

	Toon & Tyne (Newcastle) PT (PT 340 - 10Km)		
START VENUE	Directly outside the main entrance to Newcastle Railway Station (also known as Newcastle Central), Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5DL which is situated in the heart of Newcastle City Centre.		
CAR PARKING	There are several multi-storey car parks in the vicinity, the nearest and most accessible being Times Square Car Park which is situated about five minutes from the start venue. This is also an alternative start venue. The entrance to Times Square Car Park is situated at the junction of Railway Street and Redheugh Bridge Road.		
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	The start venue is well served by public transport. Trains on the East Coast Main Line stop frequently at Newcastle Station as do trains on the regional network from the west, including from the Metro Shopping Centre. The Railway Station is also on the route of the Tyne & Wear Metro (Nexus) which services Newcastle and its suburbs, Sunderland and Newcastle Airport. There are bus stops and a taxi rank directly outside the main entrance to the Railway Station.		
GEOCACHING	Unknown		
DISTANCE/GRADE	10Km. Some short uphill gradients but a fairly easy walk. Not suitable for wheelchairs due to cobbled surfaces and short steep hill.		
TERRAIN	Mainly hard surface footpaths with some cinder tracks and paths. Mixture of urban, riverside and parkland settings.		
GENERAL INFORMATION	Newcastle upon Tyne, or simply Newcastle is a city and metropolitan borough in Tyne & Wear. It is situated on the north bank of the River Tyne and developed around a Roman settlement. It was a port and a major centre of British shipbuilding and repairs. Now famed for its nightlife, Greggs Bakery and Newcastle United FC, there are many famous landmarks including the Tyne Bridge, the 'Armstrong' Swing Bridge, Newcastle Castle, Newcastle Cathedral, Grey's Monument, the Gateshead Millenium Bridge (also known as the Winking Eye Bridge), St James' Park and Chinatown.		
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES	River Connections: There are several River Connections on this PT.		
	Royal Connections: There are several Royal Connections on this PT.		
REFRESHMENTS	Refreshments are readily available at the start within the station complex. There are public houses, cafes and restaurants all along this route.		
TOILETS	Toilets are available within the station complex at the start and also at various refreshment stops along the route.		
BWF / IVV	This trail is registered until 31st December 2026. BWF declaration on next page		
ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK / UPDATED	6 th August 2025. (Please make sure you are using the most up to date version, particularly if printed off a while ago). Section UK IPA Walking Group – BWF Club 113. Admin update 05/04/2026.		
DATA PROTECTION	The data provided on his form will be retained until 1st February 2027 for statistical analysis and will then be securely destroyed.		
ENTRY FEE	£1.50 per walker. Payment preferred by Bank Transfer to Metro Bank Account: 45237087; Sort Code: 23-05-80; Name: IPA Region 3 (NB: Metro Bank do not operate "Confirmation of Payee" so a warning indicating this account cannot be checked is likely). Please use PT 340 + Surname as payment reference. Cheques, payable to Mrs J A Smith, accepted only by exception when bank transfer is not possible please.		
TRAIL ORGANISER: (TO CLAIM IVV STAMPS)	Judith Smith (BWF), 13 Chantry Road, East Ayton, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 9EP. Email: judith.a.smith@btinternet.com Please use the form on Page 2 to submit your entry and claim IVV stamps. Please enclose a STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE [A5 size (162mm x 229mm)] with this form and send it to the Trail Organiser.		
BWF DECLARATION	The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.		

