

Music - get involved

Music can bring a lot of pleasure, whether you listen to it at home, attend concerts, sing, or play a musical instrument yourself. If you want to get involved to listen, sing or play an instrument yourself, we have information on some of the organisations that can help you. Use the links below to jump to the sections that interest you the most.

Choirs and singing

[Friendship Choir at Fawdon](#) sing a range of music including pop, gospel, country and western and folk. Everybody welcome on Tuesdays, 6.30 pm to 8pm at Fawdon Community Centre..

[Heaton Voices Choir](#) is a community choir that is keen to perform in different places for charities and the community sector, especially in and around the Heaton area.

[Jesmond Choral Group](#) is a friendly local choir which currently meets on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm at St Hilda's Church.

[Holy Spirit Church](#) in Denton has a choir.

[The Newbiggin Hall Community Choir](#) meets at St Wilfred's Parish Church and provides an opportunity for all age groups to make music together and make new friends. Both Church and Choir work with local schools and care homes.

[Newcastle Male Chorus](#) meets on Wednesday evenings at 7.15pm in Craggside Primary School. New members of all abilities are welcome.

[North East Gospel Choir](#) are a mixed age choir singing mainly, but not exclusively, Gospel music. Singing for pleasure and to perform.

[Online Pop up Choirs](#) on Wednesday morning at 9am and Sundays 11 am and 6 pm. All on Zoom with Beccy Owen

[Search Newcastle](#) run a weekly choir group at Cruddas Park GP Surgery

[Silverline Memories](#) run The Silverline Singers group for people living with Dementia and their Carers to enjoy music and singing together in a warm and welcoming environment.

[The Silver Programme](#) is run by The Sage Gateshead. They provide a range of supported music workshops and events for people over the age of 50. It is open to people of all abilities and provides the opportunity to expand your skills by working with experienced tutors in workshops, performances, visits and intergenerational work.

West End Voices is a weekly community choir, open to anyone on Mondays 7 – 8.30pm at St James' Church in Benwell. It's donation based, so you pay what you can and you don't need to be able to read music to get involved. Whether you're a confident singer or an absolute beginner you'll learn songs from around the world including folk, gospel, pop, and light classical in 3 and 4 part harmony.

Tuneless Choir – Newcastle sing purely for the pleasure of it and to feel uplifted afterwards! They meet fortnightly on Saturday's 2pm to 3.30pm at Brunswick Methodist Church.

Virtually Tuneless is an online 'choir' for people who want to 'sing like no one is listening', no matter how wonky their singing notes. They meet weekly online. There's a cost for this session

Playing music

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Wideopen Library has a regular Music group which meets every second Monday. It's open to people with or without musical experience. This group bring their own instruments and use it as an opportunity to play together, listen to different types of music and discuss music.

Semitones are a small group of musicians of various ages and musical abilities who perform free concerts in care homes and sheltered accommodation around Newcastle.

Jamieson Music Tuition run a guitar and ukulele community class every Friday at the City Library. All ages and abilities welcome.

Making Music Together is a community project in the west end of Newcastle to provide opportunities to learn, play and listen to music.

Crossings Community Group is a music making and learning group for Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants and all other members of the community. Giving opportunities to learn and perform. They meet most Monday evenings. They have a choir, an open music jam session, guitar learning, violin learning and children's choir. It is free and open to everyone.

Orchestras

Northumberland Orchestral Society regularly rehearse and perform a wide variety of orchestral music. They list their orchestra vacancies on their website.

The Cobweb Orchestra is a friendly community orchestra for players of all abilities. There are no auditions, no entry requirements, no weekly commitment, and no limit on the number of players. The emphasis of The Cobweb Orchestra is on sharing the enthusiasm for and enjoyment of music.

The Geoff Walton Orchestra is open to players of all ages, but particularly retired people. It currently meets on Friday afternoons during school terms in Heaton Community Centre from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. There are no auditions and no concerts are given.

