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Heritage Walks 2020

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City Highlights

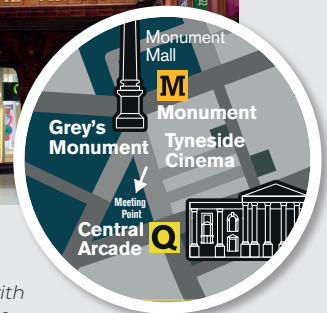
(Daily walking tour)

10:30am daily from 4 April until 31 October.

A fascinating introduction to the history and culture of our wonderful city.

Meet outside J G Windows Music Shop, Central Arcade, Grey Street, near Grey's Monument. Finish on Newcastle Quayside.

Tickets £5 (no concessions), accompanied under-16s free.



No advance booking required unless you are bringing a group of over 10 people. Please email info@ngi.org.uk with group booking enquiries.

This walk includes a steep downward slope to the Quayside, so guests with wheelchairs or limited mobility may prefer to finish the tour at Newcastle Castle. Please discuss this with the guide before the tour starts.

Welcome

Have you ever wondered about the history of Tyneside? How did your favourite buildings come to be? How have our public spaces changed? What was life like in days gone by?

Newcastle City Guides are experienced and knowledgeable volunteers with a passion for the history of this area. Working in association with NewcastleGateshead Initiative, our 2020 programme contains 282 Heritage Walks and City Highlights tours. We explore Newcastle, Gateshead, and parts of North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland, uncovering the fascinating history and hidden stories of the area.

Fantastic historic tour ★★★★★

"If you are thinking about a walking tour of Newcastle, you absolutely should use Newcastle City Guides. They are local volunteers and passionate about their city. They also have a wealth of history!"

TripAdvisor reviewer

Google "TripAdvisor Newcastle City Guides" to find more of our reviews - our average rating is 5*!

Like the NewcastleCityGuides Facebook page and follow @NewcastleGuides on Twitter to be the first to know about our special tours for Heritage Open Days, and when new walks, tours and performances are added to our programme.

Accessibility

Walks which are widely considered to be wheelchair accessible are indicated as such throughout this brochure; however, we know that accessibility requirements are individual to each person and we encourage everyone with any type of access needs to contact us before attending one of our walks. Many routes can be adapted and guides can tailor the delivery of their tour – we're committed to welcoming those with access needs on our Heritage Walks.





Practical information

Ticket prices for Heritage Walks

£5 for adults

£3 for over-60s

Free for accompanied children under 16

These walks look at specific locations and their history and heritage. Most walks are offered on a 'just turn up' basis unless otherwise stated. If tours are marked 'Booking essential' you will need to book your tickets online at newcastlecityguides.org.uk

All walks, visits and events last no more than two hours unless otherwise stated and are non-smoking.

Newcastle and its surroundings have some steep slopes, steps and uneven surfaces. Where walk routes encounter these, it is noted in the walk description.

Season tickets

£35 for adults

£30 for over-60s

Buy from newcastlecityguides.org.uk or in person at Newcastle Castle. Season tickets are valid for all walking tours, excluding Winter Warmers, Grey's Monument and performances.

Season tickets are non-transferable and must be presented at the beginning of each tour, or the standard price will apply.

Performances

Occasionally we deliver performances that take place in the Guildhall on the Quayside. These will be promoted through our website, the NewcastleCityGuides Facebook page and @NewcastleGuides on Twitter, and will be bookable via our website. Booking is essential.

Tickets cost £5 and include the performance and a Guildhall tour.

Visit newcastlecityguides.org.uk for dates of the performances and Grey's Monument tours, and for more information on all the Heritage Walks.

Grey's Monument tours

Tours of this iconic monument are available on select dates throughout the year.

Tickets cost £5.
Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult.
Under-5s are not permitted.

Public transport


All our walks and performances start and finish close to Metro stations or bus routes. Tour start and end points are included in the tour description.

Visit the Traveline North East website for help to plan your journey travelinenortheast.info

April



NEW WALK


The Brasilia of the North 
Sunday 5 April | 2.30pm
Meet at Newcastle Civic Centre.
Finish at Gateshead Millennium Bridge.

