

Ventilation Shafts

The steam locomotives that first travelled through the tunnel belched clouds of smoke and steam. It was important to provide venting for these. The two shafts you see above first opened to the exterior in the original Market Square above the tunnel.

In 1863, the new Victoria Hall (now City Hall) was built directly overhead and the ventilation shafts were incorporated into the new building. Today they appear as two stone chimneys jutting from the roof of City Hall.

On top of the eastern chimney is the new electric vent fan which helps keep the tunnel air fresh.

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