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NORTH TYNESIDE



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A COMMUNITY GUIDE TO THE LOCAL AREA

WELCOME TO NORTH TYNESIDE



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Free Activities



Activities you pay for



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Scan the QR codes
for further information



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PLACES TO GO IN NORTH SHIELDS



The Meadows

Waterville Rd, North Shields, NE29 6BA

0191 341 0033

FREE



A friendly community centre with garden, café, and play area. Open to all ages. You can also volunteer there.



www.themeadows.community

Linskill Centre

Linskill Terrace, North Shields, NE30 2AY

0191 257 8000

FREE



There are lots of groups and activities. For example, yoga, zumba, creative writing, community garden and baby groups. You can also volunteer there.



https://linskill.org



NT LIFE Recovery College

109-110 Howard Street, North Shields, NE30 1NA

 0191 323 2040



Free groups and courses to support good mental health and wellbeing, led by people with experience.



bit.ly/NTLife



YMCA North Tyneside

Church Way, North Shields, NE29 0AB

 0191 257 5434



Gym, café, nursery activities, and children's groups. You can also volunteer there.



www.ymcanorthtyneside.org



Cedarwood Trust

Avon Avenue, North Shields, NE29 7QT

 0330 094 8454



A community centre with a community food shop, learning, and social groups and support. You can also volunteer there.



www.cedarwoodtrust.com



Teakisi

Royal Quays Business Centre,
The CAI Building, Coble Dene, NE29 6DE [Office]
 WhatsApp (Text Only) 07553195573



This organisation supports equality and inclusion in the community. They have an African women's network, a library called Tales Without Borders, and coffee meetups. They also run events.

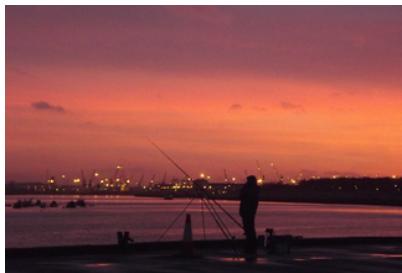


<https://teakisi.com>



Fish Quay

Clifford St, North Shields, NE30 1JA



It's an old fishing area. Now it's busy with restaurants and local history information. You can see the sea and the River Tyne. There are interesting statues and monuments. You can also visit the Old Low Light heritage centre.



bit.ly/FishQuay



North Shields Library

Northumberland Sq, NE30 1QU

 0191 643 5270



The Library in North Shields is really helpful. They run children's activities, and it's a good place to find out about local events.

Free Wi-Fi, books, and audiobooks. It is free to join. You can borrow books and use the computers. The Hub is also a contact point for council services, connecting residents with the right support and advice.



bit.ly/NTLibraries



Chirton Dene Park

North Shields, NE29 6XL



A nice nature walk between West End Park and Redburn Dene. You can go past the marina and the River Tyne.



bit.ly/ChirtonPark

Northumberland Park

Tynemouth Road, NE30 2ES



A park with nice walks and a children's play area. You can also volunteer there.



bit.ly/Northumberland_Park

The Bread & Butter Thing – North Shields

07507 237311



Low-cost weekly food: fruit, vegetables, fridge items, and cupboard staples. You can join as a member, and the food is at a good price. Visit the website to find all of the North Tyneside hub locations.



www.breadandbutterthing.org

Balkwell Community Welfare Association

Top of Heaton Terrace, North Shields, NE29 7LY

0191 296 1985



Groups and activities for adults and children.



www.thehut.org.uk

The Parks Leisure Centre

Howdon Rd, North Shields NE29 6TL

0191 643 2700



Sports centre.

There are 5 leisure centres or pools in North Tyneside. You can see a list of them at the link below.



bit.ly/SportsCentres



PLACES TO GO AT THE COAST



Tynemouth Park

Grand Parade, Tynemouth, NE30 4JS

0191 258 7593



A park with a lake, play area and activities for children.



www.tynemouthpark.com

Whitley Bay Big Local

158 Whitley Rd, Whitley Bay, NE26 2LY

 0191 252 3570

FREE



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It's especially
good for parents
with small
children.

There is a community café, a garden and a community shop with food at a good price. There are lots of groups you can join, and children's classes. You can also volunteer there.



www.whitleybaybiglocal.org



Whitley Bay Library

York Road, Whitley Bay, NE26 1AB

 0191 643 5390

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A friendly library with Wi-Fi, computers and books, group activities and children's activities.

