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Abbot Street	Currently unknown; could it be named after an actual abbot?	1958 OS map	Located behind Union St, within the vicinity of the colliery.	N/A
Alamein Avenue	A town in Northern Egypt, and was the scene of two major battles during WWII.	1958 OS map	Located in the New Town area.	N/A
Anderson's Square	Thought to have taken its name from John Anderson, a member of Houghton-le-Spring's Board of Health.	TWAS	Next to the Market Place.	
Ash Avenue	Named after ash trees.	Memory	See Lime Avenue.	N/A
Baker Street	Unknown.	1920 OS map	Located east of Sunderland Street. Not on the 1895 OS.	DH5 8BD
Balfour Street	Named after David Balfour, a civil engineer.	1958 OS map	Located east of Sunderland Street, next to Stanley Street, in the shadow of Hillside Farm. Not on the 1898 OS map.	DH5 8BA
Balmer Street	Named after the builders, Messers W.P and W.E Balmer.	1920 OS map	Balmer Street ran north-south, and was just underneath Low Hill Side. It connected to Sunderland Street, opposite the Ironside Street opening.	
Balmoral Crescent		1958 OS map		
Beech Avenue	Named after beech trees.	1939 OS map	Built alongside Burn Park Road in the early 1930s on the site of some allotments.	DH4 5DU
Bernard Shaw Street	An Irish playwright	HUIC A690 Plans	Located next to the north boundary of Rectory Park, next to Thackeray Street. Streets in this vicinity are named after literary greats. Bernard Shaw Street was built in the late 1920s.	DH4 5AY



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Bernard Street	Named after Rector Bernard Gilpin 1558-1583		Leads west from Wallace Street, in between Burn Park Road and Gilpin Street, Bernard Street was built circa 1904.	DH4 5DS
Birch Avenue	Named after birch trees.	Memory	See Lime Avenue.	N/A
Blind Well Lane	Named after a well in the vicinity of the road.	1858 OS map	Blind Well Lane is now known as Seaham Road. The well stood in what is now allotments.	N/A
Bowlby Street	Named after Reverend Thomas Bowlby	1895 OS map	Located behind the section of Newbottle St adjacent to Mautland Street and the present day Co-Op car park. Bowlby Street was built circa 1888.	N/A
Briar Avenue	Named after briar bushes.	1939 OS map	Built alongside Burn Park Road in the early 1930s on the site of some allotments.	DH4 5DY
Brinkburn Crescent			Leads to the Burnside Estate and Sunnyside	
Bruce's Yard	Named after Mr Bruce, shop proprietor from Newbottle Street	1903 Newspaper	Was located at the top of the now demolished Robinson Street, near top of Sunderland Street. Bruce's Yard is also mention on a 1914 birth certificate. In 2012 Mr Ball said his grandmother lived there until her death in 1946.	
Burdon Avenue		2008 Google Maps	Burdon and Dene are located next to Seaton Avenue and Seaham Rd in the New Town area.	
Burn Park Road	This street is in the vicinity of Houghton's burn and park, though the street was built before the Rectory grounds were unveiled as a public park in 1949.	1939 OS map	Burn Park Road first appears on the 1921 OS map and runs from the bottom of Wheler Street down to the base of Winters Bank.	DH4 5DQ



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Burn Promenade	Named after a section of Houghton burn which was culverted.	1939 OS map	Burn Promenade runs from Vine Place to Glebe Terrace.	DH4 5EJ
Burns Avenue North & South		1958 OS map		
Byron Terrace		1958 OS map		
Chaucer Street	Named after Geoffrey Chaucer, author	HUDC A690 Plans	Located between Dickens Street and Rectory Park. Streets in this vicinity are named after literary greats. Chaucer Street was built circa 1927.	
Church Street	Named owing to its vicinity of St Michael & All Angels Church.	1895 OS map	Church Street is a few yards south of the parish churchyard. It was originally known as Commons Lane.	DH4 5AU
Club Row	A club probably stoof on this street.	1858 OS map	Club Row was replaced with Union Street.	N/A
Cross Street	The street crosses from Gas House Lane/Sunrise Lane to Station Road.	1920 OS map	Located off Station Rd, and backed on to the gasometres and colliery. Cross Street does not appear on the 1898 OS map.	
Dairy Lane	A lane which passes the dairy.	1958 OS map	Dairy Lane was originally known as Newcastle Lane. A Dairy appears on the 1858 OS map, but the road is not labelled as Dairy Lane until the 1939 OS map (A1052). Dairy Lane runs from the bottom of Church Street to the base of Winters Bank.	DH4



