't always want to drink, but after a certain time there are limited opportunities for friends to meet.
197	Less hen and stag parties and drunken people would entice us back into the centre.
198	Keeping the park and ride open later even with a skeleton service
199	Bars with a Parisienne feel
200	Social activities that do not include the York drunks.
201	Things suitable for families, in a warm dry environment and away from pubs!

202	Events such as Illuminate York
203	More comedy club type activities, such as the Hyena cafe in Newcastle which has a wide range of attendees and keeps an eye out for any troublemakers which are escorted out.
204	Night markets and other attractions that allow all of the community to get involved: http://www.standard.co.uk/goingout/attractions/nighttime-food-markets-in-london-8709621.html There is far too much emphasis on meeting the demand of a small section of society at night for example...18-25 year olds / tourists / stag do's. Local events such as ire, vibes and other music nights put on by the working men's clubs are thriving and do not cause trouble or even have bouncers. These venues are crying out for fresh faces and desperate to find ways of engaging the community. So we have venues, workers and talent available - what is stopping our city become more diverse at night????
205	A wider variety of cafe bars and restaurants which are not targeted at hen parties and stag dos
206	I enjoy the family events, such as the forthcoming event in Museum Gardens 5.30-6.30 about outdoor and night-time subjects. Festivals etc.
207	Drive in movies/outdoor screenings Free events
208	Concerts
209	Larger pubs with more entertainment going on in them - like in Newcastle. More well-known names at the theatres instead of the old ones. Restaurants with entertainment or something going on
210	More live music - jazz - classics - gospel - acoustic more affordable drama
211	None
212	There is already plenty of activity
213	Late night outdoor cafe areas in the summer, more live music events in small venues and an ice rink in the winter.
214	More live music of all varieties.
215	Nothing
216	Recent events like Blood and Chocolate have been great - more creative and imaginative than usual. More art events. More music events
217	Open air evening concerts, evening markets
218	Events in the city Centre

219	The City is becoming increasingly popular for stag and hen parties on weekends. From 3pm the streets are full of drunken people which is very intimidating especially if you have a small family. I don't visit the City after 3pm on a weekend if I'm with my family. Last week I visited the theatre with my grandmother and we went for a quick drink prior to this, it was very uncomfortable in the public house as there were lots of drunken people. I find it a great shame York is getting a reputation of a good place to drink. The difference between York and say, for example, Nottingham is the size. York can't accommodate tourists, visitors and drinkers together, we don't have the space. Other cities have different places for drinking, visiting and shopping, in York we mix all three together very badly.
220	I think the range of organised social/cultural events is good, and there are plenty of venues for these types of 'curated activity'. What we lack are spaces for groups to gather and meet after work that aren't restaurants or pubs. You would be hard-pressed, for example, to find a coffee shop that was open after 5pm; the only exception being a handful of chains open till 6 or 6.30.
221	I think the level of social and cultural activities and events is quite good. What would encourage me to visit the city centre more and stay after 5pm would be a reduction in the often aggressive and drunken behaviour that is present after 11pm.
222	More "must see" events like Illuminating York and the Blood and Chocolate shows. Also, late night opening for shops in the summer would be a boon.
223	Cafes open later
224	Evening market. Shops open. Open air activities during the summer months.
225	Evening shopping Cafes open till 9pm More arts type events
226	The town centre is geared up far too much for students and tourists - I don't want to spend my evenings sitting in a pub or restaurant full of drunken 18 yrs old. Where's the encouragement to locals to come out
227	Late night opening shops and cafes
228	Cinema, sporting events, musical events, theatre.
229	A nightclub that doesn't allow 12 year old in. A decent cinema chain (not Picturehouse). Better parking to the north and west of the walls. It's abysmal.
230	Night time markets
231	Family friendly eating. Cafes and ice-cream parlours. Continental markets food festival etc.

232	Sections of the city with better policing of acceptable behaviour - sometimes York doesn't feel particularly welcoming at night (beggars, drunks, etc.)
233	More productions like Blood and Chocolate, Illuminations. Later shopping in summer, live bands and musicians, various types or themes in evenings eg Parliament Square eg a jazz week a folk week etc
234	More real ale pubs and cheaper restaurants.
235	Music events, evening markets, Christmas carols, winter wonderland
236	More live music
237	I go for cinema and theatre and to eat out mainly
238	No idea
239	Theatre, outdoor theatre, art projects, museum special events
240	Shops and markets open after 5pm to complement the bars, cinemas etc. and late night buses to take us home safely.
241	Cultural activities, with a provision for parking
242	Parliament Street Market, Farmers Market, Outdoor music dance
243	Shops, cafes (tables outside) and museums open later. Street entertainment.
244	More music, bands, opera, ballet things like that, and some better venues
245	A full time LGBT venue
246	A proper music festival somewhere suitable for wheelchairs
247	If its not a regular night out I only come into the city at night for things such as Illuminating York or the festival of angels, these outdoor / street events are most interesting to me
248	None. I would be encouraged to use the city more at night if it wasn't full of drunks.
249	Better resident parking and access to city centre is the only thing we need.
250	Clean streets and many fewer drunks
251	More music / bands maybe
252	Live music
253	Wider range of better (non-chain) restaurants. Pubs (rather than bars/clubs) open after midnight. Wider range of more challenging theatre.
254	Theatre, cinema, eating, drinking, social

255	Better live music venues with better music. We often don't visit pubs in the city centre at the weekend due to being unable to get in on account of copious amounts of stag and hen dos. We'd spend more time in the city centre if we could get around that.
256	Early evening cultural events Evening classes that start at 5.30 or 6 pm
257	Cheaper bus fares
258	Longer retail opening hours or additional late night shopping nights. More fun activities e.g. bowling. The Ice rink at Xmas should be brought back into the centre. Some of the special markets could be run in the evening to encourage more visitors. Street plays etc