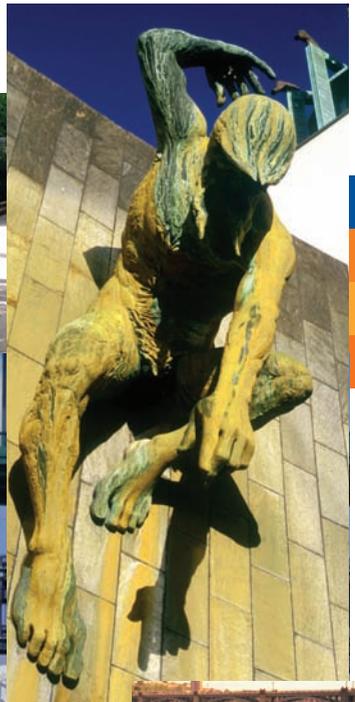


NewcastleGateshead Visitor
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City Tours 2013

Tours of NewcastleGateshead Heritage with the City Guides
www.newcastlecityguides.org.uk



Newcastle City Guides are a group of trained and qualified volunteers who work in association with NewcastleGateshead Visitor Information Centre. They lead daily walking tours of the city centre and twice weekly heritage walks in Newcastle, Gateshead and North Tyneside.

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Daily Walking Tours - City Highlights

Every day from Saturday 1 June until Monday 30 September * and on Saturdays in October 2013.

Tours leave at 10.30am from NewcastleGateshead Visitor Information Centre, 28 Market Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The walk finishes on Newcastle's historic Quayside.

Come and learn about the history and culture of our wonderful city.

Note* arrangements for the City Highlights walk may differ during Bank Holidays and Heritage Open Days - 12 to 15 September. Please check with the Visitor Information Centre.

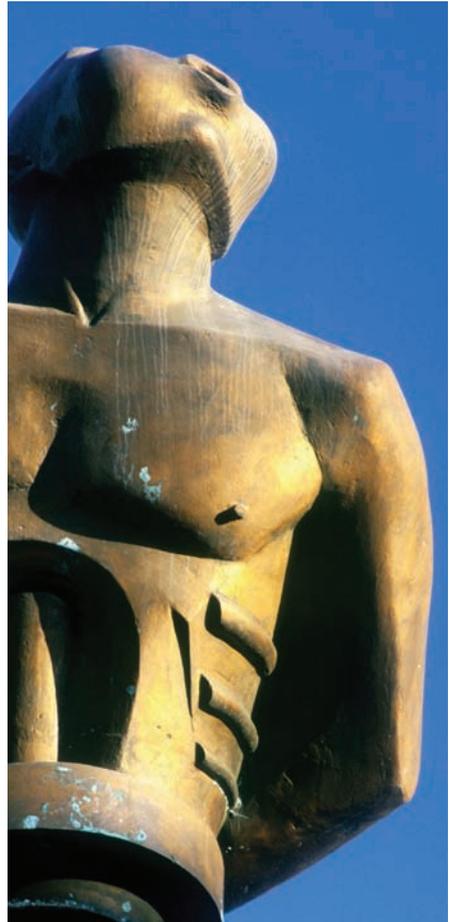
Tickets for all walks are £4, concession (over 60s only) £3.

Accompanied children under 16 years are free.

Season tickets are available. There are over 40 different walks. Season ticket price - £30, concession £25.

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

For walks where booking is essential, season ticket holders must reserve their place by contacting the Visitor Information Centre.



All city walking tours and visits last no more than 2 hours unless otherwise stated and are non-smoking.

Walks are generally on a 'just turn up' basis but when booking is required all tickets must be paid for in advance when reserving your place.

Contact NewcastleGateshead Visitor Information Centre, 28 Market Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5BQ
Tel: 0191 277 8000
Email: visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk

The programme of walks and other information about City Guides can be found at www.newcastlecityguides.org.uk

Heritage Walks

Sunday 24 March 2.30pm

Mystery walk

Free

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish at Central Station.

Join us on this new walk in Newcastle and discover some fascinating stories of interesting and out of the way places.

Sunday 31 March

Easter Sunday – no tour

Sunday 7 April 2.30pm

Jesmond Old Cemetery

Booking essential

Meet at 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, including the architect John Dobson and shopkeepers Fenwick, Bainbridge and Parrish.

- Please wear suitable footwear as some areas of the cemetery are overgrown and can be slippery, especially in wet weather.

Sunday 14 April 2.30pm

Jesmond Old Cemetery

Booking essential

See 7 April for walk details.

Sunday 21 April 2.30pm

Ouseburn Valley

Meet and finish at the Ship Inn, bottom of Stepney Bank.

