

Morpeth Market Town

The town can be found in the North East of England. Proximity to A1, the East Coast main railway line and Newcastle International Airport make for excellent accessibility and rapid transport. The town has a good balance of mixed retail property and commercial services and light industry. Morpeths central Northumberland location as an ideal base from which to explore the entire county. As well as having its own range of attractions accommodation and entertainment. Morpeth is convenient for the city centre attractions of Newcastle upon Tyne. It is a desirable town in which to live with quality schools good housing and an excellent location. The administrative HQ for local government in Northumberland is found in Morpeth. The population is privately fourteen thousand. Market day is a Wednesday. The farmer market meets on the first Sunday of each month.

The River Wansbeck flows through the centre of the town and provides riverside walks linked to the attractive Carlisle Park. There is also a leisure centre and swimming pool.

Northumberland is the only county with its own musical instrument the Northumbrian pipes. This museum follows the development of bagpipes around the world using a unique sound system with personal headphones.

The clock tower in the town centre is very unusual, it has a free standing bell tower not connected to any other building, such as church. It still sounds the night curfew at eight o'clock every evening. The divisions on the clock are also unusual in that there are only four divisions between the hour numbers. This was because when the clock was first built it only had one hand the hour hand.

Famous Northumbrians include Admiral Lord Collingwood. He was Horatio Nelsons second in command at the Battle of Trafalgar taking over the fleet on Nelsons death and holding the Mediterranean command thereafter.

Ghost and legends include the invasion of the Body Snatchers. St Marys Churchyard in Morpeth has a watchtower built in 1830. It was provided to guard against body snatchers who found the graveyard a particularly convenient point on the A1 to allow for a quick getaway. The bodies, needed to be fresh, were stolen to sell to the Medical Schools in Edinburgh for dissection and analysis.

A horse riding school can be found two miles North East of Morpeth. There is one qualified instructor offering group lessons to beginners and advance riders. It is an outdoor arena, which includes show jumping.

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