



Where I live

Good Morning,

Today is Fabulous Friday and I am taking over!

Do you know where the name North Shields came from?

No?

I didn't either until today. The word 'Shields' comes from an Anglo-Saxon word 'Sheels' which means shelter and refers to fishermen's huts that once stood in the area. There were 3 of these huts near the mouth of a little stream called the Pow Burn that entered the Tyne where North Shields Fish Quay is located today.

A port was built at 'sheels' by the people who used to live in Tynemouth Priory so that they always had fish to eat. A little port of twenty houses, each with its own quay soon developed. Vessels were loaded with coal at the mouth of the Pow Burn while hides of leather were also exported and wine and wool imported.

Today's activities are all going to be linked to the area that you live in and will hopefully help you understand a bit more about it. If you need any resources please contact school and we may be able to help.

First up, we have fishing!



1 - Look at the children collecting their fish from the North Shields fish quay in 1890.

Here are some ideas to help celebrate our fishing heritage.

- [Can you make your own fishing game?](#)
- [Make your own paper fish](#)
- [Paper stuffed fish](#)
- [design your own boat](#)
- Can draw a boat or a picture of people fishing?

Northumberland Park



In 1878 the 7th Duke of Northumberland, Henry George Percy, offered the land to the council so that they could make a public park. At first this was rejected by the council (we don't know why!) but in November 1884, when there was great unemployment in the area, Alderman John Foster Spence approached the Duke's agent and persuaded the Duke to renew his offer. This he did and the offer was accepted.

Paths were cut into the banks of the Pow Burn and were planted mainly with sycamore, a lake was constructed and making the most of the valley that the Pow Burn had afforded, a sheltered park was created and completed in August 1885.

Opening Day

The park was officially opened on 11th August 1885. Special trains were laid on so people could visit and even the local banks were closed at noon to mark the occasion. People were really excited about this event and turned up really early to get a good spot even though they didn't have a ticket to get in!

At 1pm a brass band accompanied the Duke of Northumberland accompanied by the Earl Percy and the Reverend H.S. Hicks walked into the park through the north entrance. They were joined by the Mayor, Mr Robert M Tate and Corporation of Tynemouth, Justices of the Peace for the borough and county and the Mayors of Newcastle, Gateshead, South Shields and Jarrow.

The group moved down the walk and to the left of the carriage drive, immediately opposite the lake the Duke officially opened the Park by planting a Turkey Oak, *Quercus Cerris*, 12ft high and The Earl Percy, Henry Algernon George Percy, planted a 9ft Mountain Ash, *Sorbus Acupara*, 20 yards further down the main drive.

What the Park used to be like

A map of the park dated 1896 shows many of the original features, the two lakes, the southern one having a fountain and a waterfall. This flowed under the main drive and into a stream and small pool with the stream continuing over another small waterfall before going under the main drive again. The stream crossed the present playing field before going into a culvert beside the boundary wall of the House of Correction.

There are three aviaries shown, a large one on the flower bed below the site of the bandstand and two smaller ones on the main drive next to the greenhouse and one against the wall (the remains of which can still be seen) in front of the gardeners' cabin. The gardeners' cabin and the two large greenhouses were built in 1862 by Mr Thomas William Carr, who previously maintained gardens, and a croquet lawn in the dene before the creation of the park.

There were two public drinking fountains, one beside the north bowling green and one on the main drive opposite the southern lake.

The original park keepers cottage was at the north of the park opposite the site of St Leonard's Hospital and had two stone lions lying on pedestals on either side of the steps which led down to the front door. Only these steps now give evidence to the cottages existence which, after the new

cottage on King Edward Road was built in 1940, was used as a store. After being vandalised it was demolished in the 1960's.

In 2009 with grants available from the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore and regenerate historic public parks, North Tyneside Council organised a series of exhibitions and Park Fun Days beginning on 21st March 2009 held in the park and at local venues. North Tyneside residents were consulted with regard to their requirements from a public park.

In July 2009 proposals by the council were put to North Tyneside residents to extend Tynemouth Village Conservation Area to include Northumberland Park. Proposals for the park include the building of a new bowls pavilion, café and toilets, improving paths, restoring railings and features, provide more benches, introducing bore hole water source into the burn to enhance water flow, removing some overcrowded sycamore trees to open up original designed views and manage woodland areas.

Here are some activities you could try to learn more about Northumberland Park

- Use the internet to find out more about the park
- Can you draw a map to compare what the park looks like now, compared to when it opened?
- In your daily exercise, can you visit the park to see if you can find any of the historical features?
- Explore the park during your daily exercise
- Can you hold your own garden opening? you could even make your own homemade musical instruments!
- You could hold your own art exhibition
- Go on a mini beast hunt!

History



A really exciting thing about our school is that we have still got log books dating back to 1872. These are really interesting to look through although I have to be really careful and look after them.

Lots of interesting things happened in the history of Christ Church including a fire to part of the old school building and a total re-build. In 1908 children from the workhouse used to attend Christ Church.

I had a look at today's date, and one year it was -15 degrees and they couldn't keep school warm!

I am sure people of the future will look back in amazement when they read about the years 2020/2021!

What history are you interested in?

Could you write a diary entry like Ann Frank? Make video to show your family in years to come?
Make a time capsule to share with the future?

Family Fun



At the moment we focus a lot of the things that we can't do. So this weekend, why not think about the things that you can do. I have not long lived in North Tyneside so one of the things I have enjoyed is going for local walks to explore where I live.

What could you do with your family this weekend to have some fun?

Have a movie night?

Have a board game afternoon?

bake some goodies?

The ideas are endless!

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Bradford