A kaleidoscope of old and new, with bridges towering above and a burn down below.

Today the old industrial buildings are being reborn and include art studios, music venues and the like.

Sunday 28 April 2.30pm

Blue to the Biscuit

Meet at the Laing Art Gallery, finish at the Biscuit Factory.

Walk over the new bridge across the old Pandon Burn looking at the new Northumbria University buildings and a popular wash-house and end up at an unusual setting for an art gallery.

Wednesday 1 May 7.00 pm

Burt and Erick

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish on Northumberland Street.

An unexpectedly interesting tour which looks at part of the City not often seen, behind the shops and office blocks of Northumberland Street and beyond.

Sunday 5 May 2.30pm

Eastenders - Bygone Byker

Meet at Morrison's supermarket on Shields Road, finish at Byker Metro Station.

Shields Road was once the main route leading from Newcastle to North Shields. Enjoy a stroll and remember bygone times when Byker was a busy community bustling with shops and industry.

Wednesday 8 May 7.00pm

Pilgrims and Pandon

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish at Sandhill.

From one of the City's oldest streets, drop down into one of its oldest suburbs and then enjoy a walk along the Quayside, with memories of medieval fairs, friars, travellers, mariners and merchants.

Sunday 12 May 2.30pm

Rosie and Thomas

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish at St Thomas' Church, Haymarket where optional refreshments will be available.

Back by popular demand – this is last year's Mystery Walk. Starting at Monument we wander away from the main streets of the city centre to visit some interesting nooks and crannies with tales of places and people from bygone Newcastle.



Wednesday 15 May 7.00pm

Saints and Sinners

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish at St John's Church.

A stroll around central Newcastle with stories of the real goodies and baddies who lived here - true historical gossip!

Sunday 19 May 2.30pm

Jesmond and St George's

Meet and finish at St George's Church, junction of Osborne Road and Lindisfarne Road. Nearest Metro station – West Jesmond. This new walking tour goes through North Jesmond and part of Jesmond Dene and visits the sites of some of the magnificent mansions and grand houses in the area including those of shipbuilder Charles Mitchell and industrialist Sir William Armstrong. After this 2 hour walk there will be a guided tour of the exceptional Grade 1 listed St George's Church with optional refreshments available afterwards.

- Some uphill walking and a flight of steps included on this walk.

Wednesday 22 May 7.00pm

Arty Facts

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish at Central Square, behind Central Station.

This is a walk to discover some of Newcastle's artworks, mostly new, some conspicuous and some unnoticed under your feet.



Sunday 26 May 2.30pm

Saltwell Park Stroll

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.

Wednesday 29 May 7.00pm

As aa cam thro Sandgit

Meet at the Quayside Law Courts, finish at Wesley Square.

This is a tour which looks at the old Sandgate area of the Quayside with memories of coal, keelmen, ballast hills, soap and glass in days gone by.

Sunday 2 June 2.30pm

Grass Roots Gosforth

Meet at the car park of the County Hotel, High Street, finish at St Nicholas Church, opposite South Gosforth Metro station.

A park, a pit and some prefabs. A look at the east side of the High Street and how ordinary people lived, worked and spent their leisure time.

Wednesday 5 June 7.00pm

Newcastle Port

Meet at the Guildhall, finish outside the Tyne pub in the Ouseburn.

Take a walk along Newcastle's Quayside looking at how it has developed from an overcrowded slum area to a Victorian port and, most recently, an exciting place to live and work.

Sunday 9 June 2.30pm

Gannin te Blaydon Races

Meet and finish at Grey's Monument.

How race goers of 1862 would have seen Newcastle as they set off for Blaydon Races – see the sites on this walk and hear about the characters as they left Newcastle for a day out at Blaydon Races.

Wednesday 12 June 7.00pm

Riverside Ramble

Meet at the Guildhall, finish at the Sage Gateshead.

The River Tyne has been the lifeblood of the region for almost 2000 years. Take a walk with us along the riverside to see panoramic and close-up views of both Gateshead and Newcastle, and hear how it has developed from a busy port to a vibrant and lively area on both sides of the river.

-Some steep banks and steps included on this walk.

Sunday 16 June 2.30pm

Guildhall Special -

The Trial of Jane Jamieson

Booking essential

Meet at the Guildhall.

