

CO. DURHAM

BARNARD CASTLE 4051 5166. Borough *c.*1175 (BF, p. 105). Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 468).

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F (Prescriptive) *feria* recorded 1293, held by John, K of Scotland. Within the liberties of the bp of Durham (*QW*, p. 604).

On 16 Jul 1440, it was alleged that markets and fairs set up at several places in Yorkshire and Co. Durham, including Barnard Castle, were detrimental to the burgesses at Richmond, Yorkshire (*q.v.*) (*CPR*, 1436–41, p. 452).

BISHOP AUCKLAND 4210 5290. Borough 1242–3 (BF, p. 105). Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 468).

M (Prescriptive: borough) recorded Jan 1307, held by bp of Durham. In Jan 1307, it was stated that the royal keeper took an unspecified number of markets into royal hands, during the confiscation of the bp of Durham's liberty (C.M. Fraser, *Records of Anthony Bec, Bishop and Patriarch, 1283–1311*, The Surtees Society, clxii (1947), p. 123).

CHESTER-LE-STREET 4272 5517. Seat of bishopric from 883, when transferred from Holy Island, Northumberland (*q.v.*), until 990, when transferred to Durham, Co. Durham (*q.v.*). As the seat of a bishopric this was probably a focus of commerce; no record of a medieval market has been found, but there was one here after 1500 (T. Corfe, D. Wilcock, B.K. Roberts eds., *An Historical Atlas of County Durham* (Hexham, 1992)).

DARLINGTON 4291 5145. Borough 1183 (BF, p. 105). Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 468).

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DURHAM 4274 5420. Borough 1130 (BF, p. 106; BF, supplement, p. 62). Mint 1066–1154. Natural fortress on peninsula site overlooking river Wear. Traditionally, the site was settled *c.*995 by the community of St Cuthbert. It subsequently became one of the most important centres of pilgrimage in England. See of the bishopric was transferred from Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham (*q.v.*) to Durham in 990. The city was administrative centre of the largely autonomous region that the bps controlled and its principal market town. By 1200 there were four boroughs at Durham. The Bishop's borough (also known as the borough of Durham), was held by the bp. The burgesses of the borough of Durham are first recorded in 1130; in *c.*1179, Bp Hugh du Puiset granted them the free customs of Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland (*q.v.*). The three other boroughs were first recorded in the twelfth century. Old Borough (also called Crossgate) was held by Durham priory. The borough of Elvet (or New Elvet) was developed by Bp Puisset but granted to the priory; the burgesses of the new borough of Elvethalge were granted a charter by Prior Bertram and the convent in 1188x1219. The fourth borough, that of St Giles, first recorded in *c.*1180, was originally held by the bp, who granted it to Kepier hospital. Whilst these boroughs were physically separate when established, they subsequently developed and merged together. Only the bp's borough had a market; the other three were unusual boroughs, in that they did not have markets (M. Bonney, *Lordship and the Urban Community: Durham and its Overlords 1250–1540* (Cambridge, 1990), pp. 9–10, 26–9, 41–9; R.H. Britnell, 'Boroughs, markets and trade in northern England, 1000–1216' in R.H. Britnell, R.H. Hatcher eds., *Progress and Problems in Medieval England* (Cambridge, 1996), p. 51; BF, pp. 106–7, supplement, p. 62). Market town *c.*1600 (Everitt, p. 468). Fair 1587, 20 Mar (Harrison, p. 393).

M (Prescriptive: borough, mint) recorded 1040, *forum*. The market may have been held on the neck of the peninsula, or in the area later known as the *placea* (M. Bonney, *Lordship and the Urban Community: Durham and its Overlords 1250–1540* (Cambridge, 1990), p. 26). The bp of Durham was holding a market in 1293 (*QW*, p. 604). In Jan 1307, it was stated that the royal keeper took an unspecified number of markets at Durham into royal hands, during the confiscation of the bp's liberty (C.M. Fraser, *Records of Anthony Bec, Bishop and Patriarch, 1283–1311*, The Surtees Society, clxii (1947), p. 123).

F (Prescriptive) Cuthbert (20 Mar); recorded twelfth century (M. Bonney, *Lordship and the Urban Community: Durham and its Overlords 1250–1540* (Cambridge, 1990), pp. 10, 32).

F (Prescriptive) Trans of Cuthbert (4 Sept); recorded twelfth century (M. Bonney, *Lordship and the Urban Community: Durham and its Overlords 1250–1540* (Cambridge, 1990), pp. 10, 32).

The fairs may have begun as a result of the translation of the saint's body in 1104 (M. Bonney, *Lordship and the Urban Community: Durham and its Overlords 1250–1540* (Cambridge, 1990), pp. 10, 32). Fair held by the bp of Durham recorded in 1293 (*QW*, p. 604).

GATESHEAD 4246 5605. Borough 1153x95 (BF, p. 106).

M (Prescriptive: borough) No further information for the market.

GREATHAM 4495 5275. See also *VCH Durham*, iii, p. 242.

M (Charter) Wed; gr 15 Dec 1445, by K Hen VI to hospital of Greatham (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 46).

There is no further evidence for the market (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 242).

F (Charter) vf+2, George (23 Apr); gr 15 Dec 1445, by K Hen VI to hospital of Greatham (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 46). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 242).

F (Charter) vf+2, Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 Sept); gr 15 Dec 1445, by K Hen VI to hospital of Greatham (*CChR*, 1427–1516, p. 46). There is no further evidence for the fair (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 242).

