

Hebburn to Millennium Bridge



South Tyneside Council

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Distance 5.5 miles 9km

The walk starts from Hebburn Metro Station

From the top of the metro bridge walk away from Hebburn town centre and head towards the riverside, until you reach the roundabout on Prince Consort Road. Turn left staying on Prince Consort Road and pass King George's field. Just before Hebburn Marina take the path on the left and head south in Hebburn Riverside Park. Follow this path along the river bank passing the Hebburn Flash.

Flash at Hebburn

The artist Charles Quick was invited to design a piece of artwork for Hebburn Riverside Park as part of the Tyne and Wear Art on the Riverside programme.

Historically, Hebburn had been an important industrial centre with a large number of heavy industries including coal mining, ship building, steel works, chemical works, coke production and high voltage electrical engineering along with many others. Flashes of light could be associated with all of these industries. This was to inspire Flash@Hebburn that echoes the proud industrial heritage of Hebburn, which is contemporary in its use of new technologies and renewable energy to create a range of flash sequences for the artwork.

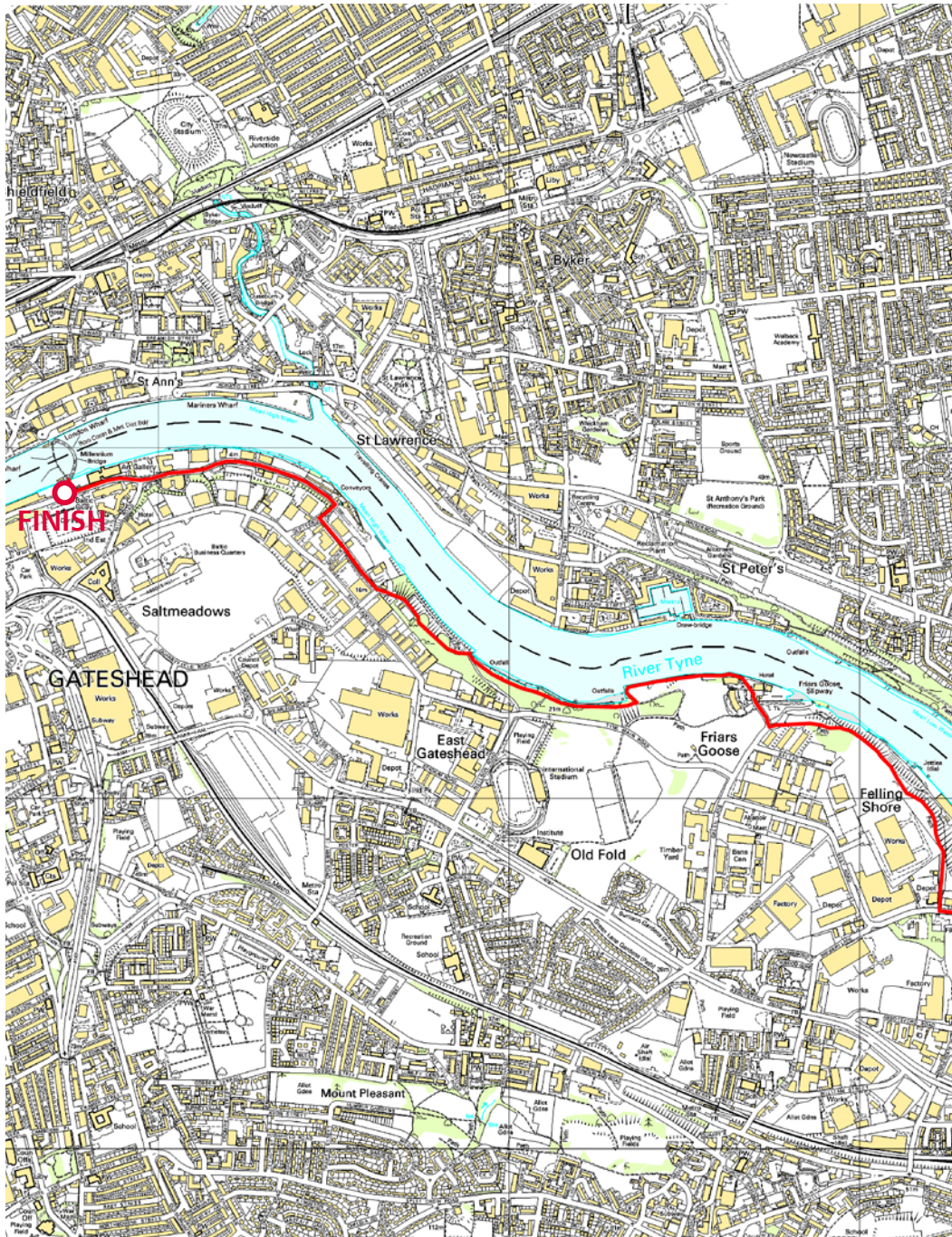
Light sequences explained

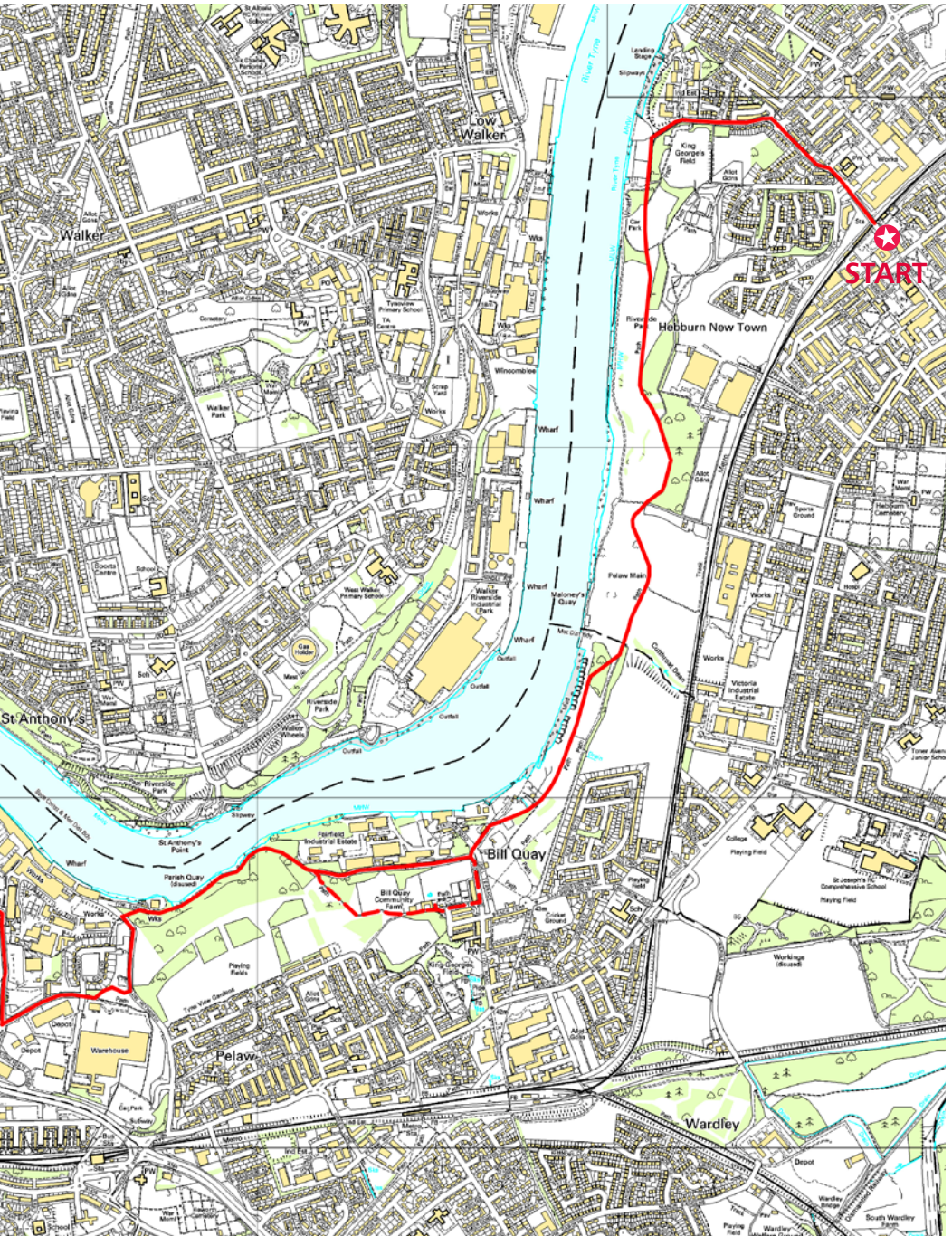
One of eight different fifteen-minute sequences comes on automatically at dusk each night. The piece activates for a 30 second sequence every 15 minutes throughout the day.