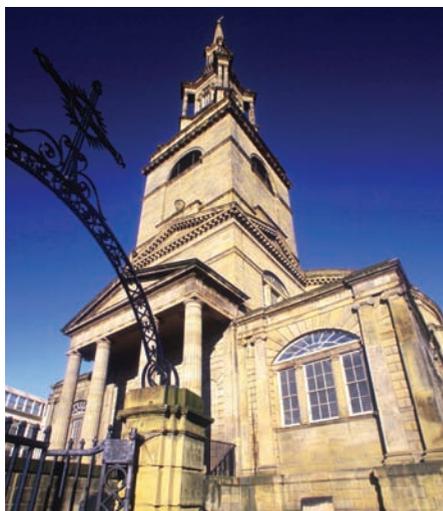
Come and experience the re-creation of the trial of Jane Jamieson, the last woman to be publicly hanged on the Town Moor, for the murder of her mother. Was she guilty? You'll have to make your own mind up. Also take a short tour of the inside of the Guildhall, one of Newcastle's gems.

Wednesday 19 June 7.00pm

Kings and Keelmen

Meet at All Saints Church, near the Tyne Bridge, finish at Holy Jesus Hospital.

The City Road area now seems to be nothing but roads and railways but there's more to it than that. This walk includes where Henry VIII turned a medieval friary into his King's Manor (or 'Manors'). There are also substantial buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries including All Saints Church, Holy Jesus and Keelmen's Hospitals and the remains of our medieval Town Wall.



Sunday 23 June 2.30pm

Deeds Not Words

Meet at Haymarket Metro Station, finish at Central Station.

This is a walk to commemorate the death 100 years ago of the suffragette Emily Wilding Davison.

Find out where she was arrested in Newcastle and how Newcastle women met, marched, and behaved badly, in order to win the vote.

Tuesday 25 June 6.00pm

Pages of History

Booking essential

Meet outside the Literary and Philosophical Society, Westgate Road.

Take a look inside this wonderful building built in 1825 for the Society, which was founded in 1793 as a conversation club, and which houses the largest independent library outside London. Also visit the Mining Institute, one of Newcastle's hidden gems.

Sunday 30 June 2.30pm

Railways and Riverside

Meet at the west door of the 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 the Sage Gateshead's car park was originally used for!

Wednesday 3 July 7.00pm

Ouseburn Valley

Meet and finish at the Ship Inn, bottom of Stepney Bank.

See 21 April for walk details.

Sunday 7 July 2.30pm

Saints, Sailors and Sea Air - Tynemouth

Meet and finish at Queen Victoria's statue on the village green near Tynemouth Metro Station.

Stroll down the centuries in this historic coastal village to hear the stories of seafarers and saints, inhabitants and invaders of old Tynemouth on this re-titled Tynemouth circular walk.

Please note, due to a steep incline this route is unsuitable for people with limited mobility.

Wednesday 10 July 7.00pm

Secret Newcastle

Meet and finish at Grey's Monument.

Discover the hidden city looking at less familiar sights and features which thousands of people pass every day and just don't notice. After all, which other city has a vampire rabbit?

Sunday 14 July 2.30pm

Whitley Bay Wander

Meet and finish outside Whitley Bay Metro station entrance on the town centre/coast side.

See how the little village of Whitley grew into the major seaside resort of Whitley Bay. Hear how the famous Spanish City developed into a landmark tourist attraction, how its popularity declined and what the present plans are to restore it to its former glory. Walk along the Promenade, visit the Giant Sandcastles, historic street lamps that burned sewer gas and discover one of the rarest telephone boxes in the country.

Wednesday 17 July 7.00pm

Top of the Town

Meet and finish at Haymarket Metro Station. Come and explore the area round Barras Bridge and the heart of Newcastle University. See the Civic Centre, discover a wonderful war memorial, the City's first park with its grandest terrace, find where D.G. Rossetti came to call and where Lucozade was born.

Sunday 21 July 2.30pm

Rural Ryton

Meet at the Market Cross in the centre of the old village near the Cross public house, finish at Holy Cross Church, Ryton Village. Hear about the motte and the market cross, pinfold and Parsons – a circular walk around this prettiest of villages.

Wednesday 24 July 7.00pm

Swinging 60s Newcastle

Meet under the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, finish on Westgate Road. These boots are made for walking - are yours? This new tour will recreate the social culture of the swinging 1960s. Visit the hip and trendy places of the day, see the modern buildings and recall your shopping sprees. Put on your mini skirts and flares and 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.

Sunday 28 July 2.30pm

Heaton Highlights

Meet and finish outside St. Teresa's Church, Heaton Road.

Enjoy a pleasant summer evening 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.

Wednesday 31 July 7.00pm

Is there a Doctor in the House?

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish at Broad Chare.

