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Welcome to your heritage!

Heritage Open Days is England’s largest festival of architecture, history and culture and it’s all FREE.

This year is the celebration of 25 years of Heritage Open Days, and the theme is People Power. Thanks to all our participants in Tyne & Wear, it wouldn’t happen without you.

Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust is delighted to coordinate this year’s brochure, and be part of such an amazing series of events in our region. Enjoy the breadth of activities on offer and if you want more, why not join the Trust in this our 40th year to find out more about your local heritage and what we’re doing to bring new life to old buildings.

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All the events in this booklet are taking place free of charge and especially for Heritage Open Days in Tyne and Wear 2019
Log On! In the booklet we are able to include only the basic information about each of the sites and activities in the extensive HODs in Tyne and Wear programme.

Visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk to find all the detailed information you need to plan your fortnight in advance and make the most of the 2019 event!

Get Sociable!

Don’t forget, follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/twhods for the latest updates and join us on Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/hodstw to network with other like-minded people.

Disclaimer We have tried to ensure details are correct at the time of printing but, due to the nature of the event, participation, times and pre-booked places cannot be guaranteed. Please check at www.heritageopendays.org.uk before you set off as we will try to post any changes there. The organisers cannot accept responsibility for inconvenience or disappointment caused by errors, omissions or changes.

Event Feedback

Your feedback is essential to the future development and success of Heritage Open Days in Tyne and Wear, so we would love to hear any comments you have. If you have any comments please email Fiona Tobin at Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust and let us know what you think.

fiona@twbpt.org.uk
Information and Key

Pre-book

Some buildings and most activities must be pre-booked. Use the contact details in the entry to book a place. To avoid disappointment, book well before the HODs fortnight as many have limited places. **Please let the organisers know as soon as possible if you can’t make it so that someone else can take your place.**

Getting There

You will find it helpful to use a Tyne and Wear AtoZ which covers most locations listed. Where available, postcodes have been provided to allow you to use SatNav or the Internet to find the buildings or events. Use public transport if you can. If you are driving, please use the parking facilities indicated. If these are local streets, try to avoid inconveniencing local people.

Access

Entries marked Full disabled access are suitable for wheelchair users. Partial disabled access may involve a few steps, or have only part of the building fully accessible. Many walks are marked Partial disabled access as they might go beyond normal pavements. Contact the venue direct to get more information.

‘We have had a great few days visiting places on HODs in Tyne and Wear. Looking forward to next year and planning our next trips out already. Two very happy customers.’

Photos: © Andrew Heptinstall
Entry Fees
Entry fees are waived only for the days and times indicated in each entry. Some venues may make a charge for another part of their site not taking part in Heritage Open Days 2019.

Children
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

How to use this Booklet
The booklet is laid out by District – Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland. Within each District the properties or activities are laid out in alphabetical order of their title.

Donations
Although entry to all buildings and activities is free, many are run by volunteers or rely on donations. Buying refreshments or guide books etc will often help with upkeep and repairs, and donations are always gratefully received.

Key to symbols
- Pre-booking is essential for this event. The contact details and ways to book (phone, email, and/or website) are given in the entry. **It is not possible to just turn up**
- Limited capacity for event
- Just turn up anytime during the dates and times shown
- Parking available on site or nearby
- Toilet facility available on site or nearby
- Full disabled access
- Partial disabled access
- No disabled access
- Disabled parking available on site
- Disabled toilet facility available on site
- The building or part of it is not normally open to the public
- Normally an entry fee is charged; for Heritage Open Days – **No Charge**
- Child or family friendly event
- Walks and Tours. Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the type of walk or tour
- New event this year
- People Power

‘Many thanks for the hard work that goes into HODs. Long may the event continue!’
Gateshead

BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art

Little Theatre

Saltwell Park

Tanfield Railway

The Banqueting House

Ryton Holy Cross Church

St Chad’s Church

St Patrick’s RC Church

Dunston Staiths © Graeme Peacock
BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art: Building and History Tours | South Shore Road NE8 3BA | Housed in a landmark industrial building on the south bank of the River Tyne, BALTIC is a major international centre for contemporary art. Come find out more about BALTIC, the building and its history and the Quayside. Tours last 45 mins (allows 1 hour to get to BALTIC 39 should visitors wish to go on both tours). A Heritage Display will be accessible in BALTIC’s Library & Archive during gallery hours 10.00–18.00. Visitors will also be able to enjoy some Building & History themed family tours and activities at BALTIC, please check www.baltic.art for further details.

Open: Fri 13–Sun 22 Sept: Tours 10.15–11.00 | Book online: www.baltic.art

Bensham Grove Community Centre | Sidney Grove NE8 2XD | The Community Centre lies just outside of the centre of Gateshead and near to the A1. It is opposite the Whickham House pub | Grade II listed building with Tours and Activities. From the early Victorians and William Morris to the Pre-Raphaelite painters, 1930s Art and present day Crafts. All to be seen at Bensham Grove when our friendly Open Day takes place. Tours last 30 minutes.

Open: Sun 22 Sept: Tours 10.00–16.00

Chopwell Wood Family Hands on Heritage | Hookergate Lane, High Spen NE39 1LT | The entrance to the wood is off Hookergate Lane, the B6315 from Rowlands Gill to High Spen. Follow the brown signs into the Wood and continue until you reach the main car park. The event will be at the Pines, signed from the noticeboard in the main car park | Get stuck in to heritage with traditional skills for the whole family as we celebrate Land of Oak & Iron and 100 years of forestry. Please see Land of Oak & Iron’s website for event updates.

Open: Sun 22 Sept: 11.00–15.00

Discover Derwentcote Steel Furnace | Forge Lane, Hamsterley Colliery NE17 7RS | Car park on opposite side of road to the furnace | Find out how iron was turned into steel hundreds of years ago at Derwentcote Steel Furnace and get hands on with our family friendly activities.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: Tour 10.00–12.00 | Sat 14 Sept: 12.00–16.00 | Mon 16 Sept: Tour 17.00–19.00 | Book online: landofoakandiron.org.uk/whats-on

Dunston Staiths | Staithes Road, Dunston NE11 9DR | Fabulous unique views from this urban pier being restored by Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust. Opening later for visitors to catch the sunset with guided tours Sat 14 & 21 12.00 & 14.00, Food Market on Sat 14 11.00–15.00.

Open: Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–20.00 | Sun 15 & Sun 22 Sept: 10.00–17.00

www.heritageopendays.org.uk
Gateshead’s Historic Quayside | St Mary’s Heritage Centre, Oakwellgate NE8 2AU | Situated between the Tyne Bridge & Sage Gateshead | A display of historic photographs of streets, buildings and other interesting features that once defined the riverside.
Open: Fri 13 & Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00 | Tues 17–Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00

LC Max per tour: 70  P  WC

Gibside | National Trust, Gibside Estate, Burnopfield NE16 6BG | Gibside is one of a few surviving 18th-century designed landscapes and was fashioned with two things in mind: spectacular views and ‘wow’ moments. There is also a rare opportunity to glimpse inside the crypt, especially for Heritage Open Days.
Open: Sat 14 Sept: 09.30–21.00 | Sun 15 Sept: 09.30–18.00

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Historic Chopwell Woodland Park | Hookergate Lane, High Spen NE39 1LT | The entrance to the wood is off Hookergate Lane, the B6315 from Rowlands Gill to High Spen. Follow the brown signs into the Wood and continue until you reach the main car park. The walk will start from the Pines, which will be signed from the noticeboard in the main car park. | Walk through Chopwell Woodland Park and discover how it has changed over several thousand years. The walk lasts 1 hour and will use forest paths and tracks and include some steep slopes. Please wear stout footwear and suitable outdoor clothing. This walk is being led from the Family Hands on Heritage event. Please visit the Land of Oak & Iron website to find out more about the larger event.
Open: Sun 22 Sept: 13.00 | Book by e-mail: landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk | Book online: landofoakandiron.org.uk/whats-on

Pre-book walk: 01207 524883  LC Max per walk: 25  P  WC  NEW

Land of Oak & Iron Heritage Centre, Ambrose Crowley, a man ahead of his time | Spa Well Road, Winlaton Mill, Blaydon-on-Tyne NE21 6RU | The Land of Oak & Iron Heritage Centre is at the main traffic lights and crossroads in Winlaton Mill, on the A694. | Was Crowley’s Mill No. 1 the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution? Find out all about Ambrose Crowley’s Ironworks and then decide for yourself at this informative session.
Open: Tues 17 & Wed 18 Sept: 17.15–19.00 | Book by e-mail: landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk | Book online: landofoakandiron.org.uk/whats-on

Pre-book tour: 01207 524883  LC Max per tour: 25  P  WC  NEW  PP

Parish Church of St Paul, Winlaton | St Paul’s Rectory, Scotland Head NE21 6PL | The Church is open for visitors to take time away from the busy day-to-day life that surrounds us – people are welcome to explore the history of the church or just to take time to meditate. Toilet facilities are across the road in the Church Hall.
Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

P  WC  NEW
Progressive Players at the Little Theatre, Gateshead | 1–4 Saltwell View NE8 4JS
The theatre is situated opposite the main entrance to Saltwell Park. Visit Gateshead’s only live theatre owned by the amateur drama group, the Progressive Players. Built during World War II in an art deco style this is an Aladdin’s cave of costume, props, lighting and sound equipment. Tours last 1–2 hours.
Open: Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Ryton Holy Cross Church | Ryton Village Green NE40 3AA
An 800-year-old church with fine stained glass windows and carvings.
Open: Fri 13 & Sun 15 Sept: 14.00–20.00 | Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00 | Mon 16–Thur 19 Sept: 11.00–17.00 | Fri 20 & Sun 22 Sept: 14.00–20.00 | Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Saltwell Park Heritage Walk | Tea Room, Saltwell Towers, Saltwell Park NE8 4SF
53 and 54 Bus Service to Saltwell Park leave from Gateshead Interchange. A walk around Saltwell Park pointing out some interesting facts about its history. Tours last 45 mins–1 hour.
Open: Sat 14 Sept: 14.00 | Tues 17 Sept: 13.00
Pre-book Walk: 0191 482 2695 | Max per walk: 20

Saltwell Recreation and Remembrance | Saltwell Park, 3 East Park Road NE9 5AX
Saltwell Park main entrance is opposite the Little Theatre (1-4A Saltwell View, NE8 4JS). The main entrance is where we meet, on the corner of Saltwell View and East Park Road. A look at how people are remembered in Saltwell Park and in Saltwell Cemetery. Tour lasts 1.5–2 hours. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear according to the weather on the day.
Open: Sun 15 Sept: 11.00–13.00 | Book by e-mail: gatesheadlhs@gmail.com
Pre-book Walk by e-mail | Max per walk: 30

St Chad’s Church, Bensham | Westminster Street NE8 4QE
On the corner of Rawling Road and Westminster Street. Built as a cathedral for the working people, this 1903 Victorian high gothic church with arts & crafts tendencies has stunning woodwork, stained glass and artefacts, and lots of good stories. Truly a hidden treasure.
Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00
St Helen’s Church, Low Fell | Belle Vue Bank NE9 6BR | The church is just down the bank from the Low Fell Shopping area on Durham Road | Visitors will learn about some of key people who attended the church in its early years, and how the church became part of the growing society in Low Fell.