In 1960 T Dan Smith became leader of Newcastle City Council. The quote attributed to him that Newcastle would be transformed to become the Brasilia of the North has set the context for regeneration of the city over the last 60 years. The walk examines city centre regeneration with 2020 vision.

Grainger Town 
Wednesday 8 April | 2.30pm
Meet and finish at Grey's Monument.

A walk that encompasses all that is beautiful in Newcastle's classical architecture, from the curved lines of Grey Street and the majestic Theatre Royal to the imposing Grainger Market. Learn more about Richard Grainger, the man who made it all possible.



Dickensian Newcastle 
Sunday 12 April | 2.30pm
Meet at the Royal Station Hotel.
Finish at Alderman Fenwick's House,
Pilgrim Street.

What did Charles Dickens think of Newcastle? Find out on this literary tour and explore where his theatre group performed, where he carried out his celebrated readings and what he would have seen on his visits.

NEW WALK

Body and Mind
Wednesday 15 April | 2.30pm
Meet at Haymarket Metro Station
entrance opposite South African War
Memorial. Finish at Holy Jesus Hospital.

This new walk takes us from the Haymarket to the Holy Jesus Hospital, passing places which have nourished body and mind over hundreds of years.



Ouseburn Valley 
Thursday 16 April | 2.30pm
Meet and finish at The Ship Inn,
Stepney Bank.

Join us for a tour of this fascinating area. We look at the history and redevelopment of the valley with bridges towering above and a burn down below. Today the old industrial buildings are being reborn and include art studios, music venues and riding stables as well as other major visitor attractions.



Down Our Streets

Sunday 19 April | 2.30pm

Meet at Haymarket Metro Station entrance opposite South African War Memorial. Finish at Grey's Monument.

This walk follows a well-trodden path as it winds around town. Learn about the history of these streets and why they have names such as Darn Crook or Newgate.

Railways and Riverside

Wednesday 22 April | 2.30pm

Meet at the west door of Sage Gateshead. Finish at the Swing Bridge (Gateshead end).

Discover how early railways, industries and bridges have now been joined by modern art and find out just what Sage Gateshead's car park was originally used for.



The Armstrong Legacy

Sunday 26 April | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at the Jesmond end of Armstrong Bridge.

Lord and Lady Armstrong gifted Jesmond Dene to the people of Newcastle in 1883. Join us for a circular walk around some of the 'hidden' locations and buildings in this beautiful area and find industry, religion, the high life and nature all in one place.

This walk includes some steps, a tunnel, and a steep climb.



Tynemouth Pleasures and Punishment

Wednesday 29 April | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at Tynemouth Metro Station under the clock.

A circular walk via Northumberland Park providing an interesting insight into Victorian social history in Tynemouth. We look at how people used the new recreational facilities and the punishment they could expect if they broke the law.

This walk includes some uneven ground, some steps and steep slopes.

May

NEW WALK

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Hooray for the Hancocks

Friday 1 May | 2.30pm

Meet outside Robinson Library, Newcastle University, Jesmond Road West. Finish at Great North Museum.

This short but fascinating tour takes us from the house where the Hancocks lived to the Council Chamber of the Natural History Society in the Great North Museum. Here we will see a small exhibition based on the Cabinet of Curiosities followed by a short look at special exhibits listed in Tales from the Museum.



Black and White Friars

Sunday 3 May | 2.30pm

Meet at the Castle Keep.
Finish at Blackfriars.

Explore the intriguing mixture that is Newcastle: the medieval castle, religious houses, 18th century fashionable houses and buildings for the town's élite, our fine 19th century railway station and prestigious commercial buildings. There are even mentions of the Roman presence.

This walk includes some steep steps.

A Bed for the Night

Wednesday 6 May | 2.30pm

Meet at the Swing Bridge (Newcastle end).

Finish at the Swirle Pavilion.

A walk along the quayside exploring the lives of several people in Victorian Newcastle. Discover the impact homelessness and the attitudes of the authorities had on their lives and what has changed over the years.

