



### Some Useful Numbers

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## The Manchester City Centre Craven Crawl

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O Beer! O Hodgson, Guinness, Allsopp, Bass!  
 Names that should be on every infant's tongue!  
 Shall days and months and years and centuries pass,  
 And still your merits be unrecked, unsung?  
 Oh! I have gazed into my foaming glass,  
 And wished that lyre could yet again be strung  
 Which once rang prophet-like through Greece, and taught her  
 Misguided sons that the best drink was water.  
*Extract from Beer by Charles Stuart Calverley*

### **Sinclair's Oyster Bar, New Cathedral Street**



Located just off Corporation Street walk under the M&S bridge towards the Printworks, turn left at the Triangle and you'll find it on the right. Having been painstakingly moved after the IRA bomb this early 1700's pub sits in the middle of some of Manchester's newest shiniest buildings. It gets a nice mix of shoppers, office staff and tourists as customers. The beer is ridiculously cheap and really does serve oysters if you want to have something posh to throw up later.

<p><b>The Beer House, 6 Angel Street, Ancoats</b> </p> <p><b>8 mins</b> - Come out of Sinclairs and turn left until you reach Corporation Street. Then head up Withy Grove with the Printworks on your left. Withy Grove becomes Shudehill, continue over the lights getting onto the left hand side of Rochdale Road. The Beer House is down the hill on the left on Angel Street. The landlord and landlady who run the acclaimed Pot of Beer nearby have taken on this place, its said to be up and coming but that's what they say about Whalley Range!</p>
<p><b>The Marble Arch, 73 Rochdale Road Ancoats</b> </p> <p><b>2 mins</b> - Come out of the Beer House, heading back up the hill and turn left. The Marble Arch is a four minute walk up Rochdale Road (away from the city centre). Housing a micro brewery, which you can see in the back room, this Victorian pub is frequented by a mixture of the new local residents and the Postal workers. Mines a pint of Lagonda.</p>
<p><b>Bar Centro, 74 Tib Street, Northern Quarter</b> </p> <p><b>7 mins</b> - Right out of The Marble and head back down Rochdale Road, turn left at the third set of lights (onto Swan Street). To your right is the Northern Quarter, turn left down Tib Street. A few minutes walk down Tib Street is Bar Centro on the left with a conveniently placed Fish and chip shop next door! A trendy Northern Quarter bar. This place normally packs out on the weekend on both floors. A good selection of foreign beers.</p>
<p><b>Mr Thomas's Chop House, 52 Cross Street</b> </p> <p><b>10 mins</b> - Now for our longest walk! Continue down Tib Street turning right on Market Street at Debenhams. Go past the Arndale (avoiding the tracksuited scallies) and turn left onto Cross Street. Mr Thomas's is a couple of minutes down on the right with a tiny small entrance! A pub that aims more at the food trade and was English Pub of the year 2005.</p>
<p><b>Town hall Tavern, 20, Tib Lane</b> </p> <p><b>3 mins</b> - Turn right out of MT straight and then left up Kings Street. Right onto Essex Street and the The Town Hall Tavern is on a little street called Tib Lane straight ahead of you.</p>
<p><b>The Ape and Apple, 28 John Dalton Street</b> </p> <p><b>2 mins</b> - Now the pace quickens, turn left out of the Town Hall Tavern along Tib Lane. Left onto Cross Street and turn right onto John Dalton Street. The Ape is down on the left, known for its ridiculously cheap beer this should be full of some hardened drinkers.</p>

<p><b>The Sir Ralph Abercrombie, 35 Bootle Street</b> </p> <p><b>5 mins</b> - Continue on down John Dalton Street and turn left onto Deansgate. Past all the expensive bars and eateries and take the fifth left (Bootle Street). There isn't much said about this place in any of the guides or even on the internet!</p>
<p><b>(Jon) Briton's Protection, 50 Great Bridgewater Street</b> </p> <p><b>7 mins</b> - Head back onto Deansgate and take the second left onto Great Bridgewater Street. This multi-roomed pub has over 200 years of history, they feature over 170 whiskies and a few different cask ales.</p>
<p><b>Peveril of the Peak, 127 Great Bridgewater Street</b> </p> <p><b>1 min</b> - Turn right out of The Briton's Protection and follow the street round to the Peveril. Winner of City Life Pub of the Year 2003, this tiny pub has a big reputation!</p>
<p><b>Ra'n Bar, 80 Great Bridgewater St.</b> </p> <p><b>0 mins!</b> - Ra'n Bar is just opposite the Peveril so not far to walk to J.W. Lees' showpiece, modern pub. A former Umbrella factory, hence the name, this pub features a terrace over the canal.</p>
<p><b>The Waterhouse, 67/71 Princess Street,</b> </p> <p><b>6 mins</b> - Continue up Chepstow Street North. Turn left up at Oxford Street, turn right at the library and you'll see the Waterhouse in front of you. Usually Wetherspoons (aka McSpoons) are good for one thing only and that's a poo when there are no other public toilets but this place breaks the mould. Housed in a former solicitors building this elegantly decorated pub is the crown in the Wetherspoons empire.</p>