

Attractions, Things to do, Where to eat, Shopping

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Our facebook page is updated frequently with news of events and attractions in the region.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheBriarRoseDurham/>

Where to Eat & Drink (a small varied selection)

- Lumley Castle : Medieval Banquets and a-la-carte dining
 - a. <http://www.lumleycastle.com/>
- Marsden Grotto: Pub food by the sea
 - a. <https://www.facebook.com/marsdengrotto1/>
- Penschaw Tandoori: Indian cuisine
 - a. <http://www.penshawtandoori.co.uk/>
- Mamas Kitchen, Philadelphia: Itallian
 - a. <http://www.mamasitaliankitchen.co.uk/>
- Ramside Hall, Carville - Carvery, caberet,
 - a. <http://www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/>
- The Sportsmans Arms, Belmont. Pub food - Sunday lunch
 - a. https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant_Review-g190832-d7235748-Reviews-Sportsmans_Arms-Durham_County_Durham_England.html
- Bannatyne Heath Club (with bar and restaurant)
 - a. <https://www.bannatyne.co.uk/health-club/durham>
- The Floaters Mill A1052 Bournmoor family pub:
 - a. <http://www.floatersmill.co.uk/>
- The Smiths Arms
 - a. https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/ShowUserReviews-g1156051-d4752218-r173975399-The_Smiths_Arms-Chester_Le_Street_County_Durham_England.html (Week end only)
- Bournmoor Cricket and tennis club (nearest bar, open to non members)
 - a. <http://www.burnmoorcc.org.uk/facilities.html>
- The Grey Horse, Penschaw.:
 - a. <https://whatpub.com/pubs/SUN/6022/grey-horse-inn-penschaw>
- The monument, Penschaw. Traditional pub:
 - a. <https://whatpub.com/pubs/SUN/4001/monument-penschaw>
- The Biddick Inn, Fatfield. Tradional Pub:
 - a. <https://whatpub.com/pubs/SUN/6744/biddick-inn-washington>
- The River Bar, Fatfield (for the younger crowd):
 - a. <http://www.riverbarwashington.co.uk/>
- The Havelock, Fatfield - traditional pub: (probably the best)
 - a. <http://www.thehavelock.com/>
- The North Biddick Club and Restaurant - open to non members: (Live entertainment Sunday Evening)
 - a. <http://www.northbiddickclub.co.uk/>
- Tai Restaurant, Star of Siam, Highfield hotel, East Rainton:
 - a. <http://www.thestarofsiam.co.uk/>
- The Stackyard, Herrington - traditional country pub:
 - a. https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant_Review-g1208081-d4177342-Reviews-The_Stackyard-Houghton_Le_Spring_Tyne_and_Wear_England.html

A little Further Afield

- Thomas Wright House High St Byers Green County Durham DL16 7PF
<http://thomaswrighthouse.com/contact-and-location/> ask for Ester
- Old Cinema Launderette & Bar, 38 Marshall Terrace, Gilesgate Moor, Durham, DH1 2HX
www.oldcinemalaunderette.uk/ Ask for Kathy

Days Out and Sights to visit

- Penshaw monument
- ST Cuthbert’s, Roker
- Roker and Seaburn beaches
- Souter Lighthouse and the Leas
- Sunderland Museum & Winter gardens
- National Glass Centre
- Washington Wetland Centre
- Seaham Harbour
- Chester-le-Street Riverside park
- Finchael Abbey
- Beamish Museum
- Durham Cathedral & Castle
- Botanic Garden, Durham University <https://www.dur.ac.uk/botanic.garden/>
- Bishop Auckland
- Weardale & Alston
- Barnard Castle and the Bowes Museum
- High Force, Teesdale
- Angel of the North
- Tanfield Railway Station
- Gateshead Arts Centre (Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art)
- Hadrians wall: (Wallsend, Housesteads, other)
- St Marys Lighthouse, Whitley Bay
- Blue Reef Aquarium, Tynemouth
- Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland
- Kielder Forest and Reservoir, Northumberland
- Ushaw College <http://www.ushaw.org/store/index.php?page=visitor-information>

Sites of Scientific Interest (download from our web page)

The Angel of the North by Antony Gormley is located in Gateshead close to the A1. It was completed in 1998 and is a "must see" for your itinerary

This imposing metal sculpture at Seaham Harbour, entitled 1101, owing to the fact the armistice went into effect at 11am on November 11, 1918, stands 9ft 5ins tall and weighs 1.2 tonnes. Created by Ray Lonsdale, the sculpture is known locally as "Tommy"



Activities: [Walks](#), [Nature](#), [fishing](#), [golf](#)