Open: Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sept: 10.00–16.00

St Mary’s Heritage Centre, North East Life in the 1970s & 80s | Oakwellgate NE8 2AU | Remember the days of flared trousers, decimalisation and power cuts with local author Andrew Clark.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 11.00–12.00 | Book online: https://online.gateshead.gov.uk/EventTicketsOnline/pages/boxoffice.aspx?icid=WhatsOn

St Mary’s Heritage Centre – Coffins, Plagues and Burials Walk | Oakwellgate NE8 2AU | Explore some of the ways people lived and died as well as discovering some of the more bizarre remedies which were available.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: 10.00–11.00 | Book online: https://online.gateshead.gov.uk/EventTicketsOnline/pages/boxoffice.aspx?icid=WhatsOn

St Mary’s Heritage Centre – Headstones & Heritage Guided Tour | Oakwellgate NE8 2AU | Discover the hidden glories of St Mary’s both inside and outside in this 90-minute tour.

Open: Sat 21 Sept: 11.00 | Book online: https://online.gateshead.gov.uk/EventTicketsOnline/pages/boxoffice.aspx?icid=WhatsOn

St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas RC Church, Stella | Stella Road NE21 4LR | Church built in 1831. Plain interior with beautiful Pugin and Barnett stained/painted glass windows. 1831 vestments on display. Lovely grounds to look around. Refreshments served. Tour lasts 20–30 minutes.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.30–16.30
The Banqueting House | Gibside Estate, Burnopfield NE16 6AA | This Gothic folly sits on the edge of the National Trust’s Gibside estate. It stands in the highest part of the park in a grassy clearing, looking down on octagonal pool with views to the Derwent Valley and beyond. For those coming to visit our Landmark you can also visit Gibside Park which is managed by The National Trust. Ticket pricing is available on their website.

**Open:** Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Tanfield Railway | Marley Hill NE16 5ET | One mile south of Sunniside on the A6076 to Stanley – Sunniside road | Join us at the oldest working engine shed. Learn what it takes to keep the world’s oldest railway operating. Take a guided tour of areas not usually open to the public. Tours last approx 45 minutes. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

**Open:** Sun 15, Mon 16, Tues 17, Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: Talks & Tours 10.30–16.00

The Pathology Centre Tour, Queen Elizabeth Hospital | Queen Elizabeth Hospital NE9 6SX | The Pathology Centre, is situated on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital site. If driving, enter via entrances C or D (Windy Nook Road), car park 2 is closest. Once onto the site the department is signposted and is located towards the rear of the site. A map is available from www.qegateshead.nhs.uk | The tour will take visitors through the journey of a sample from start to finish and includes specialist biomedical scientists on hand to answer any questions as they are taken through the 4 major disciplines of pathology.

**Open:** Thur 19 & Fri 20 Sept: 18.00–20.00 | **Book by e-mail:** richard.hardy3@nhs.net

Whinfield Coke Ovens | Highfield Road, Whinfield Industrial Estate, Highfield NE39 1EN | Go to the end of Highfield Road, the entrance to the Coke Ovens is on your left in front of a unit that looks like a war time Anderson shelter. Learn about the history of the coke ovens, which were the last to operate in Britain up until 1958 and enjoy a guided walk towards the tunnel at Victoria Garesfield. In partnership with Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust

**Open:** Thur 19 Sept: Talk & Walk 18.00–20.00 | **Book by e-mail:** landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk | **Book online:** landofoakandiron.org.uk/whats-on

Winlaton Forge Open Day | Winlaton Cottage Forge, Front Street, Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne NE21 6AR | Cottage forge containing various artefacts and information about the history of Winlaton. **Open:** Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–12.00
Newcastle upon Tyne
Alderman Fenwick’s House | 98-100 Pilgrim Street NE1 6SQ | A rare chance to get inside this Grade I listed, 17/18th century merchant’s house. Fine panelled first floor room, with decorative plaster ceiling. Beautifully restored by Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust. A pop-up tearoom will provide refreshments. **Open:** Thur 19 Sept: 10.00–15.00

All Saints’ Church Hard Hat Tour | Akenside Hill NE1 3UF | All Saints’ Church is an iconic building on the skyline of the Tyne gorge. Take this unique opportunity to view inside with the City Guides and Church volunteers for a guided hard hat walk. In association with Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust. Tour takes 20 minutes approx, first come, first served. Please wear appropriate shoes, hard hats provided. There will also be a Heritage Fair to entertain you whilst you wait for your tour. **Open:** Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00

All Saints’ Gosforth Open Day | West Avenue, Gosforth NE3 4ES | Come visit and see inside All Saints’ Church in Gosforth. Art Exhibition, Organ Recitals, Information Tours, Church Tower is open, Children’s Treasure Hunt and light refreshments. Tours throughout the afternoon lasting 30 mins. On-street parking is available outside the church including disabled parking but please read the parking signs carefully. **Open:** Sun 15 Sept: 12.00–17.00

Armstrong Park and Jesmond Vale Guided Walk | Meet at the Pavilion in Heaton Park NE6 5JS | Some of the walks are steep in parts, ground is uneven in parts. No shelter if it rains whilst on the walks. Can be muddy underfoot. **Open:** Wed 18 Sept: Tour 13.30–15.30

BALTIC 39: Building and History Tours | 39 High Bridge NE1 1EW | BALTIC 39 is located in the 1903 built Wards Building. Today BALTIC 39 is home to BALTIC’s project space and Northumbria University’s Art Department, as well as artists and creative businesses. Come for a guided tour and discover more about the site and its history. During Heritage Open Days 2019 you can discover more through Building & History Tours both at BALTIC and BALTIC 39, enjoy a Heritage Display in BALTIC’s Library & Archive and enjoy some Building & History themed family tours and activities at BALTIC. **Open:** Fri 13–Sun 22 Sept: Tours 12.00–12.45 | Book online: www.baltic.art

Benwell Parish Church of St James | Benwell Lane NE15 6RR | Originally designed by John Dobson and opened in 1833, St James is one of the few remaining heritage buildings in this area and tells a fascinating story of industrial development and social change. **Open:** Fri 20 Sept: 10.00 Church; Talk ‘Communities in Action’ 10.30 | Sat 21 Sept: 10.30–16.00 Church & Graveyard – tours, exhibitions, heritage guides; Guided tour of the graveyard 11.00
Bessie Surtees House | 41–44 Sandhill NE1 3JF | Located on the Quayside, opposite the Guildhall | Join Historic England to find out about how people power saves historic environments and celebrate our 30-year anniversary in Bessie Surtees House! Tour some of the private rooms on a booked guided tour. Tours last 45 minutes.

**Open:** Fri 13 & Mon 16–Fri 20 Sept: 10.00–16.00 (no tours, just access to the exhibition and public rooms) | Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–17.00, Tours and access to the rooms and exhibition | **Book by e-mail:** NorthEast@historicengland.org.uk

- Pre-book tours: 0191 269 1255
- LC Max per tour: 15
- WC NC PP

Blackfriars – Restaurant, Parlour Bar, Banquet Hall, Cookery School and Tasting Room | Blackfriars NE1 4XN | Learn the history of the former 13th century friary, which has been in existence for more than 800 years and home to the Dominican Friars, aka Black Friars, through a talk and private tour. The restaurant is housed in the former refectory of the friars and is believed to be the oldest purpose-built dining room in the Britain. Visitors can now see its new parlour bar, spectacular Banquet Hall, cookery school and tasting room. Further information [www.blackfriarsrestaurant.co.uk/events](http://www.blackfriarsrestaurant.co.uk/events).

**Open:** Fri 13 & Fri 20 Sept: Tours 11.00–12.00

- Pre-book: 0191 261 5945
- LC Max per tour: 40
- WC NC PP

Chillingham Road Primary School Museum | Chillingham Road, Heaton NE6 5XX | The school is close to Chillingham Road Metro Station and the Chillingham Arms | Come visit this small museum in Chillingham Road Primary School. Created by a group of enthusiastic volunteers it provides a unique insight into the life of a Newcastle primary school which first opened its gates in 1893.

**Open:** Sun 22 Sept: 11.00–16.00

- WC PP

Church of the Divine Unity (Newcastle Unitarian Church) | Ellison Place NE1 8XG | Next to MEA House and Northumbria University’s Wynne Jones Building. Behind the Ellison Place public car park | The Church of the Divine Unity is one of Newcastle’s only Art Deco churches. Normally closed except for worship, the Grade-II listed building is one of the city’s hidden gems. This year may be its last Heritage Open Days, as the church is being sold. Self-guided tour takes around 30 minutes. Light refreshments provided.

**Open:** Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00 | Sun 15 & Sun 22 Sept: 12.00–15.00

- WC PP

City Guides Walk: Summerhill Special | Meet near the main entrance of the Discovery Museum Blandford Square NE1 4JA | Join the City Guides in a guided walk through the delightful but little explored Summerhill area which recently featured in the BBC series A House Through Time. Discover this leafy 19th century suburb which was home to some prominent Quaker families and other influential individuals over the decades. Tour lasts 90 minutes.

**Open:** Wed 18 Sept: 11.00

- WC NC NEW
City Guides: Guided Walk – Visitors to Newcastle | Grey’s Monument, Grainger Street NE1 5AF | Meet at Grey’s Monument the walk ends near the High Level Bridge on the Newcastle Quayside | This guided walk by City Guides takes a look at some of the many visitors who have come to Newcastle over the centuries. Tour lasts 90 minutes.