Ukulele Groups

There are many Ukulele groups across the city:

[Throckley Community Centre](#) Ukulele group meet every Monday

[Chapel House and District Community Association \(CHADCA\)](#) meet every Tuesday

[Search Newcastle](#) run a group for over 50's every Tuesday

[Nunsmoor Centre](#) run a weekly group on Tuesdays. Term time only

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Tuition and instruments

[J G Windows Musical Instrument Rent to Buy Trial Scheme](#) gives you the chance to 'try before you buy' before you commit to the purchase of an instrument. For a small monthly rental fee you can choose an instrument from classical guitars to violins, violas and cellos, in a range of sizes suitable for all ages; to woodwind instruments such as the flute, clarinet, and the saxophone; and the brass family from trumpets and cornets to trombones.

[Northern Music Centre](#) is a unique and dedicated establishment offering private tuition in a wide range of musical instruments, including piano, keyboard, saxophone, clarinet, flute, drums and many more. All tuition is given on a one to one basis.

[The Globe](#) is a community owned venue promoting jazz and all genres of music. There are jazz workshops, some in association with the Sage.

Music appreciation

[The Bridge Folk Club](#), meet and listen to a range of live folk singers from traditional to contemporary. They enjoy songs from Sweden, Germany, Spain, Japan, Australia, North America, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Everyone who comes along is encouraged, but never forced, to participate whether it be a song, poem, monologue, or just join in the choruses. The group runs every Monday night at 8pm at the Bridge Hotel pub, in Castle Square.

[The Music Appreciation Group](#) is a small group of men and women who meet for 2 hours every week to listen to a wide range of music, mainly classical. They meet on Wednesdays 1-3pm at Blackfriars Hall. People interested in finding out more are encouraged to come along to a session. New members will be given a very warm welcome. It costs £3 per session and this includes tea and biscuits.

[Walkerville Community Centre](#) run a Music Society.

[Fawdon Community Centre](#) hosts a Music Appreciation Society every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm.

[Bebop Spoken Here](#) a Jazz blog – offers previews and reviews to help you plan

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Useful Organisations

North East Gospel Choir

Email: northeastgospel@gmail.com

Website: www.northeastgospelchoir.co.uk

Address: Trinity Christian Community Centre, NE3 1SX

The Glasshouse International Centre for Music

Email: boxoffice@theglasshouseicm.org

Website: www.theglasshouseicm.org

Telephone: 0191 443 4666

Address: The Glasshouse International Centre for Music, NE8 2JR

The Cobweb Orchestra

Email: admin@cobweborchestra.org.uk

Website: www.cobweborchestra.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 443 4666

The Geoff Walton Orchestra

Telephone: 07899 785053

Address: c/o Heaton Community Centre, NE6 5LT

Jesmond Choral Group

Email: diane.carter@blueyonder.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 281 4648

Address: St Hilda's Church, NE2 3ET

J G Windows

Email: info@jgwindows.com

Website: www.jgwindows.com

Telephone: 0191 232 1356

Address: 1-7 Central Arcade, NE1 5BP

Newcastle Male Chorus

Website: <https://www.newcastlemalechorus.com/>

Telephone: 0191 281 3002

Northern Music Centre

Email: admin@northernmusiccentre.co.uk

Website: www.northernmusiccentre.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 276 2665

Address: 208 Chillingham Road, NE6 5LN

Take It Away

Email: info@takeitaway.org.uk

Website: www.takeitaway.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7759 1111

The Silver Programme

Email: silver@sagegateshead.com

Website: <https://theglasshouseicm.org/make-music/>

Telephone: 0191 443 5034

Address: St Mary's Square, NE8 2JR

Streetwise Opera

Email: sue@streetwiseopera.org

Website: www.streetwiseopera.org

Telephone: 0207 7309551

Address: The Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR

Music Appreciation Group

Telephone: 0207 7309551

Address: Blackfriars Hall, St Vincent de Paul Society, NE1 2TQ

Silverline Memories

Email: hello@silverlinememories.com

Website: www.silverlinememories.com

Telephone: 0191 603 0095

Address: Dementia Activity Centre, NE3 3BE

St Wilfrid's Parish Church, Newbiggin Hall

Website: <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/newbiggin-hall-st-wilfrid/>

