



Reference: RFI 1801093

Request:

I would like to make a freedom of information request with the following questions?

Is North Tyneside Council responsible for maintaining the Ralph Gardener Monument on Chirton Green, North Shields?

Does North Tyneside Council have any records in its archives specifically relating to Ralph Gardener (who was alive during the seventeenth century)?

Response:

North Tyneside Council holds three specific titles relating to Ralph Gardner in its local studies section at North Shields Customer First Centre:

- England’s Grievance Discovered by Ralph Gardner
- Monopoly on the Tyne – papers relating to Ralph Gardner (published 1978)
- Ralph Gardner and the Tyne a chapter of Local History by Thomas Clarke (1881)

We do not hold any **records** on Ralph Gardner. Our team checked the Northumberland Records Office catalogue online, and it appears that they only hold the same publications as ourselves. However, Tyne & Wear Archives, based at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle has the following:

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| 41 | MD.NC/D/4/5 | Series | Mayor and burgesses of Newcastle upon Tyne v Ralph Gardner | 1650 - 1653 |
| 42 | MD.NC/D/4/5/8 | Item | Ralph Gardner's testimony concerning the corruption of river Tyne officials and the disorderly state of river Tyne trade | 2 June 1651 |
| 43 | MD.NC/D/4/5/27 | Item | Charges made by Ralph Gardner against the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle including illegal imprisonment of traders, infliction of excessive fines and extraction of tolls | 29 September 1653 |
| 44 | MD.NC/D/4/5/28 | Item | Petition of Ralph Gardner to parliament concerning a list of grievances against the magistrates of Newcastle presented to the Council of Trade, 1651 | 18 October 1651 |
| 45 | MD.NC/D/4/5/29 | Item | Remonstrance by Ralph Gardner against the Corporation of Newcastle | 1653 |
| 46 | MD.NC/D/4/5/30 | Item | General answer of the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle to Ralph Gardner's charges before the Newcastle Trade Committee | 1653 |
| 47 | MD.NC/D/4/5/31 | Item | The answer and defence of the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle to the petition of Ralph Gardner | 1653 |
| 48 | MD.NC/D/4/5/32 | Item | Proceedings of Newcastle Trade Committee upon receiving a series of complaints by Ralph Gardner | 17 - 19 November 1653 |
| 49 | MD.NC/D/4/5/33 | Item | An answer by John Blackston, town clerk, to the complaints of Ralph Gardner against the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle | 1653 |

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