**Open:** Sat 14 Sept: 11.00

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Civic Centre Banqueting Suite and Lord Mayor’s Silver Gallery | Civic Centre, Barras Bridge NE1 8QH | Close to the Haymarket Metro Station and St Thomas the Martyr Church. Public Pay and display car park at the rear of the Civic Centre | Come on a fantastic tour around the Civic Centre Banqueting Suite and Lord Mayor’s Silver Gallery. You will see beautiful Bavarian Crystal Chandeliers, original art work.

**Open:** Sat 21 Sept: Tour 12.00–13.30 | Book by e-mail: enquiries@theciviccentre.co.uk

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Collections Showcase: People Power in the Archive | University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Philip Robinson Library, 1 Jesmond Road West NE2 4HQ | Located on Level 1, Special Collections and Archives Reading Room. Near to the Great North Museum Hancock. Nearby Metro Stations are Haymarket and Jesmond, which are about a 10-minute walk from the Philip Robinson Library | Join the Special Collections and Archives team in this free Collections Showcase event to explore and handle our rare and distinctive treasures inspired by People Power from our archive and rare book collections.

**Open:** Thur 19 Sept: 13.00–16.00 | Book online: https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=297571

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Commercial Union House | 39 Pilgrim Street NE1 6QE | Opposite Tyneside cinema / next door to STACK, building that spans the road on Pilgrim Street. Tours meet in Foyer | Listen to John Grundy, author and TV presenter talk about “Concrete Dreams: Brutalism and the North East”. Take a tour of this 1971 Brutalist office building, one of the few remaining in Newcastle and spend some time with the building’s residents.

**Open:** Mon 16 Sept: Tour 13.00, Talk 14.00, Tour 15.00 | Book tours by e-mail: events@ampersandinventions.com | Book talk online: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concrete-dreams-brutalism-and-the-north-east-tickets-61503680163

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www.heritageopendays.org.uk
Cooper’s Studios: Auction House and Horse Repository | 14–18 Westgate Road NE1 3NN | Opposite Sleeperz Hotel | Cooper’s Studios is Grade II listed and one of the last remaining examples of a ‘Horse, Carriage, Cycle and Autocar Repository’ in the UK. The tour of this fascinating building will look at its history, original features, and its 2010 restoration and refurbishment by Ryder Architecture. Tours last 45 minutes.

**Open:** Sun 22 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00 & 12.00 | **Book by e-mail:** HOD@ryderarchitecture.com

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**Discovery Museum – Behind-the-Scenes Tours** | Blandford Square NE1 4JA | Meet at the Welcome Desk | Free access to the fascinating museum galleries and exhibitions. Tours last 1 hour.

**Open:** Thur 19–Sun 22 Sept: Tours 11.00 & 14.00 | **Book by e-mail:** info@discoverymuseum.org.uk

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**From Flax to Freelance: The History of 36 Lime Street** | Ouseburn Warehouse Workshops, 36 Lime Street NE1 2PQ | Adjacent to Seven Stories, National Centre for Children’s Books and the Cluny Public House | Join Ouseburn expert Mike Greatbatch and 36 Lime Street artist Sue Woolhouse on a tour of the interior and exterior of 36 Lime Street.

**Open:** Thur 19 & Sat 21 Sept: Tours 14.00

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**Graft and Glory at Berwick Museum and Art Gallery** | The Clock Block, Parade, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1DG | Join the Common Room team and their travelling Graft and Glory exhibition telling the story of how engineers and innovators from the North East changed the world. Recommended visit time: 1 hour.

**Open:** Fri 13–Sun 15 Sept: 11.00–16.00

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**Graft and Glory at Hexham Old Gaol and House of Correction** | The Old Gaol, Hall Gate NE46 1XD | Meet at the Old Gaol | Join the Common Room team and their travelling Graft and Glory exhibition telling the story of how engineers and innovators from the North East changed the world. Lecture at Old Gaol lasts an hour with questions. Tours of House of Correction will last 40 mins to an hour.

**Open:** Sat 14–Sun 15 Sept: Tours 14.30 | Sat 21 Sept: Lecture 13.00–14.00, Tour 14.30 | Sun 22 Sept: Tour 14.30 | **Book by e-mail:** collections@museumsnorthumberland.org.uk
Graft and Glory at Morpeth Chantry | The Chantry, Bridge Street NE61 1PD | Join the Common Room team and their travelling Graft and Glory exhibition telling the story of how engineers and innovators from the North East changed the world. Allow 30 mins for visit.
Open: Fri 13 & Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–17.00 | Mon 16–Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–17.00

Graft and Glory at Woodhorn Museum | Woodhorn Museum, Queen Elizabeth II Country Park, Ashington NE63 9YF | Join the Common Room team and their travelling Graft and Glory exhibition telling the story of how engineers and innovators from the North East changed the world. A rare chance to see gallantry medals and other items from the New Hartley Disaster. Recommended visit time: 1–2 hours.
Open: Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Grainger Market Tours | Grainger Street NE1 5QQ | Tours meet at the Market Inspector’s Office, Alley 2 | Join us on a fascinating tour of the historic Grainger Market.
Open: Fri 13, Sat 14, Mon 16–Sat 21 Sept: Market 09.00–17.30, Tours 14.00
Book online: www.eventbrite.com/e/grainger-market-heritage-open-day-tours-tickets-65513172663

Great North Museum: Hancock – Joshua Alder’s Newcastle | Barras Bridge NE2 4PT | The Library is on the second floor, best reached by taking the lift. The library is on the left as you exit the lift | Joshua Alder was a renowned local naturalist who lived in Newcastle 1792–1867, a period when the area was a hotbed of discovery and invention. He gained international recognition for his pioneering work on sea slugs and other molluscs. Alder featured in a recent BBC television programme that investigated the house he occupied in Newcastle. This is a chance to view unique material about Alder and his work and gain an insight into life in Newcastle during this eventful period.
Open: Fri 13 Sept: 11.00–15.30

Heaton Park Guided Walk | Heaton Park NE6 5JS | Meet at the Pavilion | Some of the walks are steep in parts, ground is uneven in parts. No shelter if it rains whilst on the walks. Can be muddy underfoot.
Pre-book: 0191 281 2082
Heritage Tours of Jesmond Old Cemetery | Jesmond Old Cemetery, Jesmond Road NE2 1NL | Meet at South Lodge adjacent to the Sandyford Road Entrance | Join the Friends of Jesmond Old Cemetery on a heritage tour of this cultural and historical gem; there are memorials to over 25,000 people contained within its walls – we can’t talk about them all, but you won’t be disappointed by the ones we do. Wear suitable footwear and outdoor clothing.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: Tour 14.00–16.00 | Sat 14 Sept: Tour 10.00–12.00 | Book online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-day-2019-tours-of-jesmond-old-cemetery-tickets-61625952884

Historic Leazes Park | Leazes Park Lodge, Richardson Road NE2 4BJ | Meeting point: the lakeside jetty, in front of the Tower Café. Car parking available in the car park in the park, entrance from Richardson Road, or on Richardson Road itself. Easy walk from Haymarket bus station/ Metro | Enjoy a leisurely walk through Newcastle’s first ‘people’s park’, opened to the public in 1873. Find out about it’s history, it’s features, flora and fauna, and the newly constructed ‘Friends Garden’. Refreshments plus tour, approx 2 hours.

Open: Sun 22 Sept: 14.00–16.00

Jesmond Dene Guided Walk | Jesmond Dene NE7 7BQ | Meet at Visitor Centre | Some of the walks are steep in parts, ground is uneven in parts. No shelter if it rains whilst on the walks. Can be muddy underfoot. Open: Sat 14 Sept: Walk 13.30–15.30

Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club | Matthew Bank NE2 3RE | The club is an 8-minute walk from Ilford Road Metro station. Parking in the vicinity of the Court is difficult during weekdays. Plentiful at weekends | A unique opportunity to view inside this Victorian Real Tennis court which is in daily use by members of Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club. A walk around the building takes approximately 20 mins.

Open: Fri 13–Sun 15 Sept: 12.00–16.00 | Fri 20–Sun 22 Sept: 12.00–16.00

Jesmond Library Talk: Community Transfer of a Heritage Asset | St George’s Terrace, Jesmond NE2 2DL | 5 minutes from West Jesmond Metro Station | A talk by Chris Clarke, Trustee of the Friends of Jesmond Library, about the community asset transfer of Jesmond Library, a listed building, in 2013 and the development and stewardship of the library as a community hub and heritage asset since then. Open: Sat 21 Sept: 17.00–18.00
Jesmond Parish Church | Eskdale Terrace NE2 4DJ | Located opposite the entrance to Jesmond Metro station | An opportunity to visit Jesmond Parish Church and view the interior which includes wood carving by Ralph Hedley and stained glass by George Baguley and Lawrence Lee. **Open:** Sat 14 Sept: 11.00–14.00 | Sun 15 & Sun 22 Sept: All are welcome to Sunday services at 10.45 & 18.30

Jesmond United Reformed Church | Burdon Terrace NE2 3AE | Next door to Church High School (now Newcastle High School) | Come and visit the magnificent Grade II listed Jesmond United Reformed Church, built in 1888 and refurbished four years ago. **Open:** Fri 13 Sept: 19.30–22.00, free concert by Axum Folk Ensemble and Storiella vocal trio 19.30 | Sat 14 Sept: 12.00–16.00, free organ recital by Kris Thomsett 13.00 | Sun 15 Sept: 12.00–16.00, Morning service 10.45, ‘Songs of Praise’ 15.00

Live Theatre Heritage Tours | Broad Chare, Quayside NE1 3DQ | Take a guided tour of Live Theatre, its historic quayside buildings made up of old warehouses and almshouses. See behind the scenes, in dressing rooms, and historic rooms and offices not normally open to the public. Tours last 1 hour. **Open:** Sun 22 Sept: Tours 11.00, 13.00 & 15.30 | Book online: www.live.org.uk

Natural History Society of Northumbria – Cabinet of Curiosities | Council Room, Second Floor, Great North Museum: Hancock NE2 4PT | Visit the prestigious Council Room of the Natural History Society of Northumbria. Discover the hidden treasures in the room and view a selection of fascinating curiosities from the Society’s archives. **Open:** Fri 13 Sept: 11.00–15.30

