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## **Deritend - A Pub On Every Corner**

I'm not sure if there is an official boundary for Deritend. In my mind, it's the area on the other side of the road from Digbeth. If its backbone is Bradford Street, then its heart and lungs are the empty warehouses that once pumped out products and energy in equal measure.

For some, the area is synonymous with red bricks, decline, buddleia plants and graffiti. However for me, Deritend is the place where there's a pub on every corner - some open, some closed, but all with a heritage and a story to tell.

### **The White Swan (corner of Bradford Street and Birchall Street)**

This Grade II listed building was built in 1900 by James and Lister Lea & Sons. It was lovingly restored and reopened in 2021, after standing closed for two years. However, it sadly closed again after just one year. It is arguably it is one of the finest red brick and terracotta pubs in Birmingham.

### **The Anchor (corner of Bradford Street and Rea Street)**

Another Grade II red brick and terracotta pub, built by James and Lister Lea & Sons. This pub opened in 1902 and thankfully, remains open today. The original bar counter and mirror-panelled bar-back is still intact.

### **The Adam & Eve (corner of Bradford Street and Warner Street)**

There has been an Adam & Eve pub on this corner for over 200 years. Sadly the pub was closed in 2015 (after a violent incident) but the building remains.

### **The Moseley Arms (corner of Moseley Road and Ravenhurst Street)**

There has been a pub on this site since at least the 1850s. The original pub had its own brewery at the rear however, brewing here ceased around 1900. By the 1880s, the pub had started offering hotel rooms - a service which the current pub still offers.

### **The Spotted Dog (corner of Alcester Street and Warwick Street)**

Not to be confused with the pub of the same name on the corner of Meriden Street and Bordesley Street in Digbeth, this pub is famous for its Irish welcome and live music. Although the present building is a replacement for a much earlier structure, the cellar is apparently part of the original building.

### **The Fountain Inn (corner of Alcester Street and Cheapside)**

Built in 1780, this pub was originally known as The Fountain, and in its heyday was a classic M&B corner pub. Now an independent, family run pub, it was extensively restored in recent years.

### **The Old Plough Inn (corner of Rea Street and Moseley Street)**

The original pub was called The Old Plough Revived. Like The Adam & Eve, the building remains, but the pub has long gone. In recent years, it has been used as a cafe, with names ranging from Bob's Cafe, to The New Moseley Street Cafe to the current Ground Burgers.

### **The Market Tavern (corner of Moseley Street and Birchall Street)**

Another classic red brick and terracotta Grade II Listed pub built by James and Lister Lea & Sons in 1899-1900. Its original name was the Dog & Partridge, but this changed in 1984 after the pub was renovated following a fire. Closed since 2011, it is unclear when or if this pub will come alive again.