**Honorary Freedom of the City**

| **Date** | **Granted to** |
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| **April 2017** | **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. |
| **April 2017** | **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.  |
| **February 2017** | **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. |
| **February 2017** | **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. |
| **February 2017** | **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. |
| **September 2016** | **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. |
| **May 2016** | **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. |
| **May 2016** | **Sir Leonard Fenwick, CBE** To honour his leadership in producing services excellence and building positive relationships with the public, partners and healthcare staff. |
| **February 2016** | **Sir Terry Farrell, CBE** In recognition of his work 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** | **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** | **Rington’s 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. |
| **March 2005** | **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. |
| **December 2003** | **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. |
| **December 2000** | **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. |
| **December 2000** | **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. |
| **December 2000** | **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. |
| **December 2000** | **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. |
| **December 2000** | **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. |
| **February 2000** | **Rachel Isobel Somerville** Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000. |
| **February 2000** | **Jordan Rose Nicholson** Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000. |
| **February 2000** | **Kieran Paul Crump** Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000. |
| **February 2000** | **Lewis John White** Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000. |
| **February 2000** | **Nathan Lee Douglas** Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000. |
| **February 2000** | **Dillan Richard Horsburgh** Born in Newcastle on 1st day of January 2000. |
| **February 2000** | **Harriet Jean Dunlop** Born in Newcastle on 1st 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. |
| **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. |
| **January 1980** | **Councillor Thomas Watson Collins** In recognition of eminent and outstanding public service rendered to the city. |
| **January 1980** | **Councillor Mrs Margaret Collins, JP** In recognition of eminent and outstanding public service rendered to the city. |
| **January 1980** | **County Councillor Arthur Grey, CBE** In recognition of eminent and outstanding public service rendered to the city. |
| **January 1980** | **Councillor Henry Russell, MB, BS, DPH, BHy** In recognition of eminent and outstanding public service rendered to the city. |
| **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.SNewcastle |
| **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 (750th anniversary of Mayoralty).  |
| **December 1966** | **Dame Catherine Campbell Scott, DBE, JP** Eminent and outstanding public services and long serving Member of the Council (750th anniversary of Mayoralty).  |
| **December 1966** | **Mrs Violet Hardisty Grantham** Eminent and outstanding public services and long serving Member of the Council (750th anniversary of Mayoralty).  |
| **December 1966** | **William McKeag, Esq**. Eminent and outstanding public services and long serving Member of the Council (750th 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. |
| **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. |
| **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. |
| **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.** |
| **January 1833** | **James Losh, Esq.** Recorder |
| **November 1827** | **The Most Honorable Charles William, Marquis of Londonderry** |
| **September 1827** | **Arthur, Duke of Wellington** |
| **August 1822** | **His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex** |
| **June 1818** | **Hugh, Duke of Northumberland** Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Northumberland and of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne |
| **June 1796** | **His Highness Prince Frederick of Gloucester** |
| **June 1795** | **His Royal Highness, The Duke of York** |
| **October 1771** | **Christopher Fawcett** Recorder |
| **August 1771** | **His Royal Highness Frederick, Duke of Cumberland** |
| **September 1760** | **William Gibson** Town Clerk |
| **April 1757** | **The Right Honorable William Pitt The Right Honorable Bilson Legge** |
| **May 1753** | **Hugh, Earl of Northumberland** |
| **September 1742** | **The Honorable James Lumley** Brother to the Earl of Scarborough |
| **September 1742** | **Thomas, Earl of Scarborough** |
| **September 1738** | **Edward Collingwood, Esq**. Recorder |
| **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 |
| **December 1672** | **James Aire** Pilot of His Majesty King Charles Ship Admited 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 |
| **April 1645** | **Richard Barvis and Robert Fenwick, Esquires** Commrs. 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** |