



THE NATIONAL TRUST



County Durham Centre

Membership of the Centre is open to National Trust members, those of affiliated organisations or holders of current N T Volunteer cards. The annual subscription is £7 for adults and £5 for over 60's and students. Full details of our Summer and Winter programmes are usually sent to members in February and August each year.

Day visits normally take place in Spring and Summer when we visit on average a dozen properties and gardens across the North of England and Borders, some not normally open to the public. Most visits are by coach with pick up points for Darlington, Durham and Sunderland.

The Winter programme of talks on a wide range of topics of interest are held at 7.15 pm. (2 pm. in Jan & Feb), normally in the Calman Centre, University of Durham Science Site, Durham, and are free.

Social events are organised throughout the year, including dinners, garden party and other gatherings at local places of interest. There is usually at least one holiday and a short break organised by the Centre each year and these are very popular.

We hope that you will join the County Durham Centre and enjoy our programme of activities, as well as helping us to help the National Trust. If you would like to find out more about joining our Centre please contact our Membership Secretary, Mrs J Wilson on 0191 529 2554 or you are welcome to come along to one of our winter talks and speak to a committee member.

Please confirm event details & for further information, call 0191 3862072.

Here is our programme of Forthcoming events – we hope it will encourage you to join us.

Date	Type of event	Subject
17 Sep	Social	Visit to Shipley Gallery, Gateshead – buffet & talk “Bridges across the Tyne”

8 Oct	Talk	"Exploring the Lindisfarne Gospels" – Anne Heywood, Cathedral Chapter Steward
21 Oct	Social	Durham High School - buffet & show "Views of Co Durham Centre Holidays"
5 Nov	Talk	"Roseberry Topping" - Dr Ian Pearce - Great Ayton Historical Society
17 Nov	Visit	Dobbies Garden Centre, Birtley - buffet & demonstration
21 Nov	Outing	"Christmas Cracker Event at Paxton House"
4-6 Dec	Holiday	"The Magic of Blenheim & Waddesdon at Christmas"
10 Dec	Talk	"Travellers to Teesdale over 4 centuries" - Michael Rudd - local author & Centre member
17 Dec	Social	Christmas Carols at Gibside Chapel
12 Dec	Social	New Year's Dinner - Ramside Hotel, Durham
16 Jan 2010	Talk	"The Border Reivers" - Dr John Sadler - historian
2 Feb	Social	Durham High School - buffet & musical entertainment "Old River"
13 Feb	Talk	"Heraldry & Local Families" - Olly Burton - local artist
18 Mar	AGM/Talk	Speaker Ian August- "The Alnwick garden - a garden for the Community"