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D'Arcy Street	Possibly named after George Frederick D'Arcy Lambton, 2nd Earl of Durham (September 5, 1828 – November 27, 1879), known as Viscount Lambton from 1831 to 1845.	1895 OS map	Hopper, Robinson, D'Arcy and George Street were all located on what is now the Co-Op car park. It was built around 1889.	N/A
Dene Avenue		2008 Google Maps	Burdon and Dene are located next to Seaton Avenue and Seaham Rd in the New Town area.	
Dene Gardens			Just off Gillas Lane East.	
Dickens Street	Named after Charles Dickens.	1939 OS map	Located north of Rectory Park, facing Burn Park Road. Streets in this vicinity are named after literary greats. Dickens Street was built circa 1927.	DH4 5AZ
Dunkirk Avenue		1958 OS map		
Durham Road	Named as the main road from Houghton to Durham.	1858 OS map	Durham Road runs from Durham to Sunderland, passing through Houghton-le-Spring. On the 1774 Glebe Map it is labelled as such.	DH4
Earsdon Road		1958 OS map	Located in the New Town area, next to Seaham Road.	
Edwin Street		1895 OS map	Located east of Sunderland St.	DH5 8AR
Elizabeth Street	Named after Elizabeth Ironside	1920 OS map	Located parallel with Mildred Street. Not on the 1895 OS.	DH5 8AT
Elm Place	Possibly named after elm trees.		Elm Place was a small block of houses in the southeast corner of Houghton's Market Place. It is thought to have stood on the location of the Le Spring family's manor house.	N/A



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Frederick Place	Unknown	1958 OS map	Located as a side street at the bottom of Sunderland Street, it led into the Lake grounds. The Wetherpoon's Wild Boar pub (formerly the Buffs) stands on this street.	DH4 7JY
Garden Place	Possibly named after the gardens in the vicinity.	1939 OS map	Located next to Pear Tree Place and Johnson Crescent at the north end of Newbottle Street. Kingdom Hall now stands where the Garden Place opening would have been.	N/A
Gas House Lane	The lane which lead to the Gasworks	1959 OS map	Located off Cross Street, and backed on to the gasometres and colliery, running east to an opening on Newbottle Street. Also known as Sunrise Lane or Sunrise House on Gas House Lane. The gasworks was established in 1834.	DH4 5AL
George Street	Named after George Hopper, owner of the nearby ironworks.	1895 OS map	Hopper, Robinson, D'Arcy and George Street were all located on what is now the Co-Op car park. George Street had an opening on Robinson Street and ran southerly to Mautland Street. It was originally known as Robinson's Street (not to be confused with Robinson Street).	N/A
Gillas Lane East & West aka High Gillas Lane & Low Gillas Lane	From the word Ghillies, an outdoor servant.	1861 OS map	Gillas Lane East (between Hetton Road and Hall Lane) and Gillas Lane West (between Hetton Road and Durham Road) formerly High Gillas Lane and Low Gillas Lane. Previously this lane from Durham Road up to the Copt Hill area was Gillas Lane, further on becoming Seaham Road. The section of Gillas Lane between Durham Road and Hetton Road had Low added, and between Hetton Road and Hall Lane had High added to the name Gillas when private houses and bungalows began to be built pre-WWII. A section on the right side of Gillas Lane above the Hall Lane junction was named Warden Grove when private houses were built there post WWII, opposite these, Council houses were built and remained just Gillas Lane and numbered, those in High and Low Gillas Lane were given and still have, house names only. Gillas and Gillis are derivations of Gillies, a Scottish word meaning servant, and a "Ghillie" was a term used for an outdoor servant. In times past the land owners in this area of Houghton-le-Spring would require the services of "Ghillies" or "Gillies". Hence "Gillies Lane" became "Gillas Lane".	



