

Honorary Freedom of the City

Date	Granted to
March 2020	<p>Councillor George Alfred Allison In recognition of the eminent service and contribution that he has made to the City in over 30 years as a Councillor in Byker.</p>
April 2017	<p>Bruce Shepherd In recognition of his commitment in supporting the community, his support of charities and his contribution to business and economic growth of the city.</p>
April 2017	<p>Freddy Shepherd In recognition of his tireless work promoting the city, creating jobs and contribution to the local economy and generous support to local charities.</p>
February 2017	<p>Royal Air Force Boulmer In recognition of the strong historical links between Newcastle and the Royal Air Force going back to World War 1 and World War 2 and to demonstrate the City's appreciation of the unique commitment of RAF Boulmer.</p>
February 2017	<p>The Little Sisters of the Poor In recognition of the Little Sisters unique commitment to the elderly in Newcastle in this the 150th Anniversary of The Little Sisters of the Poor providing care for the elderly at St Joseph's Home, Elswick, Newcastle.</p>
February 2017	<p>Michael Harrison In recognition of his remarkable achievement as producer of the most successful and popular pantomimes in the country here in Newcastle, bringing distinction and box office success to the Theatre Royal, and for his record as a producer of major musicals.</p>
September 2016	<p>Professor Chris Brink In recognition of his service to the university and the city and his twin legacies of civic engagement and scientific excellence in Newcastle upon Tyne.</p>
May 2016	<p>Olivia Grant, OBE "To honour the dedication of a local woman who is an inspirational advocate for Newcastle and has enriched the city by helping people to prosper.</p>
May 2016	<p>Sir Leonard Fenwick, CBE To honour his leadership in producing services excellence and building positive relationships with the public, partners and healthcare staff.</p>

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February 2016	Sir Terry Farrell, CBE In recognition of his work as an eminent British architect and urban designer who is widely considered to be the UK's leading architect planner.
February 2016	Brendan Foster, CBE To honour a local hero who continues to champion Newcastle's interests and supports many charitable causes through his entrepreneurial spirit and sporting endeavours.
September 2013	Professor Peter Higgs In recognition of his work in the field of particle physics and the successful prediction of the existence of a new particle, one that gave everything mass - the Higgs boson particle.
March 2011 Withdrawn - February 2018	Aung San Suu Kyi In recognition of her longstanding campaign in support of human rights and freedom of speech.
September 2009	Greggs Plc In recognition of their contribution to the economy of the city and region since the 1930's and their support for charitable causes over the past 20 years.
November 2008	King Harald of Norway To mark the 40th anniversary of the official opening of the Civic Centre by his father HM King Olaf V and to recognise and celebrate the close links between Newcastle and Norway over many years.
July 2007	Ringtons Tea In recognition of their contribution to the economy of the city over the past 100 years.
May 2006	Mr Hari Shukla In recognition of the contribution he has made to many facets of life in the city and the region for over thirty years, particularly in terms of higher education, inter-faith matters and community relations.
May 2006	Lord Harry Woolf In recognition of his efforts to promote legal, constitutional and prison reform in his capacity as the former Lord Chief Justice of England and Master of the Rolls.
May 2006	Miss Joan Silcox, MBE In recognition of her unstinting support for local charities for more than twenty years, in this the designated Year of the Volunteer.