It is free to join.



bit.ly/WB_Library



Whitley Bay - St Mary's Lighthouse

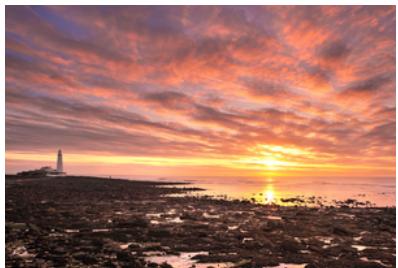
St Mary's Island, Whitley Bay, NE26 4RS

 0191 643 4777

FREE



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It's a lovely place to walk and see wildlife.



bit.ly/SMlighthouse



Whitley Bay Park

144 Park Ave, Whitley Bay, NE26 1AU

FREE



A playpark for children.



bit.ly/W_B_Park

Marden Quarry

Marden Road South, NE25 8PN

07811 657129

FREE



A local nature reserve with a big lake. You can walk and see a lots of birds.



bit.ly/MardenQuarry

Tynemouth

FREE



A seaside town with beaches and Tynemouth Castle and Priory. You can walk on the beach or on the grass.

The beach is beautiful and great for kids and walking. The weekend market in the Metro station is full of interesting stalls.



bit.ly/Visit_Tynemouth

PLACES TO GO IN WALLSEND & HOWDON



Segedunum

Buddle St, Wallsend, NE28 6HR

0191 277 1499

FREE



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A museum and historic site in Wallsend. It was a Roman fort at the end of Hadrian's Wall. You can walk around the fort, visit the museum, and climb the viewing tower. It is free to visit if your postcode starts with NE28.



www.segedunumromanfort.org.uk

Walking With

Church House, Hugh St, Wallsend, NE28 6RL

0191 649 8974

FREE



Walking With helps refugees and asylum seekers feel welcome. They provide food, clothing, and English classes.



<https://walkingwith.co.uk>

Wallsend Library

16 The Forum, Wallsend, NE28 8GR

 0191 643 2075



The library is a great resource for people moving to the area.

Free Wi-Fi, books and audiobooks. It is free to join. You can borrow books and use the computers. There are community groups you can join, and activities for children.



bit.ly/WallsendLibrary



Howdon Library

Churchill Street, Howdon, NE28 7TG

 0191 643 2070



Free Wi-Fi, books and audiobooks. It is free to join. You can borrow books and use the computers. There are community groups you can join, and activities for children.



bit.ly/HowdonLibrary



North Tyneside VODA

2nd Floor, Wallsend Community Hub & Library, 16 The Forum, Wallsend, NE28 8JR

 0191 323 2040



It's good to have new experiences and learn new things.

You can find out about volunteering. Get help to start a community group. There are also other community organisations in the same building - The Carers' Centre & Healthwatch.



www.voda.org.uk



Richardson Dees Park

Park Lodge North Rd, Wallsend, NE28 8RH

0191 643 7897

FREE



Playgrounds, woodland walks, wildlife, café. You can also volunteer there.



bit.ly/RDees



Howdon Park

Howdon Lane, Howdon, NE28 0BE

FREE



Playgrounds, woodland walks, wildlife, cafés. Pedestrian Tunnel to Jarrow.



bit.ly/HowdonPark



Family Gateway

Howdon Hub, Denbigh Avenue, Wallsend, NE28 0PP

0191 209 0092

FREE



Events, sports, and support services at Howdon Community Hub. Volunteers are welcome. The Bread & Butter Thing food project runs from here and you can get good priced food.



<https://familygateway.co.uk>



St Paul's Partnership

George Street, Willington Quay, NE28 6SL

 0191 280 2594

FREE



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There are lots of community wellbeing activities that you can join. There is also a community shop. Volunteers are welcome.



bit.ly/St_PaulsCP

Anxious Minds

31 Station Road, Wallsend, NE28 6RL

 0191 262 0305

FREE



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Mental health support: groups, counselling, community kitchen, work support. You can also volunteer there.



www.anxiousminds.co.uk

Wallsend Memorial Hall

10 Frank St, Wallsend, NE28 6RN

 0191 263 4852

FREE



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Food bank, community groups, community meals. You can also volunteer there.