HARTLEPOOL 4504 5324. Borough 1162x85 (BF, p. 106). Monastic site in the seventh to ninth centuries, with some evidence of specialised economic activity. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 468). See also *VCH Durham*, iii, pp. 270–1.

M (Grant: other) Wed; *mercatum*, gr 1201, by K John to William de Brus. William owed 20m. for having a market and fair (*PR*, 3 John, pp. 249–50). On 26 Jun 1215, Philip de Ulecot was notified that K John had granted Robert de Brus, son and heir of William de Brus, a Wed market, as it was set out in the charter (*RLC*, i, p. 217). On 11 Nov 1218, an agreement between Robert Brus and Patrick, earl of Dunbar and C. the countess, records that Patrick was to retain one third of the market (*Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland*, i, 1108–1272, p. 123, no. 700). In 1293, Robert de Brus had a market in Hartlepool, within the liberties of the bp of Durham (*QW*, p. 604).

M (Grant: other) Tues; gr 1230, by Richard le Poor, bp of Durham to burgesses of Hartlepool (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 270). On 2 July 1234, K Hen III confirmed the charter of Richard [le Poor], bp of Durham. The charter of K Hen III was confirmed on 28 Jan 1365 by K Edw III (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 191). Market held by Maud, widow of Roger Clifford on 12 Mar 1403 (*CIPM*, xviii, no. 775). Tues market recorded in 1592–3; it had fallen into disuse by 1720 (*VCH Durham*, iii, pp. 272, 275).

M (Prescriptive: borough) Fri, recorded 12 Mar 1403, held by Maud, widow of Roger Clifford (*CIPM*, xviii, no. 775).

F (Grant: other) *feria* gr 1201, by K John to William de Brus. William owed 20m. for having a market and a fair lasting three days (*PR*, 3 John, pp. 249–50). On 26 Jun 1215, Philip de Ulecot was notified that K John had granted Robert de Brus, son and heir of William de Brus, a fair on f+2 Laurence (10 Aug), as it was set out in the charter (*RLC*, i, p. 217). On 11 Nov 1218, an agreement between Robert Brus and Patrick, earl of Dunbar and C. the countess, records that Patrick was to retain one third of the fair (*Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland*, i, 1108–1272, p. 123, no. 700). In 1293, Robert de Brus had a fair in Hartlepool, within the liberties of the bp of Durham (*QW*, p. 604).

F (Charter) f+14, Laurence (10 Aug); gr 1230, by Richard le Poor, bp of Durham to burgesses of Hartlepool (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 270). On 2 July 1234, K Hen III confirmed the charter of Richard [le Poor], bp of Durham. The charter of K Hen III was confirmed on 28 Jan 1365 by K Edw III (*CChR*, 1341–1417, p. 191). Fair on f Lawrence was held by Maud, widow of Roger de Clifford in 1403 (*CIPM*, xviii, no. 775). Fair of Lawrence recorded in 1592–3 (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 272).

F (Prescriptive) f, Invention of the Holy Cross (3 May); recorded 12 Mar 1403, held by Maud, widow of Roger de Clifford (*CIPM*, xviii, no. 775).

NORTON 4443 5222. See also *VCH Durham*, iii, p. 305.

M (Grant: other) Sun; possibly gr 1109, by K Hen I to Ranulph, bp of Durham (*Regesta*, ii, no. 925).

SEGEFIELD 4356 5286. See also *VCH Durham*, iii, p. 321.

M (Charter) Fri; gr 22 Nov 1312, by Richard [de Kellawe], bp of Durham to vill of Sedgefield. To be held in the vill (T.D. Hardy ed., *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense*, Rolls Series (London, 1874), ii, pp. 1180–1). Market had fallen into disuse before 1343, when illegal trading was taking place on Sun (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 321).

F (Charter) vf+3, Edmund the archbp (16 Nov); gr 22 Nov 1312, by Richard [de Kellawe], bp of Durham to vill of Sedgefield. To be held in the vill (T.D. Hardy ed., *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense*, Rolls Series (London, 1874), ii, pp. 1180–1). It is assumed that the fair was held on the feast of Edmund, rather than on the translation (9 Jun).

STAINDROP 4126 5204. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 468).

M (Charter) gr 1379, by bp Hatfield of Durham to John de Nevill, lord of Raby. The market was held in the vill (G.T. Lapsley, *The County Palatine of Durham: a Study in Constitutional History* (Cambridge, 1924), p. 62).

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STOCKTON 4444 5189. Borough 1283 (BF, p. 106).

M (Charter) Wed; gr 11 May 1310, by Anthony Bec, bp of Durham to town of Stockton (C.M. Fraser, *Records of Anthony Bec, Bishop and Patriarch, 1283–1311*, The Surtees Society, clxii (1947), p. 159). The market declined. It was regranted in 1602 (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 355).

F (Charter) f+7, Trans of Thomas of Canterbury (7 Jul); gr 11 May 1310, by Anthony Bek, bp of Durham to town of Stockton (C.M. Fraser, *Records of Anthony Bec, Bishop and Patriarch, 1283–1311*, The Surtees Society, clxii (1947), p. 159). The fair declined. It was regranted in 1602 (*VCH Durham*, iii, p. 355).

SUNDERLAND 4392 5568. Borough 1180x86 (BF, p. 107). Also known as Wearmouth. A monastic site in the eighth and ninth centuries. Market town c.1600 (Everitt, p. 468 (Sunderland)).

M (Prescriptive: borough) No further information for the market.