

The art of regeneration

A self guided walk along the River Tyne at Gateshead



Discover different waves of regeneration over the decades
Find out about the challenges of transforming old industrial sites
See modern landmark buildings and iconic heritage structures
Explore the relationships between natural and human land uses

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Discover decades of redevelopment along the River Tyne in Gateshead

Located on the southern bank of the River Tyne, the town of Gateshead is often overshadowed by its neighbour across the water - the city of Newcastle. Many people mistake Gateshead for a part of Newcastle but in fact the two are distinct and unique places.

This walk tells the story of Gateshead's evolving post-war identity through regeneration, from the decline of heavy industry by the Tyne to the town's patronage of public art.



The Sage and Tyne Bridge
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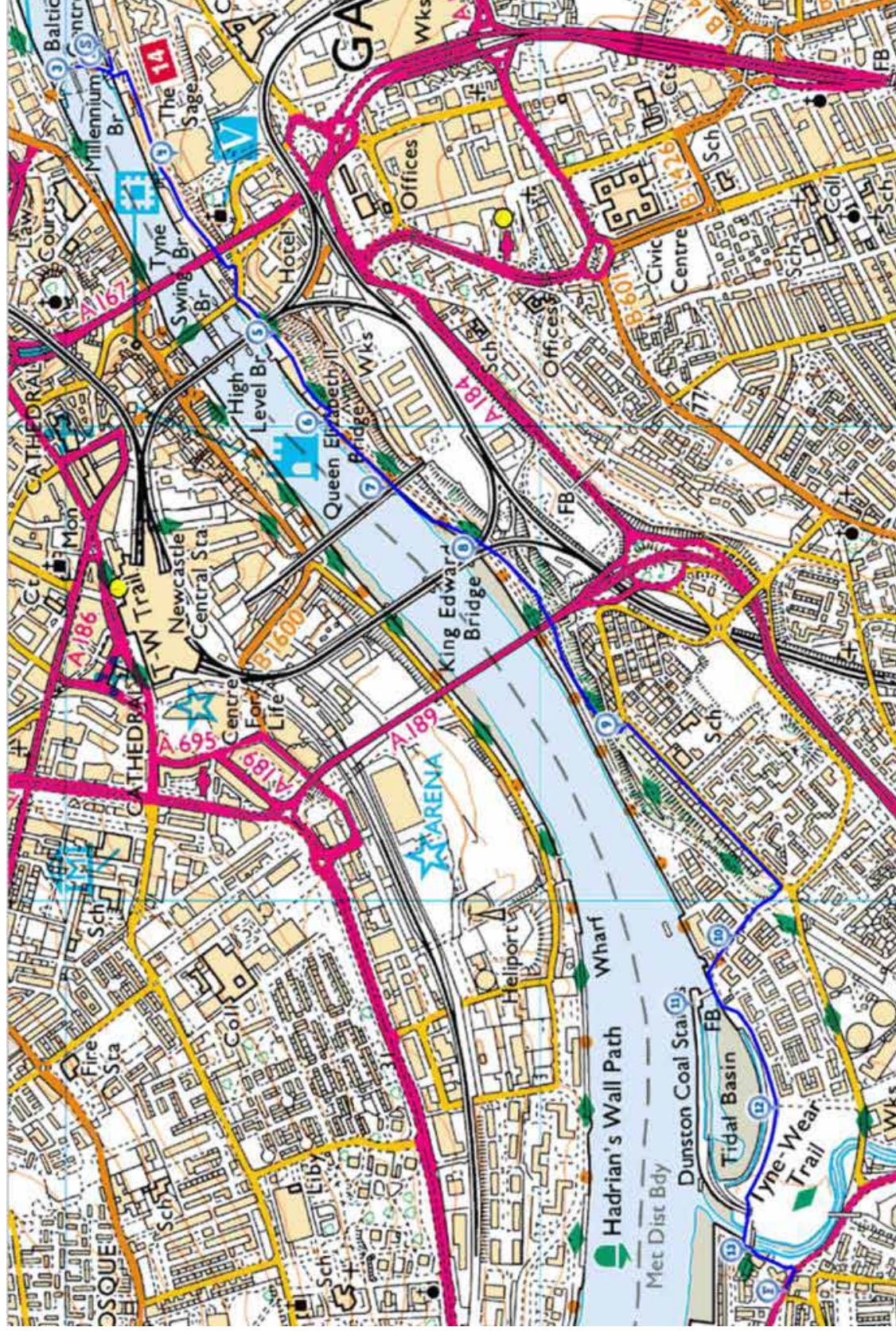
Gateshead Millennium Bridge and BALTIC Centre
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See the world's first tilting bridge and the Tyne's last surviving coal staithes. Find out about the problems involved in transforming former industrial sites. Explore the relationships between natural and human land uses.