A donation will be given to Crisis who provided the research for this walk.

Lest We Forget

Friday 8 May | 2.30pm

Meet at St Thomas Church, Haymarket.
Finish at the Grainger Market.

This is a walk about Newcastle in time of conflict, not just in the Great War but throughout the centuries. Join us on VE Day to remember the fallen as well as some of those who survived.

Nostalgia in North Shields

Sunday 10 May | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at North Shields Metro Station.

From the origins of a small fishing port to the growth of a town, this walk takes us around the top part of North Shields. Discover buildings and stories, including why coal caused conflict, and where a Hollywood legend spent his youth and how he is now remembered.

Discovering Bensham

Wednesday 13 May | 7.00pm

Meet at the entrance to St. Cuthbert's Church, Bensham Road, Gateshead (NE8 2HB). Finish on Barrington Place

Bensham was Gateshead's first suburb, but how did it begin and why? How has it changed? Roll back the years and discover something of Bensham's unique but often very hidden history.




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Newcastle Civic Centre.

A special visit to the Civic Centre which takes you behind the scenes. Walk the corridors of local government, with an opportunity to climb the Carillon tower to look across the city.

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Dunston – Staithes, Steamers and Teemers 
Sunday 17 May | 2.30pm
Meet in the car park on Staithes Road (NE11 9DR) opposite Dunston Excelsior WMC. Finish on Dunston Staithes.

A unique walk exploring the history of Dunston Staithes and the industry that would have been visible from them on both banks of the Tyne. The walk will take us onto the actual Staithes, one of Europe's largest timber structures.
Steep steps onto the Staithes – an alternative ramp will be open.


Gosforth and Garden Village
Wednesday 20 May | 7.00pm
Meet at South Gosforth Metro Station (West side entrance). Finish at Regent Centre Metro Station.

This walk explores the development and enlargement of the suburb, its industry, pastimes, housing and education.
Includes a footbridge with steps.


NEW WALK

Parks, Politics and Philanthropy 
Sunday 24 May | 2.30pm
Meet outside South Shields Town Hall. Finish at the Tyne Lifeboat, Ocean Road.

This new South Shields walk looks at how parks were created from ballast hills, the philanthropy of Dr Thomas Winterbottom and the politics at South Shields Town Hall.

In Sickness and in Health 
Wednesday 27 May | 7.00pm
Meet at the Castle Keep. Finish at the corner of St Thomas Street and Percy Street.


This walk looks at the medical history of Newcastle. Old hospitals for the poor, the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Doctor Gibb, 'Dirty Dick's' and Lucozade are just some of the medical topics you will hear about on this fascinating tour.

Heaton Highlights 
Sunday 31 May | 2.30pm
Meet outside St. Teresa's Church, Heaton Road (NE6 5HN). Finish in Heaton Park.

Enjoy a pleasant summer stroll through Heaton Park and the surrounding area. Recently revitalised, this is one of Newcastle's best Victorian parks, with a surprising history and many intriguing features.



June

John Wesley's Newcastle 
Wednesday 3 June 7.00pm
Meet outside Newcastle City Library, Princess Square, Newcastle.
Finish at Wesley Obelisk, Wesley Square, Quayside.

John Wesley visited Newcastle many times in the latter half of the 18th century. This walk takes us through parts of the town he would have known, with reminders of buildings with which he was associated – some of which are still standing, others long gone. **There are stairs down but an alternative is available if needed.**




BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Newcastle Civic Centre 
Thursday 4 June | 2.00pm
Meet under the Council Chamber, Newcastle Civic Centre.

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Brandling Village 
Sunday 7 June | 2.30pm
Meet and finish at Jesmond Metro Station.

Brandling Village is an excellent example of a Victorian and Edwardian suburb developed between 1820 and 1920. This walk takes in the original 19th century core and its grand surrounding streets and houses.



Geordie Ridley – The Best of Times, the Worst of Times
Tuesday 9 June | 2.30pm
Meet at St Edmunds, Gateshead High Street. Finish at Dean Street / Mosley Street junction.