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Gilpin Street	Named after Rector Bernard Gilpin 1558-1583	1920 OS map	Leads west from Wallace Street, opposite Bernard Street. Gilpin Street was built around 1904.	DH4 5DR
Glebe Terrace	Built on glebe land, land owned by the Church.	1920 OS map	Located at the bottom of Grey Street, facing onto Burn Promenade. Glebe Terrace was built around 1909 and faced onto the burn before it was culverted.	DH4 5AG
Gravel Walks			From Elizabeth Street to an area behind the Market Place.	
Greenwood Avenue	Possibly named after the words 'green wood' owing to the areas leafy surrounds.	1939 OS map	Greenwood Avenue was built around 1932. It consists of 18 bungalows and is located between the Aged Miners' Homes on Dairy Lane and Burn Park Road.	DH4 5DF
Grey Horse Lane	Probably named after the pub which stood here.	1858 OS map	In the early 1800s, Robinson Street was then known as Grey Horse Lane. A public house stood on this street and was called the Grey Horse Inn. Grey Horse Lane became known as Robinson Street at about the same time that the neighbouring Robinson's Street became known as George Street.	N/A
Grey Street	Named after Rector John Grey (1847 - 1895)	1920 OS map	Grey Street runs from Newbottle Street down to the culverted burn (now known as Burn Promenade). It was built circa 1908.	DH4
Hall Lane	Named after Houghton Hall which stands on this lane.	1858 OS map	Hall Lane runs from the junction of Church Street and Nesham Place in a southerly direction to Gillas Lane.	DH5
Halliwell Street	Named after the holy well that Bede (735 AD) had drank from when he visited Houghton, and also the spring at the end of the Street.	1920 OS map	Located off Station Road, and backed on to the gasometres and colliery. Halliwell Street was built in 1902. Halliwell House stands at the end of this street and is said to have a spring in its garden.	DH4 5AQ



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Hazel Avenue	Named after hazel trees.	1939 OS map	Built alongside Burn Park Road in the early 1930s on the site of some allotments. Hazel Avenue was built circa 1933.	DH4 5EA
Heath Grange	Named after Heath House, the latter guise of Houghton's Union Workhouse.			
Henry Street	Thought to be named after Henry George Outram, a member of the Ironside family.	1920 OS map	Located parallel with Elizabeth Street. Not on the 1895 OS map. The Drill Hall stands on Henry Street.	DH5 8AS
Hetton Road	Named as the main road from Houghton to Hetton-le-Hole.	1858 OS map	Hetton Road runs from a fork in Durham Road and is depicted on the 1858 OS map but is not labelled as such until the 1939 OS map.	DH5
Hillside (High Hillside)		1895 OS map	Originally located opposite Hill Farm, next to Houghton Cut, to the west of Sunderland Street, High Hillside was parallel with Low Hillside. On the 1858 OS map it was down as Prospect Place and Houghton Terrace (see those entries). High Hillside does not appear on the 1958 OS map. It is now a wooded/grassed area with some remnants of the old stonework and wild growing plants from the old gardens!	N/A
Hillside (Low Hillside)		1895 OS map	Low Hillside was parallel with High Hillside. It is now a wooded/grassed area with some remnants of the old stonework and wild growing plants from the old gardens!	N/A
Hillside Way			Aka A182 - runs from A690 to top corner of Newbottle St	
Holly Avenue		1958 OS map		
Hopper Street	Named after George Hopper, owner of the nearby ironworks.	1895 OS map	Hopper, Robinson, D'Arcy and George Street were all located on what is now the Co-Op car park. Hopper Street was built on what was earlier known as Hopper's Row.	N/A



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Hopper's Row	Named after George Hopper, owner of the nearby ironworks.	1858 OS map	Hopper's Row was replaced with Hopper Street.	N/A
Hopper Square	Named after George Hopper, owner of the nearby ironworks.	1896 OS map	Hopper Square was located west of Sunderland Street, and was the area where Hopper's Iron Works was; known locally as 'the Square'. It is depicted on the 1896 OS map but is not labelled. 'Houghton-le-Spring UDC. Hopper Square. Clearance Order 1954' dated 29 Oct 1954 exists in the National Archives. Houghtonside Estate now stands in this area.	N/A
Houghton Terrace	Named after the town of Houghton-le-Spring which it looked down upon.	1853 drawing/plan	Located on the hillside, west of Sunderland Street, opposite what would become Hillside Cemetery, in 1853 Houghton Terrace was described as the highest houses in Houghton. It was later renamed (along with its neighbour Prospect Place) as High Hillside.	N/A
Ironside Street	Named after the Ironside family who owned the parcels of land around Houghton-le-Spring.	1920 OS map	Located east of Sunderland Street. Not on the 1895 OS. Apparently, there is no number 1 Ironside Street.	DH5 8AY
John Street		1958 OS map	Located in the New Town area, next to Seaham Road.	
Johnson's Crescent	Named after J. Johnson, owner of Houghton Quarry.	1939 OS map	Johnson's Crescent was a small row of maisonettes at the north end of Newbottle Street, in the vicinity of Garden Place and Pear Tree Place, just south of the Quarry. Johnson's Crescent was demolished in 1969/70.	N/A
Jubilee Cottages	Built at the time of the Silver Jubilee of King George V.	1939 OS map	Located along Burn Park Road, just down from Houghton town centre, Jubilee Cottages were built around 1935 for the Silver Jubilee of King George V. The lower section of houses (1-16) first appear on the OS Map of 1939, while the upper section (17-26) first appear on the 1959 OS Map.	
Kingsway		1958 OS map		



