



**Immerse yourself in history,
experience the power of art, relax
in the gardens and stroll the Deer
Park, or simply enjoy a delicious
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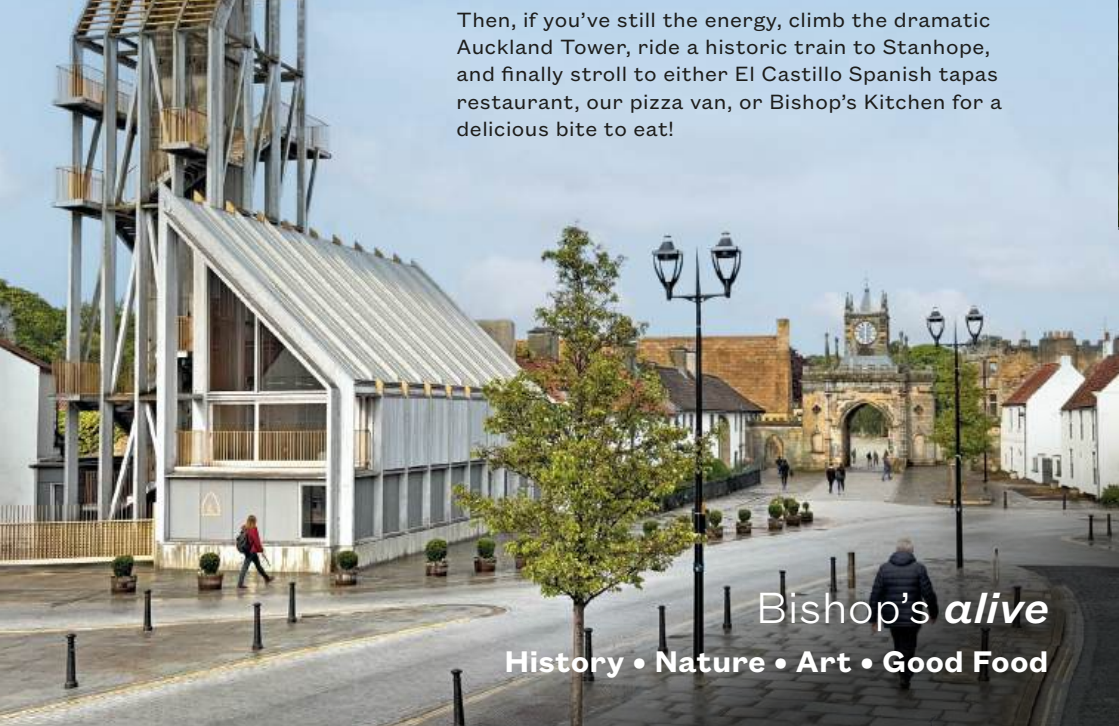
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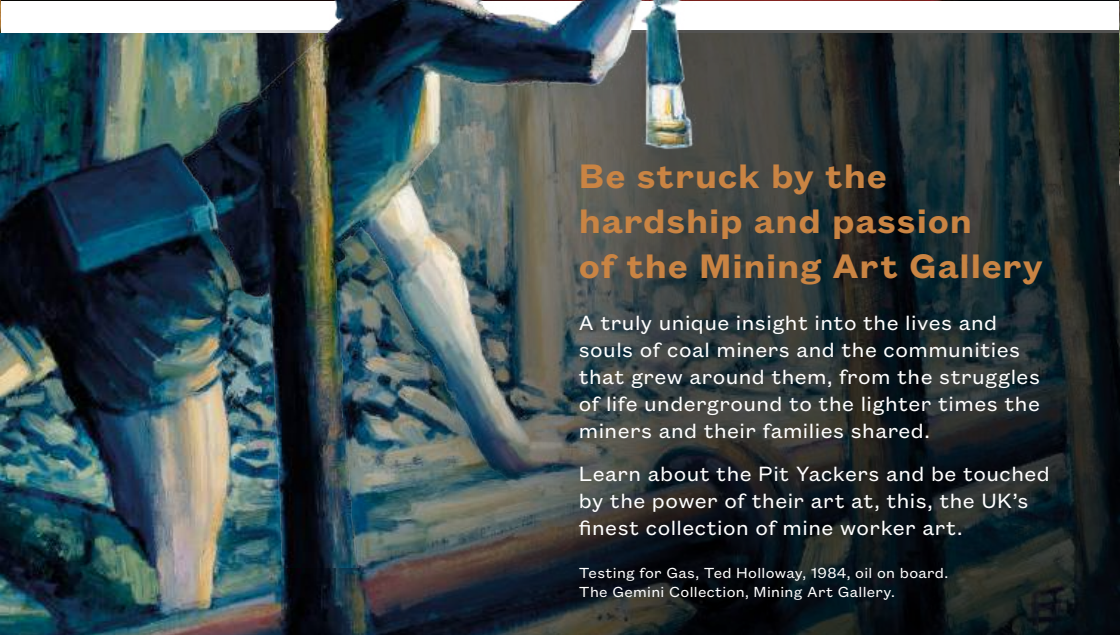