Also discover the different approaches to urban regeneration across the decades, from creating jobs and houses to experiments with Garden Festivals and landmark buildings.

By exploring a short section of Gateshead's riverside the walk uncovers the broader history of twentieth and twenty-first century regeneration in Britain.

Route overview

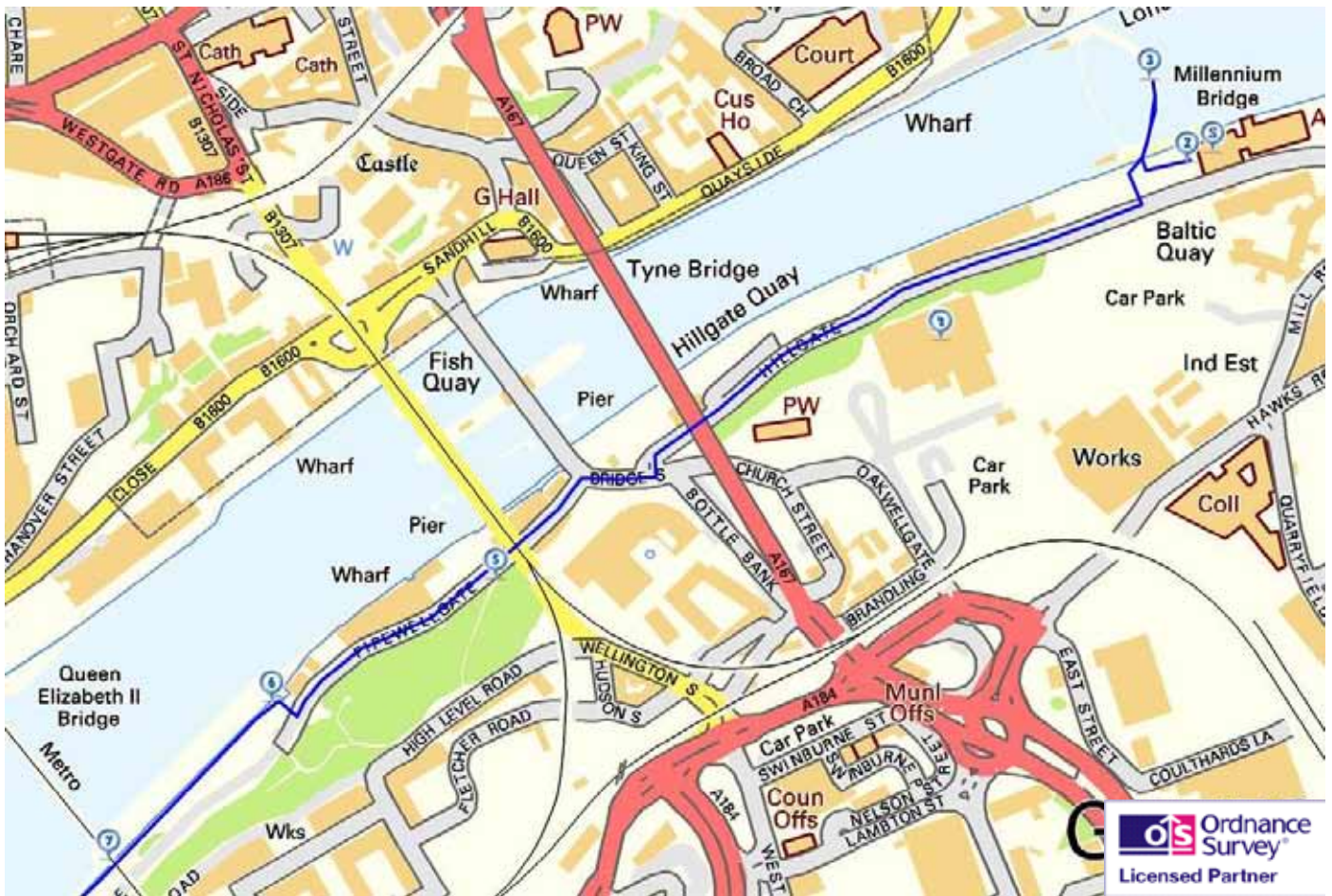


Practical information

Location	Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, Northeast England
Getting there	<p>Train - There are frequent connections to other major cities in the UK and local destinations via Newcastle Central station. Newcastle Central is approximately one mile from the BALTIC.</p> <p>Metro - The nearest Tyne and Wear Metro station is Gateshead Metro Interchange. The BALTIC is a 10-minute walk away.</p> <p>Bus - Most services run from Gateshead Bus Interchange or Newcastle Central station, including the bright yellow Quaylink buses (route Q1). These serve the BALTIC every 10 minutes during the day and at least every 20 minutes during the evening.</p> <p>Car - Gateshead is easily accessible from the A1 which circuits Gateshead and Newcastle; parking spaces are available in the BALTIC car park (charges apply).</p> <p>Bicycle - Gateshead Quayside is on National Cycle Network Route 14 (Keelmans Way).</p>
Start point	The BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead Quays, NE8 3BA
Finish point	Dunston Community Centre, Railway Street, NE11 9EB
Walk distance	2 ½ miles
Level	Gentle – A mostly flat route following the River Tyne
Journey from railway station to the start	<p>From Newcastle Central station turn right onto Neville Street. Continue as it forks right into Westgate Road. At the end take the path to the left of the Black Gate and turn right into the Side. Follow the Side all the way downhill to the Tyne Bridge.</p> <p>The BALTIC Centre will be visible to your left on the opposite river bank. You can cross over to it using Gateshead Millennium Bridge.</p>