PERMANENT TRAIL COMPLETION & IVV STAMP CLAIM FORM

(Please print details clearly)

PT NAME:	TOON & TYNE (NEWCASTLE) PT		PT NUMBER:	PT340
DATE WALKED:		ROUTE UPDATED:	06/08/2025 Admin – 29/12/2025	

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
POSTCODE:		TELEPHONE: *	
E-MAIL: *			

NAMES OF <u>ADDITIONAL</u> WALKERS:		

AWARD & SOUVENIR STICKER:	At the present time, there is no award available for this trail. If you wish to be notified if an award (cloth badge) is produced, please indicate YES / NO . Please ensure your E-mail address is entered above.
	A free Souvenir Log Book sticker is available YES / NO

Please put my IVV stamps on a new set of insert cards.	YES / NO
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ENTRY FEES:		Walkers @ £1.50 each=	£
		Awards @ £2.50 each =	£ Not applicable
	Total transferred / enclosed (delete as necessary) =		£

ANSWERS	
Q1:	Q6:
Q2:	Q7:
Q3:	Q8:
Q4:	Q9:
Q5:	

If you wish to make any comments, please add them to a separate sheet.
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If you have a problem with this trail, please try to resolve it with the trail organiser. If you are unable to resolve the problem, please contact the BWF Trails Officer.
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ROUTE DESCRIPTION

TL = TURN LEFT; TR = TURN RIGHT; SO = STRAIGHT ON

Start outside the Railway Station Main Entrance on Neville Street. With your back to the Railway Station entrance, face the Victoria Comet Public House on the opposite side of the road. It is situated to the left of one of the County Hotel, a Victorian Grade 2 listed building and one of Newcastle's original hotels.

TL and walk along the footpath keeping the station complex to the left and the taxi rank/pick up/drop off to the right. After about 150 metres, use the pedestrian crossing to cross Central Parkway (no sign). In front is the Life Science Building, part of the National Health Service (NHS). Continue SO and slightly left and walk through the large arch of the Life Science Building into Times Square (Times Square is used for large events so the area may sometimes be very busy). Continue SO and slightly downhill to the bottom of Times Square passing to the right of a stone building with clock tower to a large exit. Use the exit to leave Times Square then TL, soon onto Railway Street (sign on right) and walk downhill keeping the Life Science Building to the left.

Continue past the end of the building complex and, at the large T junction use the pedestrian crossing and head towards the Safestore Self Storage building opposite. Once across the junction, TR, signposted Times Sq & Utilita Arena Parking on brown sign, and continue SO along Railway Street where you will soon see the Leonardo Hotel, (formally Jury's Inn) on the opposite side of the road. On the left is Times Square car park, a large multi-storey car park which can be used as an alternative start point.

At the end of the car park is the junction of Redheugh Bridge Road. TL on Redheugh Bridge Road and walk past the entrance to the Car Park and underneath a series of railway bridges that cross the road. Vehicles are prohibited from using Redheugh Bridge Road but pedestrians are permitted to walk through. Continue SO downhill towards a mini-roundabout. The Utilita Arena concert venue is on the right.

Continue SO at the roundabout into Shot Factory Lane [#1] and walk downhill along the narrow, quiet road through a former industrial area. Continue SO and downhill for about 200 metres to the junction with Skinnerburn Road (no sign). At the junction at the bottom of the hill cross the road onto the Quayside Path. TL and the continue SO following the Quayside Path towards the bridges keeping the River Tyne (**HINT: River Connection**), on the right. The Quayside Path forms part of the National Cycle Route Network so please beware of pedal cycles using the path.

After passing under five bridges (**HINT: Royal Connections. Several of the bridges have Royal Connections – research required**) across the River Tyne the last being the famous red and white Tyne Swing Bridge [#2] designed and built by Sir William Armstrong, look for the former Guildhall, a stone building on the left identified by a plaque near the rounded end of the structure.

QUESTION 1: When did the famous Cutty Sark Tall Ship visit Newcastle Quayside (Blue Plaque opposite the Guildhall)?

After passing the Guildhall, TL onto Sandhill (no sign). Keep to the left-hand footpath and follow the road around to the left. On the right, on the opposite side of the road is the five-storey Bessie Surtees House, a rare example of Jacobean domestic architecture. The building was initially built as 3 separate merchant's houses. Bessie Surtees House is a Grade 1 listed building and is presently home to the regional branch of Historic England. The site where the house is has been a focal point of Newcastle upon Tyne since Roman times when around AD120, the first Tyne Bridge, the Pons Aelius, was built.

