

## ***Private Housing and the Working Class***

The 'new town' of Benwell grew up in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to house some of the thousands of people who had poured into Newcastle to work in the area's rapidly expanding industries and commercial sector. This report offers a detailed history of the development of private housing in Benwell and the subsequent changes in the local housing market over the next 80 years, arguing that an excessive focus on private solutions to housing problems will always tend to be divisive and inefficient.

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