Newcastle Assembly House: Tour and Talk – From Mansion House to Art House | 55 Westgate Road NE1 1SG | 50 yards from Central Station and opposite the Assembly Rooms | A seat of 17th and 18th century power. A very special building like a grand country house planted in the middle of the city, quite dull from Westgate Road but very different from an unknown private courtyard. A treasure that could so easily have been lost in the 1970s. Tours last approx 35 minutes. **Open:** Sat 21 Sept: Tours 11.00, 12.00, 14.00 | **Book online:** www.newcastle-arts-centre.co.uk

www.heritageopendays.org.uk
Newcastle Castle | Castle Garth NE1 1RQ | Next to the Newcastle end of the High Level Bridge | Come and visit Newcastle Castle to meet some of the colourful medieval characters who will be inhabiting the ancient halls and get a selfie from the roof with the most amazing views of Newcastle as a backdrop. Open: Fri 13 & Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–17.00 (last entry 16.15)

Newcastle Cathedral – Dare You Climb the Tower? | St Nicholas Square, Mosley Street NE1 1PF | Located on the junction of Mosley Street and St Nicholas Street. Meet by the font at the Cathedral’s West End | A rare chance to climb the 162 steps of Newcastle Cathedral’s Lantern Tower with breathtaking views of the city. Each aspect of the tower reveals a unique story of the heritage and people of Newcastle upon Tyne. Tours will last approx 60 mins.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: Tours 10.00, 12.00 & 14.00 | Sat 14 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 12.00 | Book online: www.stnicholascathedral.co.uk

Newcastle City Library: Cobbled Streets and Penny Sweets, with Local Author and Historian Yvonne Young | 33 New Bridge Street West NE1 8AX | Join Yvonne Young to share memories of a Geordie Childhood, from her new book Cobbled Streets and Penny Sweets. Above all, it is a story of family, friendship and getting through the hard times with a healthy dose of Geordie humour.

Open: Wed 18 Sept: 14.00–15.00 | Book by e-mail: information@newcastle.gov.uk | Book online: www.newcastle.gov.uk/libraryevents

Newcastle City Library: Discover Charles Avison with James Sutton | 33 New Bridge Street West NE1 8AX | Who was Charles Avison and why is the City Library building named after him? Find out about Avison, Newcastle’s famous 18th century composer and concert organiser, and hear about his revival by The Avison Ensemble and the recent donation of the Avison Ensemble Archive to the City Library.

Open: Sat 21 Sept: 11.30–12.30 | Book by e-mail: information@newcastle.gov.uk | Book online: www.newcastle.gov.uk/libraryevents

Newcastle University – Armstrong Building and the Boiler House Tour | NE1 7RU | Meet at Main Entrance of Armstrong Building, Queen Victoria Road | A walking tour of the historic Armstrong Building to see original historic features and newly refurbished spaces as well as the adjacent Boiler House. Both Buildings are intrinsic to the formation of Newcastle University.

Open: Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 13.00 (doors close at 5 mins past the hour) | Book by e-mail: james.morton@newcastle.ac.uk
Paddy Freeman’s and Wild Jesmond Dene Guided Walk | Paddy Freeman’s Park, Freeman Road NE7 7DN | Meet at the Cafe Kiosk beside the Boating Lake | Some of the walks are steep in parts, ground is uneven in parts. No shelter if it rains whilst on the walks. Can be muddy underfoot. Open: Fri 20 Sept: Walk 13.30–15.30

Parish Church of St John the Baptist | Grainger Street NE1 5JG | Junction of Grainger Street and Westgate Road | Free informal guided tours of this fascinating Medieval Parish Church (11.30–14.50) with very interesting features, free information leaflets available. Tours last 30 minutes. Refreshments Saturday morning only.

St George’s Church, Jesmond | St George’s Close, Osborne Road NE2 2TF | Come visit and take a tour of the magnificent St George’s Church. Tours last 45 minutes.

St Matthew’s Church, Summerhill | Big Lamp, Summerhill Street NE4 6EH | During Heritage Open Days visit St Matthew’s Church in Summerhill, a glorious example of the Victorian Gothic Revival.

Summerhill Bowling Club | Winchester Terrace NE4 6EH | Bus Connections: 10, 11, 30, 31, 38 Nearest Metro: Central Station. Limited Parking available at Summerhill Bowling Club | Visit Summerhill Bowling Club, situated in Summerhill Square (as seen in “A House Through Time”). Discover the rich history of Summerhill Square and find out how the local community rescued the bowling club for community use. Tours last approx 45 mins.

Swing Bridge Tours | Quayside NE1 3RQ | Meet at the top of the stairs halfway along the Swing Bridge 15 mins prior to tour | A rare chance to see inside the iconic Swing Bridge. Tours last approx 45 mins. Please be aware that this is an operational area. Not suitable for children under 12 years. Appropriate footwear required (no high heels). Only those with confirmed bookings and completed ‘license to enter’ forms will be allowed access.

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Open: Sat 14, Sun 15, Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 1300, 14.00 & 15.00

Book online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-swing-bridge-tours-tickets-63536998874

The Lit & Phil | 23 Westgate Road NE1 1SE | Close to Newcastle Central Station | Take a guided tour of the largest independent library outside London. Tours last approx 1 hour.


The Sandstone Canyon that is Grey Street | Central Arcade, Grey Street NE1 5BQ | Meet near Grey’s Monument | A walk with a geologist to learn about some of the diverse building stones of Newcastle. Walk last approx 2 hours. This is a walk on city pavements, mainly downhill, please wear appropriate footwear.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: 17.30–19.30 | Book by e-mail: negmark18@gmail.com

Theatre Royal | 100 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6BR | A fascinating tour of the landmark Theatre Royal.

Open: Sat 21 Sept: Tour 10.00 | Book at Theatre Royal Box Office: 100 Grey Street NE1 6BR

Tour and Talk, from Roman Milecastle to Newcastle Arts Centre | Newcastle Arts Centre, Westgate Road NE1 1SG | Near Central Station, easy walking from the Metro and Bus stops at the door | The history of the Arts Centre site goes back to the building of Hadrian’s Wall and a Milecastle Courtyard that is still in use. The fascinating story of this political, mercantile and cultural powerhouse is told on a guided tour. Tours last approx 40 minutes.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: Tours 11.00, 12.00 & 14.00 | Wed 18 Sept: Tours 11.00, 12.00 & 13.00 | Book online: www.newcastle-arts-centre.co.uk

Trinity House Tours | Broad Chare NE1 3DQ | Entrance is opposite the Tesco Extra on Broad Chare, just up from Live Theatre and the Broad Chare pub | Trinity House is home to a historic maritime organisation. It is a Grade I listed building with its own Chapel (1505) and Banqueting Hall (1730) as well as other fascinating rooms. Guided tours from 10.00 until 15.00. Tours last approx 40 minutes. Open: Fri 13 & Sat 21 Sept: Tours from 10.00am, Last tour 15.00
Tyne Theatre and Opera House Tours | Westgate Road NE1 4AG

Open: Sat 14, Sun 15, Wed 18 & Thur 19 Sept: Tours 10.00, 12.00 & 14.00

Tyneside Cinema | 10 Pilgrim Street NE1 6QG | Our Grade I listed theatre has been providing entertainment to the people of the Newcastle area since 1867. Find out more about the history of the theatre and learn its secrets by booking a place on one of our free guided tours. Guides from the Preservation Trust will set the historical scene before taking you into the beautiful auditorium, on to the stage, and then below the stage to see the carefully restored Victorian stage machinery. Your guide will explain how this was used to produce amazing theatrical effects. Tours and Newsreel Screenings at 11.15 every day of HODs, with an extra 10.15 tour on each Sat. Tour duration: 60 mins, approx 70 mins for Sat tours; 10 mins for newsreel only.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: Tour & Newsreel 11.00–12.00 | Sat 14 Sept: Tours & Extended Newsreel 10.00–11.15 & 11.00–12.15 | Sun 15, Wed 18, Thur 19 & Sat 21 Sept: Newsreel 11.15 | Mon 16, Tues 17 & Fri 20 Sept: Tour & Newsreel 11.00–12.15 | Sun 22 Sept: Tour & Extended Newsreel 11.00–12.15 | Book online: www.tynesidecinema.co.uk

Victoria Tunnel Guided Tour | Lime Street, Ouseburn Valley | Turn up at the Victoria Tunnel entrance on Ouse Street, beside Hotel du Vin | The Victoria Tunnel is a 19th century coal wagonway, which was converted into Newcastle’s biggest WW2 air-raid shelter and open throughout the year for guided tours. Tours last approx. 20 minutes in the tunnel, there might be a small queue, so allow up to an hour. Open: Thur 19 Sept: Tours 10.30–15.00

Vintage Bus Tour – Newcastle | Rear Car Park, Civic Centre, Off Sandyford Road NE1 8QH | Meet in Car Park | Join the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society and take a unique tour on a classic vintage bus through the historic streets of Newcastle. Tour lasts approx 1 hour, traffic dependent.

Open: Fri 13, Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sept: Tours 11.00, 13.00 & 15.00 | Book online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-tour-of-newcastle-by-vintage-bus-tickets-62050807636

West End Customer Services and Library: Bringing the West End’s History to Life | West End Customer Service Centre, Condercum Road NE4 9JH | Located across from Lidl Car Park and opposite St James’s Church | Join us for a programme of talks, archive photographic and film shows and guided tours, plus exhibitions and a variety of other local history activities. Full programme can be found at https://stjamesheritage.com.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: 10.30–16.00

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Art Stop | Union Road NE30 1JQ | Art Stop is a new bus stop on Go North East bus route 333, located beside Fiddlers Green, on North Shields Fish Quay. The installation of a bus stop on Fiddlers Green, North Shields Fish Quay was the result of a collaboration between FISH (Folk Interested in Shields Harbour) and North Tyneside Council. Supported by NEXUS, artist Helen Smith invites fellow artists and poets to create new works for the timetable cabinet that will be enjoyed by future visitors to the Fish Quay as they wait for their bus.

Art Stop’s contribution for HOD’s 2019 is an exciting collaboration between visual artist Dee Shaw and poet Joan Hewitt. The subject of their combined imaginative musings is Borough Road Bridge, located at the South end of the Fish Quay. Both women take a sideways view of the function of a bridge and its role and place between communities.

Open: Fri 13 Sept–Sunday 22 Sept: 07.00–19.00 | Meet the Artist Sat 14 Sept: 12.00–16.00

Christ Church | Preston Road NE29 0LW | Visit this fantastic Georgian gem 351 years after it was consecrated. Beautiful stained glass and opportunities to visit the Ringing Chamber.