A walk remembering the life and times of Geordie Ridley, the places he knew and the people he wrote songs about, from bobbies to muck men, from rowers to racers.

This walk contains some steep slopes and main roads to cross.






Merchants' Mansions
Thursday 11 June | 10.30am
 Meet at Alderman Fenwick's House, Pilgrim Street. Finish at The Redhouse, Sandhill.

Visit the remaining buildings where prosperous merchants conducted their businesses and family lives. The tour includes visits inside Alderman Fenwick's house and Bessie Surtees' house with an outside look at The Cooperage and House of Tides, finishing at The Redhouse.

Some of the visits include stairs.




NEW WALK

Quayside Regeneration 
Wednesday 17 June | 7.00pm
 Meet and finish at Gateshead Millennium Bridge (Newcastle end).

The Quayside area played a major part in the growth of Newcastle and Gateshead. Following the decline of the area in the 20th century, innovative redevelopment of the Quayside has played a major part in reviving the city. This walk looks at the buildings and artwork that have contributed to this revival.



Bishops and Brewers 
Sunday 21 June | 2.30pm
 Meet at Athenaeum Street entrance, Sunderland Station. Finish at the Old Fire Station.

Building on our original Sunderland tour this walk looks at areas of Sunderland which are currently experiencing regeneration. It takes a look at the site of Vaux Breweries and Bishopwearmouth, the cultural heart of Edwardian Sunderland – both changing the face of the city.

Backworth Past and Present
Sunday 14 June | 2.30pm
 Meet at Sainsbury's car park next to Northumberland Park Metro Station. Finish at Backworth Hall.

From a rural landscape to an industrial mining vista and community now virtually disappeared, discover the history of Backworth with a visit to a Grade 2 listed building with a diverse history from the Greys to a miner's welfare establishment.

Reasonably flat but some steps for Backworth Hall access.



**Giving to the City –
A Stroll Through Generosity** 

Wednesday 24 June | 7.00pm
Meet at Haymarket Metro Station
entrance opposite South African War
Memorial. Finish on Grey Street.

Explore the rich history of philanthropy in the centre of Newcastle. Taking in the city's universities, the RVI, Grey Street, and others, you'll stop at sites where notable philanthropists have left their indelible mark on Newcastle. Uncover the known and lesser known stories of a city with philanthropy at its very heart.



Jesmond Old Cemetery
Sunday 28 June | 2.30pm

Meet at the cemetery gates on
the south side of Jesmond Road.

Explore this 19th century private cemetery – the resting place for many of Newcastle's eminent citizens. **Please wear suitable footwear – some areas of the cemetery are overgrown and can be slippery especially in wet weather and the ground is uneven in places.**

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Anyone for Real Tennis?
Thursday 25 June | 10.30am
Meet at Jesmond Dene Real Tennis
Club, Matthew Bank, Jesmond
(Nearest Metro Ilford Road).

A tour of Sir Andrew Noble's purpose built (1882) Real Tennis Court, including an exhibition display of the game by the court professional, and an explanation of the rules. Real or Royal Tennis was the sport of kings and lawn tennis is a recent 'newcomer'. Refreshments can be purchased.




July

Homer, Simpson and Cullercoats Baywatch
Wednesday 1 July | 7.00pm
Meet at Cullercoats Metro Station.
Finish at St George's Church.

Learn something of the history of this fascinating coastal village; the important industries of the past; the people who lived and worked here and its landmark church.

This walk includes some steps and uneven ground.


Heads and Tales 
Sunday 5 July | 2.30pm
Meet at Grey's Monument.
Finish at Westgate Road / Grainger Street junction.

Have you ever sat on the top deck of a bus and wondered who the carved heads staring back at you are? There are many faces depicted on buildings in Newcastle and this walk around town will explore these heads and discover some of the tales behind them.




Royals, Revolutionaries and Reformers 
Wednesday 8 July | 7.00pm
Meet at Grey's Monument.
Finish at Newcastle Castle.

This walk takes a look at some of the many visitors who have come to Newcastle over the centuries, and explores where they stayed, what they did and how they were welcomed.

