



Local Resident Breathes New Life into Prestigious Morpeth Property

Guests can envisage what it would have been like to live here in the 1700s



One of Morpeth's finest buildings has been restored to its former glory, as local resident, Jon-Paul Owen, completes a four-year renovation project to bring the period property back to life. Newgate Apartments now offer holidaymakers three luxurious bases from which to explore Northumberland.

Once a Coal Merchants' house, the Grade-II listed holiday let dates back to the 1700s and has taken many guises throughout its 300-year history, including a commercial college, estate agents and butchers. After lying dormant and in disrepair for around a year the building went up for sale and was purchased by Jon-Paul Owen in 2014, who began the project to transform it into three beautiful apartments: The Collingwood, The Oldgate and Newgate Loft.

Starting at the top of the property and working his way down, Jon-Paul worked with the council to restore Newgate Apartments' original beauty and features that include exposed inglenook fireplaces and cast-iron radiators. He also hired a Stonemason to uncover the property's original brick and stonework that has been plastered and painted over to create a cosy, contemporary and inviting space for visitors.

Taking inspiration from the original features, Jon-Paul followed an industrial theme when furnishing [Collingwood](#) (reference number: UK3203) and [Oldgate](#) (reference number: UK3202), which take up one floor each, and [Newgate Loft](#) (property reference: UK3201), which takes a duplex format at the top of the property.

Commenting on the project, Jon-Paul said, "As soon as I found out that the property was on the market it made complete sense for me to snap it up and restore it. The building was in a state of disarray when we first started working on it, and there have definitely been challenges throughout the process, but the renovation quickly became a labour of love and I am so pleased with the outcome.

"One of the elements of the project that I am most proud of is restoring the original stonework and exposed bricks. Back in 2014 when they were covered in plaster and paint it was hard to imagine what they might look like if we returned them to their original state, but it was definitely worth it. They add so much character and will help guests envisage what it would have been like to live here in the 1700s when it was originally built."

The properties are now available through Northumbrian Cottages, part of the **cottages.com** family, and form part of the brand's Luxury Collection, a handpicked offering that includes only the most elegantly furnished and stunningly situated properties that provide the ultimate holiday experience. Sleeping up to eight people collectively, Newgate Apartments can be booked together or separately and each welcomes one pet as well.

Wendy Jennings, Business Development Manager for Northumbrian Cottages added: "We are delighted that this huge renovation project is complete and has produced three of the most beautiful holiday lets possible. Since starting to work with Jon-Paul it has become clear just how much hard work and effort that has gone into restoring the building, so we can't wait to play a part in welcoming holidaymakers to the apartments and seeing just how stunning they are for themselves."

Anyone considering starting a holiday let or reviewing how to make a better return on investment out of a current holiday let, is invited to get in touch with Northumbrian Cottages

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Picture caption (L – R): Newgate Lofts, The Oldgate and The Collingwood)

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