Return journey	You can return to Gateshead or Newcastle from Dunston Community Centre by bus. See Directions 14 for details.

Terrain	Urban pavements, paved riverside and parkland paths. There are ramps to avoid steps at the Quayside.
Conditions	The riverside can be breezy so take warm clothing. Watch out for cyclists and for fast-moving buses between Stops 5 and 8.
Suitable for	<p>Families – plenty of sights to enjoy including the bridges and artworks</p> <p>Pushchairs / wheelchairs - a step-free route but some gentle inclines</p> <p>Dogs – must be kept on a lead</p>
Refreshments	There are plenty of places to eat in Gateshead and Newcastle. On the walk route the BALTIC Centre and Sage have cafés. At the end of the route you can visit Dunston Community Centre or The Tudor Rose pub opposite.
Toilets	There are toilets with baby changing facilities in the BALTIC Centre. Other facilities are available at Dunston Community Centre or The Tudor Rose.
Places to visit	<p>The BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art is open daily from 10am to 6pm, except Tuesdays when opening is at 10.30am. Free entry. Email: info@balticmill.com Tel: 0191 478 1810</p> <p>St Mary's Heritage Centre is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Free entry. Email: heritage@gateshead.gov.uk Tel: 0191 433 4699</p> <p>The Sage Gateshead is open daily from 9am, closing time 9pm - 11pm depending on performances. Free building entry, family events and shop. Email: ticketoffice@sagegateshead.com Tel: 0191 443 4666</p> <p>The Angel of the North sculpture is located on the outskirts of Gateshead Bus routes 21 and 22 from Newcastle Eldon Square stop near the Angel. By car, the Angel is accessible from the A167 (off the A1). Parking and cycle bays are available near to the sculpture site.</p>
Tourist information	The nearest is NewcastleGateshead Visitor Information Centre , located at 8-9 Central Arcade (off Grey Street near Grey's Monument), Newcastle NE1 5BQ. Tel: 0191 277 8000 Email: visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk

