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World Heritage Day 18 April

What an excellent day of partnership and sharing we had at Durham Castle. Who would have thought following a shared discussion between Anne Allen, Margaret Hedley and myself that the Forum was to have such a magnificent setting for the 2026 AGM and be able to participate in this prestigious heritage event in Durham.

The event was badged as “The People’s Story at Durham Castle”. The full day was focused on Living Heritage and centered in the castle on the World Heritage site of the Durham Peninsula. This year sees the celebration of 40 years of heritage site designation.

The forum exhibitors in The Great Hall of the Castle made us proud by demonstrating that they are delivering new ways to present their stories to the public. Technology was embraced with interactive opportunities using virtual reality headsets and moving displays. The involvement with the students was a boost to recharging our batteries from them and their enthusiasm.

After our AGM in the Bishop’s Dining room the event was opened by The Mayor of Durham, Gary Hutchinson, with everyone standing on the Castle steps for a photo opportunity. In his speech he reminded us that we are the “Emergency Responders for History and Heritage” a theme that had been raised in our AGM discussions. The 1000+ members of the public who passed through the castle on Saturday had free self-guided tours of the castle, entertainment in the courtyard from Vanguard Re-enactment Norman soldiers, a boisterous noisy group and not forgetting the busy stalls in the Great Hall with all age groups catered for. Running all day from 11.00 till 4.00 there were talks in the Bishop’s Dining Room all well attended and supporting the theme of getting involved with and rescuing the past.

It is easy to get wound up in our own societies and their challenges whether the issue of “Anno Domini” or lethargy but a day like the 18 April 2026 is a boost to the goals of our societies. We are members because we care about protecting the past from the ravages of the future. I am sorry for anyone who missed the event because it certainly reassured me that everything and anything the Forum does is protecting the past.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Well what a busy couple of months for your committee. Sadly our secretary stood down due to health issues. However I personally hope when things get sorted she will want return, she is a big miss to the team.

The AGM and World Heritage Day planning and preparation consumed much of our time but it was a really worthwhile event with lots of footfall and opportunities for networking.

We try to have much of the following year plans and tasks ready for the first meeting after the AGM, that way we have time at meetings for supporting any new committee members (we can always dream).

You will be pleased to know that the subgroup leading on the new website and associated social media are moving things along.

I was interested to hear the Mayor Of Durham at his welcome speech at The Castle on Saturday remind us all that we are the Emergency Responders for History and Heritage. All groups must keep raising their voices in defence of our local area and attempt to retain interest in the past without destruction of physical artefacts. If the destruction cannot be prevented, we need to be recording everything about our areas for future generations.

Have a good summer and watch out for events you might find interesting like joining us at the coffee catchups we have in the diary. Your opportunity to influence what we do on your behalf.



ARCH & ARCH Lecture Programme 2026

Face to face meetings held at 2.30pm in
Room ER140
Elvet Riverside, New Elvet DH1 3JT

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| 16 May | Annual General Meeting
Insight and research capabilities
Of Durham Univ Archaeology Dept
By Sophie Laidler
Community Archaeology & Impact Officer |
| 13 June | New Insights into Durham Castle and the
Medieval City
By Dr Adrian Green |

*Afterwards, for those who would like to join us we will go
for a drink (tea/coffee/or stronger) at the public bar,
Royal County Hotel*

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WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2026 MEETINGS

Information: history.club2@btinternet.com

Meetings are held in
Wheatley House, Woodlands Avenue
at **11.00am** £3.00 includes tea/coffee/raffle

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| 27 May | Paton & Baldwins | C Lloyd |
| 24 June | The Get Carter Murder
of Andrew Sibbett | |
| 29 July | The Crimdon Dene
Story | F Wilson |

Latest newsletter:

<https://wheatley-hill.org.uk/newsletters/>

For more information:
history.club2@btinternet.com

SEDFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

2026 PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm
First Monday of the Month

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| 4 May | TBA | |
| 1 June | The Railway that Got the
The Railway on Track | C Lloyd |
| 6 July | TBA | |

