

NEWCASTLE



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Ticket prices for Heritage Walks

£5 for adults £3 for over-60s

Free for accompanied children under 16

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

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

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

Season tickets

£35 for adults £30 for over-60s

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

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

Performances

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

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

Grey's Monument tours

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

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

Public transport

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

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

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

Welcome

Have you ever wondered about the history of Tyneside? How did your favourite buildings come to be? How have our public spaces changed? What was life like in days gone by? Newcastle City Guides are a group of trained and qualified volunteers working in association with NewcastleGateshead Initiative, and our 2019 programme of 57 Heritage Walks will take you exploring Newcastle, Gateshead and parts of North and South Tyneside, uncovering the fascinating history and hidden stories of the area.

Fantastic historic tour ★★★★

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

TripAdvisor reviewer

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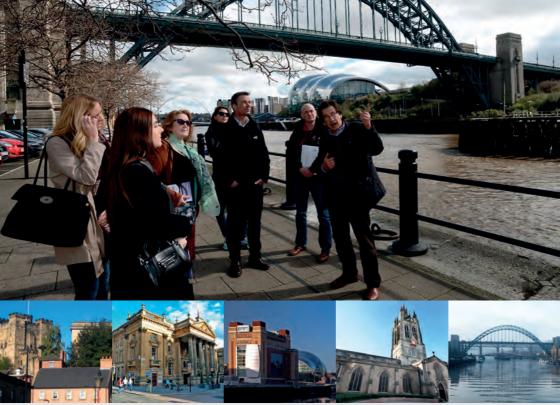
Like the NewcastleCityGuides Facebook page and follow @NewcastleGuides on Twitter to be the first to know about our special tours for The Late Shows and Heritage Open Days, and when new walks, tours and performances are added to our programme.

Accessibility 💺

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







City Highlights

(Daily walking tour)

Daily from 1 June until 30 September, and every Saturday in May and October at 10.30am.

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

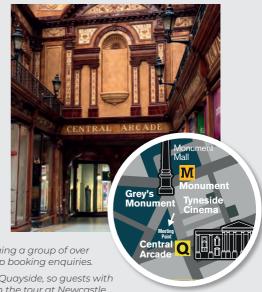
Meet outside J G Windows Music Shop, Central Arcade, Grey Street, near Grey's Monument. Finish on Newcastle Quayside.

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

No advance booking required unless you are bringing a group of over 20 people. Please email info@ngi.org.uk with group booking enquiries.

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

Arrangements for the City Highlights walks may differ during Heritage Open Days 13-22 September 2019. For further details please check newcastlecityguides.org.uk



April

Wonderful Women of Newcastle & Sunday 7 April | 2.30pm

Meet at the Haymarket Metro Northumberland Street entrance (opposite South African War Memorial). Finish at St Nicholas Cathedral.

Our first walk of the season is a celebration of women's strength in the face of adversity. Throughout history women have been held back from making their mark, often denied an education and career opportunities. This tour visits places associated with some of the wonderful women who have graced Newcastle and played their part in its history. Some were intellectuals, some were pioneers and all have a fascinating story to tell.

Keep Your Feet Still Geordie Hinny 🕏 Wednesday 10 April | 2.30pm

Meet at the Chinese Arch, Stowell Street. Finish at the Central Station.

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

Black and White Friars Sunday 14 April | 2.30pm

Meet at the Castle Keep. Finish at Blackfriars.

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

This walk includes some steep steps.

Central Station and Boiler Shop 💺 Wednesday 17 April | 2.30pm

Meet at Cardinal Hume's statue, opposite the Central Station. Finish at Boiler Shop, Stephenson Works.

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

Dickensian Newcastle 🖔 Sunday 21 April | 2.30pm

Meet at the Royal Station Hotel. Finish at Alderman Fenwick's House, Pilgrim Street.

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

In Sickness and in Health 🖒 Wednesday 24 April | 2.30pm

Meet at the Castle Keep. Finish at the corner of St Thomas Street and Percy Street.

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

South Shields - Sailors and Smugglers Sunday 28 April | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at South Shields Metro Station (King Street entrance).

In a town renowned for its rich maritime history, this South Shields walk travels along the riverside looking at relics of its industrial past. As a busy port, it was home to sailors, press-gangs and smugglers. Look our famous smuggler in the eye!

