

HIDDEN NEWCASTLE?

So just what, exactly, is 'hidden' about Newcastle? What aspects are there of the capital city of the North East that are concealed, kept secret, or out of sight? Perhaps some explanation is due before we embark on our voyage of discovery. This book is an exploration of the less familiar sights and features of Newcastle upon Tyne; from obscure and forgotten relics lying in unfrequented byways or unlikely unexpected places, to more prominent monuments and architecture which thousands of people pass every day but fail to really notice. This is an unusual guide book for visitors who have a taste for something slightly off the beaten track. It is also an exhortation to the residents of Newcastle to take a second, closer look at the marvellous city in which they live.

Whether ancient or modern, these hidden facets of the city form part of its history. Some of them may be evidence of great events that shaped that history. Others may be nothing more than mild curiosities. But all of them have a tale to tell about a vibrant city and its people. A city that its people write songs about. A city which, despite long established civic status, is still lovingly referred to by many of its people as "the Toon". This book is a temptation to get to know Newcastle better, to meander a little – rather like exploring a rambling old house, taking a peek around its dustier corners, or rummaging in the attic. By taking just a few steps away from the beaten track, Newcastle can be seen to have many secrets and surprises to reveal.

