PLAN YOUR VISIT

Before you set off

Our coastal paths link four working harbours, two tidal nature reserves and three restored watchtowers along eighteen miles of shoreline.

All waymarked loops start from railway stations or bus stops, with step-free boardwalk sections at **Seaton Point** and **Alder Quay**.

- Printed tide tables free at every kiosk
- Guided bird walks every Saturday morning
- Dogs welcome on short leads year-round

VISITOR NOTE

“The clearest waymarked coast walk in the county—we spotted grey seals within ten minutes of leaving the pier.”

Eleanor & Tom Reid, Northumberland

GET IN TOUCH

Harbour House Centre

Drop in for local maps, warm drinks, binocular hire and school group bookings.

HOURS & LOCATION

Address Harbour House, 6 Pier Road, Blyth NE24 3PA

Open Daily, 09:00 to 17:30 (16:00 winter)

Phone 01670 541 290

Online northshoretrust.org.uk

POSTAL ENQUIRIES

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NORTHSHORE COASTAL TRUST

Walking the Working Coast

Eighteen miles of headlands, saltmarsh boardwalks and historic lifeboat stations open all year.



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01 · LANDSCAPE

Shaped by tide and stone

Since 1998, our rangers and volunteers have cared for dunes, shingle banks and former colliery jetties that now shelter nesting terns and waders.

Quiet hides overlook the estuary mudflats at high tide, giving close views without disturbing feeding flocks.

PHOTO 16:9
Timber boardwalk through saltmarsh reeds

1,420 ha
Protected coastal dunes, wet meadow and foreshore

02 · THREE WALKS

Waymarked routes

Choose a short harbour stroll or a full-day headland circuit. Every route starts at a café and bus stop.

- **Alder Quay Loop (2.5 mi)** Level boardwalk, hides and old ballast quay.
- **Watchtower Ridge (5.0 mi)** Cliff-top grassland with views to Coquet Island.
- **Four Harbours Trail (9.5 mi)** Full coastal traverse with return bus link.

Weekly guided walks

Wednesdays 10:00 Harbour heritage & shipwrights' yard (90 mins, free).

Saturdays 08:30 Estuary birdwatch from North Hide (2 hrs, £5).

Sunday 14:00 Family rockpool & fossil shore walk (1 hr, free).

03 · SUPPORT US

Become a member

Membership funds winter path repairs, youth apprenticeships and free school visits all year.

Annual tier	Rate
Individual member	£36
Joint / Household	£54
Life Patron	£600

MEMBER BENEFITS

Includes free parking at all four reserve car parks, our twice-yearly journal *Tideway*, and priority booking for boat trips.

Join online at **northshoretrust.org.uk** or at Harbour House.