There are steps down, but an alternative route is available if needed

May

Industry and Invention (Wednesday 1 May | 2.30pm Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish at The Centre for Life.

This walk looks at the role Newcastle played as industry and innovation flourished in the 19th century. Find out where Stephenson built locomotives, where Swan first demonstrated his electric light bulb and how Armstrong and Parsons established factories which eventually employed thousands of workers.

NEW WALK

Royals, Revolutionaries and Reformers Sunday 5 May | 2.30pm

Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish on Newcastle Quayside at the High Level Bridge.

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

Jesmond Old Cemetery Wednesday 8 May | 2.30pm Meet at the cemetery gates on the south side of Jesmond Road.

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

North Shields Quayside Sunday 12 May | 2.30pm

Meet at North Shields Metro Station. Finish at the Old Low Light Heritage Centre.

See where industry and fishing once thrived. Discover a hidden Second World War structure, the notorious 'Jungle' and a famous 'Wooden Dolly'.

This walk includes some steep slopes and steps to negotiate.

BOOKING

Anyone for Real Tennis? (Wednesday 15 May | 2.30pm Meet at Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club, Matthew Bank, Jesmond (nearest Metro Ilford Road).

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



Gateshead Grand and Grim & Sunday 19 May | 2.30pm

Meet at Gateshead Old Town Hall, West Street. Finish at Trinity Square.

In this circular walk we look at the town centre old and new. Gateshead was a Victorian boom town and, by the time the town hall was built, had become a town of great contrasts, where civic pride vied with slum dwellings. If you lived in central Gateshead, no matter in how fine a house, slums were less than half a mile away.



John Wesley's Newcastle Wednesday 22 May | 7.00pm

Meet outside Newcastle Library, Princess Square, Newcastle. Finish at Wesley Obelisk, Wesley Square, Quayside.

John Wesley visited Newcastle many times in the latter half of the 18th century. This walk takes us through parts of the town he would have known, with reminders of buildings with which he was associated, some of which are still standing, others long gone.

There are stairs down but an alternative is available if needed.

NEW WALK

West Jesmond and St Andrew's Cemetery Sunday 26 May | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at the east side of West Jesmond Metro Station.

A new walk that combines the development of West Jesmond with an exploration of St Andrew's Cemetery taking in the lives of some of the interesting people to have been buried here and a surprise hidden orchard.



The Journey from Coal to Culture Wednesday 29 May | 7.00pm Meet at the Guildhall. Finish at Sage Gateshead.

A circular route around the Quayside from the Guildhall, covering both Gateshead and Newcastle and their contribution to the coal industry of the 19th and 20th centuries. The walk will also cover the decline of coal and the reinvention of NewcastleGateshead as a cultural capital.

This walk includes some steep slopes and steps.



June

NEW WALK

The Tyne Pilots of South Shields Sunday 2 June | 2.30pm

Meet at South Shields Metro Station (King Street entrance). Finish at Tyne Lifeboat. Ocean Road.

Pilots guide ships safely into the harbour. Walk where the pilots lived and worked. Their proud maritime heritage is still in evidence today. Look at some of the buildings that were important in their work and social lives.

The walk includes steep steps to descend but an alternative is available.

Dunston - Staithes, Steamers and Teemers & Wednesday 5 June | 2.30pm

Meet in the car park on Staithes Road (NEII 9DR) opposite Dunston Excelsior WMC. Finish on Dunston Staithes.

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

Geordie Ridley - The Best of Times, the Worst of Times Sunday 9 June | 2.30pm

Meet at St Edmunds, Gateshead High Street. Finish at Dean Street/Mosley Street junction.

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

This walk contains some steep slopes and main roads to cross

Heaton Highlights 💺 Wednesday 12 June | 7.00pm

Meet and finish outside St. Teresa's Church, Heaton Road (NE6 5HN).

Enjoy a 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

NEW WALK

Backworth Past and Present Sunday 16 June | 2.30pm

Meet at Sainsbury's car park next to Northumberland Park Metro. Finish at Backworth Hall.

From a rural landscape to an industrial mining vista and community, now virtually disappeared, discover the history of Backworth and visit a Grade I listed building with its diverse history from the Greys to a miner's welfare establishment. Reasonably flat but some steps for Backworth Hall access.



Last Orders 🖒 Wednesday 19 June | 7.00pm

Meet at the Haymarket Metro Northumberland Street entrance (opposite South African War Memorial). Finish on the Quayside.

