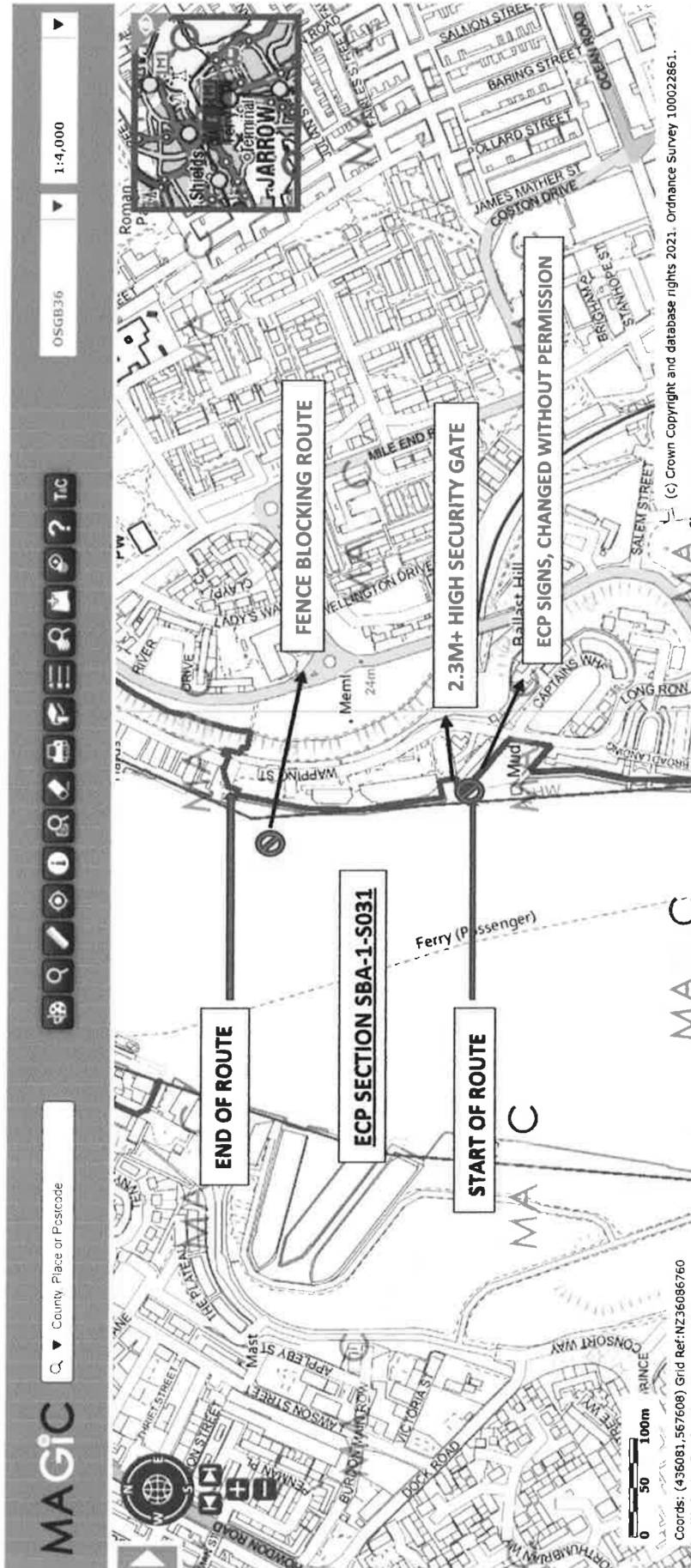




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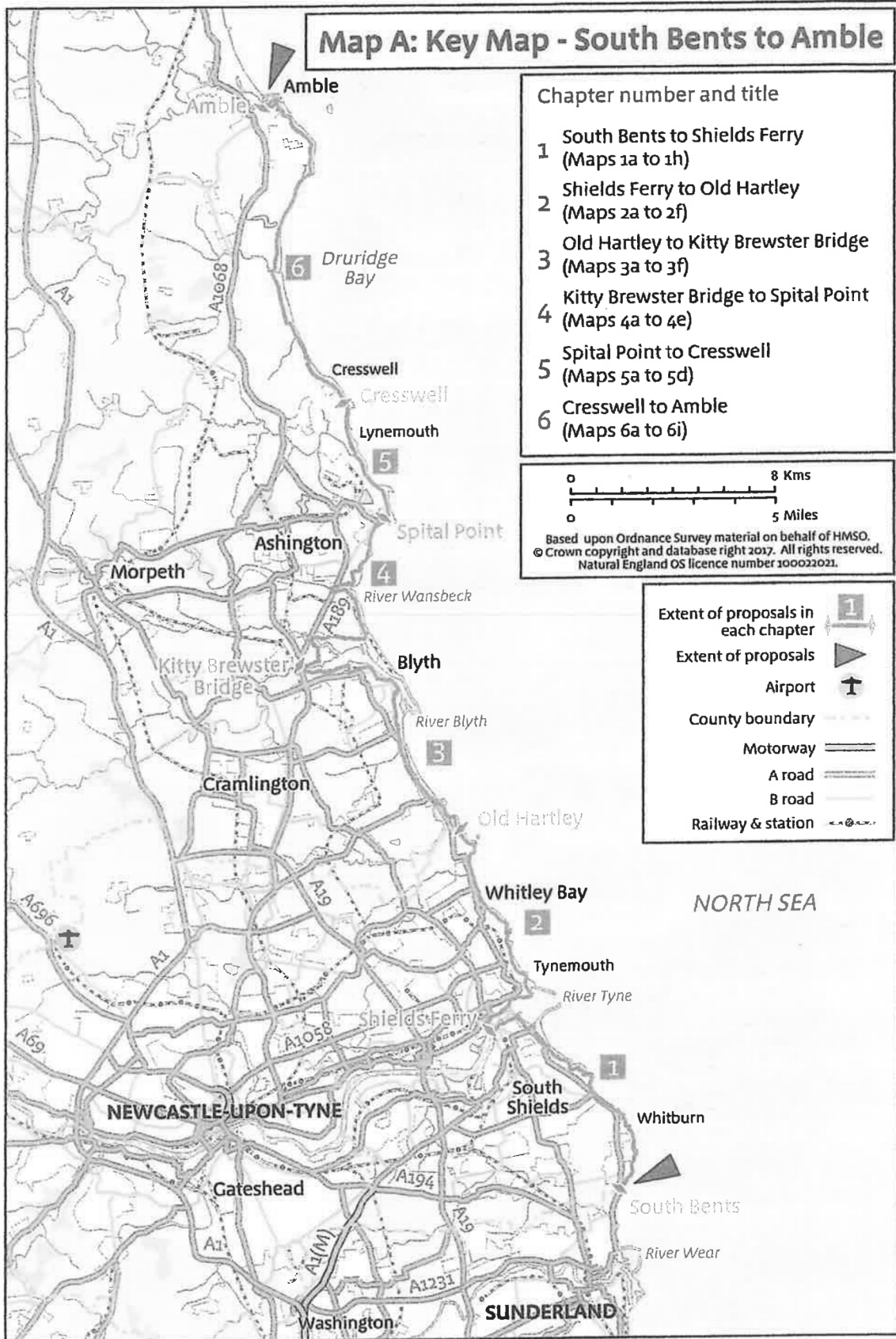