https://wallsendmem.co.uk

North Tyneside Art Studio

The Forum Shopping Centre, 13 High St W, Wallsend, NE28 8JP

 07586 821804



Art space to support mental health and wellbeing. There is a place you can go in Wallsend Forum. It is free for everyone. They also have groups and classes in other places around North Tyneside.



bit.ly/NTArtStudio



PLACES TO GO IN THE NORTH



Lakeside Centre

Southgate, Killingworth, NE12 6SA

 0191 643 4177



A leisure centre in Killingworth with a gym, exercise class studios, main and small swimming pools, a sports hall, and a soft play area.



bit.ly/LakesideCentre



Springfield Community Centre

Springfield Park, Forest Hall, NE12 9AG

 0191 266 2988

FREE



Springfield Community Centre is next to Springfield Park. There are lots of groups like yoga, art, singing, toddler groups, café, and baby-changing facilities. You can also volunteer there.



www.springfieldcommunity.org.uk

Forest Hall Library

Whitfield Rd, Forest Hall, NE12 7LJ

 0191 643 2085

FREE



You can borrow books and use the computers for free. There are also groups for adults and activities for children. You can also volunteer in the garden there.



bit.ly/FH_Library

Did you know?

There are 13 libraries in North Tyneside. You can see a list of all the different libraries at the link below.



bit.ly/NT_Libraries



John Willie Sams Centre

Market Street, Dudley, NE23 7HS

 0191 643 2030



Community hub and library. You can borrow books and use the computers. It is free to join. There are community groups you can join. There is also a gym.



bit.ly/JWSamsCentre

West Moor Community Centre

Benton Lane, West Moor, NE12 7NP

 0191 216 1005



A community centre with lots of community groups and activities. They have a community garden where you can volunteer.



www.wmra.org.uk

White Swan Centre

Citadel East, Killingworth, NE12 6SS

 0191 643 2040



Classes, council services, library: Free Wi-Fi, books, and audiobooks. It is free to join the library. You can borrow books and use the computers. There are community groups you can join.



bit.ly/WSCentre

Oxford Centre

West Farm Avenue, Longbenton, NE12 8LT

0191 643 2750

FREE



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The library is a great resource for people moving to the area.

Health and community hub. Preschool activities, fitness. Library: Free Wi-Fi, books, and audiobooks. There are community groups you can join. Justice Prince charity is based here.



bit.ly/OxfordCentre

www.justiceprince.co.uk

FREE



Waggonways



Historic walking & cycling paths. Wildlife friendly. Cycle routes are online.



bit.ly/WaggonWays

FREE



Rising Sun Country Park

Whitley Road, Benton, NE12 9SS

0191 643 2241



A big park with ponds, woodlands, a playground, and a countryside centre. There is a 5km run on Saturdays each week. It is called ParkRun. You can also volunteer there.



bit.ly/Rising_SunCP

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



The websites below give lots of information on health and medical emergencies.

NHS 111: If you think you need medical or mental health help right now. 111 online or on the phone can tell you what to do next.

999: the phone number for emergencies

Advice and information on health, wellbeing and mental health



Information and advice

bit.ly/Info_Advice



What to do when you feel ill

bit.ly/Feel_Ill



Mental health support

bit.ly/M_H_support



Finding a GP or Dentist Online/Phone



www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp/



www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist/



HELP & SUPPORT



Citizens Advice

0808 278 7822

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Advice on money, housing, work, benefits.
Free and confidential.



www.ntcab.org.uk



Care and Connect

0191 643 7474

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Care and Connect can help you with information and advice about local care, support, groups, activities, services and more.



bit.ly/Care_and_Connect



Aspiring Dreams

16 The Forum, 2nd Floor, Wallsend Customer First Centre, Wallsend,
NE28 8JR

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Supports people from forced migration backgrounds to achieve their potential in education and employment.

Mentoring and workshops about university and jobs.



www.aspiringdreams.co.uk



Right to Remain Online



Immigration and asylum advice and support. Understand your case and your rights.