From medieval alms houses to the beginnings of the medical school, join this walk to discover parts of the town that were, and still are, linked to the medical profession and the care of Newcastle's residents.

Sunday 4 August 2.30pm

Saltwell Park Stroll

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



See 26 May for walk details.

Wednesday 7 August 6.45pm

Newcastle Civic Centre

Booking essential

Meet under the Council Chamber, Civic Centre. See behind the scenes, and walk the corridors of power around our fine Town Hall with a rare opportunity to climb the Carillon tower to look across the City.

Sunday 11 August 2.30pm

Whickham Graveyard

Meet on the Green in front of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Explore Whickham's ancient graveyard. Discover the last resting place of a great Victorian sporting hero, examine the memorial to a Master of the King's Musick, find a famous epitaph of a railwayman and much more. Learn about the gentry, industrialists and ordinary folk of Whickham.

Wednesday 14 August 6.45pm

West Walls and Blackfriars

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 the medieval Blackfriars, one of the country's few remaining medieval friaries.

Sunday 18 August 2.30pm

Lovely Low Fell

Meet and finish at Barclays Bank, Durham Road, Low Fell.

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.

Wednesday 21 August 6.45pm

Grass Roots Gosforth

Meet at the car park of the County Hotel, High Street, finish at St Nicholas Church.

See 2 June for walk details.

Sunday 25 August 2.30pm

The Changing Face of Benwell

Meet and finish at St James' Church, Benwell Lane.

In the 19th Century Benwell was home to some of the most wealthy and powerful people on Tyneside and was a peaceful and rural area. See how Benwell has changed and developed since then and hear of the many powerful people who lived here.

Wednesday 28 August 6.45pm

Wallsend Walkabout

Meet at Wallsend Metro Station, finish at The Green area.

Memories of Wallsend with its name derived from the days of the Romans at Segedunum and remembering former industries such as shipbuilding and coal mining. Walk past the 'Penny Wet' to finish at the quiet village green.

Sunday 1 September 2.30pm

Summerhill Sunday

Meet at Cardinal Hume Statue opposite 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 where the Victorian cricketer W G Grace played bowls.

Sunday 8 September 2.30pm

High Life in Low Fell

Meet and finish at Barclay's Bank, Durham Road, Low Fell.

A sneaky peek at some of the grand houses of Low Fell, and hear stories of the Victorian industrialists who built them.



Thursday 12 September -

Sunday 15 September

Heritage Open Days

A selection of walks will be offered as part of this event. Details will be published in the Heritage Open Days booklet available from NewcastleGateshead Visitor Information Centre nearer the time or check the Heritage Open Days website at www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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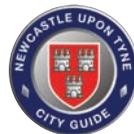
Black and White Friars

Meet at the Castle Keep, finish at Blackfriars.

On this walk hear about medieval Newcastle, the Civil War Siege, 18th-century polite society and more.

- This walk includes some stairs.

Enjoy exploring NewcastleGateshead by joining one of the walks with Newcastle City Guides www.newcastlecityguides.org.uk



Sunday 29 September 2.30pm

Swinging 60s Newcastle

Meet under the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, finish on Westgate Road.

See 24 July for walk details.

Wednesday 2 October 7.00pm

Grisly Tales

Booking essential

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish at the Castle Keep.

Enjoy some historical gossip about some of the grisly goings on in Newcastle in centuries past.

Sunday 6 October 2.30pm

Top of the Town

Meet and finish at Haymarket Metro Station.

See 17 July for walk details.

Wednesday 9 October 7.00pm

Ghostly and Grisly Quayside Tales

Booking essential

Meet and finish at the Guildhall.

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

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See 19 May for walk details.

Wednesday 30 October 7.00pm

Walk on the Dark Side

Booking essential

Meet at Grey's Monument, finish at Quayside.

Do you dare join us at Halloween? Who will we bump into on this walk around haunted Newcastle?

Friday 27 December 2.00pm

Winter Warmer Wander along the Riverside

Booking essential

Meet at the Guildhall, finish at St Mary's Heritage Centre, Gateshead Quays.

Enjoy a short tour along The Close and Newcastle and Gateshead's historic riverside with seasonal refreshments at St Mary's Church.

Free walk - Refreshments £2 in advance when booking.



Saturday 28 December 2.00pm

Winter Warmer Wander - Doon the Quay

Booking essential

Meet at the Guildhall, finish at St Mary's Heritage Centre, Gateshead Quays.

One hour informal walk crossing the Millennium Bridge with seasonal refreshments at St Mary's. This walk covers a different route from Friday's walk.

Free walk - Refreshments £2 in advance when booking.