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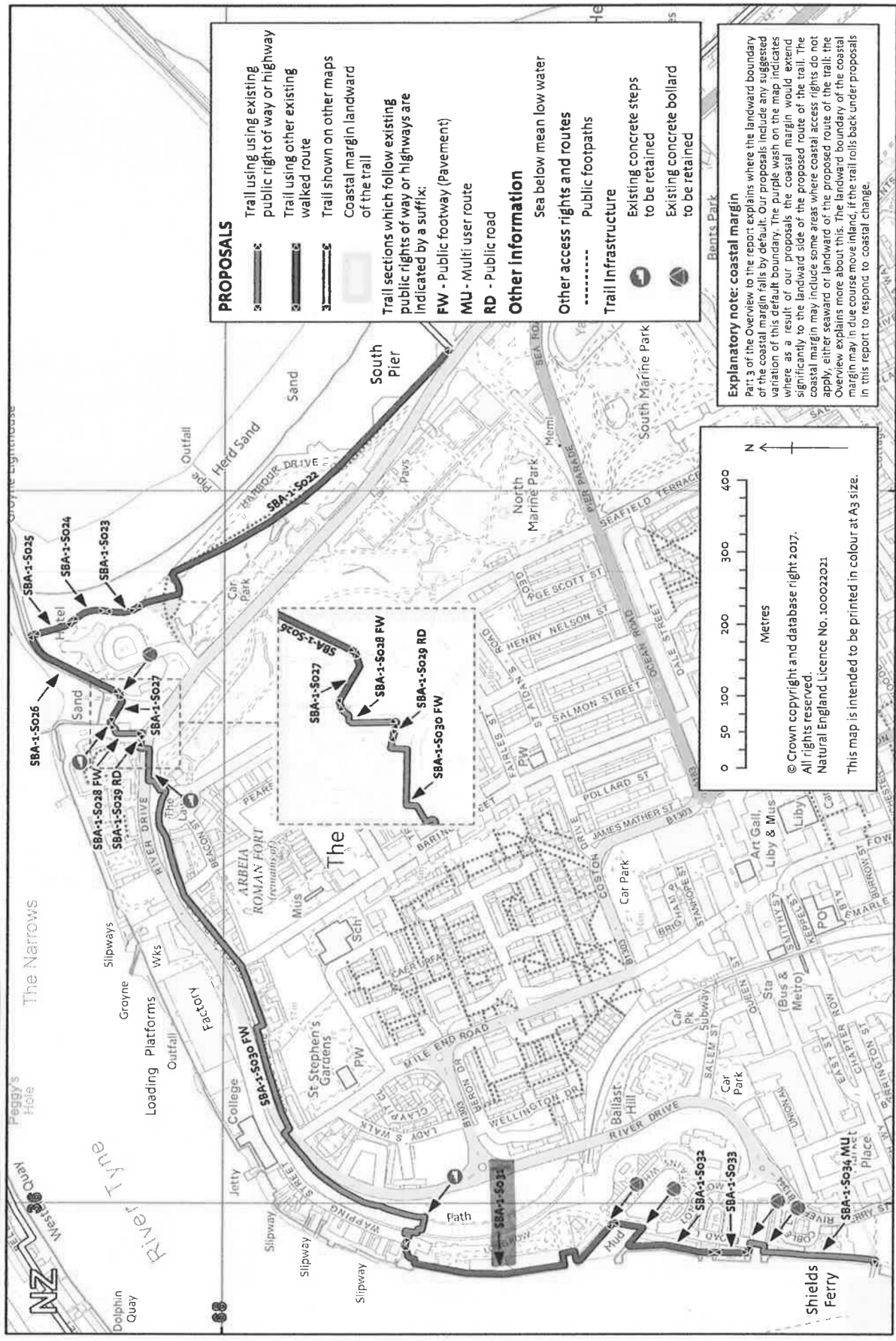
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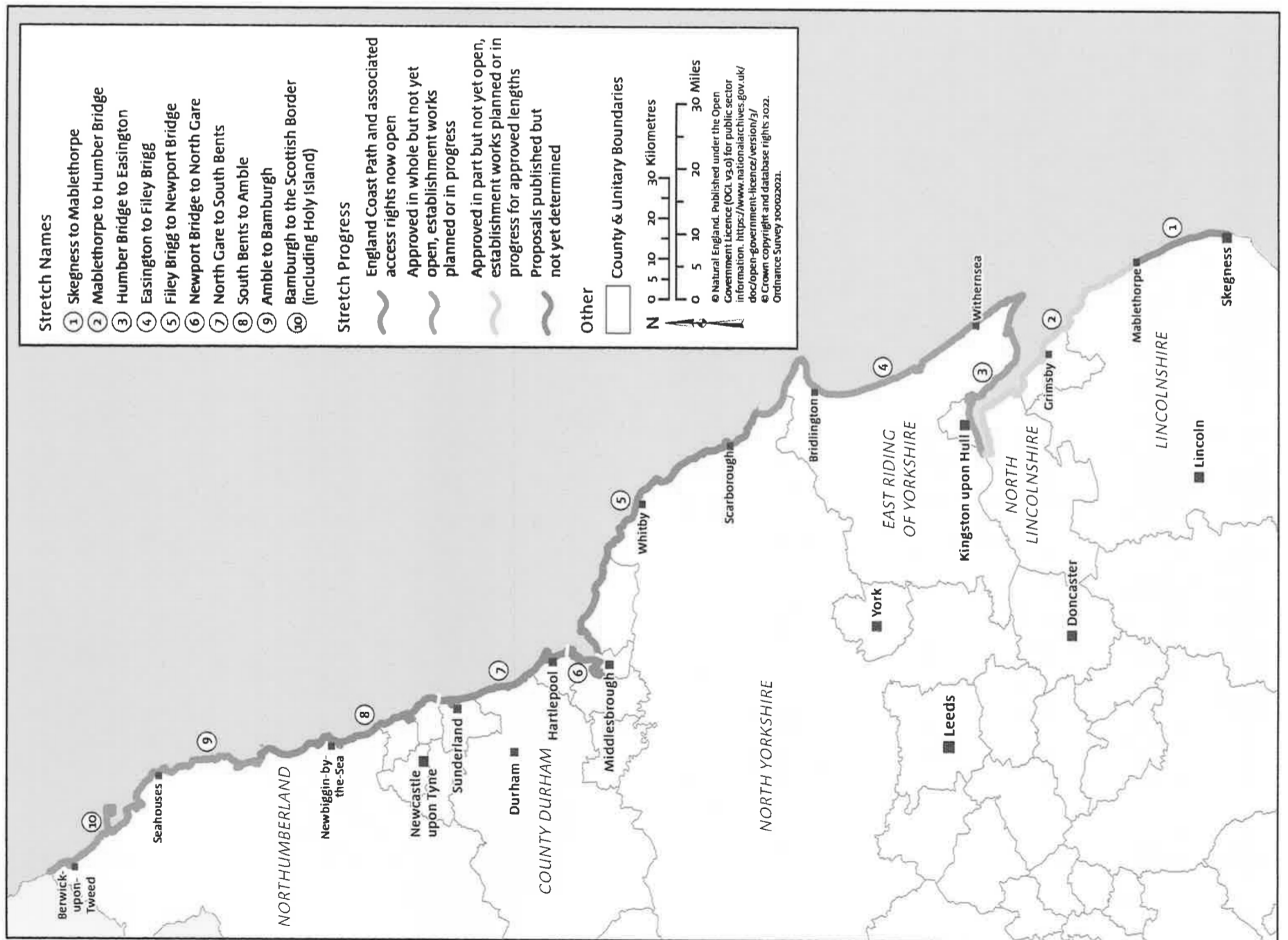
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England Coast Path - Stretch Progress

North East Hub Team - 2nd March 2022





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Map Key

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- Coastal Margin
- England Coast Path
- Background

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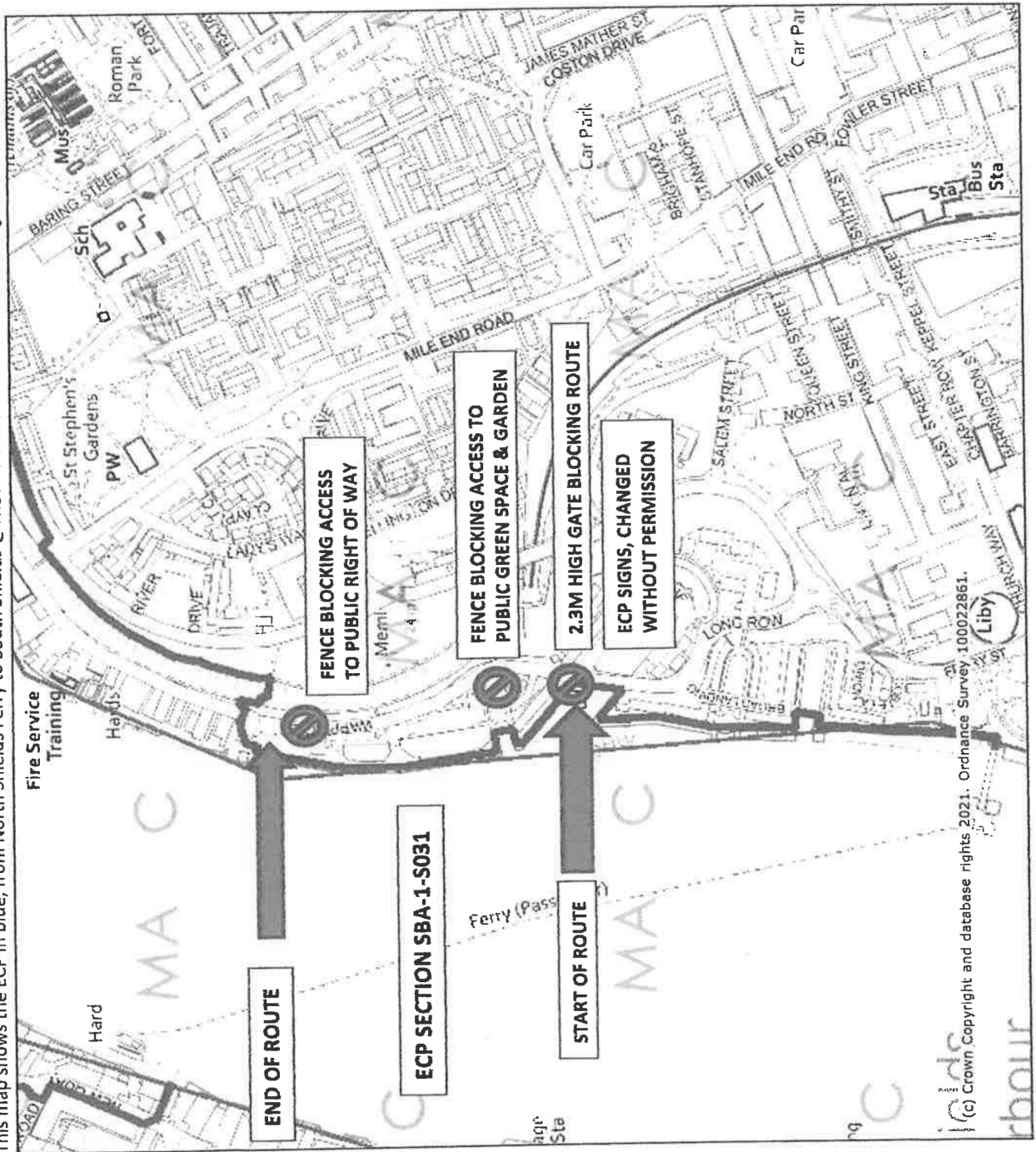
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MAGIC ENGLAND COAST PATH (ECP) SECTION SBA-1-S031