<https://righttoremain.org.uk>



Consortium - LGBT+ support service See website for a list of organisations



Support for people who are LGBTQ+.



bit.ly/LGBT_Directory



Family Hubs Scan the code for addresses



Family hubs offer free activities, parenting advice, baby groups, and mental health support.



bit.ly/Family_Hubs



Changing Lives Domestic Violence Support Services 0191 251 3305



They offer a range of different services to help people affected by domestic abuse.



www.changing-lives.org.uk/

Independent Advocacy North East

Room B14, Linskill Centre, Linskill Terrace, NE30 2AY

 0191 259 6662

FREE

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They help people to speak up about their problems and get their voice heard.



www.iane.org.uk/



New to the UK

Baptist Church on Howard Street, North Shields, NE30 1AR

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Supports refugees and asylum seekers with advice, food, clothing, and weekly drop-ins.



bit.ly/Churches_Together

Working Well Hubs

Bedford St, North Shields, NE29 6QF and

The Forum, Wallsend, NE28 8JR

 0191 643 2777

FREE

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Working well hubs offer confidential support and advice with finding employment or training. They can also help with other financial issues. They have hubs in North Shields and Wallsend.



bit.ly/Working_Well





People who are refugees or asylum applicants can be matched with a volunteer friend. You can also volunteer to be matched with someone.



www.hostnation.org.uk

Praxis - A Migrant's Guide

 020 7729 7985



An interactive guide to support you through your immigration journey in the UK. For migrants, by migrants. Information is available in many languages.

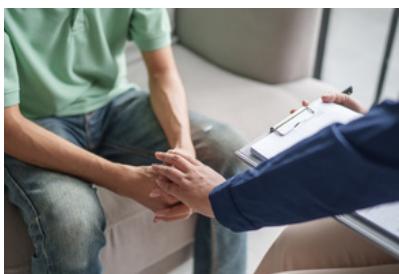


bit.ly/Praxis_Guide

Everyturn Mental Health Centre – Safe Haven

The Anchorage, 80–84 Park Road, Wallsend, NE28 6QY

 0191 217 3203



A safe place to get help for mental health crisis or distress. They can support with emotional worries, money problems, work issues, housing, relationships, or feeling lonely. Open: 2pm–10pm, every day. Drop in anytime, no appointment needed.



bit.ly/Crisis_Safe_Haven

ESOL CLASSES



Tyne Metropolitan College

Battle Hill Dr, Wallsend NE28 9NL

 0191 229 5000

Practice your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in English.



bit.ly/TyneMet



Employment & Skills

Various venues

 0191 643 2288

People who would like help with speaking, listening to, reading or writing English can join a class at their level and work towards ESOL qualifications. There are also conversation groups.



bit.ly/Employment_Skills_ESOL



Walking With

Church House, Hugh St, Wallsend, NE28 6RL

 0191 649 8974

English classes for refugees and people seeking sanctuary.



<https://walkingwith.co.uk>



Roots for Change

 07534 724235

English classes online or in the community at different times.



www.rootsforchangeuk.com



FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Mumspace North Tyneside

St. Cuthberts Church, Albion Road West, North Shields, NE29 0JB

07950 426786



A group of friendly mums who meet to share the ups and downs of being a mum. There are toys and activities that your children can enjoy and time when mums can talk, share, listen and learn together. They also have a group in Wallsend.



bit.ly/MumSpace



Westmoor Playground

West Bailey, Killingworth, NE12 6TN



Westmoor Playground is in Killingworth Lakeside Park, a popular spot for families and wildlife with a lake, woodlands, open spaces, and play equipment.



bit.ly/Killingworth



Baby Equipment Loan Service and Toy Library

Footprints Day Nursery & Children's Centre, North Road, Wallsend, NE28 8RH

0191 263 5770



It is a library where you can borrow toys. There is a small charge to join.



www.belsnorthtyneside.org.uk



Riverside Family Hub

Minton Lane, North Shields, NE29 6DQ

 0191 643 8899



Offers free activities and groups for children aged 0–5 years, including after school board games and crafts, creative stay, play, and learn sessions, SEND drop-in coffee mornings, brilliant babies, healthy child clinic, and a young parents group.



bit.ly/RiversideHub



Howdon Family Hub

11a Howdon Lane, Wallsend, NE28 0AL

 0191 643 2229



Howdon Family Hub offers free activities and groups for children aged 0–5 years. Activities include creative stay, play, and learn, after school board games and crafts, brilliant babies, young parents group, and healthy child clinic.



bit.ly/Howdon_Hub



Shiremoor Family Hub

9 Bridge Terrace, Shiremoor, NE27 0TA

 0191 643 2110



Shiremoor Family Hub offers free activities and groups for children aged 0–5 years. Activities include creative stay, play, and learn, after school board games and crafts, brilliant babies, young parents group, and healthy child clinic.



bit.ly/ShiremoorHub



You can find out about lots more family activities from your local community centre, religious organisation or library.



