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Into the New Millennium



Well, here we are at the end of our story about what our ancestors saw through the ages.

Yes, we hope you've enjoyed it. We've enjoyed telling it.



The shipbuilding industry on the Wear and Tyne has now disappeared.



Tyneside is now an international centre for culture and art, with the Baltic and the Sage Centres.

Sunderland is becoming a centre for knowledge-based industries, such as information technology, research, education and financial services.



Not as daft as we look, are we? This is the place to be!



County Durham is mostly a rural area so most of its industry is based on farming and tourism.

Have a look at our Geography section. Why not come and see us for a holiday. You'll love it! Lots to see and do!





In May 2005, a campaign was set up to show just what a great area we have. It was called 'Passionate People, Passionate Places'.

County Durham is rich in natural features. It has sea cliffs and lots of moorland where a number of rare species live. There are salt marshes at Teesside and bogs, heaths and hay meadows in the North Pennines.

The magnesian limestone grasslands in the east of the county are very special. They occur nowhere else in the WORLD!

Kielder Forest is the largest man-made forest in Europe. The area is the home of the endangered red squirrel, (as well as badgers!) This area is an important area for black grouse. It is also the home of 80 – 90% of the UK's population of yellow saxifrage.

Of course, you can check this out for yourself at any of Durham Wildlife Trust's many reserves.

Research from: 'The Land of the Three rivers' – H. Bowling Wikipedia,, www.englandsnortheast.co.uk and others.