This map shows the ECP in blue, from North Shields Ferry to South Shields @TheWord and then heads north along the River Tyne and Long Row to Wapping Street and onwards to the Coast.



Here you have the last opportunity to cross the river should you wish to end the walk at Tynemouth. Whichever route you choose, it is well worthwhile adding a short ferry journey to your River Tyne experiences (there and back if appropriate). The crossing only takes 10 minutes and the ferry leaves every half-hour. The ferry waiting room contains a comprehensive information panel which includes a history of the ferries as well as an overview of this stage of the trail. See Page 166 for details of the walk from the North Shields ferry landing.

* To continue from the South Shields ferry landing, with the river on your left, walk along the riverside promenade now regenerated with modern dwellings replacing old industrial sites. You simply need to keep close to the riverside. You cross the walkway over a former dry dock and pass a flagpole with compass points marked in the stone surrounds. Just before a larger former dock, you'll find the welcome sight of a small damsel clutching a ship and waving



Merchant Navy memorial



Ferries in sight

River Tyne Trail
Sources to Sea.

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a greeting. However, she happens to be in the form of Irene Brown's sculpture *Spirit of South Shields* (1998).

The path very briefly joins the road. Here it is worth crossing to the other side of the road to see the extension of the dock where you may be surprised to find *Fleet*, a further art work by Irene Brown (2004). Here seven small stainless steel collier brigs recall the transport of coal down the Tyne. Walk a short way alongside the road then turn left, passing some modern office accommodation on your right. Continue downstream to the end of the riverside path where you reach a car park. Bear right to pass the South Shields Sea Cadets premises and make your way to the access road at



A damsel beckons
(Photograph: Graeme Pessico)

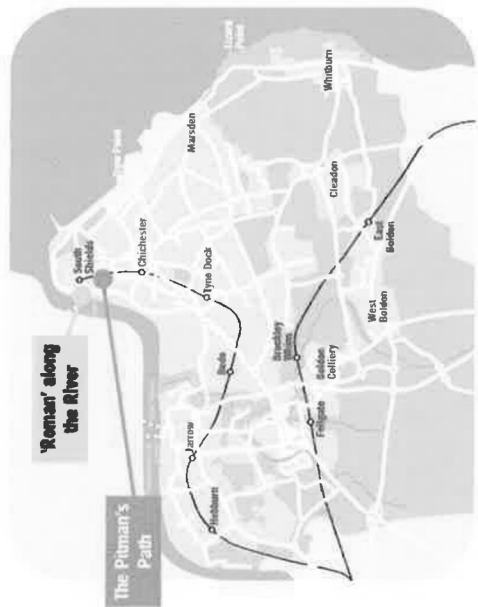
Comical Corner, the strange name apparently reflecting rather awkward nearby river currents.

Turn left at the corner and continue ahead along what is now Wapping Street.

Wapping Street

Here wooden boats can be repaired and old craft carefully restored among the street's fascinating variety of marine businesses, boatyards and slipways, which include the North East Marine Trust with its Boomerang Boat Museum (open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday). At the same time the new focus on offshore industries is reflected in South Tyneside College's Marine Safety Training Centre and Fire Training Centre. There are several opportunities to catch glimpses of the Tyne and on the north side you should be able to pick out two tall white buildings the High Light and the Low Light, that once served as navigational aids.

Where to find the South Shields urban health walks



- Key to map symbols**
- Access Barrier
 - Bus stop
 - Car parking
 - Cross slope
 - Hazard
 - Information
 - Metro station
 - Public house
 - Public telephone
 - Seat
 - Shops
 - Slope up/down
 - Steps up/down
 - Stile
 - Toilets

Walk your way to better health

Half an hour of brisk walking on most days can:

- Improve - weight control, stamina, confidence, community spirit, life expectancy, posture, energy and self-esteem.
- Reduce - heart disease, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, bowel cancer, arthritis, anxiety and osteoporosis.

Furthermore, almost everyone can do it, you don't need any special equipment, it's easy and it's free! So why not take the first steps along the urban history walks, but remember not to overdo it. Start slowly and build up gradually. Aim to walk for half an hour on most days, at a pace that makes you breathe a little faster, feel a little warmer and have a slightly faster heart beat. Walking doesn't have to be 'hard' - you should be able to carry out a conversation quite easily as you go, so why not go with a friend or your family? The potential benefits of walking are far greater than any risks but if you haven't been active for some time, or are concerned about your health, check with your doctor before you begin.

Getting to the Health Walks

The Urban History Walks all start at Metro Stations where frequent bus services connect, making access to the walks easy. Contact North East Travel Line on 0870 608 2608 for more information or obtain a bus timetable from Nexus Travel Shops.

Getting around the Health Walks

The walks have been designed with everyone in mind, including people with pushchairs and wheelchair users. Each route has been fully surveyed to identify surface types, slopes and location of steps - all of which are indicated on the maps to help you decide if you can negotiate a particular walk before ever leaving home. Finding your way round is easy, as the Urban Walks use street names as a guide. At certain points, you will find markers fitted to lampposts and signposts to keep you on track.

Walking Works Wonders in South Tyneside

These Urban History Walks - in South Shields and in Jarrow and Hebburn - build on the success of the Monkton, Temple Park and Coastal Health Walks. As even more health walks are created around the Borough, each will be waymarked to a very high standard and have a self-guided booklet. The walks are being developed in partnership with the community - so why not take the first step towards a healthier lifestyle and walk your way to better health?

The project is also developing a network of volunteer walk leaders, to lead health walks throughout the year along the newly-established routes. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer walk leader, contact Ruth Nolan on (0191) 456 6903.

The project is a partnership between South Tyneside Council, South of Tyne and Wearside Mental Health Trust, South Tyneside Primary Care Trust, Age Concern, Health Action Zone and Groundwork South Tyneside.

Introduction

The important position of South Shields at the mouth of the Tyne has been the major influence in its development. The Romans created a major port to supply Hadrian's Wall and the river has long since been the focus of many industries – the main one being shipbuilding. The works have all gone now, but some remnants of the past can still be seen.