Newcastle's Anti-Slavery Campaigns 
Sunday 12 July | 2.30pm
Meet at Grey's Monument.
Finish at Newcastle Central Station.

This walk looks at the roles played by Newcastle Abolitionists including Earl Grey who, in 1833 as the Prime Minister, abolished slavery in the British Colonies. The walk also focuses on those from the region who benefited financially from the slave trade.



Park Life 
Wednesday 15 July | 7.00pm
Meet at the Bobby Robson Statue, St James' Park. Finish at the Bobby Robson Garden, Gallowgate.

St. James' Park is the oldest football stadium in the North East and Leazes Park was Newcastle's first public park, both originally part of the Town Moor. Walk around the outside of St James' and inside Leazes Park and hear of the development of the two parks featuring intense local politics over the years.

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Lovely Low Fell 
Sunday 19 July | 2.30pm
 Meet and finish at Belle Vue Bank / Durham Road junction, Low Fell (opposite the Cannon).

Discover how a pitman, an enterprising publican and the development of a new road changed Low Fell from an area of desolate waste to a prosperous Victorian suburb.



North Shields Quayside
Sunday 26 July | 2.30pm
 Meet at North Shields Metro Station. Finish at the Old Low Light Heritage Centre.

See where industry and fishing once thrived. Discover a hidden Second World War structure, the notorious 'Jungle' and a famous 'Wooden Dolly'. **This walk includes some steep slopes and steps.**

Last Orders 
Wednesday 22 July | 7.00pm
 Meet at Haymarket Metro Station entrance opposite South African War Memorial. Finish at The Redhouse on the Quayside.

Explore the history of some of Newcastle's many pubs, with characters and stories to whet your appetite if not your palate. **A steep slope (Side) is part of this walk.**



Keep Your Feet Still Geordie Hinny 
Wednesday 29 July | 7.00pm
 Meet at the Chinese Arch, Stowell Street. Finish at Newcastle Central Station.

Music hall was one of the most popular forms of affordable entertainment in the Victorian period. Take a look at the places where the most popular stars of the time, including Joe Wilson, Geordie Ridley and Ned Corvan, played to packed houses and wowed people with their songs of local events and characters.

August

Shipcote and Shipley Art Gallery

Saturday 1 August | 10.30am

Meet and finish at the Shipley Art Gallery, Prince Consort Road, Gateshead (NE8 4JB).

Take a pleasant stroll around the Shipcote area and hear its fascinating history from pastures to parks and the civic centre that it nearly became. Includes a visit inside the gallery – Mr Shipley's generous gift to the people.

Swinging Sixties Newcastle

Sunday 2 August | 2.30pm

Meet under the Council Chamber, Newcastle Civic Centre.

Finish at Westgate Road / Clayton Street junction.

These boots are made for walking – are yours? This tour recreates the social culture of the swinging 1960s. Join us on a magical mystery tour of yesteryear, when man stepped on the moon, Strawberry Fields were forever and a pound in your pocket could last you all week.

The Road to Democracy

Wednesday 5 August | 7.00pm

Meet at King's Gate, Newcastle University, Barras Bridge.

Finish at Newcastle Central Station.

Uncover Newcastle's radical links in Britain's road to democracy and also how it impacted on other places, such as the USA. You will be taken from the Great Reform Act to female suffrage; from civil war to world war.

Saltwell Park Stroll

Sunday 9 August | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at the park entrance opposite the Little Theatre, at the corner of Saltwell View and East Park Road, Gateshead.

Walk around this beautiful Victorian park discovering stories of past and present. Find out the oddities of Saltwell Towers, the tale of the park's oldest inhabitant and the story of the disappearing bandstands.



St Thomas to St Thomas

Wednesday 12 August | 7.00pm

Meet at the Swing Bridge (Newcastle end). Finish at St Thomas' Church Haymarket.

From the site of the Chapel of St. Thomas on the medieval bridge to its early Victorian replacement at Barras Bridge, this walk visits several sites of religious significance. On the way, you will hear the stories of an agile bricklayer, boilers used for soup as well as prison laundry, a secret chapel and a city centre church moved stone by stone to Byker.