Are you a new parent?

Free weekly term-time sessions for new parents in North Tyneside. They are in North Shields, Whitley Bay, Longbenton and Wallsend.



bit.ly/Best_Start

Shiremoor Adventure Playground

Brenkley Avenue, NE27 0PR

 0191 643 8300



A great place for children to run and play safely. A big playground for children. Rope swings, tree houses, ponds. Ages 8+ alone, under 8 with adult.



bit.ly/ShiremoorPlayground

Bookstart Rhymetime

Battle Hill Library, Battle Hill Drive, Wallsend, NE28 9JE

 0191 643 2255



Bookstart Rhymetime sessions are 30 minutes of songs and rhyme suitable for babies from 0-18 months. Thursday from 10.00am to 10.30am. It is free. You can also find out about Rhymetimes at other libraries.



bit.ly/Book_Start



TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT



Local Bus Services

North Tyneside, Newcastle, and Northumberland. Timetables at stops or <https://bustimes.org/> - Up to 3 children under 12 travel free.



www.nexus.org.uk/bus/timetables



Nexus Metro

The Metro connects North Tyneside, Newcastle, South Tyneside, and the Airport. It runs from 6am–midnight. You can download the Pop app to get live times. - Up to 3 children under 12 travel free. You can see here for a video on how to use the Metro.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeayZUG8_f8



www.nexus.org.uk/metro

Shields Ferry

North Shields to South Shields. It takes 7 minutes. You can see the sea and the river. - Up to 3 children under 12 travel free.



<https://www.nexus.org.uk/ferry>

Citymapper App

Plan journeys across Newcastle & North Tyneside. Available on Apple/Google Play.

GEORDIE WORDS



This is your guide to the slang terms you might hear in the area. We hope you enjoy trying them out yourselves!

Alreet - means 'alright' but is also used as a greeting instead of 'Hello'.

Aye - yes.

Bairn - a child.

“Shy bairns get nowt”

Canny - good or nice.

Divent - don't.

Ha'way - would be used to mean 'come on'.

Hinny - means 'honey' and is a term of endearment.

Mag/ Magpie - a fan of the football team Newcastle United.

Nowt - nothing.

Pet - a term of endearment.

Why-aye - meaning 'why, of course'.

Yem - home.

Gan - going

Scran - food

USEFUL PLACES



NORTH SHIELDS AND TYNEMOUTH

Community Centres

6. YMCA
7. Old Low Light
9. Linskill Centre

Advice and Information

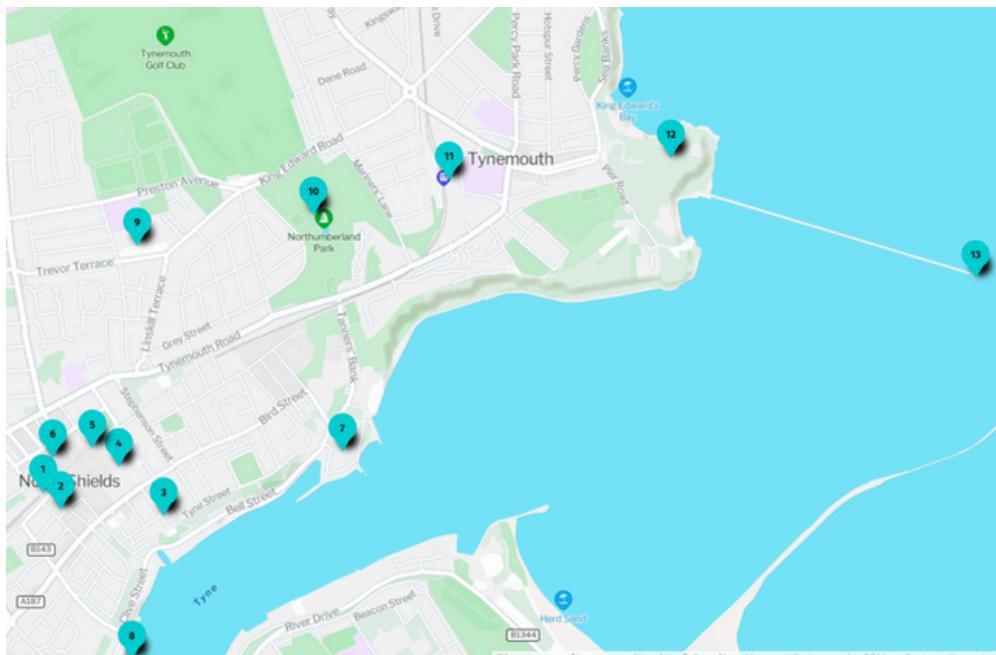
3. NT Life Recovery College
4. New to the UK at the Baptist Church
5. North Shields Library