Explore the history of Newcastle pubs from Haymarket to Quayside. Characters and stories to whet your appetite if not your palate.

A steep slope (Side) is part of this walk.



Stories Behind the Stones Sunday 23 June | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at the War Memorial, Wordsworth Street (near to Gateshead Stadium Metro).

Explore Gateshead's first Victorian civic cemetery and discover the earlier St Edmund's burial ground. Hear tales of Gateshead's industrialists, cemetery intrigue and strife and find the grave without a body as well as a grave to a famous rower who died in mysterious circumstances.

This walk involves walking over uneven ground - please wear suitable footwear.

Homer, Simpson and Cullercoats Baywatch

Wednesday 26 June | 7.00pm

Meet at Cullercoats Metro Station, Finish

outside Monks Haven (Cullercoats Bay). Learn something of the history of this fascinating coastal village; the important industries of the past, the people who lived and worked here and its landmark church

This walk includes some steps and uneven ground.

NEW WALK

Newcastle's Anti-Slavery Campaigns 💺 Sunday 30 June | 2.30pm

Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish at the Central Station.

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



July

Markets Past and Present & Wednesday 3 July | 2.30pm Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish on The Close.

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



Summerhill Sunday (5) Sunday 7 July | 2.30pm Meet at Cardinal Hume's statue opposite the Central Station. Finish at the Discovery Museum.

An early 19th century development, Summerhill is a delightful but littleknown 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.

Ouseburn Valley & Wednesday 10 July | 7.00pm Meet and finish at The Ship Inn, Stepney Bank.

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

St Thomas to St Thomas Sunday 14 July | 2.30pm

Meet at the Newcastle end of the Swing Bridge. Finish at St Thomas' Church, Haymarket.

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



Railways and Riverside 🖔 Wednesday 17 July | 7.00pm

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.



Some Amazing Lives in Preston Cemetery Sunday 21 July | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at the entrance gates of Preston Cemetery, North Shields.

This walk remembers the lives of several local people including a Dame of the British Empire; a brave young man who won the George Medal; and a pioneering journalist who went down with the Titanic. As there is some uneven ground suitable shoes are advisable.

Saltwell Park Stroll 🖔 Wednesday 24 July | 7.00pm

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.

NEW WALK

The Road to Democracy & Sunday 28 July | 2.30pm

Meet at King's Gate, Newcastle University. Finish at Newcastle Central Station.

This walk uncovers Newcastle's radical links and the part it played in Britain's road to democracy, and its impact on places such as the United States. On this walk you will be taken from Newcastle's part in the Great Reform Act to the granting of female suffrage; from those who fought for the King to those who fought against him; and finally, Newcastle's role in fighting Nazism and the ties across the pond to America.

Tynemouth Pleasures and Punishment Wednesday 31 July | 7.00pm

Meet and finish at Tynemouth Metro Station under the clock.

A circular walk via Northumberland Park providing an interesting insight into Victorian social history in Tynemouth. We look at how people used the new recreational facilities and the punishment they could expect if they broke the law. This walk includes some uneven ground, some steps and steep slopes.



August

Shipcote and Shipley Art Gallery & Saturday 3 August | 2.30pm

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

Take a pleasant stroll around the Shipcote area and hear its fascinating history from pastures to parks and the civic centre that it nearly became. Includes an internal visit to the Gallery to enjoy Mr Shipley's generosity in providing an art gallery.

Sunny Sunderland 🖒 Sunday 4 August | 2.30pm

Meet at Athenaeum Street entrance, Sunderland rail and Metro station. Finish at Sunderland Minster.

An interesting walk through the 19th century Fawcett and Sunniside estate, one of Sunderland's hidden gems. Also looking over the riverside to Monkwearmouth and the River Wear, finishing at Bishopwearmouth, and the recently regenerated cultural heart of Edwardian Sunderland.



Grainger Town () Wednesday 7 August | 2.30pm Meet and finish at Grey's Monument.

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

NEW WALK

The Armstrong Legacy Sunday 11 August | 2.30pm Meet and finish at the Jesmond end of Armstrong Bridge.

Lord and Lady Armstrong gifted Jesmond Dene to the people of Newcastle in 1883. Join us for a circular walk around some of the "hidden" locations and buildings in this beautiful area and find industry, religion, the high life and nature all in one place. Whilst the route is paved, there are some steps and a steep climb.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Newcastle Civic Centre Wednesday 14 August | 7.00pm Meet under the Council Chamber, Civic Centre.