A steep uphill slope is part of this walk.

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**South Shields, Trains,
Boats and Sanddancers** 
Sunday 16 August | 2.30pm
**Meet and finish at the entrance to
the new South Shields Transport
Interchange.**


Join our walk around the centre of South Shields and the riverside. Sitting at the mouth of the Tyne, South Shields has a long history from Roman times to the modern day. Hear how strong links to seafaring and industry have seen the town boom, decline and grow again.

NEW WALK

Newcastle Innovators
Wednesday 19 August | 7.00pm
**Meet at the Lit & Phil, Westgate Road.
Finish at Clavering Place (behind
Newcastle Central Station).**

This walk looks at many of Newcastle's important innovators with links to the Lit and Phil. Hear about the many exciting ideas, such as Joseph Swan's lightbulb and George Stephenson's miners' lamp which put Newcastle at the forefront of many new developments.

**This walk contains some uneven
surfaces and steps.**

**Thomas Bewick – Scratching
the Surface** 
Sunday 23 August | 2.30pm
**Meet at Cardinal Hume's statue,
opposite Newcastle Central Station.
Finish at Newcastle Cathedral.**

This walk celebrates Thomas Bewick, one of Tyneside's most famous sons. It takes us from his arrival in Newcastle to begin his apprenticeship with Ralph Beilby and through Bewick's Newcastle, where he lived and worked.

Markets Past and Present 
Wednesday 26 August | 2.30pm
**Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish on
The Close.**

Markets have always played an important and vibrant part in the lives of the people of Newcastle, making a valuable contribution to the economy of the area. Join us to discover where everyone shopped for their basic provisions, and look at the sites of the old and new markets of the town.




**Some Amazing Lives
in Preston Cemetery**
Sunday 30 August | 2.30pm
**Meet and finish at the entrance to
Preston Cemetery, Walton Avenue,
North Shields.**

This walk remembers the lives of several local people including a Dame of the British Empire, a brave young man who won the George Medal and a pioneering journalist who went down with the Titanic.

**Please wear suitable footwear – there is
some uneven ground.**

September


NEW WALK

Tynemouth Seaside Saunter 
Wednesday 2 September | 2.30pm
Meet at Tynemouth Metro Station.
Finish at Queen Victoria's statue near
Tynemouth Metro Station.

From the Victorians who first came to take the water until the 1960s, Tynemouth was a place to spend a summer holiday. This walk looks at the Victorian developments, housing, a park, the Grand Hotel and later additions like the swimming pool.

Newcastle's Campaign for the Vote 
Sunday 6 September | 2.30pm
Meet at Grey's Monument.
Finish at Newcastle Central Station.

The walk commemorates those who campaigned for the vote. We explore the part played by residents from the Newcastle region demanding universal suffrage.

Central Station & The Boiler House 
Wednesday 9 September | 2.30pm
Meet at Cardinal Hume's statue,
opposite Newcastle Central Station.
Finish at the Boiler Shop, Stephenson
Works.

This walk takes a circular route in and around the magnificent Grade I Newcastle Central Station with possible access to the world's first locomotive works. The emphasis is on George and Robert Stephenson's contributions and the latest developments around the historic Stephenson Quarter.



Whitley Bay Wander 
Sunday 13 September | 2.30pm
Meet and finish at Whitley Bay Metro
Station.

Discover how the village of Whitley grew into the major seaside resort of Whitley Bay. See how the famous Spanish City and Promenade have been restored to former glories. We will also discover some less obvious significant historic items during our walk.

Saintly Gosforth
Wednesday 16 September | 2.30pm
Meet at South Gosforth Metro Station
(west side entrance). Finish at St
Charles' RC Church, Church Road.

A gentle walk looking at the religious side of Gosforth, starting with St Nicholas' Church, with a visit inside and tour of the churchyard and its graves. Following a short walk, with reminders of coal and post-war housing, we finish with an visit inside St Charles' RC Church.

This walk contains some uneven surfaces.

Spital Tongues 
Sunday 20 September | 2.30pm
Meet and finish at the main entrance
to Exhibition Park, Claremont Road.