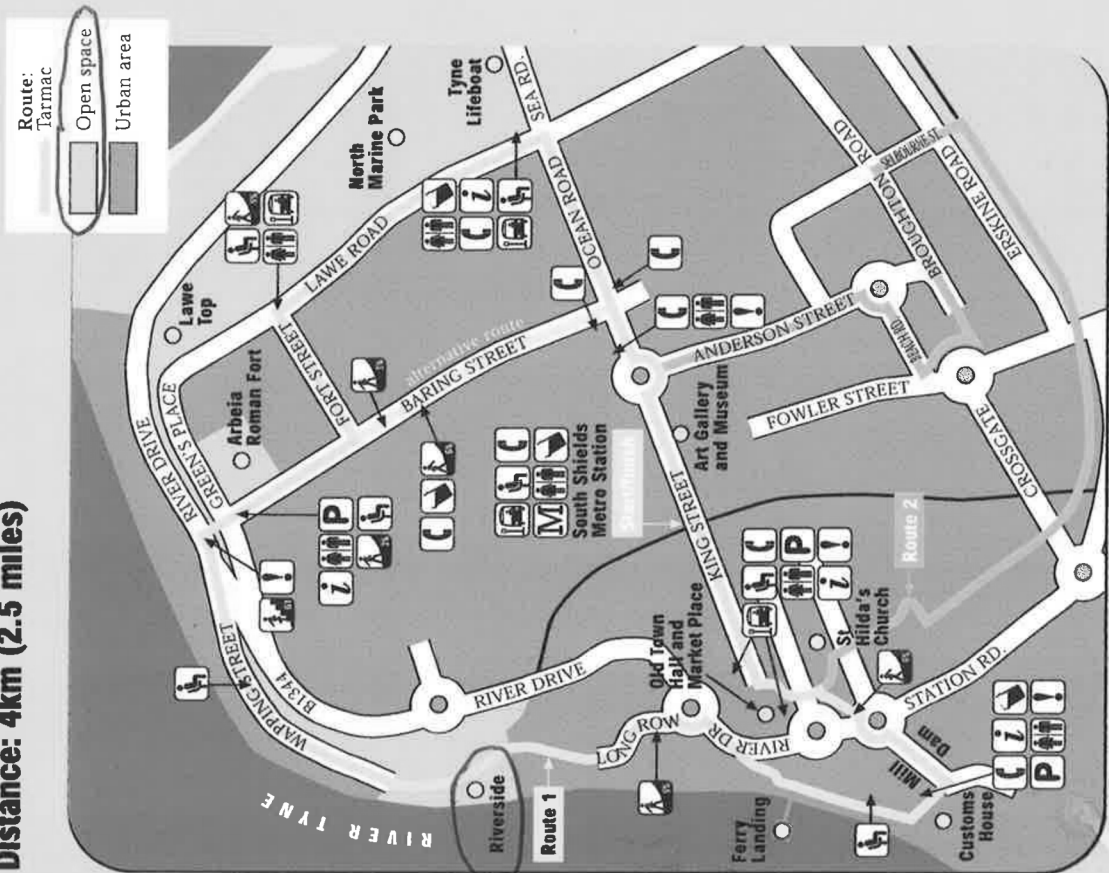
ROUTE

The walk starts and finishes at South Shields Metro Station. Proceed along King Street, passing under the Metro Bridge heading towards the Old Town Hall and Market Place.

In 1786 the Dean and Chapter of Durham bought the land and built the Market Place and Town Hall, moving the market away from the crowded riverside streets. The arches under the Town Hall provided shelter for the market folk, while the room above was used for vestry, and later council, meetings. It ceased to function as a Town Hall in 1910 but the market still thrives. Many of the buildings in the Market Place, including St. Hilda's Church, were damaged in the bombing raid of 2 October 1941. As the pedestrian area comes to an end, take a left turn and cross Church Way at the crossing area next to St. Hilda's Church. The first St. Hilda's Church was founded in 647 AD by St. Aiden and placed in the charge of the Northumbrian Princess Hilda. Abbess Hilda's early church was probably destroyed during the Danish invasions, although a church has remained on the site

Walk 1 - South Shields 'Roman' along the River

Distance: 4km (2.5 miles)



ever since. The church we see today is the result of much renovation and rebuilding work, mostly done in the 19th Century. Enter the park, keeping St. Hilda's Church to your left, towards the memorial. Keeping to the right hand path, walk through the park and cross the road in the vicinity of the roundabout on Station Road / Ferry Street. Continue along Brewery Lane towards the **Mill Dam** area and the Customs House.

In early times an old branch of the river Tyne ran along the Mill Dam, Coronation street, Ocean road, then out to sea. Gradually this silted up and much of the remainder was filled in after the Napoleonic Wars. The last section went in 1930. One of the industries of this area was Isaac Cookson's glassworks. South Shields was once one of the largest glassmaking centres in the country, with a total of eight large glassworks in the town. Continue towards the river along Mill Dam, passing in front of the **Customs House Theatre, Cinema and Art Gallery**, until reaching the Merchant Navy Memorial Monument.



MILL DAM (ESTABLISHED 1662) AND THE CUSTOMS HOUSE
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Opened in 1864 the Customs House was, as its name suggests, built for the transaction of customs duties to be paid on goods passing through South Shields.

Turn right and follow the river along the paved area towards the **passenger ferry landing** to North Shields.

A ferry crossing has existed here since at least the 14th century. At one time passengers would have endured an uncomfortably crowded journey, along with livestock, to cross the river.

Continue east along the riverside, passing the ferry terminal, following the signs for Arbeia Roman Fort and turning right up the 'Coble Landing' onto River Drive. Head left and uphill for a short distance, then turn left at the roundabout on to Long Row which snakes downhill, crossing over the old docking areas to join the riverside.

The riverside was once a series of bustling quays and shipbuilding yards. In the 1820s, there were 12 shipbuilding yards and 13 dry docks which could accommodate 21 large vessels at the same time. In addition, there were many subsidiary industries such as rope and sail making, and forges making anchors and chains. Little evidence of this remains today other than the former **graving docks, which have been incorporated into the riverside development to the east of the passenger ferry landing.**

Continue along the riverside path, proceeding straight past Comical Corner and the South Shields Sea Cadet building. When the path ends continue along **Wapping Street** until you reach the large Seamanship and Survival Centre where you can re-join it, following alongside the rail tracks in the road. Where the rail tracks end, cross River Drive where the sign opposite says 'leading to Greens Place'.

Those who are able can use the steps to climb up to Greens Place. Alternatively you can take an easier route up by turning right, heading up River Drive with the wall on your left, turning left into Greens Place and going straight on to meet the area at the top of the steps.

From here, continue along Green Place, where **Arbeia Roman Fort** will come into view. Turn right into Baring Street, continuing with the fort to your left until you reach the junction with Fort Street.

Arbeia Roman Fort was occupied for almost 300 years, controlling the most northerly port of the Roman Empire in Britain. Built as part of the Roman Wall defences to guard the mouth of the Tyne during the reign of Hadrian, it also acted as a military supply base for the other forts along the Wall.



ARBEIA'S RESTORED WEST GATE
© Linda Kay

Entry to Arbeia Roman Fort and Museum is free. For more information, contact the museum on (0191) 456 1369.

For a shorter route, continue straight down Baring Street, turning right at the junction with Ocean Road, for a brief walk back to South Shields Town Centre.

For a slightly longer route, turn left into Fort Street, again following the outskirts of the fort to your left. At the junction with Lawe Road, turning left will take you to Lawe Top, which is worth a visit if not been to before.

Lawe Top offers commanding views of the river mouth and was therefore the natural place for the river pilots to set up their residences. The Lawe beacons, which still stand today, were erected in 1832 - replacing previous 18th century structures - to help guide the pilots.

If you visit Lawe Top, retrace your route back along Lawe Road. At the junction with Fort Street, continue along Lawe Road, with North Marine Park to your left.

The North and South Marine Parks were formally opened on June 25th, 1890. Much of the work of levelling the ballast hills that once occupied the site was done by relief labour who were given work at a time when the town was suffering from a severe depression in trade.

At the junction with Lawe Road and Ocean Road, turning left into Sea Road will take you to the Tyne lifeboat.

The fact that South Shields was the birthplace of the first lifeboat is not in doubt, but who was responsible for its invention in 1789 has been ever since then. William Wouldhave and Henry Greathead both claimed to have been its inventor, but it is more likely that the successful lifeboat was in fact a combination of the two designs. Both men's claims have been recognised on the lifeboat memorial, built for the Jubilee celebrations of Queen Victoria of 1887 and unveiled when the Marine Parks were opened. Beside the memorial stands the 'Tyne' lifeboat, which was the means of saving 1,024 lives.



GREATHHEAD'S LIFEBOAT THE 'ORIGINAL', FROM AN ENGRAVING PUBLISHED 1803 © South Shields Libraries and Museums

If you visit the lifeboat, retrace your route along Ocean Road and at the junction with Lawe Road, proceed along Ocean Road towards South Shields town centre.

In the first half of the 19th century Ocean Road was no more than a country lane. Over the years it was gradually built up, with quality housing for professional people on the north side, and shops and pubs on the other. The houses originally had long front gardens which were lost due to road widening in the 1930s. Some of these houses became the guesthouses we still see today. The railways brought holiday visitors to South Shields which was promoted for its bracing sea air.



OCEAN ROAD IN 1930 © South Shields Libraries and Museums

Continue along Ocean Road, passing the Community Centre and crossing Anderson Street roundabout, in the vicinity of Asda. Proceed along the pedestrianised area, passing Kirkpatrick's Public House and the Museum and Art Gallery.

Kirkpatrick's was originally South Shields Marine School, opened in 1869, and founded by the benevolence of Dr Winterbottom in a deed of 28 August 1837. Marine training has now been transferred to the Westoe site.

