Great North Run puts great north heritage in the



Old Newcastle including the Cathedral and Black Gate Newcastle Council

Thousands of eyes, and feet, will be on the Great North Run on Sunday 10 September, so we're celebrating some heritage treasures found along the way.

Take a look at some of the historic sites and fascinating stories lining the 13.1 mile route from Newcastle to South Shields – all of them are supported by National Lottery players.

- Runners will begin alongside recently restored Exhibition Park
- Artefacts from Hadrian's Wall, views of the solar system and mummies from ancient Egypt can all be found at the Great North Museum: Hancock
- Newcastle Cathedral is a sight that cannot be missed. Nine centuries of heritage are set to be brought to life
- Just down the road from the cathedral, the 13th-century Black Gate has been brought back in to use for a 21st-century audience
- The Amber Collection at the Side Gallery offers an incredible photographic glimpse into North East life. Reopened and digitised, its current exhibition turns the spotlight on the region's shipbuilding heritage.
- Crossing the iconic Tyne Bridge, kittiwakes are likely to make an appearance. The furthest inland colony of gulls in the world are being celebrated by a Durham Wildlife Trust community project

- St Mary’s Heritage Centre, a Grade I listed church brought back into use as the perfect place to discover Gateshead’s past
- The route passes through Wardley, a village which was the focus of the Follonsby Miners Lodge Association’s project to share the heritage of coal mining with local schools
- The final stretch of the run provides fantastic views of the coastline – including National Lottery supported Souter Lighthouse and South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade
- Further along from the running route, and perhaps a great place to have a rest, are North Marine Park and South Marine Park – both of which are being restored thanks to National Lottery players.

Inspired by the Great North Run? Explore the Great North Greats database of sporting heritage, created with a £400,000 National Lottery grant to celebrate the race’s millionth runner in 2014.



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Exhibition Park's restored bandstand Steve Brock



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The Side Gallery has reopened in Newcastle

See North East through the lens as Newcastle's Side Gallery reopens



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