Visit a small village tucked away where coal mining, furniture making, brewing and a lunatic asylum sat cheek by jowl with upper-class housing.

Treading the Boards

Wednesday 23 September | 2.30pm

Meet at Theatre Royal, Grey Street.

Finish at Live Theatre, Broad Chare.

From Newcastle's oldest theatre, discover other places where plays were performed and where actors hung out with rogues and vagabonds, and follow the history of theatre back to the Guilds' Mystery Plays. We finish at Live Theatre, a relatively new venue in an historical building.



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The Tyne Pilots of South Shields

Sunday 27 September | 2.30pm

Meet at the entrance to the new South Shields Transport Interchange.

Finish at the Tyne Lifeboat, Ocean Road.

Pilots guide ships safely into harbour. Look at some of the buildings that were important in their work and social lives and as we walk where the pilots lived and worked, see how much of their proud maritime heritage is still in evidence today.

Please note the walk includes steep steps to descend but an alternative is available.



Wonderful Women of Newcastle

Wednesday 30 September | 2.30pm

Meet at Haymarket Metro Station entrance opposite South African War Memorial. Finish at St Nicholas Cathedral.

This walk visits places associated with some of the wonderful women who have graced Newcastle and played their part in its history. Some were intellectuals, some were pioneers and all have a fascinating story to tell.

October

Tales from Wallsend's Riverside
Sunday 4 October | 2.30pm
Meet at Wallsend Metro Station.
Finish at St Peter's Church.

Join us to wander through the centuries of this historic town. From railways to Romans, sinners to shipyards, with a little Sting in the tale and many more interesting snippets too.

The walk contains some uneven surfaces.

West Walls and Blackfriars
Wednesday 7 October | 2.30pm
Meet at Grey's Monument.
Finish at Blackfriars.

Medieval Newcastle had one of the strongest town walls in England. See the West Wall with its towers and unique turrets before reaching Blackfriars, one of the country's few remaining medieval friaries.



West Jesmond and St Andrew's Cemetery
Sunday 11 October | 2.30pm
Meet and finish at the east side of West Jesmond Metro Station.

This walk combines the development of West Jesmond with an exploration of St Andrew's Cemetery, taking in the lives of some of the interesting people buried here and a surprising hidden orchard.

Please wear suitable footwear – there is some uneven ground.



Within the Walls
Wednesday 14 October | 2.30pm
Meet at the Guildhall. Finish at St John's Church, Grainger Street.

A perambulation around today's Newcastle to trace the town within the walls from the 1300s. We will trace the extent of walled Newcastle locating the churches, monasteries, markets, civic administration, steps, streams and fairs.

This walk includes some steep slopes and steps.

Tyneside's Irish Contribution
Sunday 18 October 2.30pm
Meet at Grey's Monument.
Finish at Gateshead Millennium Bridge (Newcastle end).

This renamed walk identifies why Irish refugees fleeing the 1845 potato famine were welcomed on Tyneside and the part played by Tyneside Irish Nationalists seeking an Independent Ireland.

This walk includes some steep slopes or steps.






Ghostly and Grisly Quayside Tales
Wednesday 21 October | 7.00pm
Meet and finish at the Guildhall.

A circular walk around the Quayside with ghost stories, witches, bodies fished out of the river, and murders on both sides of the Tyne.

This walk includes some steep slopes.



BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Summerhill Sunday 
Sunday 25 October | 2.30pm
Meet at Cardinal Hume's statue
opposite Newcastle Central Station.
Finish at Discovery Museum.

An early 19th century development, Summerhill is a delightful but little-known backwater. Come and explore this hidden area, home to some of Newcastle's prominent Quaker families. Find out where Robert Stephenson lived and the links to the Victorian cricketer W. G. Grace.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Walk on the Dark Side
Wednesday 28 October | 6.45pm
Meet at Grey's Monument.
Finish at All Saints Church.

Do you dare join us at Halloween for this popular walk? Who will we bump into on this walk around haunted Newcastle? This tour looks at the traditions and stories linked to All Hallow's Eve and the city.

This walk includes some steep slopes or steps.



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