Open: Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00; Ringing Chamber 10.30–12.30 & 13.30–15.30 | Sun 22 Sept: 12.30–16.00

Cullercoats Art Guided Walk | Cullercoats Watch House, Front Street NE30 4QB | Meet at the Cullercoats Watch House to be joined by the Art Walk leader | A journey back in time – Cullercoats through the eyes of famous artists. A guided walk around Cullercoats exploring its fascinating history as an artists’ colony. The tour will reveal a connection to one of America’s leading artists, Winslow Homer.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: Walk 14.00 | Book by e-mail: info@jcbtourismsolutions.co.uk

Cullercoats Watch House | Front Street, Cullercoats, North Shields NE30 4QB | Visit this iconic Watch house building looking out over the beautiful Cullercoats bay. This Grade II listed 1879 watch house was built for a Cullercoats volunteer life brigade and features in a number of famous paintings of Cullercoats, notably by leading American artist Winslow Homer. Refreshments available.

Open: Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Discover Cullercoats | Cullercoats Community Centre, Belle Vue Street NE30 4QX | Cullercoats Heritage Open Day is a rich bonanza of seldom glimpsed insights into the gritty history of a hard-working fishing village on the North East coast with pictures, photos and displays.

Open: Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: 10.00–16.00

www.heritageopendays.org.uk
Dove Marine Laboratory | Newcastle University, Front Street, Cullercoats NE30 4PZ | A unique opportunity to find out about the research and education work of Newcastle University’s Dove Marine Laboratory. **Open:** Sun 22 Sept: 12.30–15.30

Inspiring Public Art Event | North Tyneside Council, White Swan Centre, Citadel East, Killingworth NE12 6SS | Celebrate North Tyneside’s Public Art Heritage with a performance of songs, poems and interesting facts about the borough’s public art... and a stunning new book! **Open:** Fri 13 Sept: 10.30–12.00

Maritime Chambers | Register Office, 1 Howard Street, North Shields NE30 1LZ | This handsome building was built 1806–7 for Tynemouth Literary & Philosophical Society, later becoming offices of Maritime Companies including Stag Line Ltd. Now the Registrars Office, it has great views over Fish Quay. **Open:** Sun 22 Sept: 11.00–14.00

Memorial Garden at Linskill Centre (Northumbria WWI Commemoration Project) | Linskill & North Tyneside Community Development Trust, Linskill Centre, Linskill Terrace, North Shields NE30 2AY | Come and visit the Memorial Garden established to commemorate those from the Borough of Tynemouth who died in WWI and find out more about the stories of the men who served their country. **Open:** Fri 13, Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18, Thur 19 & Fri 20 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Multi use Re-development of Ballards Smoke House into The Glass House | The Glass House/Ballards Smoke House, 9 Cliffords Fort, Fish Quay NE30 1JE | Meet on the south side of the building by the door | Tour of re-built building showing integration of new spaces and technologies into a scheduled monument/listed building. Opening soon to the public a glass gallery, on-site glass creation, café, food growing, architect’s office & upper floor apartment. Tours last 45 minutes. **Open:** Sat 21 Sept: Tours 10.00–15.00 (Access today only on Tour. Tours starts prompt on the hour) | **Book by e-mail:** EventsHOD@brightbluestudio.co.uk
North Shields Fishermen’s Mission | 47–49 Fish Quay NE30 1JA | The Fishermen’s Mission is celebrating its 120th anniversary. Come and find out more about our role at the heart of North Shields fishing community. North Shields is a historic town built on a history of fishing and seafarering. For 120 years the Fishermen’s Mission has supported fishermen and their families. Come and visit our Memorial Room to find out more.

Open: Thurs 19 & Fri 20 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Lift access can be arranged if requested in advance, telephone: 0191 257 1316

North Shields to Tynemouth History Tour and Talk | North Tyneside Council
Customer First Centre, Northumberland Square NE30 1QU | A fantastic insight into the histories of North Shields and Tynemouth. Starting at North Shields CFC (Library) and ending at Tynemouth Library.

Open: Thur 19 Sept: Tour 13.00

Pre-book: 0191 643 5270
Max per tour: 30

Parish Church of St Bartholomew | 3 Station Road, Benton NE12 8AN | Stunning 18th century church with churchyard, Gothic revival interior, tower and spire and stained glass windows, many designed by Dr Evetts.

Open: Fri 13, Thur 19 & Fri 20 Sept: 10.00–12.00 | Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

People Power Celebration Event | The Exchange, Howard Street NE30 1SE | Two evenings (+matinee) celebrating the resilience of working-class communities to protest, campaign and fight against injustice often against overwhelming odds. People Power will reveal significant stories of working class struggles through drama. Attendance is free but tickets must be obtained via The Exchange, North Shields.

Open: Fri 20 Sept: 19.00–21.00 | Sat 21 Sept: 14.00–16.00 (Matinee) 19.00–21.00 (Evening Performance)

Tickets from The Exchange Box Office: 0191 258 4111

Playhouse, Whitley Bay – Guided Tours | Marine Avenue NE26 1LZ | A unique opportunity to experience a behind-the-scenes tour of this outstanding venue.

Open: Fri 13 & Sat 14 Sept: Tours 12.30 | Thur 19, Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sept: Tours 12.30

Pre-book: 0191 643 2643
Max per tour: 15
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Segedunum Roman Fort, Baths and Museum | Buddle Street, Wallsend NE28 6HR | Free admission to the museum and site. View exhibitions, the remains of the original Roman baths and a section of Hadrian’s Wall guarded by the stunning Centurion sculpture Sentius Tectonicus.

Open: Thur 19 & Fri 20 Sept: 10.00–17.00 | Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: 10.00–17.00, Tours 11.30 & 14.00

Pre-book tours: 0191 278 4217

St Alban’s Church, Earsdon | Front Street, Earsdon NE25 9JY | Bus routes: No 51 travels Newcastle–Whitley Bay and Whitley Bay–Newcastle. The No. 57A travels from North Shields via Whitley Bay to Earsdon | See the beautiful Hartley Memorial stained glass and visit the Hartley Pit Memorial at the historic Grade II Listed St Alban’s Church.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00 | Sun 15 Sept: 11.00–16.00

St Augustin’s Church | Jackson Street NE30 2HY | Beautiful Grade II Listed church dated 1881 with stunning stained glass windows.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

St Bartholomew’s Church Yard Guided Walk (Northumbria WWI Commemoration Project) | St Bartholomew’s Churchyard, 3 Station Road, Benton NE12 8AN | Guided Walk around some interesting WWI memorials with stories of the men commemorated.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: Walk 12.00–13.30

Pre-book: 07752 879531

St Columba’s RC Church | Our Lady & St Columba’s Presbytery, Carville Road, Wallsend NE28 6RJ | Wallsend metro and bus interchange is only two minutes’ walk | Visit this unusual and striking church in Wallsend and find out more about its unique history.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

St Columba’s United Reformed Church | 30 Northumberland Square, North Shields NE30 1PW | Bus routes 1, 17, 17A, 56, 57, 57A, 80 and 333 call at Northumberland Square; 57/57A and 306 call at Albion Road | This Grade II listed building is a hidden gem designed by renowned local architect John Dobson. Opened in 1857, it contains furniture carved by renowned furniture maker Robert ‘Mouseman’ Thompson.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00
**St George’s Church** | **Beverley Gardens, Cullercoats NE30 4NS** | Stunning Grade I listed gothic style church with detailed stone vaulting, stunning stained glass and T. C Lewis organ. Exhibitions, refreshments and events as part of a ‘Festival of the Sea’.  
**Open:** Fri 13–Sun 22 Sept: 09.30–17.00

**St John’s Church** | **West Lane, Killingworth NE12 6BL** | Stunning Grade II listed Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, completed in 1869 in a ‘rogue gothic’ style to the design of architect, Enoch Bassett Keeling and celebrating its 150th anniversary.  
**Open:** Fri 13–Sun 15 Sept: 10.00–16.00

**St Luke’s Church** | **Frank Street, Wallsend NE28 6RN** | Beautiful church with stunning commemorative WWI stained glass and interesting history.  
**Open:** Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00

**St Mary’s Lighthouse and Visitor Centre** | **St Mary’s Island, Whitley Bay NE26 4RS** | Situated on a part time tidal island, St Mary’s Lighthouse and Visitor Centre offers the opportunity to climb its 137 steps for spectacular views of the North East Coast and a chance to learn about the history of the island.  
**Open:** Thur 19 Sept: 10.30–16.30 | Fri 20 Sept: 10.30–17.00 | Sat 21 Sept: 11.00–17.00 | Sun 22 Sept: 11.30–17.00

**St Paul’s Church and Bell Tower** | **Park View, Whitley Bay NE26 2TR** | St Paul’s Church is situated at the junction of Park View and Marden Road. Entry to the Bell Tower is opposite Marden Road | Visit this beautiful Grade II listed church in the heart of Whitley Bay. A must see, with attractive stained glass and bell tower access.  
**Open:** Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00 Church and Bell Tower

**St Peter’s Church** | **Church Bank, Wallsend NE28 7LH** | With the largest collection of Irish Stained glass in the country and fabulous new stained glass, St Peter’s Church is a must see venue. Historic records and artefacts will also be available to view.  
**Open:** Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00
Stephenson Railway Museum | Middle Engine Lane NE29 8DX | Visit Stephenson Railway Museum and see the oldest surviving Stephenson Locomotive ‘Killingworth Billy’ dating back to 1816! Free train rides on Sunday.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 11.00–16.00 | Sun 15 Sept: 11.00–16.00, Train Rides 11.30–15.00

The Exchange, North Shields | Howard Street NE30 1SE | Now a vibrant performance venue, this historic building has a tremendous history and heritage. Come and find out more.

Open: Fri 13, Sat 14, Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18, Thur 19, Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–23.00 | Sun 15 & Sun 22 Sept: 13.00–21.00

The IRON House | 5 Marden Terrace, Cullercoats NE30 4PD | Next to Cullercoats Metro, just off the sea front. Take A1058 Coast Road from Newcastle | Take a psychedelic perambulation around the home of IRON Press and its editor Peter Mortimer.

Open: Sun 15 Sept: 10.00–16.00

The Old Low Light | Clifford’s Fort, North Shields Fish Quay NE30 1JA | Discover your maritime heritage at The Old Low Light Heritage Centre, the North East’s newest heritage attraction at North Shields Fish Quay. Find out about the fascinating history of this Grade II listed site.

