



## **Then and Now Photography Competition**

### **BACKGROUND**

As part of the Hadrian's Wall 1900 festival Northumberland Libraries, in partnership with Northumberland Archives, are running a project called **Photographing the Roman Wall: Then and Now**. We plan to offer a programme of events celebrating the life and work of the Hexham photographer and archaeologist, John Pattison Gibson (1838 – 1912).

The main event is an exhibition of Gibson's photographs from the collection housed at Northumberland Archives.

Gibson was a highly skilled photographer and he received many awards both locally and abroad. Aside from his passion for photography, Gibson had an avid interest in archaeology and the Roman Wall in particular. He participated in several excavations and used his photographs to document the findings. The photographs in the exhibition date from c1890 to c1910 and for historians and the public alike they provide a unique record of the wall and the countryside at this time.

Visit [www.mylibrary.co.uk](http://www.mylibrary.co.uk) for details of where you can view the exhibition.

### **THE COMPETITION**

To see how the views around Hadrian's Wall have changed over the past 120 years, we are running a photography competition inviting people to follow in Gibson's footsteps and take a "now" photograph of the scenes Gibson so enjoyed exploring and photographing all those years ago.

There are 5 scenes that you can choose to replicate. You may enter one "now" photograph for every "then" image so you can enter up to 5 photographs.

The competition has two age categories, one for young adults (12 to 17) and one for adults over 18.

If you need more information contact us at [mylibrary@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:mylibrary@northumberland.gov.uk).

## PRIZES

There will be a winner and runner up for each “Then” photograph in each age category.

**First prize:** A framed copy of your winning “Now” photograph alongside the “Then” Gibson photograph.

**Runner up prize:** A copy of either *111 Places Along Hadrian’s Wall That You Shouldn’t Miss* by David Taylor or *Photographing Northumberland* by Anita Nicholson.

## PLEASE NOTE

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**IMAGE 1 – CUDDY’S CRAG**



**Roman Wall, Cuddy's Crag looking east towards Housesteads (c1905)**

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(near Sycamore Gap)



**IMAGE 2 – MILECASTLE 39**



**Castle Nick, Milecastle 39 (c1905)**

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(near Sycamore Gap)

**IMAGE 3 – WINSHIELDS**



**Roman Wall climbing near Milecastle 40, Winshields (c1905)**

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**IMAGE 4 – MILECASTLE 42**



**Milecastle 42, Cawfields (c1905)**

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(near Cawfields Quarry)

**IMAGE 5 – TURRET 44B, MUCKLEBANK**



**Turret 44b, Mucklebank near Walltown Crag looking west (c1892)**

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