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March 2005	<p>Sir Bobby Robson In recognition of his long and outstanding career across Europe, his role as an ambassador for the North East and Newcastle, and his contribution to the culture and life of the city.</p>
December 2003	<p>Jonny Wilkinson In recognition of his sporting achievements and in particular, the key role which he has played in England's Rugby World Cup success in Australia, enhancing the reputation of the city and the country.</p>
December 2000	<p>Jonathan Edwards, CBE In recognition of his sporting achievements including winning a gold medal at the Sydney Olympic Games which have raised national interest in athletics as well as enhancing the reputation of the city.</p>
December 2000	<p>Alan Shearer In recognition of his role as Captain of Newcastle United Football Club and as former Captain of England which have enhanced the reputation of the city.</p>
December 2000	<p>The Sage Group Plc In recognition of their position as the Region's only FTSE 100 company and for their contribution to the economic regeneration of the city.</p>
December 2000	<p>The Right Honourable Lord Glenamara, CH In recognition of his eminent and outstanding public service as former Member of Newcastle City Council, former MP for Newcastle Central Constituency, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Deputy Prime Minister and currently Chancellor of the University of Northumbria at Newcastle.</p>
December 2000	<p>The Right Honourable Nicholas Hugh Brown In recognition of his eminent and outstanding public service as a former Member of Newcastle City Council, former parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and currently as Cabinet Member and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.</p>
February 2000	<p>Rachel Isobel Somerville Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000.</p>
February 2000	<p>Jordan Rose Nicholson Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000.</p>
February 2000	<p>Kieran Paul Crump Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000.</p>
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February 2000	Nathan Lee Douglas Born in Newcastle on 1 st day of January 2000.
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February 2000	Harriet Jean Dunlop Born in Newcastle on 1 st day of January 2000.
April 1998	Councillor Theresa Science Russell In recognition of 50 years eminent and outstanding public service rendered to the city.
October 1997	Royal Shakespeare Company In recognition of their outstanding contribution to the cultural life of the city and the Region through their association with the Theatre Royal over the last 21 years.
April 1995	Councillor Sir Jeremy Hugh Beecham, MA, DCL In recognition of eminent and outstanding service rendered to the city for 17 years as leader of the City Council during the period May 1977 to December 1994.
May 1993	Newcastle United Football Club In recognition of over 100 years' sporting achievement in the Football League and FA Cup and European competitions and of the Club's contribution to the reputation of the City and its place in the hearts of Geordies everywhere.
July 1992	Lord Taylor of Gosforth, The Lord Chief Justice of England "In recognition of his eminent and outstanding achievements.
July 1989	St John Ambulance Northumbria In recognition of their outstanding service to the local community for over 100 years and their continuing commitment to the provision of voluntary medical care in the future.
July 1989	The Royal Marines In recognition since 1664 of their true and loyal service in which Corps many distinguished men of Newcastle upon Tyne, including Lord Collingwood, have served (and in particular recognising the service to the City of Royal Marines Reserve Tyne); that the Council confers upon the Royal Marines the privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the City on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, colours flying and bands playing.
April 1986	Bob Geldof In recognition of his eminent and outstanding work in initiating financial and practical measures for Third World famine relief not only by personal effort but by raising national awareness of the severe plight and needs of underdeveloped countries.

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April 1986	Andrei Sakharov In recognition of his services to the cause of freedom.
April 1986	Nelson Mandela In recognition of his services to the cause of freedom.
October 1985	Royal Naval Reserve (Tyne Division) In recognition of 80 years connection with and service to the city; that the Council confers upon the Division the privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the city on all ceremonial occasions with bands playing.
July 1984	201 (Northern) General Hospital Royal Army Medical Corps. (volunteers) In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Medical School of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne (founded in 1834 as the School of Medicine and Surgery), many of whose officers have been graduates of the School; that the Council confer upon the Unit the privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the City on all ceremonial occasions with bands playing.
June 1982	David Scott Cowper, FRICS In recognition of his eminent and outstanding achievements in twice circumnavigating the world single handed.
June 1982	Daisy Dorothy Clarke, MBE In recognition of her eminent and outstanding achievement in raising over £1million for the Charlie Bear Whole Body Scanner Appeal.
January 1980	101 (Northumbrian) Field Regiment Royal Artillery (volunteers) In recognition of 120 years' connection with and service to the City; that the Council confers upon the Regiment the privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the City on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, colours flying and bands playing.
January 1980	Councillor William Harding, FCA In recognition of eminent and outstanding public service rendered to the city.
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January 1980	County Councillor Arthur Grey, CBE In recognition of eminent and outstanding public service rendered to the city.
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January 1980	Jackie Milburn In recognition of eminent and outstanding achievements.
January 1980	Colonel George Brown, OBE, TD, DL In recognition of eminent and outstanding achievements.
January 1980	Professor Sir John Walton, TD, MA, DSc, FRCP In recognition of eminent and outstanding achievements.
January 1980	His Eminence Basil Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster In recognition of eminent and outstanding achievements.
March 1978	Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of H.M.S Newcastle In recognition of the long association of ships of Her Majesty's Royal Navy bearing the name of the City, the names of the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of H.M.S Newcastle
May 1977	Jimmy Carter, thirty ninth President of the United States of America In recognition of his eminent services for the furtherance of friendship between nations and on the occasion of his historic visit to the city."
May 1972	15th/19th King's Royal Hussars Association with the City.
January 1969	The Northumberland Hussars Association with the City.
September 1968	King Olav the Fifth of Norway Advancement of friendship between the City and Norway.
December 1966	Mrs Gladys Robson, JP Eminent and outstanding public services and long serving Member of the Council (750 th anniversary of Mayoralty).
December 1966	Dame Catherine Campbell Scott, DBE, JP Eminent and outstanding public services and long serving Member of the Council (750 th anniversary of Mayoralty).
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December 1966	William McKeag, Esq. Eminent and outstanding public services and long serving Member of the Council (750 th anniversary of Mayoralty).
December 1957	John Chapman, Esq., MBE Exceptional and outstanding public service as a Member of the Council for 45 years.
February 1948	The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers Association with the City.
March 1940	David Adams, Esq., JP, MP Distinguished services as a Member of the Council for 35 years.
March 1940	Richard Mayne, Esq., JP Eminent service as Member of the Council for 35 years.
July 1939	Commander Sir Charles Wothington Craven, OBE, RN Distinguished service to the City and Country.
July 1939	William Bramble, Esq. DL, JP Exceptional and outstanding public services as an Alderman.
June 1937	Sir Arthur Maule Oliver, OBE, MA Eminent and devoted service as Town Clerk for 30 years.
May 1936	The Right Honourable George Lansbury, PC, MP Distinguished service to the country and long-serving Member of Parliament for the City.
May 1936	Sir Arthur Munro Sutherland, Bart, KBE, DL, DCL, JP Exceptional and outstanding public services to the City and long-serving Member of the Council.
September 1930	Hugh Morton, DL, JP Exceptional and outstanding public service as a Member of the Council for nearly 50 years.
July 1930	Sir George Lunn, DL, DCL, JP Distinguished service as a Member of the Council for 29 years particularly in the cause of education.
July 1930	The Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, PC, MP Distinguished services as Home Secretary, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
May 1926	John Henry Watson, Esq. Services to the City as Secretary of Children's Societies.