For more details:
Suzanne 01429 882250



NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



Check out the following website for details of:

Branch meetings
Regional Meetings

<https://www.ndfhs.org.uk/events/>

NDFHS
Branch Meetings held at:

Blyth
Belmont, Durham
Consett
Hexham
London
Newcastle
Wansbeck
North Tyneside
South Tyneside

County Durham Libraries

May is Local & Community History Month

Saturday 2nd	Gary Bankhead - 'Roman River Wear'		
10.30am	Chester-le-Street Library	03000 269512	chesterlest.lib@durham.gov.uk
Tuesday 5th	Margaret Hedley - 'Peter Lee - The Man They Named a Town After'		
11.00am	Peterlee Library	03000 269509	peterlee.lib@durham.gov.uk
Thursday 7th	Caroline Smith - The Portable Antiquities Scheme in County Durham - 'Treasure and Trinkets in Lanchester and Beyond'		
5.30pm	Lanchester Library	03000 269514	lanchester.lib@durham.gov.uk
Friday 8th	Jane Gulliford Lowes - 'How to Write Your Family History'		
10.30am	Seaham Library	03000 262510	seaham.lib@durham.gov.uk
Monday 11th	David Butler - 'Dirt, Death and Disease in Durham City'		
10.15am	Annfield Plain Library	03000 269511	annfieldplain.lib@durham.gov.uk
Wednesday 13th	Margaret Hedley - 'Hannah's Daughter'		
10.30am	Women of the Durham Coalfield in the 20th Century		
	Seaham Library	03000 262510	seaham.lib@durham.gov.uk
Thursday 14th	Joanna Bailey - 'Disreputable'		
10.30am	How a Victorian lass from County Durham broke the rules—and got away with it!		
	Thornley Library	03000 269520	thornley.lib@durham.gov.uk
Thursday 21st	'Lost & Found: The McLaren Diaries of Thorpe Thewles'		
2.00pm	Film screening followed by Q & A with Thorpe Thewles History Group		
	Sedgefield Library	03000 269521	Sedgefield.lib@durham.gov.uk

Please telephone or email the hosting library to book your free place

R A B Y

Castle, Park & Gardens



Raby Castle in Bloom

2nd May - 31st August

This summer, Raby Castle will come alive with a vibrant programme of floral experiences and garden-inspired events perfectly blended with history, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the beauty and creativity of the season.

Spring Garden Fair

Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th & Monday 25th May

Raby Castle, Park and Gardens' popular Spring Garden Fair is returning this May. A bank holiday weekend full of garden talks & demonstrations, history, plant stalls, local suppliers, delicious food, live entertainment & much more!



Behind the Scenes Tour of Raby Castle

Saturday 9th & Sunday 17th May, Saturday 6th & 27th June

A unique opportunity to step back in time, unlocking some of the hidden parts of the castle to reveal rooms, stories and treasures not usually seen by the public.



Classic Car Show at Raby Castle

Sunday 28th June

The ever-popular Classic Car Show returns to Raby Castle this June. Expect an incredible line up of vintage and classic cars, from pre-war and brass cars to modern classics, all set against the back drop of the magnificent Raby Castle.



Become a Volunteer at Raby Castle

Have you ever considered volunteering in your spare time? We would love to welcome you to the team here at Raby Castle. Volunteers play a crucial role, helping share our rich and fascinating history with visitors.



Visit our website for more information and ticket booking | www.raby.co.uk/whats-on
Scan the QR code to sign up to our newsletter and receive event updates and exclusive promotions directly in your inbox!