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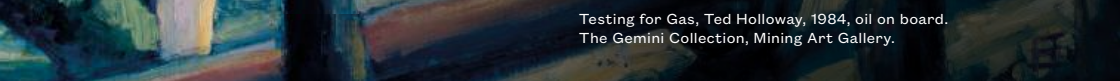
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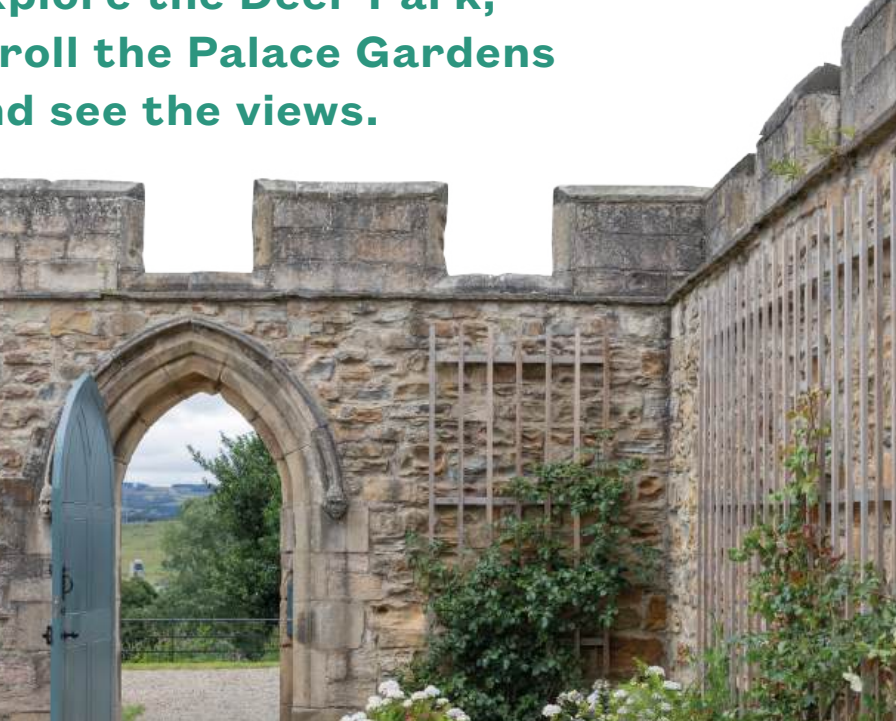
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**Explore the Deer Park,
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and see the views.**

A photograph of a stone archway with a green door, leading to a garden view. The archway is made of rough-hewn stone and has a green door with a black handle. The door is slightly ajar, revealing a path leading to a garden with white flowers and a view of a valley in the distance. The archway is part of a larger stone wall with a crenelated top. To the right of the archway is a wooden lattice fence. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Our incredible outside spaces and visits to the top of the Auckland Tower are FREE.