The High Level Bridge (**HINT: Royal Connection – research required**) is now visible directly ahead. This is considered to be the most notable historical engineering work in Newcastle. Designed by the famous railway pioneer Robert Stephenson to form a rail link towards Scotland, it also incorporated a carriageway for road vehicles and pedestrians.

Follow the footpath around to the left onto Bridge Street (no sign) then continue SO across the Swing Bridge (**HINT: River Connection**). The Swing Bridge, opened in 1876, replaced the Old Tyne Bridge of 1781 which had been demolished to enable larger ships to move upstream to William Armstrong's armaments factory. The Swing Bridge is also on the same site as the Tyne Bridge of 1270 and probably of the original Roman Pons Aelius bridge.

Continue along Bridge Street keeping to the left-hand footpath and walk uphill around a left-hand bend (ignore the gated footpath on the left). You have now crossed to the south bank of the River Tyne into Gateshead. As you walk around the left-hand bend, bear left with the Tyne Bridge directly in front of you, signposted HMS Calliope. Just before the bus stop, look out for the answer to Question 2 on a plaque on the footpath.

QUESTION 2: Which Newcastle and Gateshead Local Hero is the author of the Vera book and TV series?

Continue SO and walk under the Tyne Bridge [#3] (**HINT: Royal Connection – research required**) keeping the large stone tower to the left. The Tyne Bridge is one of seven road bridges that cross the River Tyne.

Cross the road when safe to do so and use the footpath on the right-hand side. This is Hillgate and as you walk, the arch of the Gateshead Millenium Bridge should come into view. When the footpath begins on the opposite side of the road, cross the road safely.

There is a long, grey military building on the left-hand side.

QUESTION 3: What is the name of this Royal Naval and Royal Marine establishment?

At the end of the military building, make a dog-leg by TL then immediately TR and continue walking SO along a footpath between a high metal fence on the left and a wall on the right. At the end of the fence, the footpath opens out into a larger public square with the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art [#4] straight ahead and the Gateshead Millenium Bridge [#5] (Blinking Eye or Winking Eye Bridge) to the left.

Use the Gateshead Millenium Bridge (**HINT: Royal Connection – research required**) to cross the River Tyne (**HINT: River Connection**) back onto the north bank then immediately TR onto the riverside walk.

Continue SO along the river past the end of the riverside apartments. TL ahead of the 'Private Land' sign onto a paved path and cross towards the Ouseburn Warehouse. At the road, TR and cross the Ouseburn River using Ouseburn Bridge (**HINT: River Connection**). On the other side of the bridge on the left, is a small public house, The Tyne Bar.

TL onto Mallong Street (no sign) towards the brick arch closest to the river in front of The Tyne Bar keeping the river to the left and the pub to the right onto Mallong Street. As you pass under the brick arch of the bridge, take note of the unusual piece of engineering on the river on each side of the arch.

QUESTION 4: What is the unusual construction on the left called?

Continue SO under the arch and follow the footpath with the river on the left. This is Riverside Walk (**HINT: River Connection**). There are some bakeries and gelateria's on this section of the route. Remain on this footpath. Continue under another bridge and after about 500 metres, you will arrive at a cross roads (cross paths) with a wooden foot bridge across the river. This is Panhaggerty Bridge.

TL and cross the river using Panhaggerty Bridge then, having crossed the river, immediately TR. Continue SO along the Riverside Walk but now with the river on the right-hand side. On the left you will pass Ouseburn Farm, a local community farm that is open to the public (free entry). The farm opens Tuesday to Sunday and has a café and toilet facilities which are available during opening hours.

Continue SO and follow the Riverside Walk around the perimeter of the Farm, until you meet another junction in the footpath system. Here, you will find yourself almost immediately under a large, brick viaduct. TR through bollards onto a cobbled path forming a bridge over the river.

