

## Northumbria Region u3a's visit to Boldon Auction Galleries



At the beginning of March 2025 Northumbria Region u3a organised a trip to Boldon Auction Galleries in East Boldon. Quite a few members had never been to an auction house before, so it was a new experience.

On entering everyone was invited to partake of refreshments. The pastries were to die for, they were huge and many members shared. You could really taste the butter. They were from a company called Northern Rye, based in Ouseburn, Newcastle.

Members were asked to contribute to the refreshments and £109 was raised which was donated to the People's Kitchen in Newcastle.

One of the venue's directors, Giles Hodges gave a short explanation about his life as an auctioneer and the type of articles they receive to be sold. On show were several Claris Cliff ornaments, asking price £150, stamp albums, collectable teddies, furniture, paintings, garden ornaments and so much more. Members were invited to look at everything in the show room and ask any questions. There was also a short quiz to complete about the items.



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