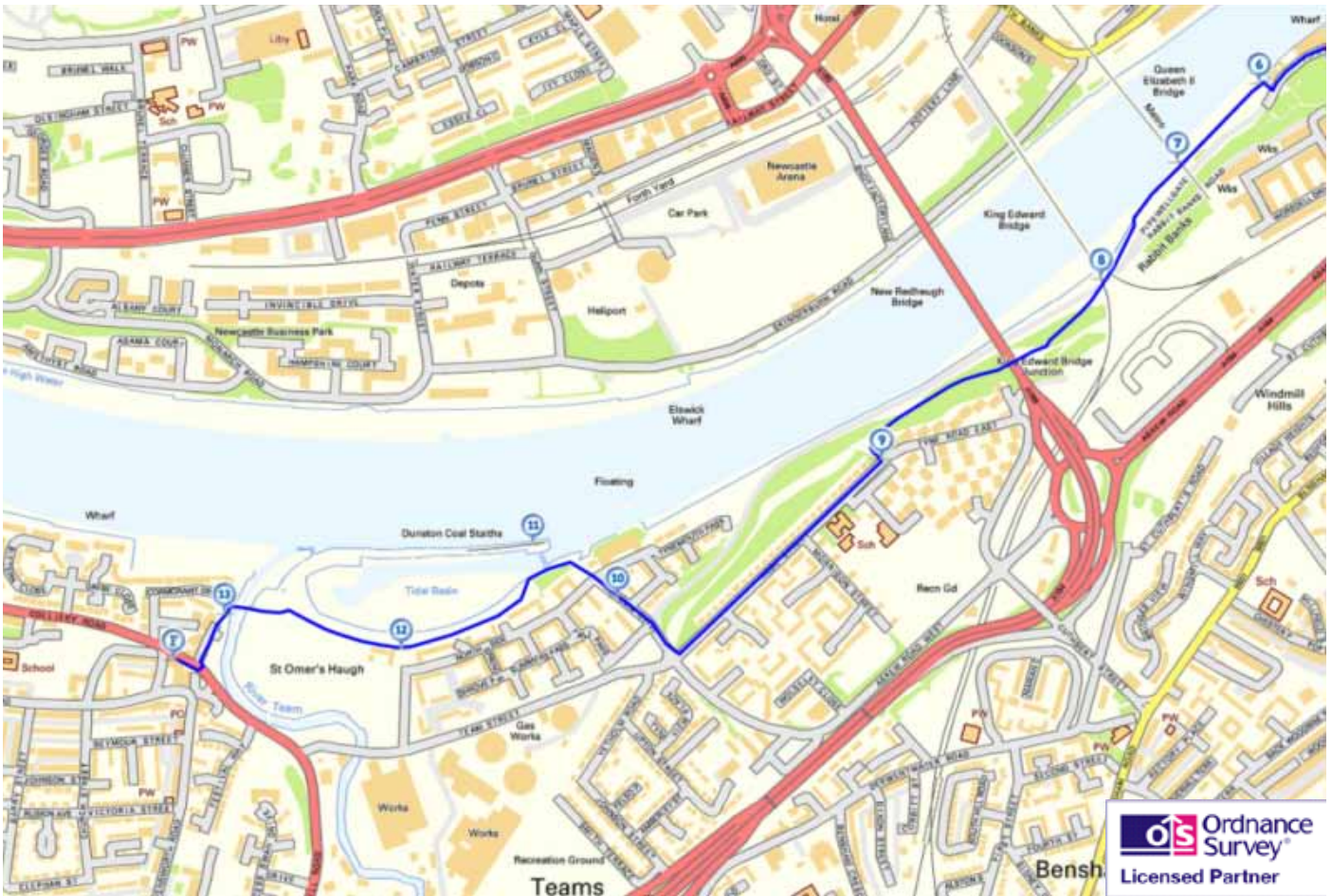
First half of the route



Stopping points

- Start.** BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art
- 2.** BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art
 - 3.** Gateshead Millennium Bridge
 - 4.** The Sage Gateshead
 - 5.** Rise and Fall sculpture, Riverside Park
 - 6.** View of Riverside Park, Pipewellgate car park
 - 7.** Keelmans Way at Queen Elizabeth II Bridge

Second half of the route



Stopping points

- 8. Riverside Rivets, under King Edward VII Bridge
- 9. Site of Clasper Village, Rose Street
- 10. Staiths South Bank Estate, Autumn Drive
- 11. View of Dunston Staithes
- 12. Beside Dunston Staithes
- 13. View of Saltmarsh Garden from Staithes Road

Finish. Dunston Community Centre, Railway Street

Directions

These directions are for use with the audio commentary. Listen to each track then read the directions below to get to the next stop.

1. Welcome to Gateshead

The BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead Quayside

Directions 1

Face the entrance to the BALTIC Centre with the river on your left. Listen to Track 2.

2. An artistic statement

The BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead Quayside

Directions 2

With the BALTIC behind you head towards the curving white bridge. This is the Gateshead Millennium Bridge. Continue halfway across it then stop and look down the river towards the other bridges. Listen to Track 3.

3. Bridges and tunnels

Gateshead Millennium Bridge

Directions 3

Retrace your steps to the Quayside. With the BALTIC on your left, go up the steps or the ramps then turn right towards the curved glass building, the Sage Gateshead. Stop at the bus stop for a good view of it. Listen to Track 4.