Transport

1. North Shields Metro
2. North Shields Transport Hub
8. North Shields Ferry Terminal
11. Tynemouth Metro (& Market)

Outdoors

10. Northumberland Park
12. Tynemouth Priory and Castle
13. Tynemouth Lighthouse



USEFUL PLACES



WHITLEY BAY

Advice and Information

1. Cullercoats Library
8. Whitley Bay Library

Transport

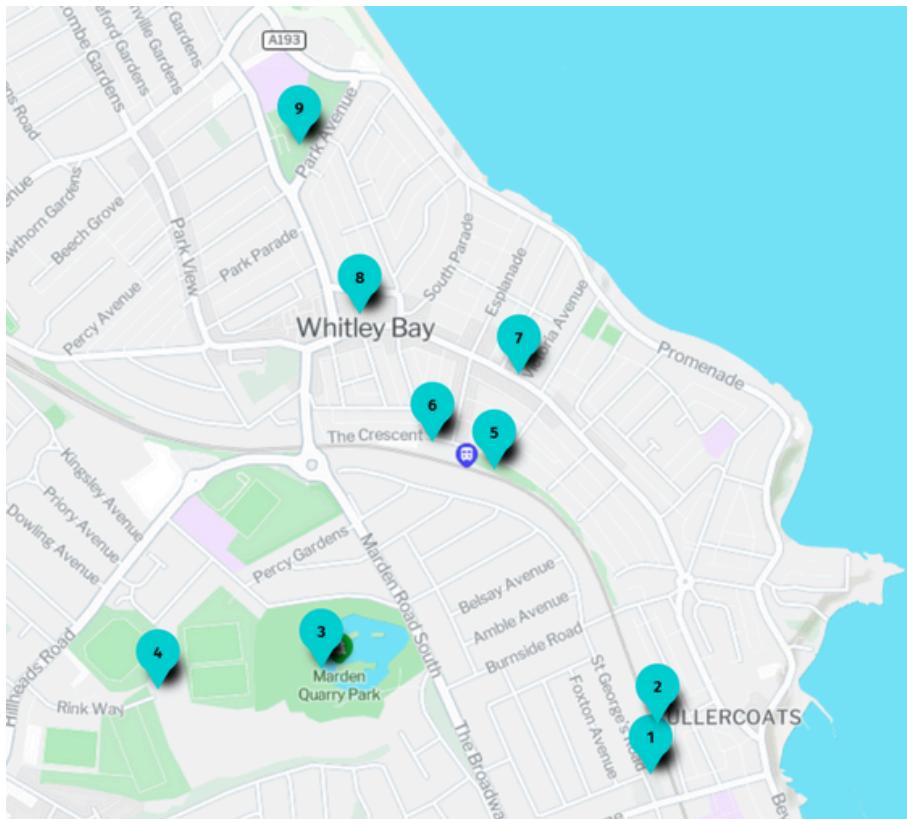
2. Cullercoats Metro
6. Whitley Bay Metro

