



Building bridges

Discover how industry and the arts made Newcastle a global city

One of the major cities of north east England, Newcastle came into its own in the Industrial Revolution. Fuelled by coal and oiled by the River Tyne, Newcastle attracted trades, goods and people from around the world.

But Newcastle's industries then experienced severe decline. The city had to reinvent itself and it has become a vibrant centre for the arts. This walk explores how Newcastle has constantly adapted since it was formed by the Romans.

On this walk you can hear about some of the international industries and communities that have shaped Newcastle and visit some of the key sites in the city's history - including a castle, a friary, a Premier League football stadium, "Britain's finest street" and its world-famous bridges.



The Tyne Bridge, icon of Britain's north east
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Location	Newcastle upon Tyne	Level	City centre walk with one steep hill
Start point	Newcastle Central station	Suitable for	Families
Postcode	NE1 5DL	Refreshments	Plenty of city centre cafes
Finish point	Newcastle Central station	Facilities	Toilets in city centre and the galleries
Distance	3.5 miles		

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