4. A iconic landmark

The Sage Gateshead

Directions 4

With the Sage on your left, continue along the left pavement. Pass the Tyne Bridge then cross the junction using both sets of traffic lights. Continue downhill onto Pipewellgate. As you pass under the High Level Bridge there will be a piece of public art on your left. Stop beside it to listen to Track 5.

5. Rise and fall

Rise and Fall sculpture, Riverside Park

Directions 5

Continue along the pavement nearest the river and follow it up to a car park. Turn right and stop by a stone bench in the corner with 'Gateshead' written on it. Look across the car park to the trees. Listen here to Track 6.

6. Pipe clearing

View of Riverside Park, Pipewellgate Car Park

Directions 6

With the river on your right, pass the car park and continue along the riverside path. Stop when you reach the blue painted Queen Elizabeth II Metro Bridge. Look out across the River Tyne. Listen to Track 7.

7. River cycles

Keelmans Way at Queen Elizabeth II Bridge

Directions 7

Continue along Keelmans Way up to the next bridge, the King Edward VII Bridge. You should be able to see three metal sculptures under the bridge beside the road. Carefully cross the road and stop beside them. Listen to Track 8.

8. Co-producing art

Riverside Rivets, under King Edward VII Bridge

Directions 8

The footpath forks at the King Edward VII Bridge. Take the left hand path uphill into the park (as opposed to continuing alongside the river). As you continue look out for more rivet sculptures. At the next fork in the path bear left. Turn left at the top of the hill to emerge at a road. Stop in the paved area with metal benches and sculptures. Listen to Track 9.

9. The lost village

Site of Clasper Village, Rose Street

Directions 9

Turn right and continue into Rose Street. When you come to the crossroads and traffic lights, turn right and walk downhill into Autumn Drive. Continue into the housing estate and stop when you reach a bench on the right near a children's play area. Listen here to Track 10.

10. Sustainable communities

Staiths South Bank estate, Autumn Drive

Directions 10

Continue downhill towards the River Tyne. Use the steps or the ramp to return to the riverside path. Stop facing the large timber structure. Listen to Track 11.

11. A question of heritage

View of Dunston Staithes

Directions 11

Turn left and walk to the end of the housing estate. Stop alongside the Staithes at the point where they touch land. Listen beside the Staithes to Track 12.

12. The seeds of regeneration

Beside Dunston Staithes

Directions 12

Continue along the riverside path and go over the metal bridge. Stop by the large stones between the bridge and the road ahead (Staithes Road). Look across the river at the area of trees to the right of the bridge on the opposite bank. Listen to Track 13.

13. Natural development

View of Saltmarsh Garden from Staithes Road

Directions 13

With the bridge behind you, continue along Staithes Road. At the end cross over Railway Street using the traffic island to the left. Turn right and stop outside the brick building, Dunston Community Centre. Listen to Track 14.

14. The art or regeneration

Dunston Community Centre, Railway Street

Directions 14

This is the end of the walk. Feel free to visit the Community Centre if it is open to enjoy some refreshments. You may also like to visit the Angel of the North sculpture near the A1.

To return to Newcastle or Gateshead town centre there are frequent buses from a stop opposite the Community Centre. Alternatively, you may wish to return by following the riverside path. At the red and white Swing Bridge you can cross over the river into Newcastle or continue ahead to return to the BALTIC and Gateshead Quayside.

Further information

The Angel of the North

www.gateshead.gov.uk/Leisure%20and%20Culture/attractions/Angel/Home.aspx

BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art

www.balticmill.com

Bridges on the Tyne

www.bridgesonthetyne.co.uk

Gateshead Millennium Bridge

www.gateshead.gov.uk/Leisure%20and%20Culture/attractions/bridge/Home.aspx

Gateshead Quays

www.gateshead-quays.com

iSee Gateshead

<http://isee.gateshead.gov.uk>

NewcastleGateshead

www.newcastlegateshead.com

Pictures of Gateshead

www.picturesofgateshead.co.uk

Riverside Park

www.gateshead.gov.uk/Leisure%20and%20Culture/Art/ArtMaps/Riverside-Park.aspx

Sage Gateshead

www.sagegateshead.com

St Mary's Heritage Centre

www.localhistorygateshead.com/st-marys-heritage-centre

Staithe South Bank Estate

www.hemingwaydesign.co.uk/the-staithe-south-bank-detail

This is Gateshead

www.thisisgateshead.com

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