Open: Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sept: 10.00–16.00 | Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: 10.00–16.00

The Soldier’s Stories – Researcher’s Reflections on some of the interesting & tragic cases revealed | Room B9 (Northumbria WWI Commemoration Project), Linskill Centre, Linskill Terrace NE30 2AY | Illustrated talks by Researcher Marie Caffrey which look at some of the stories of the men who fought in World War One. The stories have been gathered and researched beginning with the Borough of Tynemouth and subsequently what is now North Tyneside.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: Talk 13.00 | Sun 22 Sept: Talk 13.00

TT2 Ltd | Tyne Tunnel, Bewicke Road, Wallsend NE28 0PD | A fantastic opportunity to understand the complexities of running multiple tunnels under the River Tyne. Tours last approx 2 hours.

Open: Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 13.00 | Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 13.00 | Book by e-mail: tt2limited@tt2.co.uk

Pre-book tours by e-mail | Max per tour: 10 | P | WC | NEW
Tynemouth Lighthouse | Tynemouth Pier NE30 4DB | Meet at the Lighthouse Roundhead at the foot of the Lighthouse | North Pier Lighthouse at the mouth of the river Tyne – the foundation stones of the Pier were laid in 1854 and lighthouse built soon after. The Lighthouse is fully operational and owned by the Port of Tyne. Come for a special guided tour. Please allow 20-30 mins to reach the Lighthouse prior to the tour commencing. Appropriate footwear required (no high heels). Not suitable for children under 10 years old. Only those with confirmed bookings and completed License to Enter forms.

Open: Sat 14, Sun 15, Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Book online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-open-days-tours-of-tynemouth-lighthouse-tickets-63673459030

Tynemouth VLB Watch House and Museum Open Day | Spanish Battery NE30 3DD | A hidden gem of a museum, newly refurbished with new interpretation and a wealth of amazing marine and wreckage articles. Personnel will be available for guided tours and viewing of rescue equipment of the active side of the brigade. Open: Sun 15 Sept: 10.00–15.00

Wallsend Masonic Hall | Hugh Street, Wallsend NE28 6RL | This 1890s Masonic Hall is largely in its original condition, and recently refurbished. Guided tours by Masons in full regalia, plus a display of Masonic artefacts and Local History Exhibition.
Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Wallsend Memorial Hall | 10 Frank Street, Wallsend NE28 6RN | Enjoy an interesting tour of The Memorial Hall. Built as a tribute to the shipbuilding company’s workers who lost their lives during the First World War. View its magnificent ballroom and facilities.
Open: Thur 19 Sept: 10.00–15.00 Tours start on the hour

Wallsend Parks Heritage Trail | Richardson Dees Park, Verandah Cafe, North Road NE28 8RH | Meet at Richardson Dees Verandah Cafe | An interesting an absorbing history of two wonderful parks and grounds in fantastic settings. For further information contact 0191 643 7484. Open: Tues 17 Sept: Heritage Walk starts 10.30

Whitley Bay Masonic Hall | 13A Norham Road, Whitley Bay NE26 2SE | Visitors will have the opportunity to see inside an active Masonic Hall and meeting rooms and be given an insight into what Freemasonry is all about. Open: Sun 15 Sept: 11.00–16.00
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- South Marine Park
- Jarrow Town Hall
- St Paul’s Church and Monastic Site
- South Shields Town Hall
- The Customs House
- Arbeia Roman Fort
- St Hilda’s Colliery
Age Concern Tyneside South – Sand Dancing Through Time | Sutton Hall, 210-212 Prince Edward Road NE34 7PZ | Take part in a tea dance and learn about its place in bringing the South Shields community together throughout the years and to this day.

Open: Mon 16 Sept: 13.30–15.30

Britons in the Fort | Arbeia Roman Fort & Museum, Baring Street NE33 2BB | A gallery talk with the curator looking at some of the native British items on display in the museum and what they can tell us about the differences and similarities between Britons and Romans.

Open: Tues 17 Sept: 11.00–11.30 | Book by e-mail: info@arbeiaromanfort.org.uk

Former Pilots Office at Wellesley Court | Wellesley Court, Greens Place, South Shields NE33 2AQ | Wellesley Court is located close to Arbeia Roman Fort. It is a 10-15-minute walk from South Shields Bus and Metro Stations and also South Shields Ferry Landing | This Grade II listed former Tyne Pilotage Authority Office is now a private residence. The owners will be opening their doors to showcase the heritage history of Tyne Pilots Office. Booking is required.

Open: Sat 14, Sun 15, Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sept: 11.00–12.00 | Book by e-mail: jim.bartnett@gmail.com

Illustrated Author Talk – George Cooper Abbs and the Abbs family of Cleadon House, Boldon | South Shields Museum & Art Gallery, Ocean Road NE33 2JA | Located on the pedestrianised Ocean Road, a short two minutes’ walk from South Shields Bus and Metro stations | Join biographer Bill Greenwell in this fascinating insight into one of South Tyneside’s most well-known eccentrics of the 19th century.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 11.30 | Book by e-mail: info@southshieldsmuseum.org.uk

Jarrow Salvation Army – Open Day | Monkton Road NE32 3AA | Jarrow Salvation Army Church is located near Jarrow Community Centre and is at the side of Morrisons supermarket car park, behind the Royal Mail office | Visitors can learn about the interesting history of the Salvation Army Corps in Jarrow, which was the 50th centre to be opened in 1878. This year marks 140 years of Salvation Army serving in Jarrow. There will also be a Salvation Army band in the Viking Centre, Jarrow Town Centre.

Open: Fri 20 Sept: 10.00–15.00
Jarrow Town Hall Tour | Grange Road NE32 3LE | Located in the centre of the town, across the road from the Viking Shopping Centre. It is a short five minutes’ walk from Jarrow Metro station and Jarrow bus station | Jarrow Town Hall opened in 1902 and is remembered as the place where the marchers began their journey to London during the 1936 Jarrow March. Visitors can enjoy a fascinating tour of the building alongside the Mayor of South Tyneside.

**Open:** Wed 18 Sept: Tour 14.00–15.00

Pre-book: 0191 424 7331

Max per tour: 25

Marine Park Heritage Walk | South Marine Park, Sea Road NE33 2LD | Meet at the Lifeboat near Haven Point | Bringing heritage to life, The Friends of North and South Marine Parks will lead a walk and talk exploring the fascinating history and beautiful features of the seafront parks. Visitors can browse through many photos of the parks past and present. Please wear appropriate footwear and be prepared for changes to weather conditions.

**Open:** Sat 14 & Wed 18 Sept: Tours 11.00–13.00

Meet the Artist – Robert Good | The Word, 45 Market Place NE33 1JF | Located within the heart of South Shields Town Centre adjacent to the Market Place. It sits on the former 3-storey Wouldhave House offices site | Meet one of the artists behind the hugely popular Word Bank of Lost Dialects exhibition at The Word. He will talk about the project, indexing 2,400 dialect words and phrases donated and share his thoughts on the curious and interesting words donated.

**Open:** Sat 14 Sept: 14.00–15.00 | Book online: www.theworduk.org

North East Maritime Trust | Fishermen’s Workshops, 2/3 Wapping Street NE33 1LQ | The workshops are located on Wapping Street, 5 –10 minutes’ walk from South Shields Ferry landing, and can be accessed via River Drive | There will be guided tours in the main workshop and adjacent slip way/workshop. Visitors can see the traditional wooden vessels currently undergoing restoration and other completed projects.

**Open:** Sat 14, Sun 15, Tues 17, Wed 18, Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: 10.00–16.00

‘We are South Shields residents as were most of the participants in the two South Shields walks: even for us as residents we learned a few new things but non South Shields residents would have learned a lot.’

Visitor to South Shields Walks, South Tyneside
Souter Lighthouse | Coast Road SR6 7NH | Discover why Souter Lighthouse truly was ‘a Marvel of its age’. Learn about the life of a Lighthouse Keeper and his family and discover a lost village and the ghosts of industry past.

Open: Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: 11.00–17.00, last admission 16.30

South Shields Town Hall Tour | Westoe Road NE33 2RL | Take a unique tour of the historic South Shields Town Hall alongside the Mayor of South Tyneside. The building includes several references to the town’s nautical heritage.

Open: Thur 19 Sept: Tours 14.00–15.00 & 16.00–17.00

South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade Watch House | South Pier, South Promenade NE33 2JZ | Head along the South Shields Pier past the Dunes Adventure Island and there you will find the Watch House approximately 500m from the road on the right hand side. The Watch House has a unique collection of artefacts, photographs, records and equipment from its beginning in 1866 to the present day. Unique film footage of a famous rescue and examples of today’s search and rescue work will also be shown. South Shields VLB provides a 24-hour coastal search and rescue back-up in conjunction with HM Coast Guard.

Open: Sat 14, Sun 15, Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: 10.00–16.00

St Hilda’s Pit Head | Henry Robson Way NE33 1RF | Come along and see the amazing restoration work that has been undertaken at St Hilda’s Pit Head in South Shields. The restoration has brought back into use by Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust and is one of the most prominent buildings in South Shields and rescued it from lying empty and unsafe. There will be regular screenings through the day of the new documentary by Amber Films which tells the story of The Womens Banner Group (WBG) created to recognise the achievements of women. The film follows the progress of the group, which involves people from all over County Durham from the start of the project to the Durham Miners’ Gala 2018 when the banner was processed for the first time through the historic cobbled streets of Durham City.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00

St Mark & St Cuthbert’s Church | Quarry Lane, Cleadon Park, South Shields NE34 7NP | This is a great opportunity to explore the beautiful St Mark and St Cuthbert’s Church which has a 1960s’ architectural design. Refreshments will be available.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–14.00

www.heritageopendays.org.uk
St Nicholas’ Church, West Boldon | Rectory Bank NE36 0QQ | St Nicholas’ Church was founded in 1220 with strong evidence of Saxon origins. The venue holds various memorial tablets, one tracing serving Rectors back to the 13th century. With unique stone spire and tower, St Nicholas’ Church is a must see.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

St Paul’s Church and Monastic Site | Church Bank NE32 3DZ | Located a couple of minutes’ drive from the Tyne Tunnel and Jarrow town centre | St Paul’s Church and Monastic Site is the home of the Venerable Bede, chronicler of the beginnings of English Christianity.


St Peter’s Church – Four Corners of Harton | Moor Lane, Harton NE34 6NG | A talk on the four corners of Harton, as well as a display of Churchyard files and further information.