June is National Crime Reading Month

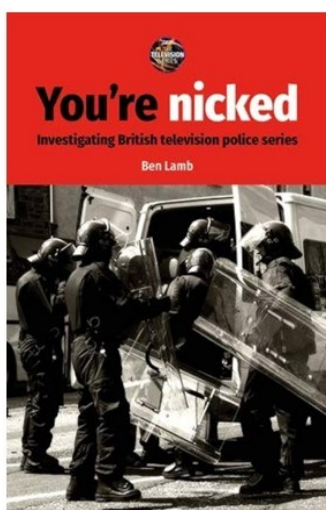
Annfield Plain Local History Club

Ben Lamb

'You're Nicked! Investigating British Television Police Series'

Annfield Plain Library

Monday 8th June 10.15 - 11.30am



With wit, humour and insight, Ben will take us on a journey of British television police series from 1955 to the present. From Dixon of Dock Green to Happy Valley via The Sweeney, The Bill, and Cracker, Ben will outline how this home-grown genre has evolved.

Ben's talk will appeal to anyone who loves British history, television, culture, sociology, and criminology. Video clips of Police TV series past and present will be screened, followed by a Q&A with Ben.

Arrive from 10.00am for complimentary refreshments. 10.15am start

Annfield Plain History Club meets on the second Monday of the month 10 - 11.30am. All welcome.

Annfield Plain Library 03000 269511

annfieldplain.lib@durham.gov.uk

Monday 10.00am - 7.00pm

Tuesday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Thursday 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 9.30am—12.30pm

Hartlepool Headland Local History Group

Drop In Sessions are held
Second Tuesday of the month
11.30am—3.30pm

Headland Baptist Church
Baptism Street
HARTLEPOOL TS24 0QN

18 May	Hannah's Story	M Hedley
15 June	A Tour Around the Lonsdales	J Heckels
20 July	Social Night	
	No Meeting in August	



Meetings are held on the
Third Monday of the month
6.45pm—9.00pm



COXHOE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

MEETINGS HELD THURSDAYS 7.00pm
St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Street

9 May	The 1950's and my part in them	B Haddon
4 June	Jack Bessford, Madame Angelo & Stephenson Ridley 3 local sporting heroes	P Welsh
2 July	Beneath the Surface Coxhoe's Story of Mining, Quarrying & Brickmaking	History Group

Website:

coxhoehistory.org.uk

Contact:

Jack Turton: 0191 3770771
Barbara Leo: barbaraleo88@googlemail.co

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Durham Postcard, Cigarette Card & Stamp Fair

Bowburn Community Centre DH6 5AT

Disabled Access

10.00am—3.00pm

Entrance £1.00

Accompanied children FREE

SATURDAY
18 July 2026



Free Valuations

TEESDALE RECORD SOCIETY 2026 Programme

Indoor Meeting

Held at Cotherstone Village Hall DL12 9PN
6 May 7.30pm
The Dixons of Cockfield—6 Generations
By Jonathan Peacock

Outdoor Meeting

Visit to North Yorkshire Archives
76-86 Malpas Road, Northallerton DL7 8TB
3 June 1.00pm Cotherstone Vill Hall or
2.00pm Northallerton
Booking is essential (limit 15)
Cost £3.00 per person
Contact: Catherine Ryhan 07973 789861

Outdoor Meeting

Guided tour Founders Gallery, Bowes Museum
2.30pm at Museum or 2.00pm Cotherstone Vill Hall
1 July 2.00 Cotherstone Vill Hall or
2.30pm Bowes Museum
Membership of the Museum (£17.00) covers the visit
and a full year of admission. If you have museum
membership you will not pay this charge
Booking essential
Contact: Judith Philips 07816 327209

Framwellgate Moor & Pity Me Local History Group 2026 Meetings

framlochistsoc@gmail.com

28 May	Mines and Mansions	R Pears
25 June	Hannah's Story	M Hedley
	No Meetings in July and August	

Meetings will be on a Thursday
(usually the last Thursday of the month)
Framwellgate Moor Community Centre DH1 5BL
Please use the rear door from the car park

Doors 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start
Teas and coffees after the talk



