



heritage open days

BALLAST HILLS BURIAL GROUND

Heritage Open Days



Saturday 19 September 2026

PROGRAM OF EVENTS



10:30-14:00

Everyday Histories at Ballast Hills:
Archives, Activities and Ballast Hills Stories

📍 Brinkburn Brewery, NE6 1NW



11:00-11:45 | 12:00-12:45 | 13:00-13:45

Brinkburn Brewery Tours: Local
Brewing History and Ballast Hills Stories

📍 Brinkburn Brewery, NE6 1NW



14:30-16:00

Explore Ballast Hills:
Self-Guided Trail and Onsite Guides

📍 Ballast Hills Burial Ground, NE6 1LL



16:00-17:00

Beneath This Ground:
Music and Poetry at Ballast Hills

📍 Ballast Hills Burial Ground, NE6 1LL



18:30-19:30

Twilight at Ballast Hills:
Stories along the Gravestone Path

📍 Ballast Hills Burial Ground, NE6 1LL

**FREE
EVENT**

Celebrating the
everyday history
of BHBG

Full details on the project blog, see reverse.

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Discover Ballast Hills Burial Ground

A forgotten burial ground, rediscovered through research, stories, and community activity.

Ballast Hills Burial Ground, in the Ouseburn Valley, served Newcastle's communities as a burial place for around two centuries. Although it is often described as having Nonconformist origins, it was always more inclusive, receiving people from many backgrounds, including Anglicans and people of no faith.

Its burial history was largely forgotten for many years. Recent research drawing on archives, gravestones, archaeology, and community recording has begun to reveal the stories of those buried here and the important role Ballast Hills played in Newcastle's history.

Today, Ballast Hills is both a green public space and an important heritage site. Join us to explore the site, learn about our discoveries, and experience its history through music, poetry, and storytelling.



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Historic view of Ballast Hills



Site stretch



***Beneath This Ground
performers***

**FREE TO
EXPLORE**