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

Please note that access to the Carillon tower is only possible by climbing a set of steep and uneven stairs.

NEW WALK

The Peterloo Massacre Newcastle's Campaign for the Vote & Sunday 18 August | 2.30pm Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish at the Central Station

The walk commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre when people from the North West lost their lives while peacefully campaigning for the vote. We explore the part played by residents from the Newcastle region demanding universal suffrage.



Spital Tongues & Wednesday 21 August | 6.30pm Meet and finish at the main entrance to Exhibition Park, Claremont Road.

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





Gorgeous Gosforth & Sunday 25 August | 2.30pm Meet at the corner of High Street and

Meet at the corner of High Street and Moor Road South. Finish at All Saints Church.

Enjoy a stroll around Gosforth looking at many of the great houses, remembering when this was the place for the seriously rich to live

West Walls and Blackfriars Wednesday 28 August | 2.30pm Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish at Blackfriars

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



September

NEW WALK

Tales from the Riverside Sunday 1 September | 2.30pm

Meet at Wallsend Metro Station. Finish at St Peter's Church.

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

Please note we will be walking over

Heads and Tales Wednesday 4 September | 2.30pm Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish at Westgate Road.

uneven ground at times.

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

Nostalgia in North Shields & Sunday 8 September | 2.30pm Meet and finish at North Shields Metro Station.

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

Tynemouth Village Sunday 15 September | 2.30pm

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 circular walk.

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

Lovely Low Fell (5) Sunday 22 September | 2.30pm Meet and finish at the junction of Belle Vue Bank and Durham Road, Low Fell (opposite the New Cannon).

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

NEW WALK

Giving to the City A Stroll Through Generosity &
Sunday 29 September | 2.30pm
Meet at the Haymarket Metro
Northumberland Street entrance
(opposite South African War Memorial).

Finish at the Lit and Phil, Westgate Road.

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

October

South Shields, Trains, Boats and Sanddancers & Sunday 6 October | 2.30pm

Meet and finish at South Shields Metro Station (King Street entrance).

Explore the centre of South Shields and the riverside. The town has a long history from Roman times to the modern day. Strong links to seafaring and industry have seen the town boom, decline and grow again.

Ghostly and Grisly Quayside Tales Wednesday 9 October | 7.00pm

Meet and finish at the Guildhall.

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

This walk includes some steep slopes.

When Paddy Met Geordie Sunday 13 October | 2.30pm

Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish at Gateshead Millennium Bridge, Quayside.

Discover why Irish refugees fleeing the 1845 Potato Famine were welcomed on Tyneside and examine the part played by Tyneside Irish Nationalists seeking an independent Ireland

This walk includes some steep slopes or steps.

Whitley Bay Wander & Wednesday 16 October | 2.30pm Meet and finish at Whitley Bay Metro Station.

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

Saintly Gosforth 🔥 Sunday 20 October | 2.30pm

Meet at South Gosforth Metro Station (West side, corner of Rectory Terrace). Finish at St Charles' RC Church, Church Road.

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

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A Bed for the Night & Wednesday 23 October | 2.30pm Meet at Swing Bridge. Finish at Swirle Pavilion.

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

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

Within the Walls Sunday 27 October | 2.30pm

Meet at the Guildhall. Finish at St John's Church, Grainger Street.

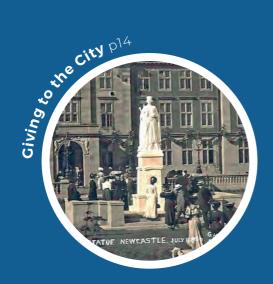
Walk around modern Newcastle tracing the town within its medieval walls, locating religious buildings, markets, civic administration, steps, streams and fairs. This walk includes some steep slopes and steps to negotiate.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Walk on the Dark Side Wednesday 30 October | 6.45pm Meet at Grev's Monument. Finish a

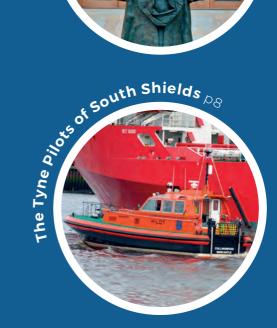
Meet at Grey's Monument. Finish at Broad Chare.

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









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