

# NORTHERN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on **Saturday 14th May 2022** at  
**The Bowling Clubhouse, Winchester Terrace, Summerhill Square,  
Newcastle upon Tyne**



### PROGRAMME

Attendance at the AGM and for the talk and walks is free of charge. *Optional refreshments £14.50*

**11.00 a.m. Foregather in the Clubhouse** (*tea/coffee/biscuits for those who have paid for refreshments*)

**11.30 a.m. Talk – the history of Summerhill Square** (free)

**12.30 p.m. Buffet lunch in the Clubhouse** (*for those who have paid for refreshments*)

**1.30 p.m. AGM in the Clubhouse** (free)

**2:00 - 4.00 p.m. approx. Walking tours around Summerhill Square** (free)

Led by a selection of knowledgeable guides

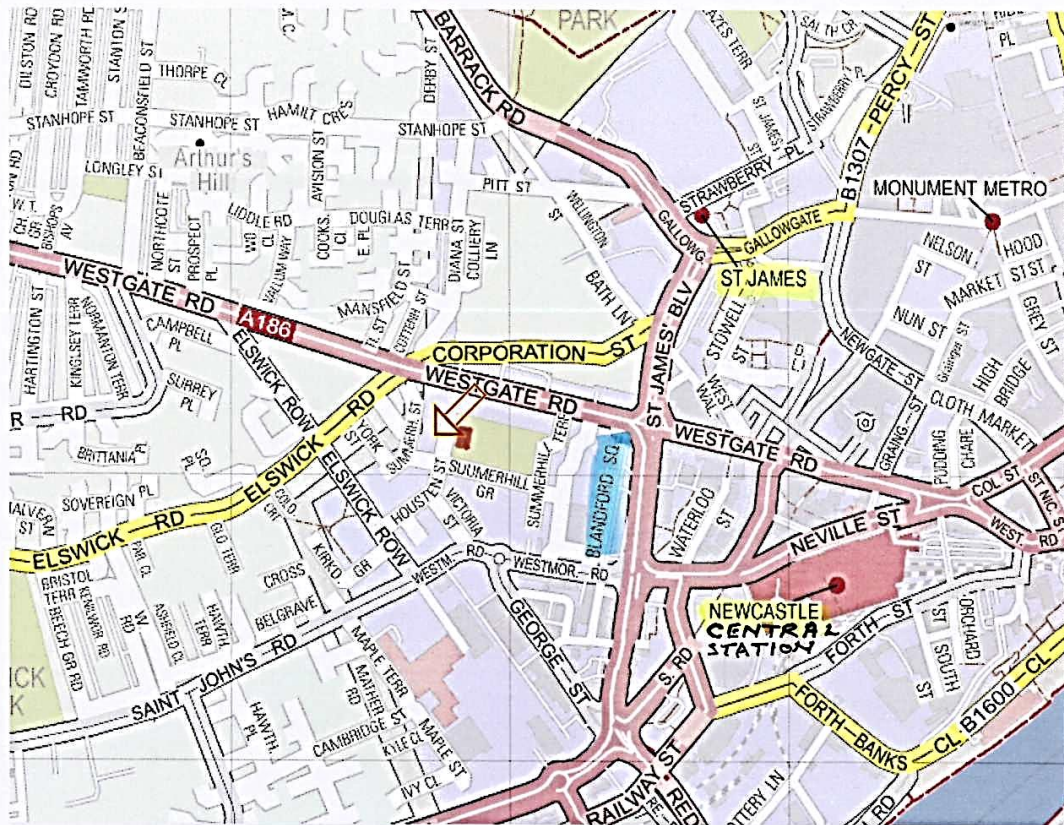
Summerhill Square was developed from the 1820s to around 1840 on former nursery gardens in what was destined to become Newcastle's fashionable west end until William Armstrong built his works at Elswick, causing the aspiring classes (including Armstrong himself) to flee to northern suburbs instead.

The square has hovered between gentility and seediness ever since. The large green central area is bounded by terraces of varying stature on three sides, and by semi-detached villas and the former St. Anne's Convent (*Ignatius Bonomi, 1828*) along its south side. Members may recall that one of the north side terraced houses (5 Ravensworth Terrace) featured in the second series (2019) of BBC's 'A House Through Time' presented by David Olusoga. We will be meeting in the Clubhouse of the Summerhill Bowling Club, now run by the Summerhill Trust.

Our buffet lunch is to be provided by Albufiera Café Catering (the café is close by the square, on Westgate Road) and will feature Portuguese cuisine.

Getting there: see overleaf for map which shows nearby Metro and railway stations (all within 15 minutes' walk). There is a frequent bus service from Newcastle Central station (see overleaf for route numbers).

If coming by car note that there is no public parking in Summerhill Square and use of the small car park belonging to the Bowling Club is restricted to delivery vehicles and Blue Badge holders only. Parking is available in Blandford Square (just east of Summerhill) or you may get lucky in one of the surrounding streets, as Newcastle United do not appear to be playing at home that day.



The orange arrow is pointing to Winchester Terrace, and the Bowling Clubhouse is on the east side of the street, in the green area.

Note that Winchester Terrace is a cul-de-sac for both vehicles and pedestrians – you have to come in from its south end.

Public car parking is available in Blandford Square (highlighted in blue).

The nearest Metro stations are St. James and at Central (railway) station on Neville Street. Both are 10-15 minutes' walk to Summerhill Square.

Buses 10, 11, 30, 31 & 38 run from Central station to the vicinity of Summerhill Square.