



This map celebrates the brilliant York venues that offer no and low alcohol (NoLow) drinks and took part in the University of York NoLow Visibility Project. The project aims to make NoLow a more visible, normal and enjoyable part of a social outing; no pressure, no judgement, just more choice for everyone.

Our team at the University of York, Anglia Ruskin University and University College Cork have examined NoLo consumer behaviour using global datasets, perceptions research and experiments in North Yorkshire cosy venues. We started by digging through existing research and quickly realised something important: people like NoLow options, but they're often hard to spot, and lots of customers feel awkward asking what's available. So, we set out to fix that and make NoLows more visible. With venues across York, we tried out posters, eye-catching tap displays, clever product placement, and other simple changes to see what would happen. The result? Stocking NoLow beer didn't hurt revenue; in fact, venues told us it helped staff feel better about their venues and what they could offer their customers. To support even more pubs, we joined forces with City of York Council and co-created a NoLo Guide for publicans.

The brilliant Sam Armstrong from York St John University designed a whole set of free point-of-sale materials including posters, fridge stickers, pump-clip crowns and beer mats, to help make NoLow options visible without fuss. We tested them in real venues to make sure they actually worked.

In order for us to learn from and support venues as much as possible, we've been out and about in all weathers, chatting to publicans, sharing materials, and hearing fantastic stories from venues leading the way in offering inclusive, alcohol-free options alongside the classics.

The York NoLow map highlights the York venues that helped make this research possible. Each one played a part in shaping more welcoming drinking environments; places where everyone can join in, no matter what's in their glass.

So go explore, raise a glass (alcoholic or not!), and discover the venues helping make choice and visibility of NoLow the new normal in York.

Cheers to that.



Spot the Logo!

If you spot the No and Low logo around York on coasters, stickers, or posters, tag @nolowproject on Instagram and share it around — your support helps make inclusive drinking venues more visible!

Moderation Choices

Are you...



Zebra stripping?

Alternating alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks



Top and Tailing?

Starting and ending the night with a no and low drink



95% Sober?

Only occasionally drinking an alcoholic drink



A damp drinker?

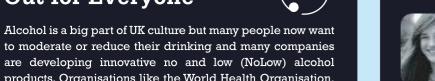
Drinking mostly lower ABV products



100% Sober?

Consume no alcohol and stick to no and low drinks only.

York, Let's Make Nights Out for Everyone



to moderate or reduce their drinking and many companies are developing innovative no and low (NoLow) alcohol products. Organisations like the World Health Organisation, the EU Parliament, and even England's 'Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan' back the rise of NoLow-alcohol products to support people's changing alcohol consumption.

NoLow options aren't about telling people not to drink, they're about giving everyone the freedom to enjoy a night out without pressure or stigma and to choose what they want to drink. Many people are choosing to moderate their drinking to support their mental and physical health and this can only be a positive.

This matters for customers, but also for the people working behind the bar. Publicans and bar staff are among the most likely to drink heavily, and "alcohol-free" drinks have been especially helpful for people trying to reduce their intake.

Additionally, as of 2025, in the UK the NoLow scene has exploded to £413 million market value, with more than a third of drinkers now enjoying these options regularly. Yet loads of people still leave venues disappointed because the choices aren't great. That's where our York No & Low Map comes in.

Here's to a more inclusive York.

And here's the team making it all happen!



Dr Nadine Waehning

Favourite venue: I love all the venues and pick based on the occasion.

Favourite NoLow: Allergies mean no craft beer, so I go for an AF Tommy's or AF G&T. "I work on the NoLo Visibility Project because I want drinking spaces to feel inclusive and welcoming for everyone."



Professor Victoria Wells

Favourite venue: The Swan

Favourite NoLow: Lucky Saint lager or Brooklyn Brewery Special Effects Hoppy Lager "I'm concerned about UK pub closures, and NoLow helps attract new customers. All pubs should include it in their offer."



Dr Sarah Forbes

Favourite venue: I usually decide what I'm looking for depending on the occasions.

Favourite NoLow: I enjoy lots of different NoLow options, so I like to see what's on offer. "I want to help drive positive change by making NoLo options more visible for consumers and helping businesses attract new customers."



Dr Fergal O'Connor

Favourite venue - The Blue Bell Favourite NoLow - Erdinger Blue

" I research consumers and no- and low-alcohol beer to understand shifting preferences toward healthier, moderation-focused beverage choices."



Dr Franziska Sohns

Favourite venue - Evil Eye Favourite NoLow - Lucky Saint "I support the NoLo project because no one should feel they must drink alcohol to fit in."



Dr Emily Nicholls

Favourite venue: Brew York Beer Hall Favourite NoLow: Beavertown Lazer Crush IPA "I've spent over a decade researching drinking culture, and I'm passionate about supporting the NoLow movement and helping pubs become more welcoming for non-drinkers."



Samuel Armstrong

Favourite venue - House of Trembling Madness Favorito NoLow - Old Mout Zero

"As a designer, I support the No and Low project because I want to use visuals to make venues more welcoming for non-drinkers"

Pub Crawl Routes

Route 1: Sober Cycle (65min cycle; 11.8miles)

great NoLo choices along the way.



Ride the Sober Cycle route from Handley Tap to the Old Grey Mare, stopping at spots like Brewhemian Hopsody, Sloppy's, Crooked Tap, and The Fox for

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old Grey Mare	29	

Route 2: Sober Stroll n' Sip

(21 min stroll; 1 mile)



The Sober Stroll n' sip leads you from the Guy Fawkes Inn through some of York's most iconic spots and finishes at House of Trembling Madness with great vibes and great NoLow options along the way.

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Shambles Tavern	19
Duke of York	20
The Last Drop Inn	21
The Blue Bell	15
Golden Fleece	14
Pavement Vaults	12
Pairings Wine Bar	11
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Victor J's	18
House of Trembling Madness	26

Route 3: York Wall Walk (83min walk; 3.7miles)

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The York Wall Walk pub crawl takes you from the Eagle & Child through a run of classic locals and hidden gems, finishing at Evil Eye after winding your way around the city walls one pint at a time.

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