South Shields Museum and Art Gallery is housed in the old Mechanics Institute, which became South Shields Museum and Library in 1873. Admission is free. For more information, contact the museum on (0191) 456 8740.

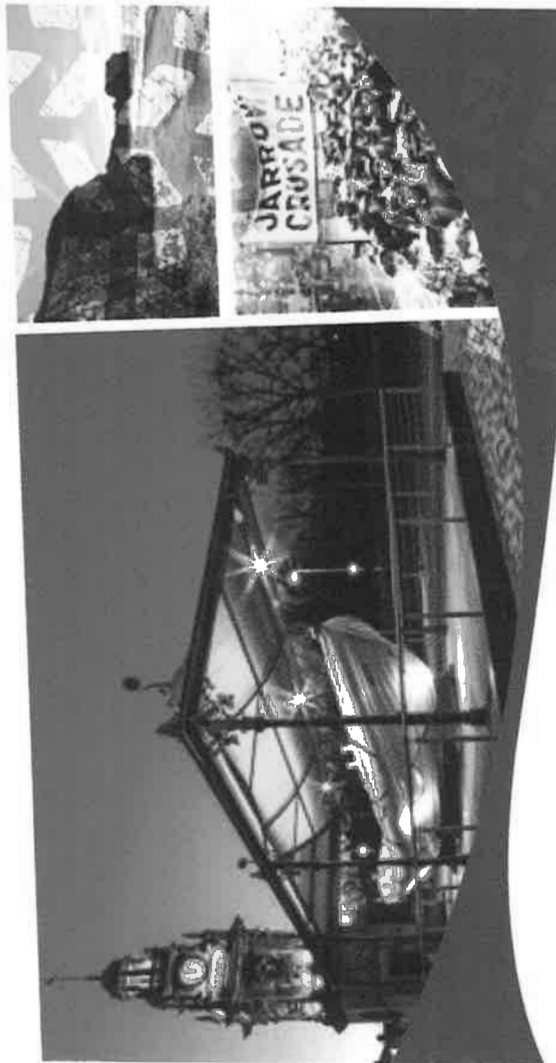
Continue along the pedestrianised area back to South Shields Metro Station.

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South Tyneside Heritage Trail

A pathway from
the past...into the future

Your guide to walks and cycle routes around
South Tyneside's Heritage Trail



South Tyneside Council

Follow the trail...

South Tyneside Heritage Trail is a walking route designed to help you explore aspects of the Borough's incredibly rich and diverse heritage.

The trail follows a route of roughly 26 miles passing through most of the towns and villages, which make up the Borough. It takes you through a variety of landscapes, from rugged coastline and farmland to reclaimed industrial sites and busy streets where people go about their daily living.

Along the way is a series of interpretation panels which highlight aspects of the area's rich heritage and invite you to "dig a little deeper" to find out more.

Many of the panel locations can be visited relatively easy by car, but for those wishing to walk the trail, it would be advisable to break it up into sections to suit your fitness/ability. It can be split into a number of loops and possible connecting paths are marked in yellow on the map in this leaflet. Detailed maps of smaller circular walks within the Heritage Trail are available.

Much of the route follows established trails like the Coastal Path, Linnet Way and the "Walking Works Wonders" health walks programme developed by South Tyneside Council. Some sections of the path are not suitable for bicycles, but alternative cycle routes can be easily found. Most of the route is accessible to wheelchairs. It may be sensible to carry a local street map in conjunction with this leaflet in order to help pick out the route in greater detail. There are also maps on each of the panels to help you find your way to the next.

The trail touches on a wide range of topics including geology, wildlife, religion, legend, literature, architecture, sport, leisure, commerce, industry, as well as thousands of years of history, so there is something of interest to everyone!

South Tyneside...

Those unfamiliar with this corner of the North East may not be aware of the wealth and diversity of its heritage.

Some may know a little about the Venerable Bede or have read the novels of Catherine Cookson. For others, the Jarrow Crusade and the area's industrial past might come to mind.

Its landscape...

One of these strands is the structure of the landscape itself, as this has helped shape much of what has gone on here. The limestone deposits which formed the Cleadon Hills and the stunning cliffs and rock formations along the coastline; the rich veins of coal which, for so many years, provided the backbone of the region's economy; and the River Tyne itself; providing the means for exporting the coal to foreign parts.



Its people...

Another thread is provided by the extraordinary people who have lived here. From prehistoric times, through the Roman, Anglo Saxon and Viking periods, across the Middle Ages and into the industrial era, people have come from many parts of the world to settle in South Tyneside and they have all made a contribution to its achievements. Life in the region has rarely been easy as its rewards have always had to be hard earned, often in dangerous circumstances. But this has bred a population with lots of pride, remarkable spirit, a strong sense of community and always ready to have fun! If this was all South Tyneside had to offer, it would be remarkable enough, as these things have all made an impact far beyond the North East of England. But delve a little deeper and you will soon discover that there are many more layers to its history and culture which weave together across the centuries to form a rich tapestry which is fascinating and rewarding to explore.

Always changing...

Continuous change and people's ability to adapt is another strong theme which emerges. Around 200 years ago, South Tyneside was still very rural with just a little industrial development along the riverside. The 19th century witnessed a manufacturing explosion, in which the local population grew tenfold to provide the work force for some of the world's greatest shipyards and engineering works. Today, these too have all but gone and the area has come through the traumas of industrial decline and emerged as a bustling, vibrant place to live and work, with many of the old industrial sites regenerated for modern business or reclaimed for nature. Even the iconic Marsden Rock has had to suffer change.

To meet the future...

1300 years ago, Bede propelled South Tyneside to the very forefront of western culture and his legacy is still felt around the world today. 100 to 150 years ago the banks of the River Tyne again became globally renowned as a centre of excellence and innovation. Those days may have gone – the shipyards and mines have fallen silent – but the area's greatest asset still remains. It is the people of South Tyneside who have made it great in the past and who will continue to make it great in the future.

Enjoy your day out...

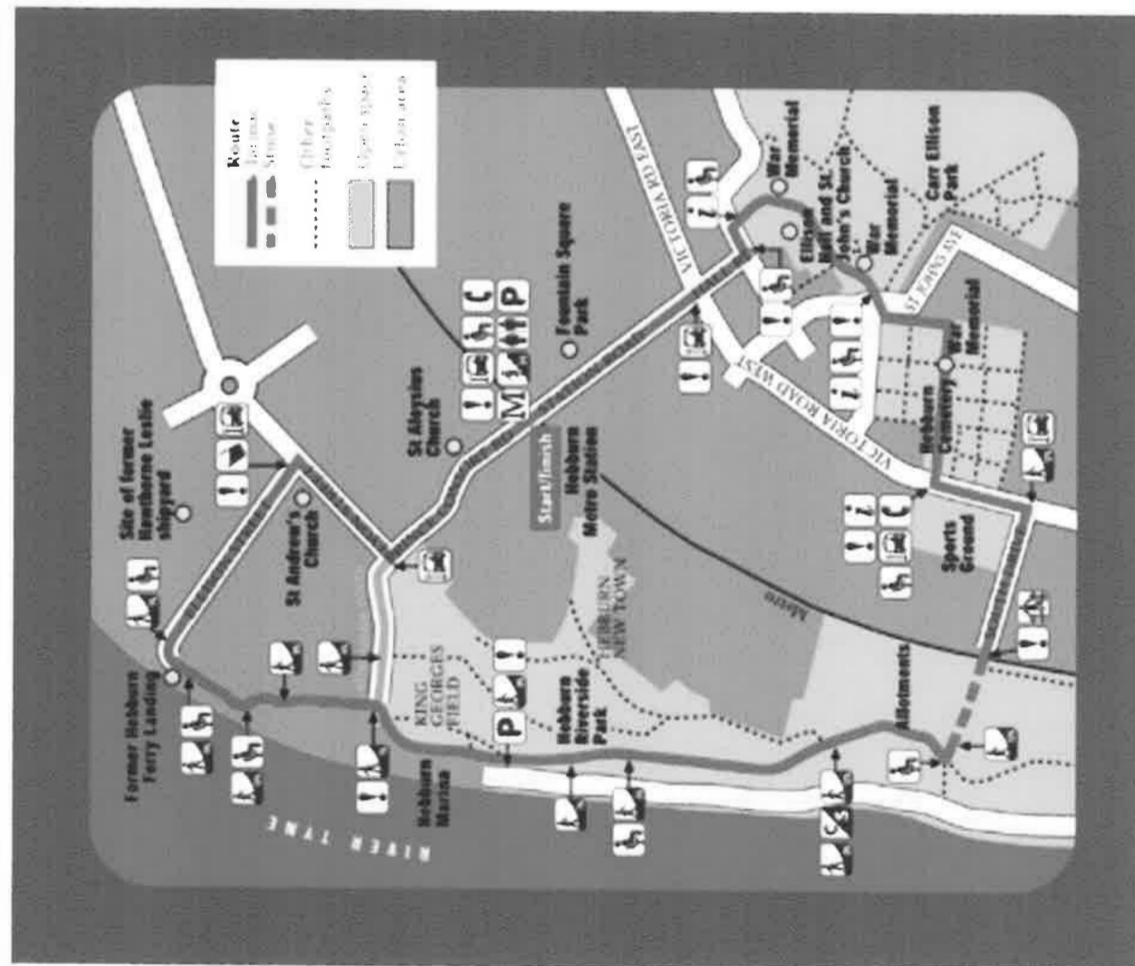
Much of the Heritage Trail is paved and most of it is relatively flat, but we would still recommend the wearing of stout comfortable footwear for anyone wishing to follow it. There may be one or two locations where you will have to negotiate steps or inclines and it is possible that some sections might get wet or muddy after rain.

