

SJ8498 OLDHAM STREET

Grade II Listed Building

The City  
133 Oldham Street  
Manchester  
M4 1LN  
(Northern Quarter)

## The City formerly known as: The Prince of Orange

Older regulars of this Public House will remember it when known as the '**Top Kings**' so named to distinguish it from the **Kings** (2) further down Oldham Street and if you look carefully at the parapet you can just about make out its former name. No one can remember it being called by its original name, '**The Prince of Orange**', however.

The pub was one of several in this area that served the old **Smithfield Market** and some of the old market traders and porters still use the pub. Today, the pub is visited by a wide range of the population, especially since the present owner introduced Real Ale (Acorn is featured plus a guest)

According to the National archives, the building is probably late 18th century, altered around 1870 although it may date from earlier as the original pub name suggests.

### Building Construction

Three storeys and 2 windows; good inn front at ground floor including pilasters with scrolled capitals, carved floral panels, round-headed doorway to left, round-headed window to right and arched rectangular window in centre all with carved spandrels and radiating glazing bars in the fanlights; dentilled frieze and painted fascia with large ball finials to the end brackets.

Each upper floor has a painted relief panel flanked by sashed windows without glazing bars: the panel at 1st floor depicts the arrival of **William and Mary**, welcomed by Britannia curtsying and presenting a crown, and by a pair of helmeted women, a parson with raised arms and an angel with a trumpet.

The panel at 2nd floor contains the **Royal Arms** with lion and unicorn.

Large panel between floors painted "**THE CITY**"; coped parapet.



The interior is now quite modern and newly decorated with Screens for sports and a Pool table to the rear where the toilets reside and the rear exit of the Pub onto Tib Street. The City holds a very popular and entertaining Kareoke Saturday afternoons and in to the early evening.