Outdoors

3. Marden Quarry Park
5. Station Masters' Community Garden
9. Whitley Bay Park

Community Centres

4. The Bread and Butter Thing at Whitley Bay Young People's Centre
7. Whitley Bay Big Local



USEFUL PLACES



WALLSEND

Advice and Information

5. Anxious Minds at the Creative Wellbeing Centre
8. Segedunum Business Centre

Outdoors

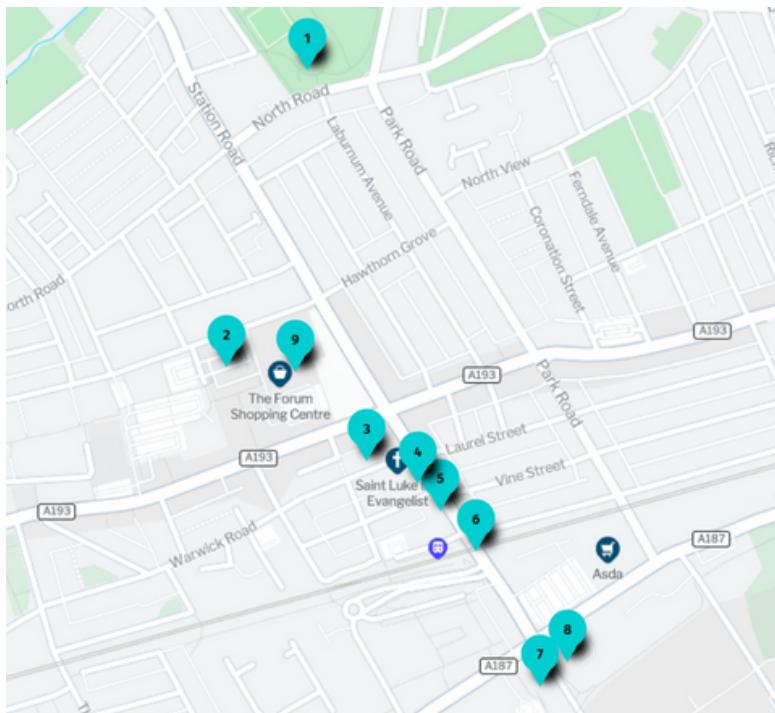
1. Richardson Dees Park
7. Segedunum Roman Fort & Museum

Community Organisations

2. Wallsend Library (Including VODA and Working Well)
3. Wallsend Memorial Hall
4. Walking With Centre
9. North Tyneside Arts Centre

Transport

6. Wallsend Metro

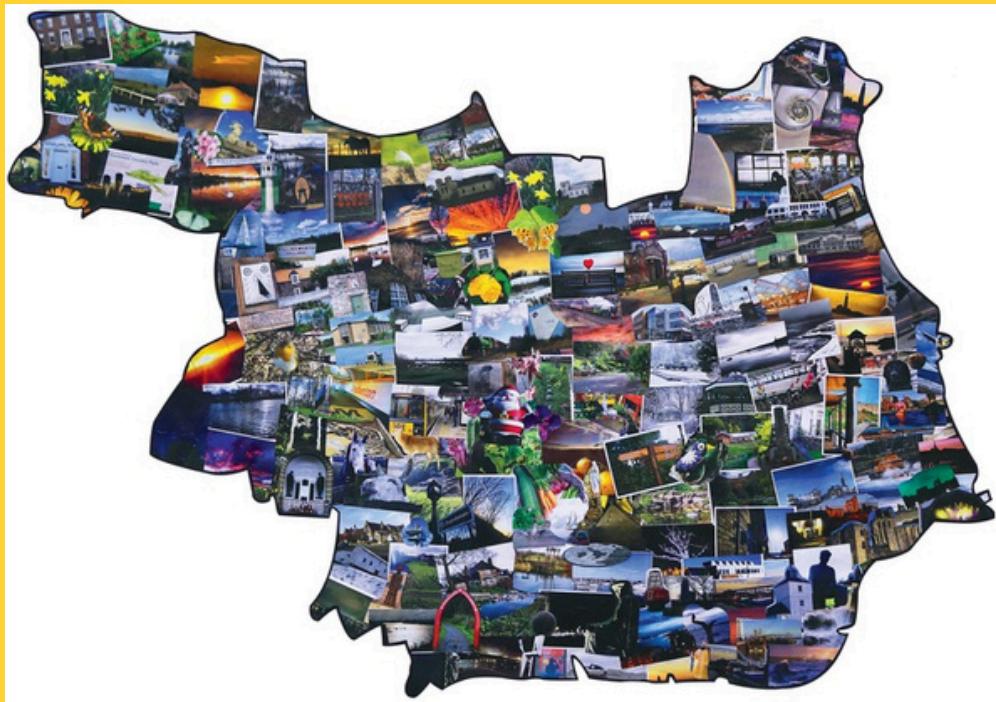


North Tyneside is a great place to live.

In this mini-guide, residents and community groups have given a few suggestions as a starting point to explore the local area - hidden gems and meaningful personal highlights.

There are so many wonderful community organisations and places to visit, it would be impossible to include them all! You can see more organisations online at www.livingwellnorthtyneside.co.uk

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