Visible from as far as Newcastle, Gateshead and Wallsend, the artwork gives Hebburn a distinct identity from other riverside communities along the Tyne.

Continue along this path and at the crossroads carry straight on, as the path to the left leads to the metro line and right hand one leads to the car park. At next the junction, which is on the boundary with South Tyneside and Gateshead take the path on the right, which heads downhill and closer to the River Tyne. Continue along this path until you reach Joel Terrace.

Cross Joel Terrace and Cromwell Road junction and take the path directly in front. Walk along this path and to the left you will see Bill Quay Community Farm, which is a lovely place to visit.







Bill Quay Farm

Open: 9am - 5pm daily 7 days. Admission FREE.

Bill Quay Community Farm opened in 1986 and have transformed the 25 acre site into a thriving community leisure project. Much of the work to restore the natural heritage, to what is now, one of the greenest banks on Tyneside has been achieved by Volunteers.

The main activity is the husbandry of endangered Breeds of Livestock and the Farm is a Rare Breed Survival Trust Approved Conservation Farm Park. The Longhorn cattle and flying flock of Hebridean sheep tour Gateshead's nature reserves as part of a programme of conservation grazing to improve these sites for wildlife.

Over time the landscape has been returned to its pre-industrial condition through the re-establishment of woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and hedgerows. Sensitive maintenance is applied to the mosaic of habitats which support a diverse medley of flora and fauna. The wildlife area was awarded Green Pennant in 2007 by the Civic Trust and the Farm has held Green Flag status since 2008. In 2010 we polled 4th, out of all Green Flag Award winning parks, in the People's Choice Award, confirming the Farm as a cherished green space at the heart of the community.

As the site has matured, estate management has focused on the use of traditional skills, crafts and training initiatives. The Farm is now accredited by Natural England as a Country Park and Local Nature Reserve.

Bill Quay Farm is also accredited through DEFRA's Access to Farms and DfE's Learning Outside The Classroom schemes, confirming Bill Quay Farm as a quality and safe destination for Learning.

To visit Bill Quay Community Farm

Cross Joel Terrace and turn left and walk up Cromwell Road. Turn right at the third junction and walk along Wood Terrace. At the end of Wood Terrace turn right and head into Bill Quay Community Farm.

To continue on the walk you can either retrace your steps or on leaving the main entrance of the farm turn right and continue along the path. At the path junction take the right path and head down hill towards the river. At the next junction turn left and continue back on the walk.

The path will start to head downhill and along the river banks. After passing the first industrial unit take the path on the left, which heads up hill. At the next junction turn left and walk up hill along Low Heworth Lane. Turn right at the next junction and carry on walking along Abbotsford Road and turn right at the junction with Stoneygate Lane. Walk along Stoneygate Lane and under the bridge until the road swings to the left onto Nest Road.

Shortly after the bend take the path on the right and head away from the road. The path heads towards the river and follow the river until it begins to climb up hill onto Green Lane. When reaching Green Lane turn right and head towards the River Tyne past Friars Wharf Apartments. The path then follows the river bank and at the next junction turn right to keep following the river bank. The path passes through the car park and straight in front you will see the Kittiwake Tower.

The path climbs up hill to South Shore Road. Turn right and walk along South Shore Road until the T junction with Deptford Road. Turn right and continue along South Shore Road and turn right at the next junction. Walk along South Shore Road until you see the Millennium Bridge on your right.

Countryside Code

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs



Contacts for further information

Countryside Officer/ Public Rights of Way Officer

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Additional countryside information

For further information and leaflets please see
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Visitor Information Centre South Shields

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Public transport information – Travel Line

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