Having crossed the bridge, follow the path to the left continue (essentially taking the left fork and continue to head uphill) until the path veers to the right. This will take you under a second large, modern, concrete viaduct. When you come out from under the viaduct you are met with another fork in the path. TL (the right is to a play area) and walk uphill to pass under a third viaduct built of stone and cast iron.

Having walked under the third viaduct there is now a steep climb with the viaduct immediately on the left. At the top of the hill is a junction in the path where there are some apartment buildings on the right. TR and continue SO zig zagging uphill then almost immediately TL at another junction in the path. Continue uphill until the path veers to the right with a fenced area of gravel used by an equestrian centre on the left. At the end of the riding area there is another junction in the path. TL at this point and the ground levels out. Continue along this pathway with the playing fields (City Stadium) to the right.

When you get to the end of the playing fields the footpath meets a cycle path and another footpath which runs across the footpath you have just walked along. Continue SO and cross the cycle path, taking care as this is a busy cycle route. Walk in

between the large diagonal wooden poles set in the ground onto the footpath then TL and follow the footpath to the road (Stoddard Street).

Having walked to Stoddard Street (no sign), use the pedestrian crossing close to the end of the footpath to cross the road then TR. Continue SO along the left-hand footpath (signposted 'Ring Road North & West') onto the B1600 Portland Road (no sign) keeping the mini roundabout on the right. Walk along the left-hand footpath to some crossroads (Shield Street and Helmsley Road) where there is a small triangular shaped area of grass on the left.

TL into Shield Street, signposted Local Shops/Nursery) and walk along the left-hand footpath passing student accommodation on the left. Continue SO past the junction of Barker Street to the mini-roundabout at the junction of Napier Street and Coppice Way. Continue SO & cross to the opposite side of the road when safe to do so. There is an outdoor basketball court on the right. TR and walk a footpath between the basketball court and the first blocks of flats.

At the end of the footpath, cross to the right-hand footpath and walk past a block of garages on the right keeping to right-hand footpath until a T junction with Rock Terrace (no sign). TR then at the T-Junction with Falconar Street TR and remain on the right-hand footpath following the road around to the left. At the mini roundabout, continue SO into Camden Street. Stay on the right-hand footpath along Camden Street as the road bends to the left.

Keep right and take the ramp leading to the footbridge/cyclepath across the A167(M). Use the bridge to cross the A167(M). This bridge is used to access Northumbria University and can be busy at times. It is also frequented by food delivery riders so please take care.

At the bottom of the ramp exit from the bridge, you enter the grounds of Northumbria University. Please note that University Graduation Ceremonies typically take place in July. During Graduation events, this part of the route may be subject to security checks and bag searches. The route remains open but there may be some delays. Please check details on the university website (<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/about-us/university-services/student-library-and-academic-services/registry-records-and-returns/congregations/>) prior to walking the route. **Please consider an alternative route shown at the end of this Route Description to avoid any delays caused by Graduation ceremonies.

Use the Zebra pedestrian crossing directly in front of you to cross the road and then walk SO keeping the Ellison Building (large blue building) to the left onto Northumberland Road. This is part of the University Campus. It can be very busy but is a pedestrian zone (be aware of food delivery riders).

Continue SO along Northumberland Road, keeping to the right-hand side of the road to the junction with College Street. You are now leaving the pedestrian area. Cross College Street safely. The O2 City Hall Arena is at this junction.

QUESTION 5: Who performed at City Hall with Lindesfarne and performed over 120 concerts at the venue?

Continue to walk SO along Northumberland Road, crossing the junction with John Dobson Street (street name on NCP car-park) to the junction with Northumberland Street. TR into Northumberland Street which is a pedestrian precinct. There are lots of options for refreshments and toilet facilities.

Almost at the end of Northumberland Street is the Haymarket Metro Station on the left. Walk past the Metro Station to the junction with St. Mary's Place to the South Africa Monument.

QUESTION 6: This monument is dedicated to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of which Regiment?

