

## Bedlington a Small Market Town

The town Bedlington can be found in the north east of England. It is approximately thirty minutes away from Newcastle city centre. It is situated in the south east of the country on the River Blyth. It has a population of approximately fifteen thousand people.

In 1844 it was ruled by the Bishop of Durham both in civil and ecclesiastical matters. The major industry in Bedlington during the 18th and 19th century was the production of iron. By the end of the 19th century Bedlington was becoming notable as a coalfield village.

One of the most important historic buildings is the parish church which is dedicated to St Cuthbert. It is reputed that the church takes its dedication from an event that occurred in December 1069. Fleeing northwards from the Conquerors army the monks of Durham, are said to have rested the body of St Cuthbert in Bedlington Church. The church originally of Saxon design was rebuilt about a hundred years later. Little of either the Saxon or the Norman church have survived.

The major employer in the town is the electronics company Welwyn Components.

It is national noted that Bedlington is one of the few towns in the world to have its own breed of dogs the Bedlington Terrier which is a small white lamb-like animal.

The main visitor attraction is the Bedlington Country Park. The country park on the north side of the River Blyth, has a picnic area and childrens play area as well as pleasant horse and nature trails. There is a variety of wildlife within the park. An environmental attraction and research centre includes a recycled textile company, brewery and organic farm. The site also has a nature reserve with organic plants for sale. Various events are held throughout the year and tours for groups and school children can be arranged.

Today Bedlington is noted as an attractive market town and residential area. Market day is Thursday in the town. The high street compromises of a few local shops and a number of local pubs.

Sure Start can be found in Bedlington. Sure Start is set up by the governments funding to help parents and carers of children under five. It involves parents and local communities getting directly involved in the running of their local centres. It is a chance to meet new people to share experiences with and shape the childs future. It is on central meeting place.

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