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Introduction

This guide celebrates the beauty and complexity of the Hartlepool coastline. The images within are the output of a film commission, undertaken in Spring 2016. The aim of the film was to showcase our spectacular coastline from a series of new and unique angles.

Using drone technologies the bulk of the film was taken from the air, providing a seagull's-eye view of our town. The film was commissioned to take pride of place in Hartlepool railway station where it will be viewed by up to 650,000 rail-users per year.

We hope this guide encourages you to explore the film and the Hartlepool coastline and that it's something you will enjoy for a long time to come.

The film can be viewed in its entirety at:
www.hartlepoolcoast.com



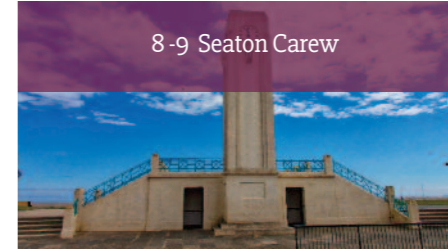

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RSPB Saltholme

At the southern end of the Hartlepool boundary, RSPB Saltholme is a wildlife oasis that flourishes whilst nestled amongst an industrial backdrop. We spent more time at Saltholme than any other location, having to time filming carefully around the breeding and feeding patterns of the resident birdlife.

Using drone technology we captured some glorious footage of the site, including the view of the visitor centre roofline that follows the profile of a birds-wing – a view previously only enjoyed by the feathered residents.

Further information about RSPB Saltholme can be found at: www.rspb.org.uk



Greatham Creek & North Gare

Faced with a no-fly zone around Hartlepool Power Station we had to capture the views of Greatham Creek using handheld cameras, time-lapse photography and vehicle-mounted cameras to showcase the area.

North Gare forms part of the Teesmouth National Nature Reserve (NNR) and is home to a striking beach and significant network of protected sand-dunes.

At the nearby Greatham Creek we got up-close to the resident colony of Harbour seals, the only regular breeding colony of these animals on England's north-east coast.



Seaton Carew

Standout features of this traditional, Victorian era, seaside resort are the magnificent beach and the imposing Art Deco bus shelter. The COAST film makes use of time-lapse photography when it focuses on the bus shelter and also the beach.

Here we can also see the impressive Teesside Offshore Wind Farm, a project that was fulfilled from the operational port of Hartlepool.



Rail Station, Hartlepool Art Gallery & TIC

Hartlepool Art Gallery & Tourist Information Centre (TIC) are in focus here. The former Christchurch, which was redundant and dilapidated for many years, was brought back to use with a revised purpose just over 20 years ago. Nowadays it is home to a series of significant exhibitions annually.

Hartlepool Railway Station is the permanent home of the COAST film and associated mural. The station itself is a busy transport hub with several daily services directly to and from London Kings Cross.



National Museum of the Royal Navy Hartlepool

Definitely best viewed from the air. The National Museum of the Royal Navy Hartlepool is a brand-new attraction which builds upon the success of Hartlepool's Maritime Experience.

The star of the show is, undoubtedly, HMS Trincomalee which celebrates 200 years afloat in 2017. The COAST film features a spectacular flight directly across the mighty masts looking down into the crows-nest and the deck below.

For further information visit:
www.nmrn.org.uk



Hartlepool Marina

500 berthholders enjoy the Hartlepool Marina environment. The Marina boasts water-quality awards as well as a range of activities from stand-up paddle-boards to offshore marine safari trips.

At the seaward edge Hartlepool Marina is capped by Navigation Point – a popular concentration of cafes, restaurants, delis and bars which are friendly and popular both day and night.

For further information visit:
Hartlepool-marina.com



Historic Headland

The mix of building types and colours along with the standout features such as: St Hilda's Church, The Town Wall and the Town Moor make this whole area a patchwork of interesting contrasts.

From its beginnings as a small fishing community, then as a significant monastic site and onwards to become a crucial port in terms of shipbuilding and sea-trade the Headland has many stories to tell.

The Heugh Battery Museum retells the story of the Bombardment of the town in 1914 and boasts a unique history as the only site to have seen ship-to-shore combat during WWI.

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North Sands & beyond

Our journey along the Hartlepool coastline comes to an end as we push on North from the Headland.

Again we are blessed with high quality sandy beaches as well as a playground of rock-pools which are exposed at low-tide. There are also reminders from a past industrial realm with the redundant 'Steetley Pier' reaching into the tide.

As the Headland disappears from view the features of the coastline will change once more as you exit the Hartlepool boundary and start to experience the geography of East Durham.

We hope you have enjoyed this brief guide.

Please be sure to experience the film in its entirety at:

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