

HIDDEN GEMS

TREASURE HUNT



Durham has a treasure trove of hidden gems just waiting to be discovered. This treasure hunt will help you seek out some of the stories and fascinating facts that make Durham's hidden gems so special.

Q1 **Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland**
Seek out the unique and priceless 17th century Zurbarañ paintings. The 13 larger than life canvasses of Jacob and his sons were captured by pirates en-route to Mexico and sold to the Bishop of Durham.

Name the son Zurbarañ did not paint.

A:

Q2 **Binchester Roman Fort, Bishop Auckland**
Watch out for the roman footprints in the bath house, where parts of the 1,700 year old under-floor heating system are still visible.

Which animal is represented in a small carving on a wall of the bath house?

A:

Q3 **Botanic Garden, Durham City**
A day spent at Durham University's Botanic Garden is a chance to tour the world and wonder at its collection of rare and exotic plant species from across the continents.

Which famous Dame's name can be seen near the entrance to the Botanic Gardens' Visitor Centre?

A:

Q4 **Crook Hall and Gardens, Durham City**
The Medieval manor house is surrounded by quintessentially English gardens, with themes including Shakespeare and Durham Cathedral.

In the Silver and White Garden there is a stone statue of a wood nymph. What musical instrument is the nymph playing?

A:

Q5 **Durham Cathedral - Treasures of St Cuthbert, Durham City**
Be amazed by St Cuthbert's exquisite pectoral cross, removed from his coffin and now on display in the Treasures of St Cuthbert at Durham Cathedral.

Name the animal represented on the original Sanctuary Knocker in the Treasures of St Cuthbert?

A:

Q6 **Durham City Town Hall**
A plaque above the door near the side entrance of the Town Hall is inscribed 'Prison Cells Constructed AD 1848' which records the areas original use.

The Main Hall displays the plaques of Honorary Freeman of Durham City, but which famous footballer was named an Honorary Freeman in December 2008?

A:

Q7 **Escomb Saxon Church, Escomb Village**
Witness 1,300 years of Christian worship at this picturesque church. Can you find the carvings in the Roman arch and stonework?

At which house number on Saxon Green is the church key available from?

A:

Q8 **Oriental Museum, Durham City**
Browse the renowned collection at Durham University's nationally unique Oriental Museum, but be prepared for the stare from the Egyptian cat's coffin.

What name is given to the gallery which includes an exhibition on 'Exploring the Silk Route'?

A:

Q9 **Weardale Museum, Ireshopeburn**
The museum, with its authentic lead-miner's cottage kitchen, interprets Durham's industrial heritage through the eyes of ordinary people. The adjoining High House Chapel is the oldest Methodist chapel in the world in continuous weekly use since 1760.

A plaque near the west end of the museum commemorates the visit of which famous 18th century visitor?

A:

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