



Northumberland

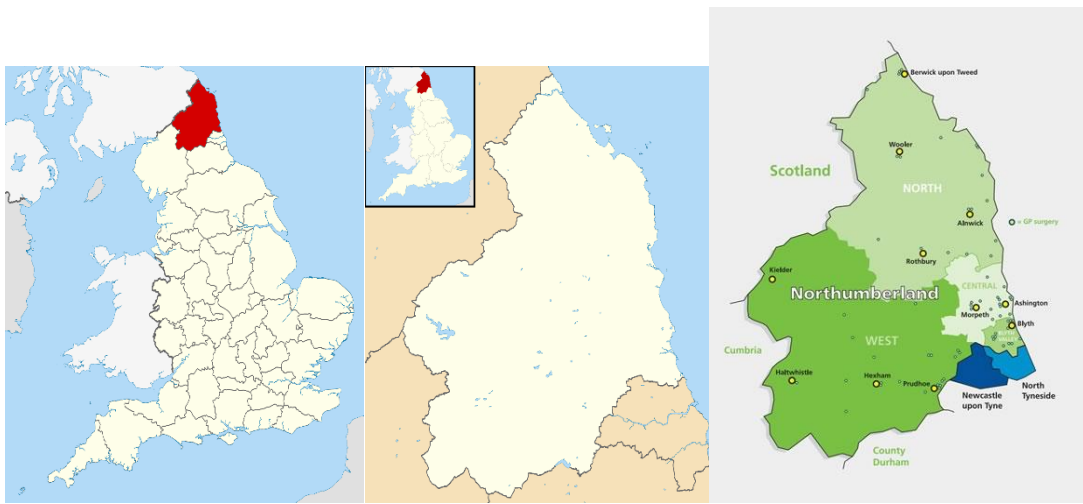
About Northumberland

Northumberland is England's northernmost County, stretching from the Scottish Border in the north and west, to Tyneside and County Durham in the south. The County is flanked by Cumbria, the Cheviots and North Pennines to the west and by the North Sea to the east. As such it is part of the North East Region of England.

The County, the largest unitary authority by geographic coverage and is also the most sparsely populated in England being home to around 316,000 people.

Northumberland's most notable landmarks are Alnwick Castle, Bamburgh Castle, Hexham Abbey and Hadrian's Wall. Northumberland is characterised by its spectacular landscape.

The capital of the region is Newcastle upon Tyne which is a thriving city with a reputation for its warm and friendly welcome.



Transport Links

Bus: Northumberland has an extensive network of local bus routes and the county benefits from great coverage for residents and visitors. You can plan your public transport journey online at travelinenortheast.info Traveline includes all public transport operators, and includes details for stops on all routes throughout North East England. You can also get buses (often referred to as coaches) to other parts of the UK.

Rail: Stations on the East Coast mainline from London King's Cross to Aberdeen include Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnmouth and Berwick upon Tweed. The Newcastle to



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Carlisle rail line travels east to west along the Tyne valley and includes stations at the Metro Centre, Prudhoe, Hexham, Corbridge, Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle and other smaller villages. For all train times contact [National Rail Enquiries](#)
<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

Air: Newcastle International Airport, is located 30 minutes drive from both Morpeth and Hexham. The airport can be reached on public transport by either bus or the Tyne and Wear Metro Rail from Newcastle. To check Metro timetables and view a map of the network go to [Tyne and Wear Metro](#) nexus.org.uk

Education

Northumberland provide education for children aged between 3 and 18 years old and is well served by a variety of schools providing early years, primary and secondary education. For adult students or those over 14 years old Northumberland College offers a wide range of courses.

Places of Worship

Northumberland is well served by a variety of churches, including a mosque in Blyth. Newcastle is well served with a number mosques and a variety of other places of worship. The nearest synagogues are also located in Newcastle.

Health

Wherever you live in Northumberland you will be able to register with a doctor known as a GP (General Practitioner). You will also be able to register with a dentist. There are a small number of community hospitals and three large hospitals in Northumberland at Ashington (Wansbeck Hospital), Hexham (Hexham General Hospital) and Cramlington (Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital). There are also a number of hospitals in Newcastle.

Leisure Facilities

If you enjoy sport, fitness classes or swimming most Northumberland towns have a leisure centre within easy reach.

<http://www.activenorthumberland.org.uk/Home.aspx>.

There are 20 libraries in Northumberland where you can borrow books, audio books and access free use of computers. To locate your nearest library call the council on 0345 600 6400 or [Find a library](#)

Shopping

The towns in Northumberland have a range of clothing, food, supermarket and many more shops, as well as regular outdoor markets. Northumberland has a variety of specialty and craft shops often catering to the tourist trade.



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