

NATIONAL DIALECT FESTIVAL 2024

From Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October 2024 in The County Suite at the County Hotel
Neville Street NEWCASTLE upon TYNE NE15DF
(Opposite Newcastle Central Station)



Hello! You are cordially invited to join the Northumbrian Language Society in Newcastle where they will host this year's National Dialect Festival. Dialect speakers from Cornwall to Lakeland will be joining together to celebrate the cultural heritage embedded in their language. A varied programme is on offer from the host's concert on Friday evening to the competitions on Saturday. (See below for details). Saturday also includes a keynote talk by linguist Adam Mearns, delivering the Society's annual Roland Bibby Memorial Lecture. A farewell visit on Sunday morning will complete the event.



FRIDAY EVENING is given over to dinner, reception and meet and greet old friends. The entertainment is provided by the host region. Enjoy a Northumbrian night of pipes, song and storytelling. Pit your wits against the experts in "Whae's tellin' hoafies" followed by a singaround.

SATURDAY COMPETITIONS start after breakfast and consist of 3 categories:-

The Sam Laycock Trophy – for **WRITING** in the host dialect (this time Northumbrian)

The Bill o' Bowes Trophy – for **WRITING** in any English dialect

The Eric Topping Trophy – For a **PERFORMANCE** of any English Dialect piece.

Entries for the writing competitions must be performed by the author and must not exceed 5 MINUTES in length (inc. introduction)

SATURDAY EVENING – a regional competition for the "Far Welter'd" Trophy (which was donated by a local company from Lincolnshire).

Each **REGION** gets 15 minutes for their party pieces. The result is judged by "CLAPOMETER" audience reaction, (and everyone is allowed to clap!!)

SUNDAY MORNING – Back to the hosts to wind it up with a local ramble, visit to a museum etc until we all meet again in 2025.

A FULL PACKAGE COVERING FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION AT THE COUNTY HOTEL IS AVAILABLE



For more information visit our website northumbrianlanguage.society.co.uk

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See you in October!

Until then, "Gan Canny!"

