

#Street
Art
Heroes

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The streets on Biddick Hall are named after authors from Chaucer to Orwell, with a current development honouring female writers from Brontë to Woolf. On neighbouring Whiteleas estate, the avenues celebrate painters such as Titian and Turner.

Growing up in the area formed project director Garry Hunter's immersive artistic process, culminating in quotes from these writers accompanying his photographs created with local residents. This became one of the twelve shipping containers that housed specially commissioned artworks for the launch of Cultural Spring in April 2014. The Great North Passion was broadcast live by the BBC on Good Friday.

The Artists

Irony

Irony from Cambridge follows Alice in Sunderland with an ultra-violet lit work featuring characters by Lewis Carroll, a frequent visitor to Whitburn. Former school science labs and cookery classrooms host this new work on Biddick Hall that has Carroll Walk named after the author.

Roadsworth

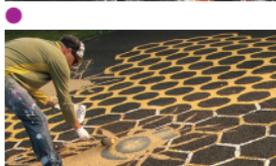
from Montreal, Canada, literally paints on the street, producing three pavement paintings in Sunderland and a beehive on the playground of St Oswald's school on Whiteleas, an area where pupils can share and care in a nurturing space – just like bees.

Cityzen Kane

Cityzen Kane born in Jos, Nigeria, has made two new works, one in the former playground and a cluster of 'ancient alien' sculpturally moulded installations on former Design and Technology workshops reference HR Giger, a major influence on South Shields-born Ridley Scott.

Chewing Gum Man

AKA Ben Wilson from north London creates enamel miniatures using discarded chewing gum. His process is all about engagement, encouraging people to contribute their own ideas for the content of these unique upcycled artworks, in a cluster by Biddick Hall's Gaskell Avenue shops.





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● **Irony**

Date November 2014

Where Chuter Ede wall with Frank Styles visible from Benton Road, NE34 9UG.

● **Roadsworth**

Date September 2014

Where St Oswald's School playground behind Nash Avenue, NE34 8NS.

● **Cityzen Kane**

Date November 2014

Where Chuter Ede carpark and wall by entrance on Galsworthy Road, NE34 9UG.

● **Ben Wilson**

Date September 2014

Where cluster of gum art on parade of 'Old Shops' Gaskell Avenue, NE34 9TA.

For #StreetArtHeroes, Biddick Hall-born curator Garry Hunter has pulled together an impressive collection of world-class artists to bring a touch of colour and creativity to our streets.

The seed of this project is rooted in exploring the etymology of street names on postwar housing estates that celebrate noted artists and writers, many of whom have local links.

Over eighty days, a dozen urban artists from around the world embedded themselves at Hillhead Farm in Whitburn, to each disseminate their unique vision from north of the Wear to south of the Tyne. Industrial conduits that once sent coal, glass and steel across the globe, these rivers encapsulate an area that has now rediscovered its natural beauty. The artists responded to these themes through collaborative research with Fitzrovia Noir Community Interest Company, leaving permanent artworks for everyone to be able to access and enjoy.

Use this wayfinding booklet to help navigate and locate the street art in and around the Biddick and Whiteleas area of South Tyneside.

The Cultural Spring

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