Parts of the trail run beside busy roads so please take care and watch for traffic. There are cycle lanes available on most of these sections. Some of the things to look out for en route are highlighted on the map.



Hebburn Stroll

3.4 miles / 5.5km approximately
1 and a half hours



The Hebburn Stroll is a circular walk of around 3 miles on a fairly even level.

The walk starts from Hebburn Metro Station. From the top of the bridge, walk away from Hebburn town centre and head towards the river, walk until you reach the roundabout on Prince Consort Road. Turn right on to Lyon Street, walk for a few minutes and take the first left in to Ellison Street. This will lead you down to the river, passing the old St Andrews Church and Steeple on your left and to Heritage Trail Panel Number 17.

Continue down Ellison Street, on your right you will pass the former Hawthorn Leslie Shipyard site, until you reach the riverside. Follow the footpath to the right up to the river, where you will come out next to the Sea Cadets Headquarters. Walk on through the small industrial estate and you will come out at the bottom of the Prince Consort Road, turn right and follow this road down to the marina and riverside jetty. Continue along the marina until you reach Heritage Trail Panel Number 16.

From the panel take the stepped path that leads you slightly up hill and turn right on the tarmac pathway in the middle of the bank. Follow this path along the river bank until the path intersection, turn left and walk uphill, cross the stile and across the Metro Line. (Care must be taken when crossing) this will bring you out on to South Drive. Walk straight up towards the

main road in front of you, Victoria Road.

Turn left on to Victoria Road walk down to the pedestrian island and cross. Continue down Victoria Road and you will come to the main gates of Hebburn Cemetery on your right, strolling through there you will find among others, the graves of the HMS Kelly crew, and a monument to her Commander, Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Leave the Cemetery by the south gate (at the back left corner) and cross the road into Carr Ellison Park. Walking through the park you pass the cenotaph and you can see Ellison Hall to your left.

Continue through the park until you reach Heritage Trail Panel 15. After the panel continue along the path until it forks, bear left towards the main park gates. Before leaving the park there is a war memorial to the brave men who died in the Boer War from 1896 to 1902, with a cannon at the base of it.

Leave the park and head down Park Road and you will once again come to Victoria Road. Turn left, walk up to the crossroads, turn and right across with care at the pedestrian crossing onto Station Road, towards Hebburn town centre. Continue along Station Road passing Fountain Park, and towards Hebburn Metro Station.

You have now completed the Hebburn Stroll. We hope you have enjoyed it and will walk it many times.

Highlights

The name Hebburn is thought to derive from the Anglo Saxon for "high place beside the water".

- The foundation stone for St Andrew's Church was laid on 18th June 1870. It was opened in 1873 by Andrew Leslie for his workforce, mainly Irish and Scottish descent. The steeple housed 6 bells, is 190ft high and cost £10,000 to build.
- The HMS Kelly was built at the Hawthorn Leslie Yard in 1939, just before the outbreak of the war. The Kelly was badly damaged by torpedoes off the coast of Norway and was towed back to the Tyne for repairs. On the 23rd of May 1940 she was sunk while assisting the evacuation of Crete, with the loss of 130 men. The ship and her crew are still remembered with pride by the people of Hebburn.

- Ellison Hall was once the site of a Pele Tower. It was incorporated in the house, and became the home of the Carr Ellison Family. (In 1887 part of the building was transformed into an infirmary, which it remained until the 1970's). It has now been split into flats.



Jarrow and Monkton March

4.3 miles / 7km approximately 2 hours

The Jarrow and Monkton March starts from Jarrow Town Hall in Jarrow town centre.

From Heritage Trail Panel 19 walk right towards Christ Church and turn right at the cross roads, stay on the right hand side of the road, on to Ellison Street. Walk down Ellison Street, past the Civic Hall and the roundabout.

Continue to follow this road. As the road turns right you will pass a sculpture on your left of a Viking Longboat. As you progress onto Chaytor Street you will see in front of you a large grey funnel; this is the vent for the Tyne Tunnel. As you approach turn left and head towards the pedestrian tunnel (well worth exploring before you continue).





Walk down to the tunnel entrance and take the footpath around and down to the river. Follow the path right, passing Jarrow Riverside and the statue of Charles Mark Palmer. The path will bring you to a set of gates, go through these back onto Chaytor Street. Turning left, walk a short way along the street. Follow the pathway on your left down to the River Don and behind Bede's World. Walk along Slake Road, past St Pauls on your right and continue on past Jarrow Bridge; this will bring you out onto Church Bank.

Cross over the road and you will find the River Don Trail. Follow the trail along under the duel carriageway, and out next to the Tyne Tunnel road (A19). A short way under the Metro Bridge there is a path leading off to the left, this will take you down to the River Don and under the A19. Carry along the path, passing Jarrow Cemetery on your left.

The path will end up at Cemetery Road. Cross the road here and turn right over the bridge and up to the main road, Springwell Road. Cross this road and turn left. Walk along the road for about 100 metres until you reach Springwell Park on your right. Take the small path staying on the top footpath; this will take you past the rose garden and tennis court.

The path will bring you out at Butcher's Bridge Road, crossing this you enter Monkton Dene Park. Follow the top path passing the old park keeper's house on your right. Continue on the path for about 10 minutes; you will come to a busy main road, this is York Avenue. Cross here and carry along Dene Terrace. This will eventually bring you out at the Heritage Trail Panel 14.

Behind the panel you will find a pathway leading down to what was the old mineral line. Stay on the main path and on your right

you will see an exit, pass through this and take the left path that enters the cul-de-sac. Pass through and bear right onto the main part of Ettrick Road. At the corner, turn left and walk down until you reach Beaumont Terrace.

Continue down the road until you reach Jarrow's West Park.

Go through the park and leave by the main gates on Park Road. Head for Albert Road crossroads. Cross over, pass the local bicycle shop, Pedal Inn, and head down Hill Street. Cross the road at the bottom and pass under the Metro Bridge. Bear right and you will reach Grange Road West. Walking along, you will pass Grange Road Baptist Church, Christ Church and the old Ben Lomond public house. Cross over Ellison Street and you will find yourself back near the Town Hall and Heritage



Trail Panel 19 and the end of the Jarrow and Monkton March. We hope you enjoyed the walk and found the route enjoyable.

Highlights

Jarrow Corporation offices used to be situated on the site now occupied by the Town Hall. The Town Hall also served as a county court for a number of years.

- The Tyne Pedestrian Tunnel has the longest and oldest wooden escalators in the world; prior to it being built, crossing the Tyne was accomplished by a ferry called the **AB Gowan**.

- In September 1803 Jarrow Bridge was a meeting point between Simon Temple and other dignitaries. A foundation stone for a school to educate the children of the workers employed by Mr Temple was laid during the opening celebration of Jarrow's only coal mine – the **Alfred Pit**.

- **Monkton Village** is a conservation area; the earliest mention of it dates back to 1070. The chapel of the Venerable Bede dates back to the early 1800's and was converted to a residential property in the early 1980's. The stained glass window that used to be in the chapel depicted the death of St Bede.

- The extraordinary life of the **Venerable Bede** and the fascinating story of Anglo-Saxon Northumbria are celebrated and brought to life at **Bede's World**.



Whitburn, Cleadon and Marsden Walk

7.1 miles / 11.5km approximately 3 hours

The Whitburn, Cleadon and Marsden walk begins from Souter Lighthouse.

Head down to the coastal path towards the sea and turn right towards the village of Whitburn. Follow this path for about 30 minutes passing various rock stacks.

Pass the bird observatory and sentry post and carry on down the Coastal Footpath. The Coastal Footpath follows the cliffs past former Whitburn Firing Ranges and on to Whitburn Bents car park.

Head towards the main road and cross over the road to Cormthwaite Park. Follow the path past the pond and play area, and on to Heritage Trail Panel 8, then head up the path to Church Lane.

