

# NEWARK BOOK FESTIVAL

## Our Heritage Poetry Trail - ACTIVITY SHEET

As part of the High Street Heritage Action Zone cultural programme – Newark Book Festival have teamed up with our heritage buildings to place six brand-new poems around the town. The poems, which are inspired by some of our favourite historic buildings in Newark, were written by local poet Leanne Moden. See if you can find all six!

### Poem one – St Mary’s Church

We start our trail at St Mary’s church. Once you have found the poem, read it out loud, then think about how it makes you feel. Do you feel happy, sad, peaceful, calm or excited after reading it?

### Poem two – The Olde White Hart

This poem can be found in the Market Place – make sure you look up to see the pictures of the saints on the building! When you’ve found the poem, read it aloud, then think about the secret phrase hidden in it. What secret phrase would you hide in a poem?

### Poem three – Clinton Arms

Stay on the Market Place to find the next poem; the grand brick building was once a hotel! Find the poem, read it aloud and think about what you’d say if you had to give a speech from the same window – what would you talk about?

### Poem four – The Governor’s House

We’re heading to Stodman Street now for the next poem. You can’t miss the Governor’s House – it’s stripy! When you’ve found the poem, read it aloud and think about your favourite cakes or pastries. Maybe you could write a poem about them?

### Poem five – Newark Town Hall

The town hall is a beautiful building – but what would it say if it could speak? Find the poem, read it aloud then think about what your house would say, if it could talk. What would it say?

### Poem six – Newark Castle

Finally, we’re off to the Castle! Some people think it’s just a ruin, but we know better! When you’ve found the final poem, read it out loud, then write your own poem about your favourite building in Newark!

You can take photos of your favourite poem and share it on social media! You can find us at [@NewarkBookFest](#) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Don’t forget to use the hashtag [#NewarkBookFestival](#)

If you’ve enjoyed reading Leanne’s poems, you can find out more about her at her website [leannemoden.com](http://leannemoden.com)