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October 1925	Admiral The Earl Jellicoe of Scapa, GCB, OM, GCVO Services in the cause of the Allies during the First World War.
April 1919	Monsieur le Marechal Foch Services in the cause of the Allies during the First World War.
April 1919	Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, KT, GCB, GCVO, KCIE Services in the cause of the Allies during the First World War.
April 1919	Admiral Sir David Beatty, GCB, GCVO, DSO Services in the cause of the Allies during the First World War.
February 1919	Major-General Sir Robert Arundel Kerr Montgomery, KCMG, CB, DSO Distinguished military career and eminent public services to the City during the war as General Officer Commanding the Tyne Garrison.
September 1918	The Right Honourable David Lloyd George, Prime Minister Services to the nation as Prime Minister
October 1917	General The Right Honourable Jan Christiaan Smuts, KC Services to the Empire in the establishment of the Union of South Africa and his eminent military service.
March 1914	Sir Joseph Wilson Swan Knight, FRS Distinguished services in the cause of science and the invention of the incandescent electric lamp.
March 1914	The Honourable Sir Charles Algernon Parsons, KCB, FRS Distinguished services in the cause of science and the invention of the steam turbine engine.
October 1913	The Right Honourable Sir Edward Grey, Baronet, KG Services to the Empire as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
December 1912	Sir Joseph Baxter Ellis First Lord Mayor and for Public Services as a Member of the Council for 32 years.
November 1911	The Right Honourable Thomas Burt, PC, MP, DCL In recognition of his eminent services as Captain of industry by conciliation and arbitration of trade disputes and improvements to the conditions of the mining community and his advocacy of international peace.
October 1910	Sir William Haswell Stephenson, DL DCL Numerous benefactions and public service as a member of the Council for 40 years.