From the Monument, walk around the side of the Metro station keeping it to the left and use a convenient pedestrian crossing to cross the busy B1307 road towards George Place then turn left keeping the B1307 road to the left.

Continue SO along the B1307 to the junction with St. Thomas Street then TR. Old Newcastle and new modern Newcastle appear juxtaposed here with old terraced houses on the left and modern office buildings on the right. Cross St. Thomas Street when safe to do so then continue SO to the junction with St. Thomas Crescent. Continue SO along the left-hand footpath following the crescent around to the right while you admire the beautiful old terraces.

The end of St. Thomas Crescent, at the junction with Leazes Lane, is a cul-de-sac and there is no access to vehicles.

QUESTION 7: What is the name of the 'World Famous' house on the left near the junction? (Clue – big hanging sign).

Use the nearby pedestrian crossing to cross Leazes Lane bearing slight left into Leazes Crescent opposite and continue SO. At the junction of Leazes Crescent and Leazes Park Road TR through large stone pillars into Leazes Park. TR along the footpath at the first junction and follow this footpath around to the left keeping the tennis courts and Leazes Park to the left and Richardson Road on the right. Stay within the park and continue SO to the Tower Café Car Park. TL prior to the car park and walk up a slight rise to the Tower Café (Refreshments & toilet facilities during opening hours) and Leazes Park Lake. There are several footpaths that criss-cross each other in the park. Follow the footpaths keeping the lake to the left until you arrive at Leazes Park Bandstand from where you can also see St. James' Park. TR and walk up the steps to the nearby bust (statue).

QUESTION 8: who is the bust dedicated to?

Continue past the bust to a derelict house. TR in front of the house through the gates then TL downhill to the Jubilee Gates (6 stone gate posts) at the junction with the A189 Barrack Road. TL and then continue SO downhill keeping St. James' Park Football Stadium to the left. After passing St. James' Park, use the pedestrian crossing to cross the junction with Strawberry Place into Gallowgate and continue SO staying on the footpath on the left-hand side of the road. Look to the right as you pass St Andrews Street to see the China Town Arch.

Continue SO along Gallowgate to reach the junction with Newgate Street. Use the pedestrian crossings to cross Newgate Street to walk SO under the archway into Blckett Street and the Eldon Square shopping centre. Use one of the Zebra pedestrian crossings to cross Blckett Street then continue SO to the end of the shopping centre at the junction with Grey Street where there is a tall monument (**HINT: Royal Connection research required**).

QUESTION 9: Who is the monument dedicated to?

You are now only a few hundred metres from the end of the Tyne & Toon (Newcastle) PT. From the monument TR into Grainger Street and walk SO downhill back to the Railway Station. Please note that Grainger Street has a mix of pedestrian areas and non-pedestrian areas with busy cross streets. There are a number of places suitable for refreshments and a glass of cheer before you arrive back at the Railway Station.

Before you get back to the Railway Station you may wish to spend a little time at Grainger Market which is just off the planned route on the right (west) of Grainger Street. International and traditional food outlets are available in the market.

Once you cross Neville Street, you are back at the Railway Station.

Welcome Back. The Section UK IPA Walking Group hopes you enjoyed the Tyne & Toon (Newcastle) PT and that you have enjoyed exploring this fascinating city with its many interesting historical connections, only a few of which have been mentioned during this walk.

**** Alternative route avoiding Graduation Ceremonies.**

During Graduation Ceremonies, this alternative route may need to be used. At the bottom of the exit ramp from the bridge, TL and walk parallel to the A167 (the main road you have just crossed) which is now to the left. Walk to the crossroads indicated by another pedestrian crossing with a path and access to a footbridge on the left. Cross to the right-hand footpath and continue SO veering right into Ellison Place. (The pedestrian area on the right adjacent to large wooden planters may be closed). Keep on the right-hand pavement and walk under a walkway beneath a building.