12 May	A presentation of the J Heckels Sculptures of Ray Lonsdale
June	tbc
14 July	Best selling author Glenda Young Author of The Toffee Factory Girls & Scarborough Cosy Crimes

Meetings Held at

Peterlee Library & Leisure Centre
2nd Tuesday of the month

10.30

Everyone Welcome
£3.00 entry includes free raffle
(tea/coffee available at the on-site café)

<https://peterleehistory.co.uk/>

Wheatley Hill Heritage Centre

Opening Times
Tuesdays & Thursdays
11.00am—3.00pm

FREE ENTRY



A small building of architectural beauty which originally served this village as a chapel of rest

Permanent exhibitions :
Peter Lee
Thomas Kenny VC
Charmian Welsh (Olympic Diver)

May Exhibition

Remembering
The 1926 Miners Strike

no parking in the cemetery—street parking only

Group Visits by Prior Arrangement

history.club2@btinternet.com

HOWDEN-LE-WEAR HISTORY SOCIETY

2026 Programme

Meetings held 3rd Monday of the month
7.00pm
Howden-le-Wear Village Hall

18 May	Roman Medicine	G Henderson
20 June	Raby Castle	M Roberts
20 July	This poor ruined County	D Butler

Members £2
Non Members £3

For more information:
howdenlewearthistorysociety@gmail.com



First Coffee Catch-up of 2026

Our coffee catch-ups have become popular over recent years and we are planning to hold one on:

Wednesday 10 June 10.00am
at Wheatley Hill Heritage Centre DH6 3LN



This is an opportunity for Forum Groups to meet the committee in an informal setting over a (FREE) cup of coffee

You may be looking for advice, help, Suggestions and we will do our best to answer your questions

no parking in the cemetery—street parking only



TSLHS TALKS

*Meetings are held at St. David's Church Hall,
Tudhoe Lane on the fourth Monday of each
month at 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.*

Annual Membership - £20

Visitors welcome - usually £4 at the door.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

27th April

**George Nairn : Darlington to Carter Bar
A68 in postcards**

18th May

**Debbie Connell: The Bob Abley Gallery
at Spennymoor Town Hall**

**1st June: Visit to Old Durham Gardens
(booking required)**



Watch out for our summer

Tudwalk

See: www.durhamweb.org.uk/tslhs

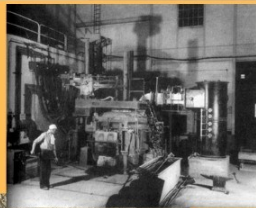
BISHOP AUCKLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL



Bishop Auckland Town Council

Bishop Auckland Town Council with support from County Durham Forum for History & Heritage, and Northern Bygone Society brings the town a free community event

on Saturday 26th September 2026 10am - 3pm



County Durham Forum for History & Heritage exhibitors and more at the

Artists Hub & No42

Hearth will also be hosting their annual Harvest festival Horticulture Show on the Bowling Green at the Bishop's Palace on Saturday & Sunday.

Don't forget those who took part in the potato seeds planting Pot to Plate activity at the Food Festival bring them

back for the big reveal on Saturday and you may win a prize.



Northern Bygone Society Classic Car Show in the Market Place

Guest speakers presentations at The Hearth, free to attend. More details to follow.

Interactive activities



What will be tomorrows' history?

Living Heritage in Consett: Honouring the Past, Shaping the Future

Every community carries a heartbeat — a rhythm shaped by the stories, skills, and shared experiences passed from one generation to the next. This year's **World Heritage Day** theme, *Living Heritage*, invites us to look beyond monuments and museums and recognise the traditions, memories, and everyday practices that keep our history alive.

In Consett, few stories embody *living heritage* more powerfully than the legacy of the **Consett Steelworks**.

The Living Heritage of Consett Steelworks

For over 140 years, the steelworks dominated the skyline, the economy, and the identity of Consett. Its furnaces didn't just produce steel — they forged a community.

