

My Newcastle Jill Halfpenny

Fresh from rehearsals for Legally Blonde, The Musical, the Geordie actress picks her favourite spots in Newcastle

Angel of the North

'There was a lot of controversy when the Angel was first unveiled back in 1998, but I personally love it – it's a stunning landmark which makes the area instantly recognisable. It's also spurred me to see more of Anthony Gormley's work, which I've become a big fan of.'

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gateshead.gov.uk,
antonygormley.com



The Biscuit Factory

'This art gallery is the perfect place to mooch around with a friend. There are lots of different exhibitions on all year round and everything you see displayed is for sale. There is also the lovely Byker Vista Café, if you fancy a cuppa...'

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thebiscuitfactory.com,
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Popolo

'This Italian bar and restaurant attracts a great crowd. The staff are always welcoming and the place itself has a cool, chilled-out atmosphere, with retro décor and cocktails to die for!'

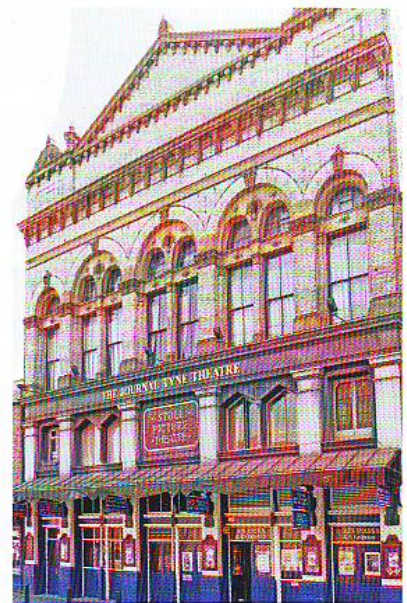
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Saltwell Park

'In Gateshead, just across the river from the city, is Saltwell Park which I used to love playing in when I was little. It's a gorgeous Victorian park with loads of space, a boating lake and play areas – now I take my own son there.'

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Journal Tyne Theatre

'I've got fond memories of all the theatres in Newcastle but the Journal Tyne is where I cut my teeth as a kid in shows like *Annie* and *The Sound of Music*. That's where I got the theatre bug – being on stage in front of a live audience is like nothing else.'

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