Telephone: 0191 603 0095

Address: St. Wilfreds Vicarage, NE5 4DA

Wideopen Library

Email: wideopen.library@northtyneside.gov.uk

Website: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/facility/994>

Telephone: 0191 643 2071

Address: Canterbury Way, NE13 6JJ

Northumberland Orchestral Society

Email: northumberland.orchestral.society@hotmail.com

Website: <http://www.northumberlandorchestralsociety.org.uk/>

Telephone: 0191 643 2071

Address: United Reformed Church , NE2 3AE

Walkerville Community Centre

Email: walkervillecommunitycentre@hotmail.co.uk

Website: <https://walkervillecommunity.wixsite.com/mysite>

Telephone: 0191 262 3147

Address: 6 Pinewood Close, NE6 4SZ

Fawdon Community Centre

Email: esme.reily@newcastlecat.org.uk

Website: <http://www.newcastlecat.org.uk/>

Telephone: 07804828355

Address: Fawdon Park Road, NE3 2PJ

Heaton Voices Choir

Email: enquiry@heatonvoices.org.uk

Website: <http://www.heatonvoices.org.uk/>

Telephone: 07804828355

Semitones

Email: semitones.music@gmail.com

Website: <http://semitones-newcastle.webs.com/>

Telephone: 07804828355

Address: Semitones' Secretary, All Saints Church, NE3 4ES

Jamieson School of Music

Email: ellie@jamiesonschoolofmusic.com

Website: www.jamiesonschoolofmusic.com

Telephone: 07731447786

Address: Jamieson school of music, NE3 4AA

Making Music Together

Email: makingmusictogether1@gmail.com

Website: www.facebook.com/MakingMusicTogether.Newcastle

Telephone: 07903 269 550

Address: The Globe, NE4 7AD

Crossings Community Group

Email: crossingscommunitygroup@gmail.com

Website: <https://crossingscommunitygroup.org.uk/>

Telephone: 07747824407

Address: Windmill Hills Centre, NE8 1QB

Throckley Community Hall

Email: tch.ltd@tiscali.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 264 4075

Address: Back Victoria Terrace, NE15 9EL

Chapel House and District Community Association (CHADCA)

Email: chadca.centre@gmail.com

Telephone: 07758 256 780

Address: CHADCA Centre, NE5 1EG

The Globe

Email: howdy@theglobenewcastle.bar

Website: <http://theglobenewcastle.bar/>

Telephone: 07758 256 780

Address: 11 Railway Street , NE4 7AD

Tuneless Choir – Newcastle

Email: newcastle@tunelesschoir.com

Website: <https://www.tunelesschoir.com/join-another-tuneless-choir/newcastle-tuneless-choir>

Telephone: 07905 303028

Address: Gosforth Parish Church Hall, NE3 1BJ

Whickham Wind

Email: whickham.wind1@gmail.com

Telephone: 07944 917 208

Address: Marley Hill Community Centre, NE16 5DW

Friendship Choir at Fawdon Community Centre

Email: d_faulkner@sky.com

Telephone: 07717 223600

Address: Fawdon Community Centre, NE3 2PL

Holy Spirit Church

Website: <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/denton-holy-spirit/>

Telephone: 0191 267 4633

Address: Holy Spirit Church, NE5 2BE

Virtually Tuneless online choir

Email: online@tunelesschoir.com

Website: www.tunelesschoir.com/vt

Telephone: 07813 649341

Address: 50 Norden Road, SL6 4AY

Search Newcastle

Email: info@searchnewcastle.org.uk

Website: www.searchnewcastle.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 273 7443

Address: Carnegie Building, NE4 8XS

Bridge Folk Club

Email: info@bridgefolk.uk

Website: www.bridgefolk.uk

Telephone: 0191 273 7443

Address: The Bridge Hotel, NE1 1RQ

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