A brief history

- **Founded in 1840**, the Derwent Iron Company grew rapidly as Consett became one of the world's major steel producers.
- Consett steel travelled the world — appearing in **bridges, ships, railways, and wartime production**.
- The steelworks shaped daily life: shift sirens marked time, red dust coloured washing lines, and generations of families worked side by side.
- When the works closed in **1980**, 4,000 jobs disappeared overnight — a moment that reshaped the town's future.

Yet the story didn't end there. The resilience of Consett's people — rebuilding, adapting, and carrying forward the pride of their industrial heritage — is itself a form of living heritage.

Today, the steelworks survives not in chimneys or furnaces, but in:

- family stories
- skills passed down
- community identity
- the landscape itself
- the humour, grit, and solidarity that define Consett

Living heritage is not about nostalgia. It's about recognising that the past continues to shape who we are and how we move forward.

Where Living Heritage Lives Today

County Durham is rich with organisations that help preserve, interpret, and celebrate our shared heritage. Each plays a vital role in keeping Consett's story alive.

The Story: County Durham's Archive

The county archive at **The Story, Durham**, holds thousands of documents, photographs, maps, and oral histories relating to Consett and the steelworks. It is a treasure trove for:

- family historians
- researchers
- schools
- community groups
- anyone curious about the town's past

The Story also hosts exhibitions and workshops that help people connect with their heritage in hands-on, meaningful ways.

County Durham History & Heritage Forum

The Forum brings together dozens of local history groups, museums, and community organisations. It provides:

- training
- networking
- shared exhibitions
- support for local societies
- a collective voice for heritage across the county

Its work ensures that smaller groups — often run by volunteers — have the resources and visibility they need.

Beamish Museum

Beamish is one of the region's greatest champions of living heritage. Its immersive approach — from working pit villages to recreated high streets — shows how everyday life is as important as grand monuments. Beamish continues to collect stories, objects, and memories from Consett and the wider area ensuring our industrial heritage remains accessible and alive.

Local History Groups: The Heart of Community Memory

Groups such as:

- **Consett & District Heritage Initiative**
- **Shotley Bridge Village Trust**
- **Local family history societies**

...play a crucial role in preserving the stories that might otherwise be lost. Their volunteers research, record, publish, and share the heritage of their communities — often on shoestring budgets but with enormous passion. These groups are the backbone of living heritage.

How the Community Can Get Involved

Here are practical, accessible ways for people of all ages to celebrate Consett's living heritage — not just on World Heritage Day, but all year round.

1. Share Stories and Memories

Residents can contribute:

- oral histories
- family photographs
- steelworks anecdotes
- objects or tools with personal meaning

These can be shared with The Story, Beamish, or local groups like Consett & District Heritage.

2. Join or Lead Heritage Walks

Walking is one of the most powerful ways to connect people with place.

Heritage 100 Walks, Leadgate's Saturday Walking Group, and other local initiatives can:

- offer guided walks around former steelworks sites
- highlight hidden industrial remains
- share stories of workers, families, and neighbourhoods
- Involve younger people through schools and youth groups

A simple walk can turn into a living classroom.

3. Support Community Exhibitions

Pop-up displays in:

- The Hub
- libraries
- community centres
- local cafés
- schools

These can showcase:

- steelworks tools
- maps
- personal stories
- artwork inspired by industrial heritage

Short, accessible exhibitions make heritage visible in everyday spaces.

4. Celebrate Skills and Traditions

Living heritage includes:

- metalworking
- local dialect
- community crafts
- music and storytelling traditions

Workshops or demonstrations can help keep these skills alive.

5. Volunteer with Local Groups

Consett Lions, heritage societies, and wellbeing groups all play a role in preserving and sharing living heritage. Volunteers can help with:

- events
- research
- social media
- fundraising
- community outreach

Even an hour a month makes a difference.

