

Key points of interest

A) Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

The foundation stone was laid in 1877 in the presence of former US President Ulysses S. Grant. The museum is home to rare artefacts, artwork and memorabilia including Anglo-Saxon stone work and paintings by L.S Lowry.

B) John Street

Fine terraced houses that were built as part of the Fawcett Estate c1830-50 in the Neo-Greek style, as a residential suburb for the affluent middle classes.

C) West Sunnyside

This is an attractive restored Victorian street, dominated by the Edwardian General Post Office building built in 1903 and designed by Sir Henry Tanner.

D) High Street West

In the late 19th century this was an important commercial area. In 1852 Charles Dickens stayed at The Bridge Hotel (now Lambton House) when he appeared at the nearby Lyceum Theatre.

E) Bodlewell House

Site of the home of James Field Stanfield (1749-1824) who campaigned for the abolition of slavery.

F) Quayside Exchange

In the 18th and early 19th centuries Britain was in a near constant state of war with France. This provided a boost to Sunderland's economy and as a result the Exchange Building was built.

G) Trafalgar Square

These Alms Houses were built in the 1840s as accommodation for retired merchant seamen. They are named after Lord Nelson's famous victory in 1805.

H) Donnison School

In 1764 Elizabeth Donnison made provision in her will for the foundation of a school for girls. The school was established in the latter half of the 18th century.

I) Town Moor

A garrison was established on the Town Moor during the Napoleonic Wars.

J) Sunderland Orphan Asylum

Built in 1861, the orphanage trained boys for careers at sea.

K) Sunderland Holy Trinity Parish Church

This Georgian church, built in 1719, is one of Sunderland's oldest buildings. Jack Crawford, the famous Sunderland sailor is buried here.

L) Phoenix Hall Masonic Lodge

The Phoenix Lodge was built in 1785 and is one of the oldest purpose built Masonic Halls in existence.

Facilities & Accessibility:

Toilets: Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Catering: Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Quayside Exchange, The Place

Parking: Civic Centre Car Park, Burdon Road (charges applicable)

Accessibility: suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs

Heritage Trails East Area

Walk 11

Hendon East End Circular

Walk Distance & Time:

1.96 miles or 3.1km

1 hour (approx)

Start and Finish Point:

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens
Burdon Road

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Walk Directions

At the Museum steps head along Borough Road until the traffic lights adjacent to John Street.

Cross at the lights and along John Street, taking the first right and continuing straight ahead, passing Frederick Street and Foyle Street before arriving at West Sunnyside.

Turn left onto West Sunnyside passing the Post Office building on the right. At the end of West Sunnyside turn right onto High Street West down the bank, passing the Travelodge before finally passing Lambton House.

Cross the road down the bank onto High Street East.

The Quayside Exchange Building is on the left and Bodlewell House is on the right.

Continue on High Street East passing James Williams Street and Church Street East.

Take the first right after Church Street East.

At the top of the bank take the second right to access Trafalgar Square. Just past the square lies the Donnison School.

Return back to the main road (The Quadrant) and follow this around to the right, passing the town moor and orphanage on the left. At the junction take the path to the right leading to Holy Trinity Church.

At the church entrance follow the cobbled path away from the church past Trinity Square.

Take the third turning on the right onto Lombard Street. The Masonic Hall is visible at the bottom of the street.



Upon reaching the hall turn left and walk towards the city centre, passing Donnison Gardens.

Turn left onto Cork Street, at the bottom of this street turn right and cross the footbridge.

After crossing the footbridge continue straight ahead to West Sunnyside re-joining the original route to Foyle Street.

Head down Foyle Street and at the bottom turn right and complete the walk back to the museum.