Turn left onto Front Street and a short way along on the right is Sandy Chare. Walk up to Cleadon Lane: turn right onto North Guards, and then left onto Wellands Lane. Head up the lane for about 5 minutes until you reach Well House Farm on your left. Once there head into the farm and over the stile and follow the path/fence along to the next stile on the right, cross this and follow the path up onto Cleadon Hills to Heritage Trail Panel 9 at Cleadon Windmill.

Head down from Cleadon Hill, follow the top path along the wall and through the kissing gate, walking past two distinctive sculptures on your right. Follow this path to South Shields Golf Course, enter through the green gate and follow the yellow way markers across the

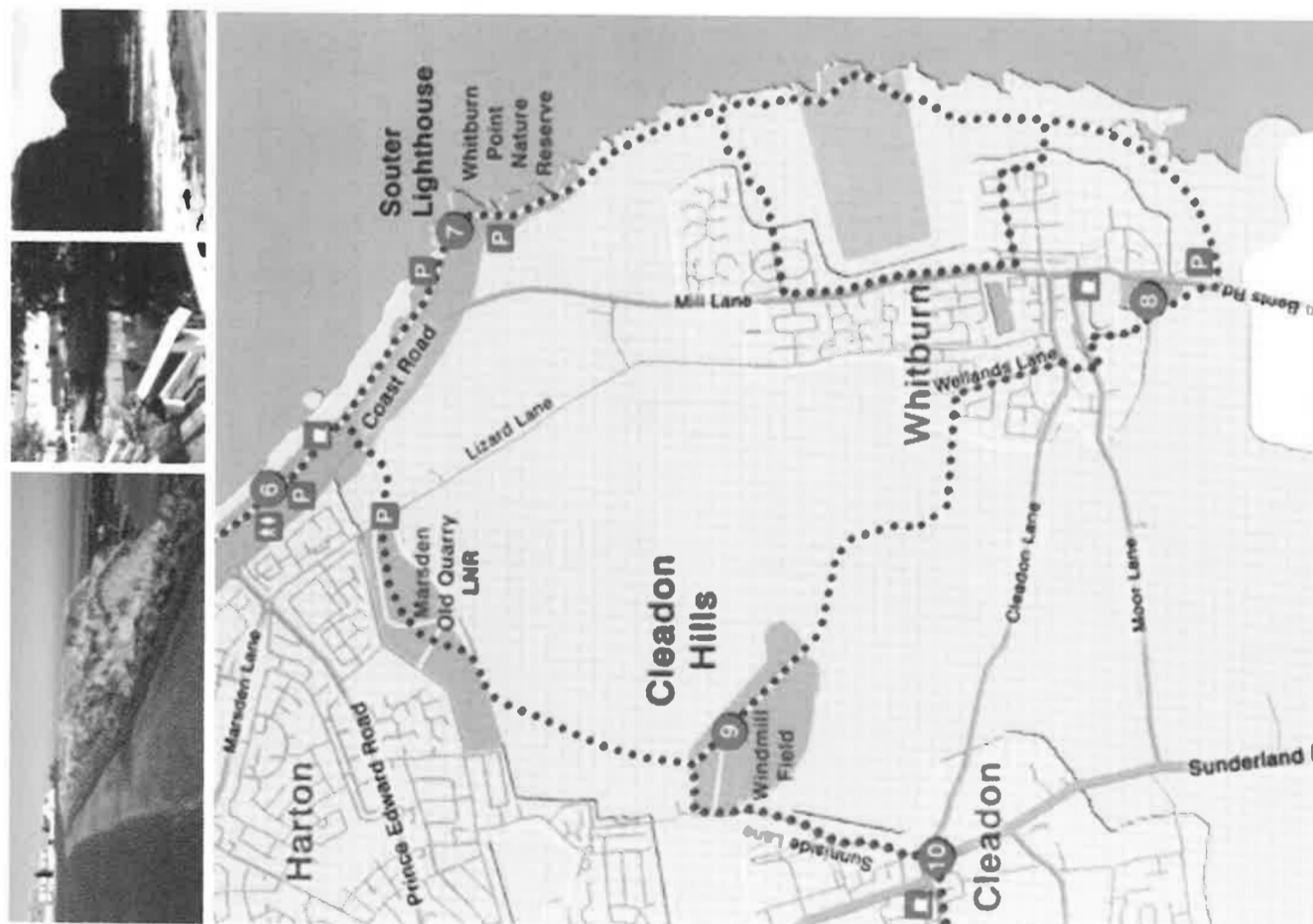
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Take care crossing the busy Coast Road to Marsden Grotto. Follow the Coastal Footpath back to Souter Lighthouse and past Heritage Trail Panel 7.

You have now completed the walk; we hope you enjoy the walk and will come again.

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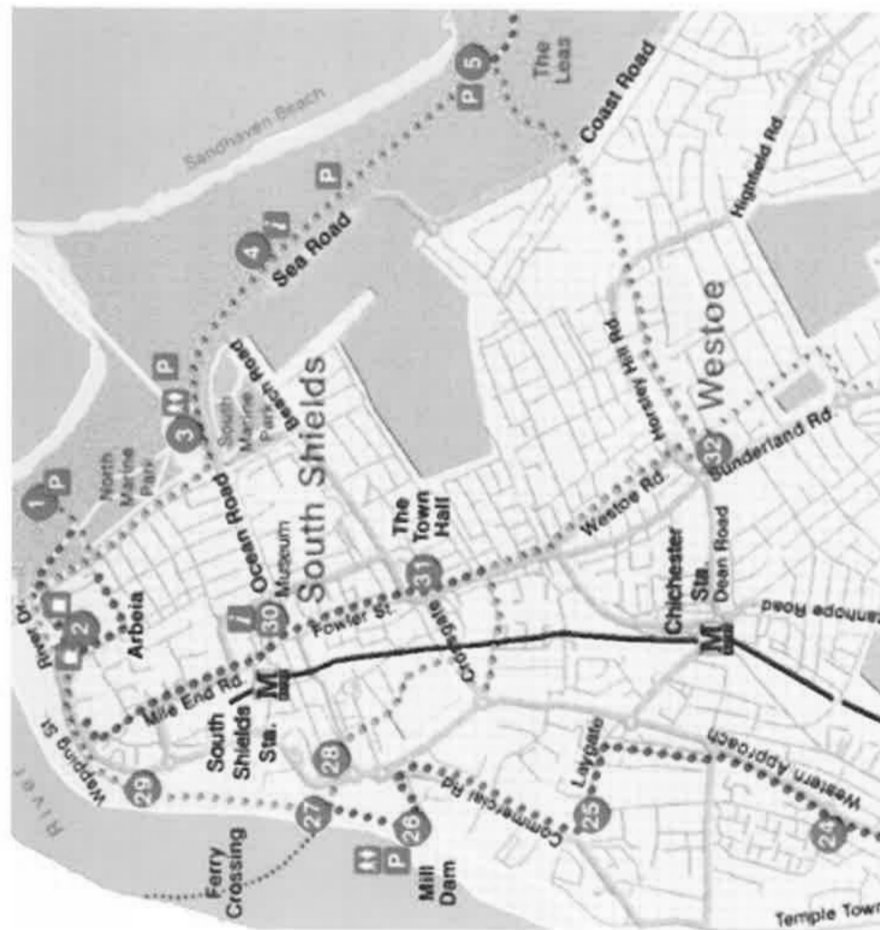
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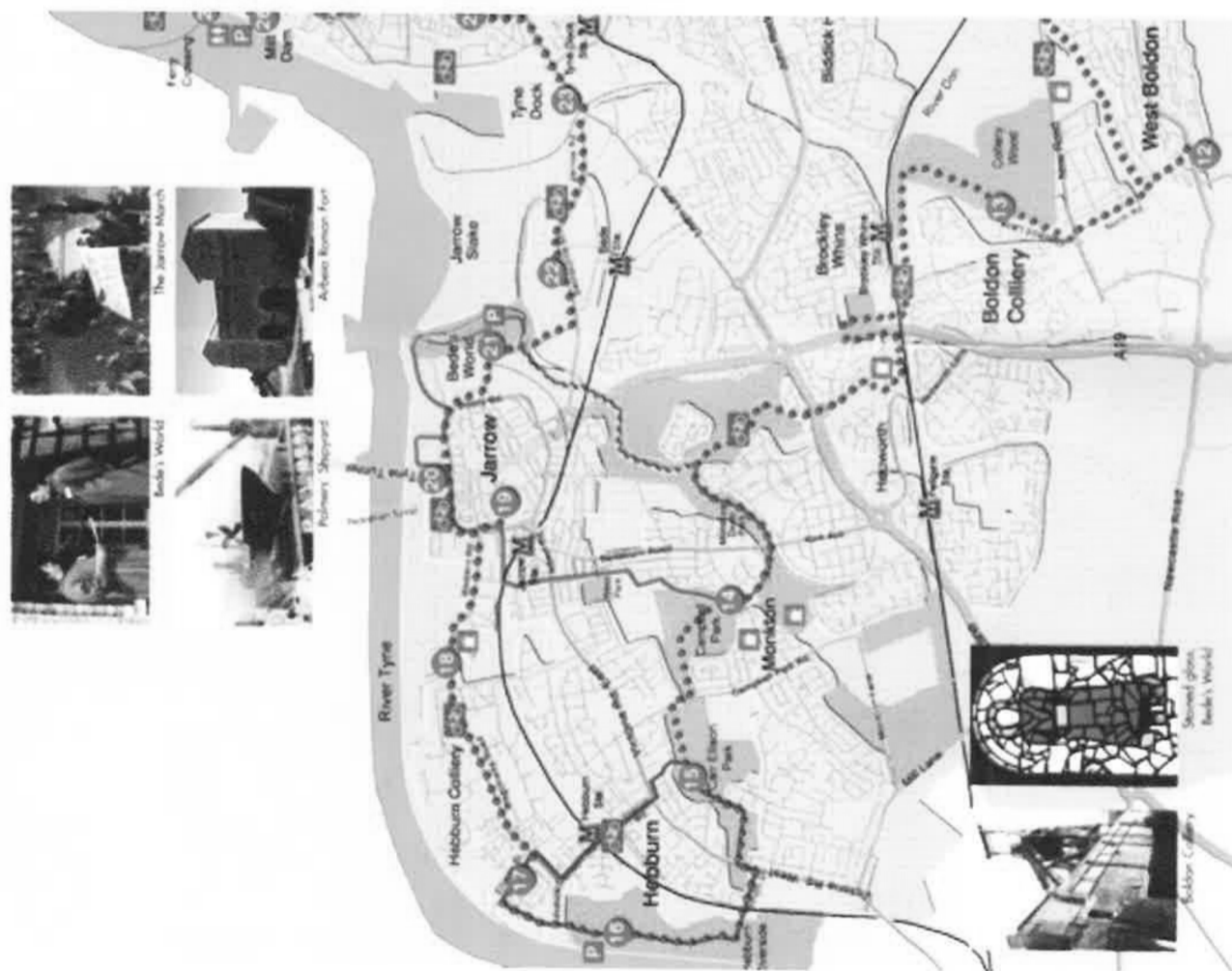


