

Living & Working in Northumberland



Ashington is one of the largest towns in Northumberland with a population of around 28,000. It grew from a few farms in the early 19th Century to a large coal mining village when the colliery opened in 1867. A lot of the older properties in Ashington are terraced dwellings in long terraced 'colliery rows'. Ashington was once known as "the largest mining village in the world" but despite this, the last colliery was closed in 1988. Ashington is proud of its history which is remembered at the nearby Woodhorn Museum.



Ashington is also famous for producing some of England's most outstanding sportsmen, including footballers Jackie Milburn, Jack Charlton and Sir Bobby Charlton, golfer Kenneth Ferrie and cricketers Steve and Ben Harmison and Mark Wood. Ashington is also the birth place of businessman Sir John Hall, soprano Dr Sheila Armstrong and MP Ian Lavery.

Ashington has excellent road links onto the A189 and A1 and regular, reliable bus links which makes commuting easy. Newcastle City Centre is only 20 minutes away.



Newcastle, an inspirational city on the banks of the iconic River Tyne. A city famed for the friendliness of 'Geordie' people and its world famous nightlife. There are a huge range of shops in the town centre and at the famous Metro Centre, there is a metro train system, excellent

bus and train links, an airport, hundreds of restaurants, music venues to suit all tastes, museums. It is a short journey to the stunning scenery and attractions of the Tyneside coast with Whitley Bay and Tynemouth.

Is Northumberland the best place in the UK to raise a family?

Affordable house prices, low crime rate, good schools, shops and commutability make the county incredibly appealing, says Caroline McGhie of The Telegraph.



In a recent survey of best places to live in England and Wales, it ranked highly for its affordable house prices, low crime rate, good schools, shops

and commutability to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It is close to the National Park and the magnificent coastline.

The Romans, when they built Hadrian's Wall, didn't really appreciate the countryside, the dry stone walls and the multitude of sheep. Today it has a rarity value augmented by a new appreciation of the night sky. Northumberland International Dark Sky Park was created in 2013. People can visit the Kielder Observatory to see the Milky Way, the galaxies, shooting stars and comets in true darkness.



Northumberland benefits from very low prices on things that matter like housing and food, meaning you can get a good quality of life thanks to great value for money.