Open: Fri 13 & Sat 14 Sept: 14.00–17.00

The Customs House Tour | Mill Dam, South Shields NE33 1ES | The Customs House is just a stone’s throw away from Harton Quays Park and the South Shields Ferry Landing | Explore this beautiful venue that provides the community with a wide range of cultural events and activities for people of all ages all year round. The tour invites you to learn about the rich history of this incredible building est. 1848. Dame Bella’s Restaurant will be serving themed food (prices apply).

Open: Fri 13–Sun 22 Sept: Tours 12.00

The Tyne Pilots of South Shields | South Shields Metro Station, King Street | Meeting point is under the Metro bridge (King Street) at South Shields Metro Station. South Shields bus station is located next to South Shields Metro Station | Renowned for its rich maritime history, this South Shields walk travels along the riverside where pilots lived and worked.

Open: Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sept: Walks 10.30–12.00 |
Book by e-mail: tourism@southtyneside.gov.uk
Tour of Mission to Seafarers at Mill Dam | 53 Mill Dam, South Shields NE33 1EQ | Visitors will be taken on a tour to explore the Mission to Seafarers building and see its beautiful chapel. This is a special opportunity to learn about the unique history of the Mission such as the altar carved by Robert Thompson – Mouse Man.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: Tour 10.00–11.00 | Sat 21 Sept: Tour 14.00–15.00

Westoe Village based on the forthcoming history book by History Group member Dorothy Fleet | The Old Town Hall, Market Place, South Shields NE33 1BH | A few moments’ walk from the Ferry Landing and a short five minutes’ walk from South Shields Metro and bus stations | A display by the South Shields Local History Group at South Shields Old Town Hall.

Open: Fri 13 & Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–15.00

Westovian Theatre | Pier Parade, South Shields NE33 2JS | Located next to Haven Point leisure centre, besides the Sea Hotel on South Shields sea front. It is across the road from South Marine Park, a 10-minute walk from South Shields Metro station | The Westovian Theatre will be open to visitors to come and have a look around the wonderful theatre. Having started life as an old seaside shelter, the theatre was converted into a small community theatre in 1948.

Open: Sun 15 Sept: 11.00–15.00

Whitburn Local History Group Walk | Cornthwaite Park, Whitburn Bents Road SR6 7BZ | Meeting point is at the car park at Cornthwaite Park | Join Whitburn Local History Group for an informative walk around the historic centre of Whitburn, an ancient and beautiful village. Walk takes around 2 hours.

Open: Sat 14, Sun 15, Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: Walks 14.00–16.00
Sunderland

St Peter’s Church

Sunderland Quaker Meeting House

Hetton Smithy

Sunderland Maritime Heritage

St Andrew’s Church

Wearside Vintage Bus Tour

Sunderland Minster
170 High Street West – Coffee & Conversations | 170 High Street West SR1 1UP
Ever been inside 170–175 High Street West? This is your chance, before they close for restoration works. Enjoy a coffee, share memories, and find out about the future plans for the buildings as well as the wider Heritage Action Zone.
Open: Mon 16–Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–14.00

A leafy suburb in Sunderland – Guided Walk | Bede Tower, Burdon Road SR2 7EA
Meet outside Bede Tower to begin the walk | Enjoy a circular walk around Sunderland’s first suburb looking at the grandeur of its wealthy residents. It will also include a visit to the Sikh temple. All visitors to the Sikh temple must wear appropriate headwear.
Pre-book: 0191 561 8413 | Max per tour: 20

Belle of the Back Streets: A walk around Ryhope with author Glenda Young | Ryhope
Join Author Glenda Young and local historian Paul Lanagan on an illustrated walk around Ryhope visiting the real-life locations from her best-selling books ‘Belle of the Back Streets’, ‘The Tuppenny Child’ and ‘Pearl of Pit Lane’. Sturdy shoes are a must as the walk will cover some distance and on uneven terrain.
Open: Sat 14 Sept: 11.00–12.30 | Book by e-mail: glenda.sunderland@gmail.com
Pre-book by e-mail

Bowes Railway Heritage Trail Walks | Springwell Road, Springwell Village NE9 7QJ
Join us for a guided walk along Bowes Heritage Trail. Walk takes approx 1 hour.
Open: Fri 13 Sept: 10.00–15.00, Walk 10.30–12.00 | Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–15.00
Fri 20 Sept: 10.30–12.00, Walk 10.30–12.00 | Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–15.00
Book by e-mail: amandacuskin@communityopportunities.co.uk

Bowes Railway, Power to the People with the Potty Professors | Springwell Road, Springwell Village NE9 7QJ
Giving Power to the People with the Potty Professors interactive workshops at BOWES RAILWAY, SAY YES to Hands on Have a Go Thursday Friday and Saturday – no one is too young or too old to try something NEW. Contact us for more information if you are interested in a particular workshop. Suitable for All Ages unless indicated.
Open: Fri 13, Sat 14, Thur 19, Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–15.00 | Book by e-mail: amandacuskin@communityopportunities.co.uk
Darwin Brewery Open Day | Brewlab, Unit 1, West Quay Court, Sunderland Enterprise Park SR5 2TE | A tutored beer tasting event concerning beer styles, craft brewing and flavour profiling with a focus on historical ales of the region, including a demonstration of historic beers and tour of the Brewery. Tour and tasting lasts 1 hour. **Open:** Sat 14 Sept: Tastings and Tours 12.00, 14.00 & 16.00 | **Book by e-mail:** info@darwinbrewery.com

Elba Park Heritage Nature Trail | Elba Park, Chester Road Roundabout DH4 6GB | Meet at the Car Park off Chester Road (next to entrance to new estate also called Elba Park). Formerly the Lambton Cokeworks, Elba Park has been transformed into a beautiful country park that the whole community can enjoy. Come and explore the park, learn about its coal mining heritage and find out which animals have now made their home here. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Tour lasts 90 minutes. **Open:** Fri 20 Sept: Walk 10.00

Exploring Edwardian Bishopwearmouth | Sunderland Minster, High Street West SR1 3ET | Meet at Town Park, the green space next to Sunderland Minster, which is opposite Sunderland Empire Theatre | Free walking tour in Sunderland City Centre plus behind-the-scenes tour of the Sunderland Empire Theatre with special appearance by a famous music hall star. Tours last 90 minutes. **Open:** Sat 21 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 12.30 | **Book by e-mail:** judith.miller@sunderland.gov.uk

Fulwell Millennium Tapestries | Fulwell Community Centre, Chapman Street SR6 8HS | Come to Fulwell Community Centre for a unique opportunity to hear about and see the Fulwell Millennium Tapestries. 50 individual works showing scenes from 1000 years of Fulwell’s history. Volunteers will be on site to answer any queries. **Open:** Sat 14 Sept: 13.00–17.00 | Sun 15 Sept: 10.00–13.00

Guru Gobind Sing Gurdwara Sikh Temple | 2 The Cloisters SR2 7BD | On the corner of Mowbray and Ryhope Road | Formerly a parish church, built in 1862–64 by James Murray of Coventry and closed by the Church of England, the building has been acquired by the Sikh community. Visitors will be shown round the Gurdwara, the Christ Church Hall and the War Memorial. All visitors must wear appropriate headwear. **Open:** Thur 19 Sept: 13.00–15.00

‘It was fascinating to learn about the Sikh religion, see the beautiful Worship Room and to discover how the former Christ Church was being used. I was given a very warm welcome and the refreshments were delicious!’
Hetton Heritage Walk | Hetton Centre, Welfare Road, Hetton-le-Hole DH5 9NE | Meet outside the Hetton Centre | The circular walk starts and finishes at the Hetton Centre. The varied locations reflect the life of a mining community which began in 1820 and continued well into the 20th century, looking at people and places which gave it both character and importance. Tour lasts 1 hour plus optional extra time at Hetton Smithy.

Open: Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: Walk 10.00

Hetton Smithy | North Road, Hetton-le-Hole DH5 9NB | Come and find out more about the restoration of the late 18th century blacksmith’s shop in Hetton which would once have been at the heart of the old agricultural village.

Open: Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–14.00

Holy Trinity Church – Hard Hat Tours | Church Street East SR1 2BB | Hard Hat tours. The Trust is working in partnership to develop the redundant building back into community use as a cultural venue that attracts visitors from the region to experience the Arts, Heritage and Learning in this beautiful historic building. Hard hat tours available as the building is currently undergoing reconstruction work.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.30–15.00

Journey into Darkness: Oswald Mosley and the Blackshirts | Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road SR1 1PP | The talk will be in the Pottery Gallery on the ground floor of the museum. Talk by local historian Nigel Todd exploring the life of Oswald Mosley and his attempt to promote fascism in Britain in the 1930s. What led him down an ultimately dangerous path, and who stood in his way? Are there any lessons for today?

Open: Wed 18 Sept: 13.30–15.00 | Book by e-mail: info.heritage@sunderland.gov.uk

Mini-manifestos at 170 High Street West | 170 High Street West SR1 1UP | Do you want to change the world? Inspired by the theme of People Power, this is a hands-on session for mini-activists. Hear stories of Sunderland’s own Rebel Girls and design your own placards, badges and manifestos.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.30–15.00
My Musical Memories of the 1960s | Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road SR1 1PP | Join Ian Mole for a talk about 1960s music in local venues.

Open: Fri 20 Sept: 13.00–14.00 | Book by e-mail: museumlearning@sunderland.gov.uk

North East Land, Sea and Air Museums | Washington Road SR5 3HZ | Follow the Brown Transport Museum Signs from the A19 | A collection of aeroplanes, military vehicles, fire engines, trams and buses. Tour takes approx 90 minutes, there can be queues to go into the aircraft.

Open: Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sept: 10.00–17.00

Parish Church of St Ignatius The Martyr | Suffolk Street, Hendon SR2 8BY | Built in 1889, this impressive Victorian Parish church designed by C Hodgson Fowler and built in the Early English Style has many interesting features to explore that reflects its Anglo-Catholic tradition.

Open: Fri 13 Sept: 11.30–16.00 | Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–17.00

Port of Sunderland – Guided Tour | Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road SR1 1PP | Meet outside Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens on Burdon Road to board the mini-bus to the port | A bus tour of the modern port that owes its existence to the River Wear Commission (formed in 1717).

Open: Fri 20 Sept: Tours 10.00–12.00 & 13.30–15.30 | Book by e-mail: janet.robinson@sunderland.gov.uk

Queen Street Masonic Hall | Queen Street East SR1 2HT | The Phoenix Hall, built in 1785, is a Grade I listed building and retains virtually all of its original features. It is the oldest purpose-built Masonic Temple under The English Constitution in existence in the world. For further information see www.sunderland-freemasons.co.uk.