6. Explore the Archives

Encourage people to visit **The Story** to:

- research family connections to the steelworks
- explore old maps
- discover photographs of Consett through the decades
- learn how the town has changed

The archive is a living resource — not a dusty storehouse.

7. Capture Today's Stories

Living heritage isn't only about the past. It's about what we're creating now.

Encourage people to document:

- new community traditions
- local festivals
- neighbourhood changes
- stories of resilience and recovery

Future generations will thank us.

A Community Built on Strength

Consett's story is one of transformation. The steelworks shaped the town, but the people shaped its spirit. That spirit—of resilience, humour, solidarity and pride—is the true living heritage of Consett.

Living heritage is not about nostalgia. It's about recognising that the past continues to shape who we are and how we move forward.

World Heritage day reminds us tht heritage isn't something we simply inherit. It's something we practice, share and pass on.

And in Consett, that heritage is very much alive.



All meetings are held in
Shincliffe Church Hall

Starting at 19.30
2026 Programme

18 May	The Cramlington Train Wreckers June 1926	E Waugh
15 June	My Family Beyond Shincliffe	A Stobbs
6 July	Church Fayre (tbc)	

Contact & Website Details
E: contact@SLHS.uk
W: www.sls.uk

BOWBURN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 2026 MEETINGS

All meetings will normally be held on the
2nd Monday of the month

Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road DH6 5AT

11 May	Meet at Bowburn Community Centre 6.00pm for a visit to Tursdale House, the only listed Building In our parish, and Hett Mill
8 June	Meet at Bowburn Community Centre 6.00pm for The Bowburn Reminiscence Walk no 3—North Bowburn
13 July	Meeting 7.00pm Learning Disabilities in our local area Dr Marie Gressmann

<https://www.bowburnhistory.co.uk/>



Activities for 2026

May	Dig at Blanchland beginning on the 4th for two weeks. This dig is in conjunction with the Blanchland Abbey Project.
June	Dig 1st June for up to two weeks. Brignall Old Church Excavation
August	Gueswick Excavation begins Monday 17th August for three weeks.

If you would like more information about our digs please look on our
Altogether Archaeology website:

We welcome group or individual visits. To arrange a group visit please contact
<https://altogetherarchaeology.org/>

If you are interested in joining Altogether Archaeology and taking part in a dig please contact Tony Metcalfe at altogetherarchaeology@gmail.com. We welcome new members. Experience is definitely not required as everyone helps each other to enjoy being outdoors in beautiful settings discovering things that have been hidden for a long time

BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE AND HISTORY GROUP 2026 Programme

May and/or June Tour(s) of the Pitmen's Parliament at Redhills in Durham
£5.00 per person
Dates to be confirmed

Friday 12 June
"Women of the Durham Coalfield"
A general talk about the lives of women in the Victorian Durham Coalfield
Margaret Hedley

Durham County Local History Society



APPEAL

The Society was formed in 1964 to promote interest in the history of Durham County, particularly that of recent centuries when the County played a major part in the economic and industrial growth of Britain. The area covered by the Society's work is that of the historic County Palatine. However, if we are to continue the work of the last sixty years and update to conditions in the twenty-first century, we urgently need new members prepared to serve in administrative and technical roles - a priority is putting all our publications digitally on a new website:

History does not just exist,
it needs action. So

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LOCAL HISTORY**

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HOW TO JOIN

Download our membership form from the website: www.durhamweb.org.uk/dclhs
Membership is £15 pa

WHAT YOU GET

an annual Journal and access to over
60 years of publications

DURHAM COUNTY
LOCAL HISTORY
SOCIETY



Our latest Journal [90] includes the following articles:

J.J. Vickerstaff, *The College of St Andrew's Auckland and its 'phantom' school before 1470*

Ross Hamilton, *Hopetown 1831-1881: The first 50 years of a new industrial community*

Win Stokes, *The Heyday of the Beehive* - the third in a series of articles on cokemaking.