At the junction (crossroads), TR turning into College Street and continue SO along the left-hand footpath to the junction with Northumberland Road (crossroads) where you will find yourself opposite the O2 City Hall Arena. Cross to City Hall for the next question (Question 5) and resume the planned route.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#1 Shot Factory Lane provided access to the former Elswick Lead Works, a lead processing factory that manufactured lead shot (ammunition) from 1778. A major part and notable feature of the factory was the 174 feet high shot tower which had a drop of 150 feet, down which droplets of molten lead were dropped to form small round balls of lead shot.

#2 Newcastle Gateshead Swing Bridge which spans the River Tyne is one of the region's must-see heritage landmarks. The Swing Bridge was built by the River Tyne Commission, under powers conferred by the Tyne Improvement Act of 1861, as part of their overall plan to improve navigation and expand trade by opening the upper reaches of the river to larger vessels. Work on the bridge began in 1873 and it was designed and constructed by Sir W.G. Armstrong and Company Limited of Elswick. It

was first used for road traffic on the 15th June 1876 and opened for river traffic on the 17th July 1876. The Swing Bridge is the fourth bridge to have been built on the same site over the Tyne at Newcastle. The first, constructed of wood and stone in c120 A.D. by the Emperor Hadrian, was known as Pons Aelii, Aelius being the patronymic of the Emperor. This bridge stood until 1248 when it was destroyed by a fire, that also destroyed a great part of the town. The second or Mediaeval Bridge was of stone construction and stood from 1320 until 1771 when a section was washed away in the great flood of 1771. The remaining portions had to be removed and the third bridge, constructed of stone with nine arches, was completed in 1781. This bridge was removed by the Commission to make way for the construction of the Swing Bridge. Up to the 31st December 1981 the Bridge opened 286,281 times enabling 448,090 vessels of over 220 million total net tonnes to pass through. In contrast, today the Bridge in 2019 opened approximately 4 times per week. Today, the Bridge is unfortunately unable to open due to technical difficulties, however it is hoping to be back open in time for its 150th anniversary in 2026.

#3 It has become a defining symbol of the North East. The Grade 2 listed Tyne Bridge was officially opened on 10 October 1928 by King George V who was the first to cross with Queen Mary on the King's state landau horse-drawn carriage, as thousands of people lined the streets for the opening ceremony. 20,000 school children were given the day off to mark the occasion. The bridge was constructed for the new age of motor vehicles and to cope with increasing traffic crossing the Tyne. The steel and granite construction was a major engineering feat of the early 20th century and at the time of its construction, was the world's longest span bridge. Construction of the bridge started in August 1925 using shipbuilding techniques by local shipyard workers. It was regarded a prototype for the construction of Sydney Harbour Bridge which, although started earlier, was completed four years later. It had the same design team as Sydney Harbour Bridge.

#4 The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art is a former flour mill. Baltic Flour Mills was built by Joseph Rank of Rank Hovis (Now RHM or Rank Hovis McDougal) bakery business. The first foundations were laid in the late 1930s, and although construction ceased during the Second World War, the mill was completed and started operating in 1950. Known locally as "the pride of Tyneside", 300 people were employed by the mill at its height. The company closed the mill in 1981. The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art (also known simply as (the) Baltic, stylised as BALTIC) opened in 2002 and is a centre for contemporary art located on the south bank of the River Tyne in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, England. It hosts a frequently changing variety of exhibitions, events, and educational programmes with no permanent exhibition.

#5 The Gateshead Millennium Bridge is a pedestrian and cyclist tilt bridge spanning the River Tyne between Gateshead arts quarter on the south bank and Newcastle upon Tyne's Quayside area on the north bank. It was the first tilting bridge ever to be constructed. Opened for public use in 2001, the award-winning structure was conceived and designed by architectural practice Wilkinson Eyre and structural engineering firm Gifford. The bridge is sometimes called the 'Blinking Eye Bridge' or the 'Winking Eye Bridge' due to its shape and its tilting method. The Millennium Bridge stands as the twentieth tallest structure in the city, and is shorter in stature than the neighbouring Tyne Bridge.