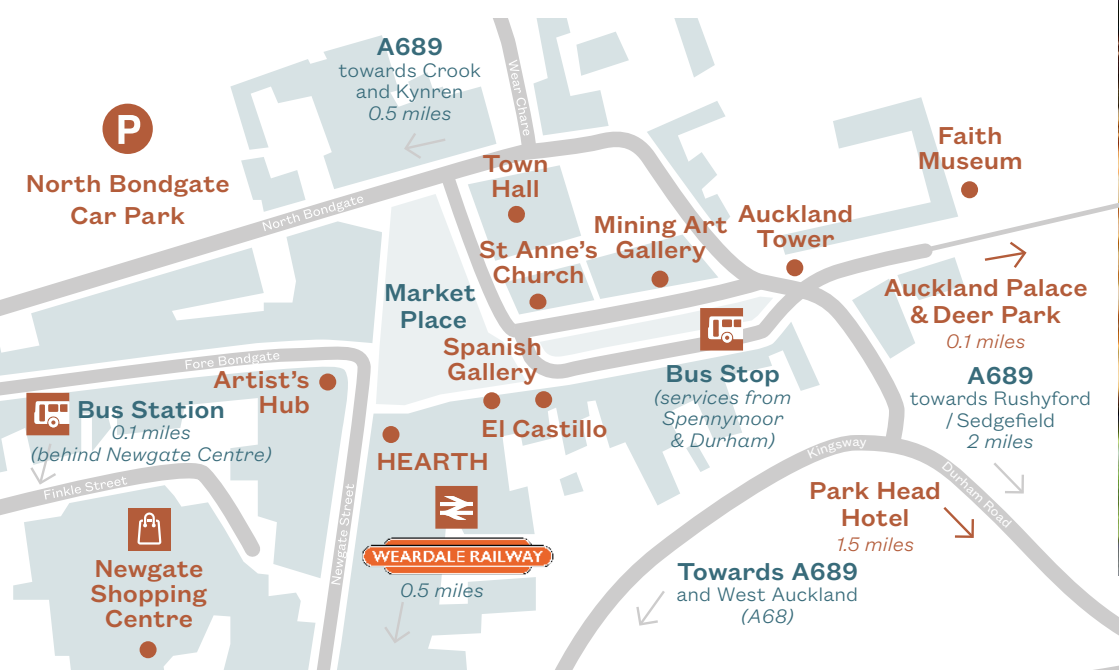
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with history, nature and good food



We are a charity,
The Auckland Project

Our sole purpose is to build a brighter future for Bishop Auckland residents and visitors alike. We work within the community, providing employment, vocational training, educational programmes to schools, community support and contributing our produce to food banks.

Make the most of your
days out in Bishop Auckland.

Scan the QR code
or visit aucklandproject.org
to plan your visit and book admission online.

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March on Binchester Roman Fort and discover Durham's Roman roots

Enjoy family friendly facilities and refreshments as you discover Roman life at Binchester Fort.

Visit some of the best-preserved Roman archaeology in Britain, where you stand with the Roman walls of the bath house well above your head and get to see inside the underfloor heating system.

Learn how archaeologists uncover the past at this remarkable Roman site where the super-highway of the day, Dere Street, intersected this bustling Roman seat of power and commerce.

Fancy a quick snack, delicious meal
or somewhere cosy to rest your head
– be our guest!

Your day out is not the same without a tasty treat. If Spanish food is your thing, El Castillo, just across the Market Place, with its lively atmosphere and tapas menu will be just up your street. Or if you're more a soups, sandwiches for lunch and afternoon teas person, the medieval setting of the Bishop's Kitchen might hit the spot. And if grabbing a delicious pizza after you have strolled the gardens sounds 'bellissima' pop to the Palace Pizza* van which you will find in the Palace grounds on high days and holidays.

And if you agree with us that one day is not enough, stay over! Our fabulous cottages, or cosy hotel, The Park Head, make the perfect hopping off point for your adventures in Bishop Auckland and even Durham City, which is just up the road.

*Check socials for Palace Pizza dates and times [#palacepizzas](https://twitter.com/palacepizzas)

Ride Weardale Railway and travel back in time through the outstanding Durham Dales scenery

Who wouldn't want to step back in time to the golden age of rail? Dating back almost to the birth of the railways this 16 mile route first opened in 1847.

Today you'll experience stations preserved in time with engines and rolling stock running to a tourist friendly timetable between Bishop Auckland and Stanhope.

“A slightly bonkers day trip to *Bishop Auckland*”

The Times

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An aerial view of Bishop Auckland showing the town and surrounding landscape. Below the aerial view is a collage of images representing various activities: a man in a blue apron, two children in Roman costumes, a man painting, a man working on a boat, and a man in a white shirt.