WHAT DCLHS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

GROUP MEMBERS 2026

<p>Annfield Plain Local History Group 2nd Monday of the month 10.00 Annfield Plain Library E: Suzanne.green@durham.gov.uk</p>	<p>Architectural Archaeological Soc of Durham & Northumberland 2.30pm Second Saturday in month Elvet Riverside DH1 3JT www.aasdn.org.uk/</p>	<p>Bowburn Local History Society 2nd Monday in Month 7.00pm Bowburn Community Centre DH6 5AT Www.bowburnhistory.co.uk</p>
<p>Brancepeth Archives & History Group First Saturday in month 9am—1pm Brancepetharchive@outlook.com 17vivienne@gmail.com</p>	<p>Chester-le-Street Heritage First Wednesday in month 7.00pm Lambton Arms www.chesterlestreetheritage.org</p>	<p>Cleveland Family History Society See Website for Zoom meetings https://clevelandfhs.org.uk/meetings/</p>
<p>Cleveland & Teesside LHS Saturday mornings Sept-Apr 10.30am Dorman Museum, Middlesbrough See www.ctlhs.co.uk for dates</p>	<p>Coxhoe Local History Group First Thursday in month 7.00pm St Andrew's Church Hall DH6 4DD coxhoehistory@gmail.com www.coxhoehistory.co.uk/</p>	<p>Crook & District Local History Soc Fourth Monday in month 7.00pm for 7.30pm Meth Church Hall, Dawson Street Dennis Scarr 07745018272</p>
<p>Darlington Historical Society Quaker Meeting House, Skinnergate 3rd Wed of month 7.30pm borofan45@hotmail.co.uk</p>	<p>Framwellgate Moor & Pity Me LHS Framwellgate Moor Community Centre Some Thursday Evenings 7.30pm E: FramLocHistSoc@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hartlepool Headland LHS Third Monday in month 6.45 – 9.00pm Headland Baptist Church TS24 0QN eileen.manners@ntlworld.com</p>
<p>Hetton Local & Natural History Last Monday in month 7.00pm Hetton & Eppleton Com Hall DH5 5HR www.hettonlocalhistory.org.uk/</p>	<p>Howden-le-Wear LHG 2nd Monday in Month 7.00pm Village Hall</p>	<p>Lanchester Local History First Friday in month 7.00pm Lanchester Com Centre DH7 OJQ www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum/ cdfhlancheester</p>
<p>Middleton St George Local History Third Thursday of month 7.30pm Community Centre DL2 1JG www.msglocalhistory.wordpress.com</p>	<p>Newcastle Antiquaries Last Wednesday in month Check website for details events@newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk www.newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk</p>	<p>NE Vernacular Architecture First Saturday in month Mar-Oct Guided walks etc various times & places throughout the region https://northeastvernaculararchitecturegroup.wordpress.com/</p>
<p>Northumberland & Durham FHS See website for individual group meetings https://www.ndfhs.org.uk/events/</p>	<p>Peterlee Local History Group https://peterleehistory.co.uk/ E: flossienoah@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sedgefield Local History First Monday in month 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall, TS21 2AE 01740 620912</p>
<p>Shincliffe Local History Society Third Monday in Month 7.30pm Shincliffe Church Hall E: contact@SLHS.uk W: www.slhs.uk</p>	<p>Teesdale Record Society First Wednesday in month 7.30pm Cotherstone Village Hall DL12 9PG https://www.teesdalerecordsociety.org.uk/</p>	<p>Thorpe Thewles History Group Contact below for meeting dates 1.30pm Grindon Parish Hall TS21 3JN www.thorpe-thewles.org.uk</p>
<p>Tudhoe & Spennymoor LHS Fourth Monday in month 7.30pm St David's Church Hall DL16 6LL www.durhamweb.org.uk/tslhs/</p>	<p>Wheatley Hill History Club Last Wed in month Mar-Nov 11.00am Wheatley House DH6 3JX www.wheatley-hill.org.uk</p>	

Specific Interest Groups

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