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

Rocks Old and New in Sunderland City Centre | Market Square SR1 3HW | Meet at Market Square next to the Bridges entrance | The North Eastern Geological Society invites you to join Dr Andy Lane for a 1.5 to 2 hour walk around the diverse geology of the buildings of Sunderland’s city centre. See further information at www.negs.org.uk.

Open: Fri 20 Sept: 17.30 | Book by e-mail: negmark18@gmail.com
Roker Pier and Lighthouse | Roker Pier and Lighthouse SR6 0PL | Come and look at the ground floor of the beautifully restored Lighthouse, talk to our passionate volunteers about the restoration work, the guided tours we deliver and history of this iconic building.  
Open: Sun 22 Sept: 11.00–15.00  

Ryhope 1919 | Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road SR1 1PP | Join Sunderland author Glenda Young for a nostalgic slideshow and discussion about the farming and coal-mining village of Ryhope in 1919 and how it inspires her three novels set there.  
Open: Fri 13 Sept: 13.30–14.30 | Book by e-mail: info.heritage@sunderland.gov.uk

Ryhope Pumping Station Steaming Weekend | Ryhope Pumping Station, The Waterworks SR2 0ND | Follow the brown & cream signs for the Engines Museum then look for the 165 foot chimney! We are adjacent to the Ryhope Hospitals and 3 miles south of the City of Sunderland | See the wonderful Victorian Beam Engines working under steam power as they have since 1868. To take full advantage of our Info-Point visitor information system make sure that your smartphone, tablet or iPad is fully charged prior to your visit. We have a few tablets on site for visitor use. Normal visit around 90 minutes.  
Open: Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sept: 11.00–16.00

Southwick Holy Trinity Church, Photographic Display 1990s’ Pub Football Teams | Holy Trinity Church, Rectory, Church Bank SR5 2DU | Visit Holy Trinity, the Parish Church of Southwick, a Grade II listed building built in 1842 with stunning stained glass and other amazing architectural features. In the Leslie Ross JP Room see a photographic display of Southwick Pub 1990s’ football teams. Come along and see photographs of team friends and rivals. You may even meet some of them at the exhibition.  
Open: Fri 13 Sept: 12.00–16.00

St Andrew’s Church | Park Avenue, Roker SR6 9PU | Sometimes called ‘The Cathedral of the Arts and Crafts movement’, this large Grade I listed church was opened in 1907. The spacious interior contains the work of numerous early twentieth century crafts people, including the beautifully restored Burne-Jones tapestry.  
Open: Sat 14 & Sun 15 Sept: Open 13.30–15.30. Guides will be on hand if required.
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| **St Mary Magdalene’s Church** | 21 Wilson Street, Millfield SR4 6HJ | Beautiful 1930s Basilica church in red brick and stone, delicious interior, reredos, Lady Chapel (copy of Holy House of Our Lady, Walsingham, Norfolk), vestments from 1749 to present day (French, Belgian, English).  
**Open:** Fri 13 Sept: 16.00–19.00 | Sat 14 Sept: 9.30–18.30 | Sun 15 Sept: 10.30–12.30 |
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| **St Peter’s Church, Monkwearmouth** | St Peters Way SR6 0DY | Visitors can explore over 1300 years of history in the Monastery founded by Benedict Biscop in 674AD and see the doorway The Venerable Bede entered as a child to start his monastic life. Walk in the footsteps of Saints and enjoy a historical tour. Refreshments available in Bakehouse Cafe Mon, Wed and Fri. There may be funerals taking place within the Heritage period; the extensive grounds and community garden will be open but the church will not be accessible until the service concludes.  
**Open:** Fri 13, Sat 14, Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18, Thur 19 & Fri 20 Sept: 10.30–14.30 | Sun 15 Sept: 12.00–14.00 |
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| **Sunderland Chapel of Light** | Cornhill Road SR5 1RU | Paintings by James Eadie-Reid (1856–1928), stained glass windows by various artists, The Iona Foundation, the plaque commemorating the late Princess Diana’s visit, the Organ room (1847). Access to parish hall, which is an extension of the main church building, and the organ room are restricted for safety reasons. The heritage days access is free of charge to the general public. However, visitors may wish to consider free will donations of £5 or more to help with maintenance of the building.  
**Open:** Fri 13 Sept: 12.00–17.00 | Mon 16–Fri 20 Sept: 11.00–17.00 | Sun 22 Sept: 13.00–15.00 |
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| **Sunderland Maritime Heritage** | 2 Church Street East SR1 2BB | Come and see traditional shipbuilding skills and techniques in our busy and active boatyard. Children and adults can have a go at traditional boat building activities such as caulking, copper roving, knots and splicing.  
**Open:** Fri 13 & Fri 20 Sept: 10.00–16.00 | Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–14.00 |
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| **Sunderland Minster** | High Street West SR1 3ET | A beautiful historic church in the centre of the City with lots of interesting features. Light refreshments may be available.  
**Open:** Fri 13 & Sat 14 Sept: 09.00–15.00 | Sun 15 Sept: 10.00–13.00 |
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Sunderland Quaker Meeting House | 30 Roker Park Road SR6 9PG | Sunderland
Quaker Meeting House is over 100 years old and has beautiful features from both the Arts and Crafts period and Art Nouveau era. Take a look round this substantial town house, little altered, near Roker Park. Exhibition of memorabilia and other exhibits, eg an example of a wall hanging in aid of support for schools in Palestine made as a quilt by friends in the north east of England.

Open: Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sept: 11.00–17.00 | Sun 22 Sept: 12.30–17.00

Sunderland the Way We Were – Film Screening | Bethany City Church, Bede Tower, Burdon Road SR2 7EA | Come along and watch a fabulous compilation of film footage designed and compiled by Brian Ibinson. Featuring photographs of the opening of Wearmouth Bridge, summers at Seaburn in the 1950s, Roker Park and the FA Cup wins and much more.

Open: Tues 17 Sept: 19.00–20.30 | Book by e-mail: info.heritage@sunderland.gov.uk

The Church of the Good Shepherd | Forest Road SR4 0DX | The church was built in 1938 and the Architect was Cachemaille Day, one of the outstanding architects of the time. This splendid church is celebrating 80 years of opening. Visitors are welcomed to join mass on Sunday morning at 09.00.

Open: Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–16.00

The Donnison School Heritage and Education Centre | Church Walk SR1 2BJ | Come along and see a rare early charity school, established for 36 poor girls. A Georgian schoolroom (1798) and a Headmistress house (1827). Enjoy the outside walled garden and meet Elizabeth Donnison, benefactor and educational visionary from 1777.

Open: Thur 15–Sun 19 Sept: 10.30–15.30 | Book by e-mail: bernadette.gibson@lhne.co.uk | Book online: www.eventbrite.com/e/sunderland-east-end-explore-old-sunderland-and-the-history-of-this-historic-area-tickets-61093250557

The Friends of Sunderland Museums (FOSUMS) / The Buildings of Sunderland | Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road SR1 1PP | Architectural historian and broadcaster John Grundy will give a presentation titled The Buildings of Sunderland. If you have enjoyed seeing Grundy Goes, Grundy’s Wonders and Grundy’s Northern Pride on Tyne Tees Television (and who wouldn’t have!) this is the event for you.

Open: Sun 15 Sept: 14.00–15.30
The Radical North | Bethany City Church, Bede Tower, Burdon Road SR2 7EA |
Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–15.30 | Book by e-mail: janet.robinson@sunderland.gov.uk

Victorian and Edwardian Roker – Guided Walk | 2A Park Avenue SR6 9PU | Meet at the Lych Gate of St Andrew’s church on Park Avenue | Enjoy this guided walk led by local historian Peter Turton to discover delights on your doorstep. Highlights include St Andrew’s Church, Roker Park and much more.
Open: Sat 14 Sept: 13.30–15.30 | Book by e-mail: janet.robinson@sunderland.gov.uk

Washington ‘F’ Pit Museum | Albany Way, Washington NE37 1BJ | Visit Washington ‘F’ Pit Museum and step back in time to explore the region’s coal-mining heritage. No wheelchair access to 1st floor to view engine. Video showing engine at work is available to view on ground floor. The tour venues are subject to change. Please check when booking.
Open: Fri 13–Sun 22 Sept: 11.00–15.00 | Sat 14 & Sat 21 Sept: Family Fun Activity 11.00–15.00

Washington Old Hall | The Avenue, Washington NE38 7LE | Find out what life was like for the James family who lived at Washington Hall in the 17th century. Don’t miss a rare chance to see a small selection of objects relating to food and lifestyle including a cook book first published in 1660.
Open: Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sept: 10.00–17.00

“I am an enthusiast of Charles Hodgson Fowler’s architectural work and am really fascinated with this particular architectural design at St Coulmna’s church because it is unique from his other designs like Durham Cathedral.”

Open: Sat 14 Sept: 10.00–16.30 | Book by e-mail: museumlearning@sunderland.gov.uk

Pre-book: 0191 561 2323 | Max people: 30 | P on to bus | at venues | WC

‘Heritage Open Days are a great way to see and learn about what is sometimes on our doorstep. The work of the volunteers and different organisations getting together to open pathways etc is super. We have enjoyed every single one we have done!’
On a national level the event is co-ordinated by the National Trust and funded by players of the Postcode Lottery. In Tyne and Wear, the event is coordinated by the Councils of Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland, in association with Tyne and Wear Building Preservation Trust, NewcastleGateshead Initiative, Sunderland Heritage Forum and the Newcastle upon Tyne Association of City Guides.

This guide and other publicity material has been supported by the five Councils, The Barbour Foundation and Sunderland Heritage Forum. It is produced by GDA Design Associates. The launch of the Tyne and Wear event, will be held at the Land of Oak and Iron Visitor Centre, and hosted by author Glenda Young.

Special thanks to all the individual organisers across the Districts, many of whom are volunteers, for their time, effort and enthusiasm, which has helped make the Tyne and Wear event one of the largest and the best in England!

Front cover images: Gateshead: Dunston Staiths, Photo: Graeme Peacock; Newcastle: All Saints Church, Photo: Neil Atkinson; North Tyneside: St George’s Church, Cullercoats (Grade I listed); South Tyneside: St Paul’s Church and Monastic Site; Sunderland: Ryhope Engine Museum.