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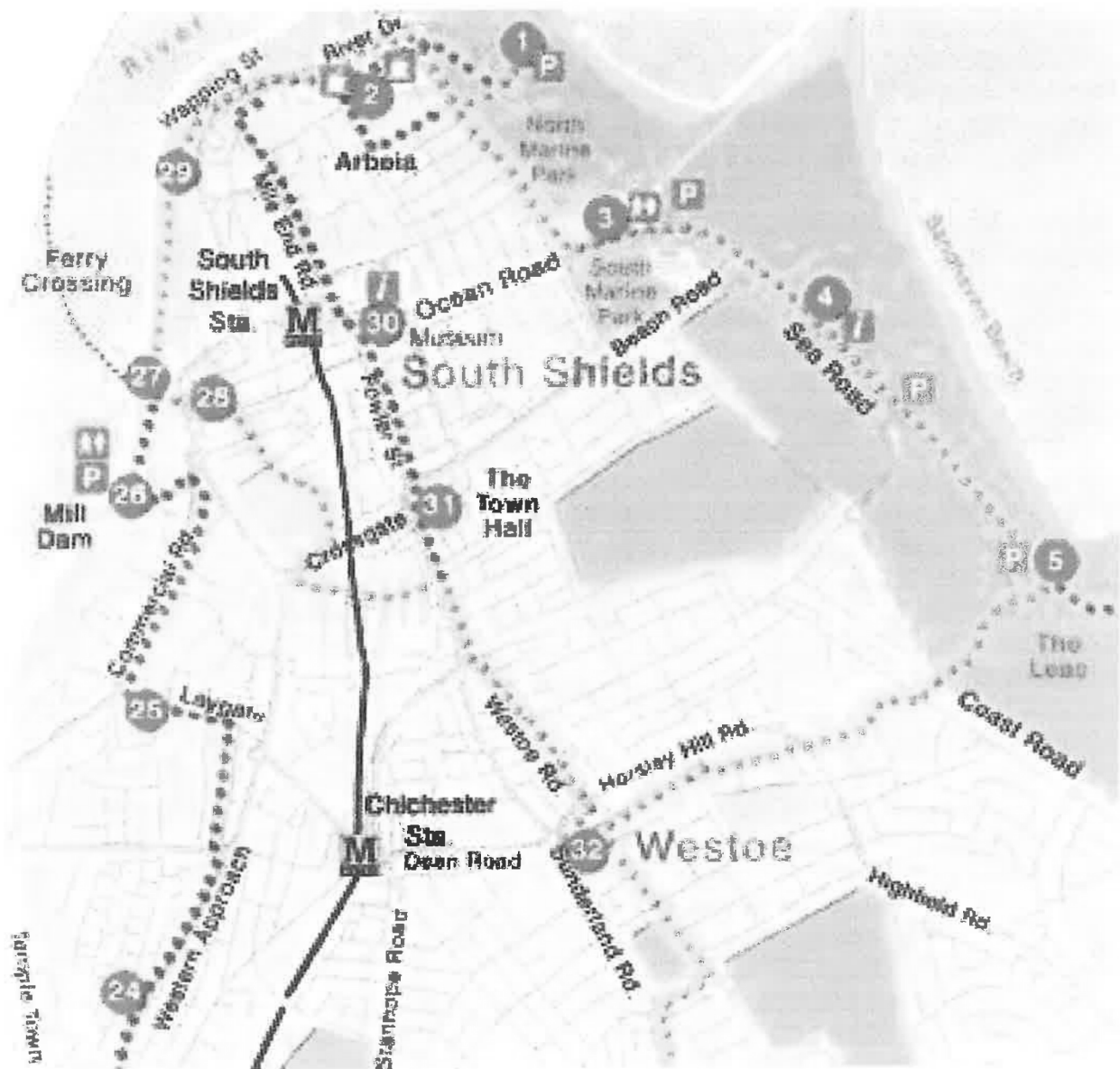
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South Tyneside Heritage Trail

Meandering through the area's towns and villages is the 26 mile South Tyneside Heritage Trail.

The Trail is a pathway from the past and travels through a variety of landscapes from rugged coastline and farmland to reclaimed industrial sites and bustling streets.

The Trail details thousands of years of history, but also touches on a wide range of topics including:

- geology
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Interpretation panels

Colourful interpretation panels along the route help to reveal our rich heritage. You can walk the Trail in its entirety or break it up into more manageable chunks to suit your fitness/ability.

Much of the route follows established trails such as the Coastal Path, Linnet Way and River Don and there are a number of loops and possible connecting paths.

As well as a leaflet highlighting the route and points of interest, each of the panels features a map and the location of the next panel. Many of the panels can be visited relatively easily by car too.

Landscape

The structure of the landscape itself has helped shape much of what has gone on here.

The limestone deposits which formed the Cleadon Hills and the stunning cliffs and rock formations along the coastline; the rich veins of coal which for many years provided the backbone of the region's economy; and the River Tyne itself, providing the means for exporting the coal to foreign parts.

People

From prehistoric times, through the Roman, Anglo Saxon and Viking periods, across the Middle Ages and into the industrial era, people have come from many parts of the world to settle in South Tyneside and they have all made a contribution to its achievements.

Life in the region has rarely been easy as its rewards have always had to be hard earned, often in dangerous circumstances. But this has bred a population with lots of pride, remarkable spirit, a strong sense of community and who are always ready to have fun!

Always changing

Continuous change and people's ability to adapt is another strong theme which emerges.

Around 200 years ago, South Tyneside was very rural with just a little industrial development along the riverside.

The 19th century witnessed a manufacturing explosion, in which the local population grew tenfold to provide the workforce for some of the world's greatest shipyards and engineering works.

Today, these too have all but gone and the area has come through the traumas of industrial decline to emerge as a bustling, vibrant place to live and work, with many of the old industrial sites regenerated for modern business or reclaimed for nature.

To meet the future

1300 years ago, Bede propelled South Tyneside to the very forefront of western culture and his legacy is still felt around the world today.

100 to 150 years ago, the banks of the River Tyne again became globally renowned as a centre of excellence and innovation.

Those days may have gone - the shipyards and mines have fallen silent - but the area's greatest asset still remains.

It is the people of South Tyneside who have made it great in the past and who will continue to make it great in the future.

Route map

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