- Beach walks - Roker, Seaburn & Whitburn
- Riverside Walks – Chester le Street, Durham, Sunderland, Washington
- Country walks - Rainton Meadows and Lumley Castle
- Washington wildfowl trust
- Watgate Forest Park and Washingwell Wood
- Dry Ski Slope - Silksworth, Sunderland
 - <https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/silksworth-sports-complex-and-ski-slope/silksworth-sports-complex-and-ski-slope-price-lists/>
- Golf Courses
 - Chester le St, Lumley Park, Chester-Le-Street, DH3 4NS
 - Whitburn Golf Course
 - South Moor Golf Club
 - Centurion Park Golf Club
 - Beamish, Stanley, DH9 0RH
 - Brancepeth Village, Durham, DH7 8EA
 - Cocken Lodge Farm, Leamside, Durham, DH4 6QP
 - Houghton Le Spring: Copt Hill, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8LU
 - Mount Oswald: South Road, Durham City, DH1 3TQ
 - Ramside Hall Hotel, Carrville, Durham, DH1 1TD
 - Roseberry Grange: Grange Villa, Chester-Le-Street, DH2 3NF
 - Seaham: Shrewsbury Street, Dawdon, Seaham, SR7 7RD
 - Sharpley Springs: Seaton Seaham, SR7 0NP
 - Wearside: Cox Green, Sunderland, SR4 9JT
- Penshaw Horse Riding
- Activity Centres, swimming etc
 - Sunderland Aquatic centre
 - Houghton-le-Spring Sports centre (no pool)
 - Chester-le-Street leisure centre
 - Marine Activities Centre - Roker Beach, Sunderland
 - Raich Carter Sports Centre, Sunderland

Events

- Football - fixtures
 - Newcastle, www.nufc.co.uk
 - Middlesbrough, www.mfc.co.uk
 - Sunderland, www.safc.com
- Cricket - Durham CCC, The Riverside: <http://www.durhamccc.co.uk/fixtures/2016-first-xi/>
- Rugby - Gosforth Rugby club: <http://www.gosforth-rfc.co.uk/>
- Athletics - Gateshead: <http://www.gatesheadharriers.com/>
- Speedway - Newcastle Diamonds: <http://www.newcastlediamonds.co/fixtures.asp>
- Greyhound Races - Sunderland Greyhound Stadium: <http://www.sunderlanddogs.com/>
- Horseracing - Newcastle Racecourse: <http://www.newcastle-racecourse.co.uk/>
- Air Display - Sunderland air show Roker & Seaburn July 22-24:
<http://www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk/sunderland-international-airshow>
- [Theatre](#), shows and dining events
 - Empire, Sunderland: <http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/sunderland-empire/>
 - Ramside Hall dine & shows: <http://www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/whats-on/>
 - Lumley Castle dine & entertainment: <http://www.lumleycastle.com/events/>
 - North Biddick Club: Live entertainment each Sunday evening:
<http://www.northbiddickclub.co.uk/>
 - Kynren. Spectacular open air event throughout the summer
<https://www.kynren.com/>
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Shopping

- Newcastle City Centre
- Metro centre, Gateshead
- The Bridges, Sunderland
- The Galleries, Washington
- Durham City Farmers Market, Market Square. (third Thursday each month)
- Biddick Country Market, Art Centre, Fatfield Road, "Fatfield, Washington", NE38 8AB. Saturday 10-16:00
- Farmers Market: Held in the Market square in Durham every Saturday morning
- Newcastle Quayside Market , NE1 3DE Every Sunday from 9.30am to 4pm
Newcastle's weekly Farmers Market Grey's Monument, Newcastle, NE1 7AL First Friday of every month from 9.30am to 2.30pm

Walking

There are a number of excellent walks which can be joined close to The Briar Rose. These walks are clearly marked on the OS Explorer map 308, a copy of which we would recommend you bring with you.

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop/maps/explorer-map-durham-sunderland.html?gclid=Cj0KEQjAwrBEBRDqxzMsrTGmogBEiQAeSE6ZWm5eSjyiuLwKYXhvmR8d1hly1VDOBUbQGLgiaXbjnYaAmBa8P8HAQ>

Should you wish to participate in walks with others than there are a number of active groups nearby. Contact details are given below in order that you can get in touch to date information of the walks they have planned.

http://www.ramblingclubs.com/ramblingclubs.php/Tyne_&_Wear/65/2/

Boldon Outdoor Activities Club

<http://www.theboac.co.uk/>

Newcastle & District CHA & HF Rambling Club

<http://www.newcastlewalking.co.uk/>

Northern Hills

<http://www.meetup.com/Northern-hills/>

Northumbria Area of Ramblers Association

<http://www.northumbriaramblers.org.uk/index.php>

Shepherds Walks (guided walks)