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June 1910	Sir Andrew Noble, Baronet, KCB Distinguished services to the City in the cause of science.
May 1909	Thomas Richardson, DCL Public services to the City as Member of the Council for 32 years.
March 1909	William John Sanderson, Esq. Public services to the City.
October 1906	Henry William Newton, Esq. Public services to the City as a Member of the Council for 40 years.
September 1904	Alexander Laing, Esq. Gift of Art Gallery to the City.
March 1903	Major-General Robertson Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, CB In recognition of his heroic defence of Mafeking and to the Empire.
August 1901	Citizens of Newcastle upon Tyne who volunteered and served with the British Army in the South African War. Eminent services to the Empire.
May 1901	William Armstrong Watson-Armstrong, Esq. In recognition of his great philanthropy.
July 1899	Field Marshal The Right Honourable Viscount Wolseley Commander in Chief of the Army, in recognition of his distinguished military career and eminent services to the Empire.
January 1894	General The Right Honourable Lord Roberts, VC In recognition of distinguished military career and eminent services to the Empire.
August 1891	The Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone Eminence as a man of letters and distinguished services to this country.
October 1890	Charles Fredric Hamond Eminent services to the City and long-serving Alderman.
May 1890	Henry Morton Stanley, Esq. Distinguished service to the country by explorations and discoveries in Africa.
September 1886	Sir William George Armstrong, CB Great scientific attainments, eminent services and benefactions to the City.

Date	Granted to
<p>The Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 removed the right of Boroughs to confer these honours, but this privilege was restored under the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act of 1885.</p>	
<p>January 1833</p>	<p>James Losh, Esq. Recorder</p>
<p>November 1827</p>	<p>The Most Honorable Charles William, Marquis of Londonderry</p>
<p>September 1827</p>	<p>Arthur, Duke of Wellington</p>
<p>August 1822</p>	<p>His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex</p>
<p>June 1818</p>	<p>Hugh, Duke of Northumberland Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Northumberland and of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne</p>
<p>June 1796</p>	<p>His Highness Prince Frederick of Gloucester</p>
<p>June 1795</p>	<p>His Royal Highness, The Duke of York</p>
<p>October 1771</p>	<p>Christopher Fawcett Recorder</p>
<p>August 1771</p>	<p>His Royal Highness Frederick, Duke of Cumberland</p>
<p>September 1760</p>	<p>William Gibson Town Clerk</p>
<p>April 1757</p>	<p>The Right Honorable William Pitt The Right Honorable Bilson Legge</p>
<p>May 1753</p>	<p>Hugh, Earl of Northumberland</p>
<p>September 1742</p>	<p>The Honorable James Lumley Brother to the Earl of Scarborough</p>
<p>September 1742</p>	<p>Thomas, Earl of Scarborough</p>
<p>September 1738</p>	<p>Edward Collingwood, Esq. Recorder</p>

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January 1737	William Anysley
July 1733	Richard, Earl of Scarborough
January 1725	Martin Bryson Stationer
September 1707	John Cuthbert, Esq. Recorder
October 1699	John Ord
September 1697	Baldwin Conyers son of Sir John Conyers
September 1697	St John Conyers Bart
September 1696	George Johnson Master Mariner at request of Trinity House
September 1685	Henry Lambton, Esq Deputy Recorder
September 1683	William Ramsay Goldsmith
October 1681	Robert Mitford one of his relatives having been a Magistrate of the Corporation
August 1681	Lionell Vane, Esq. Grandson of Lionell Maddison at one time one of the Aldermen of the Town
September 1674	George Johnson Gentleman
July 1674	Wm. Lilburne, Esq
April 1674	John Cockburn by desire of the Duke of Lauderdale

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December 1672	James Aire Pilot of His Majesty King Charles Ship Admitted by desire of the King
October 1672	John, Duke of Lauderdale
June 1667	The Right Honorable Henry, Earl of Ogle
September 1665	Sir William Forster Knight
September 1662	The Honorable Colonel Edward Villiers Governor of Tynemouth Castle
July 1660	Francis Nicholls Major to His Excellency Lord General Monks Regiment of Foot
February 1660	Thomas Parles Yeoman
September 1657	Sir Thomas Widdrington Speaker of the House of Commons, his eldest son
January 1655	Colonel Charles Howard Major General of the Four Northern Counties
August 1654	William Hilton Nephew of Samuel Rand, Townes Physician
January 1653	Thomas Bantiff Granted at the personal request of Mr Ald Brandling for his trouble and in connection with the town affairs in London.
November 1652	Mr Sidenham Master of Magdalene Hospital
August 1652	John Rushforth for his good services
January 1652	Edmon Styole Pullin Maker
September 1649	Sir Arthur Haselrigge, Bart Governor of the Town

Date	Granted to
April 1645	Richard Barvis and Robert Fenwick, Esquires Comms. from the Parliament
April 1645	The Honorable Sir William Armyn, Knight and Baronet
September 1643	Sir George Baker, Knight Recorder
September 1642	William, Earl of Newcastle