<http://www.shepherdswalks.co.uk/>

Sunderland Walking Club

<http://www.sunderlandwalking.club/>

Tyneside Walking & Social Group

<http://www.tynewalk.org/>

Ramblers Association: Chester-le-Street

<http://www.northumbriaramblers.org.uk/groups/chester-le-street>

Group Secretary: Jon Davison 0191 3884088 jon.sec.cls@gmail.com

Walks and coach trip organiser:

Joanne Hall 07833 590060 cls.ramblers.joanne@gmail.com

Chairman: Kathleen Tweddle 0191 5120185 kathleentweddle@gmail.com

Short walks organiser: Mu Goode 07525 830263 mugoode@hotmail.co.uk

Meeting place: Chester-le-Street Civic Centre Car Park. DH3 3TE. We leave promptly at 9.30am and encourage car sharing

Ramblers Association: Durham

<http://www.northumbriaramblers.org.uk/groups/durham>

Richard Dennis 0191 3868453 07774 347328

Sue Goddard 0191 3845308

Cliff Ludman 0191 3866886 07766 662669

John and Maggie Hillier

01388 765589 07900 054353

Alistair and Elaine Simpson, 01388 607323

Roger Carpenter 0191 3864511 07503 646233

Richard Fletcher 0191 3843193 07974 352372

Ramblers Association: Sunderland

<http://www.northumbriaramblers.org.uk/groups/sunderland>

Hilda Conlon 0191 5226609

John Routledge 0191 5286966

Jim Birkett 07474 666119

Bill and Gill Darbyshire, 0191 4172797

John Routledge 0191 5286966

Theatres and the Arts

http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/sunderland-empire/	Sunderland Empire Theatre
https://www.theatreroyal.co.uk/	The Theatre Royal & City Hall, 100 Grey Street, Newcastle
http://tynetheatreandoperahouse.uk/events/	Tyne Theatre and Opera House, Newcastle
https://www.peopletheatre.co.uk/	The People's Theatre, Stephenson Road, Newcastle
https://www.dancecity.co.uk/performance	CoisCeim Dance Theatre, Temple St., Newcastle
https://www.northernstage.co.uk/	Northern Stage Theatre, Barras Bridge, Newcastle
http://www.live.org.uk/	Live Theatre, Broad Chare, Newcastle
http://www.westovians.co.uk/	Westovian Theatre Society Pier Pavilion, Pier Parade, South Shields
http://www.artscentrewashington.co.uk/	Arts Centre Washington, Biddick Lane, Fatfield, Washington NE38 8AB
http://littletheatregateshead.co.uk/	The Little Theatre <i>Saltwell Park, 3a Saltwell View, Gateshead,</i>
http://www.sagegateshead.com/	St Mary's Square, Gateshead Quays, Gateshead
http://www.life.org.uk/	Life Science Centre, Times Square, Newcastle

Golfing Competitions

[Beamish Park Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/beamish-park-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/beamish-park-golf-club.htm>

[Bishop Auckland Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/bishop-auckland-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/bishop-auckland-golf-club.htm>

[Castle Eden Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/castle-eden-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/castle-eden-golf-club.htm>

[Chester-le-Street Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/chester-street-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/chester-street-golf-club.htm>

[Durham City Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/durham-city-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/durham-city-golf-club.htm>

[Garesfield Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/garesfield-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/garesfield-golf-club.htm>

[George Washington Hotel & Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/george-washington-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/george-washington-golf-club.htm>

[Houghton-le-Spring Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/club/durham-clubs.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/club/durham-clubs.htm>

[Hetton-le-Hill Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/hetton-le-hole-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/hetton-le-hole-golf-club.htm>
To be announced

[Ramside Hall Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/ramside-hall-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/ramside-hall-golf-club.htm>
To be announced

[Ravensworth Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/ravensworth-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/ravensworth-golf-club.htm>

[Seaham Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/seaham-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/seaham-golf-club.htm>
Receive an [email alert](#) when new open competitions are listed

[Sharpley Springs Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/sharpley-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/sharpley-golf-club.htm>

[South Moor Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/south-moor-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/south-moor-golf-club.htm>

[South Shields Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/south-shields-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/south-shields-golf-club.htm>

[Wearside Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/wearside-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/wearside-golf-club.htm>

[Whickham Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/whickham-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/whickham-golf-club.htm>

[Whitburn Golf Club](http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/whitburn-golf-club.htm) <http://www.golfempire.co.uk/golf-clubs/whitburn-golf-club.htm>
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