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Kirklee Lane	Named after the nearby Kirk Lee field, thought to be the site of a long-gone religious building.	1858 OS map	Kirklee Lane (sometimes Kirtley Lane) is now a footpath to the Kirklea fiend, alongside where 31 Nesham Place now stands.	N/A
Kirklea Road	Named after the nearby Kirk Lee field, thought to be the site of a long-gone religious building.	1958 OS map	Located in the New Town area, alongside Earsdon Road, John Street and Queensway.	DH5 8DP
Lake Road	Named after the pleasure lake which stood in this area in the 1880s.	1970 OS map	The B1404 was put through the area known as the Lake in the 1970s following the A690 dual-carriageway scheme which cut Houghton into two. It leads on to Seaham Road.	DH5
Lambton Street	Named after the Lambton family.	1895 OS map	Located at Grasswell within the shadow of Houghton Quarry. Lambton Street stood next to Newbottle Row and Quarry Row and was ideally located for those working in the colliery. It was demolished around 1965 and is now a grassed area.	N/A
Lilac Avenue		1958 OS map		
Lime Avenue	Named after lime trees.	1939 OS map	Built alongside Burn Park Road in the early 1930s on the site of some allotments. Numbers 2 to 16 were apparently originally known as 1 to 8 Ash Avenue. Numbers 1 to 15 were apparently originally known as 1 to 8 Birch Avenue.	DH4 5EE
Longfellow Street		1958 OS map		
Market Place	The site of an old market and village green.	1858 OS map	The site of the original village of Houghton and associated market. Modern dwelling houses were built here between 1960 and 1963 and the street took the name Market Place.	DH5 8AH
Marlowe Place		2009 Google	Located just off of Hall Lane. There are only six houses in this street.	DH5
Mautland Street		1895 OS map		DH4 4BH



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Mildred Street	Named after a member of the Ironside family, who once owned the land	1895 OS map	Mildred Street is located east of Sunderland Street, next to Edwin Street.	DH5 8AU
Milton Avenue		1958 OS map		
Moore Crescent North & South		1958 OS map		
Morris Terrace		1958 OS map	Located just off of Hall Lane.	DH5
Mount Pleasant	Possibly named because it was built on slight rise in an affluent part of Houghton.	1858 OS map	Located off Nesham Place, east of Houghton Hall.	DH5 8AQ
Nesham Place	The name derives from John Nesham, a coalmine and railway owner, but is often incorrectly spelt as 'Neasham', which is a place south-east of Darlington.	1895 OS map	Also referred to as Neasham Place, this affluent part of Houghton-le-Spring was also known as Quality Hill.	DH5 8AE
Newbottle Row	Named after the nearby village of Newbottle.	1895 OS map	Located at Grasswell within the shadow of Houghton Quarry. Newbottle Row stood next to Lambton Street and Quarry Row and was ideally located for those working in the colliery. It was demolished around 1965 and is now a grassed area.	N/A
Newbottle Lane	The road which leads to Newbottle village.	1858 OS map	See entry for Newbottle Street.	N/A
Newbottle Street	Named after the nearby village of Newbottle.	1895 OS map	Formerly known as Newbottle Lane, it became known as Newbottle Street (1896 os MAP). The west side was constructed from 1907.	DH4



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Newcastle Lane	The road which leads (eventually) to Newcastle upon Tyne.	1774 Glebe Land map	Newcastle Lane later became known as Dairy Lane.	N/A
Normandy Crescent		1958 OS map		
North Street		1958 OS map	Located opposite South St in the New Town area.	
Oak Avenue	Named after oak trees.	1939 OS map	Built alongside Burn Park Road in the early 1930s on the site of some allotments.	DH4 5DT
Outram Street	Thought to be named after Henry George Outram, a member of the Ironside family.	1920 OS map	Located east of Sunderland Street. Not on the 1895 OS map.	DH5 8AZ
Parkinson Terrace	Unknown	1908 Record	Location unknown. It was possibly next to Abbot Street and Station Road based on an Electric Lighting notice in a 1903 copy of the London Gazette. In a 1969 edition, it is mentioned next to Pit Row as part of public footpath stopping up orders.	N/A
Peartree Place	Thought to take its name from the trees that once stood in the area	1920 OS map	Just off Quarry Row, where the Comrades Club is, opposite former site of Houghton Pit	DH4 4AT
Pit Row	Named after the nearby colliery, Houghton Pit.	1858 OS map	Pit Row was located west of High & Low Hillside, up on Houghton's surrounding hill, within view of the colliery. It was behind Pear Tree Place, where Houghton Comrades is now. The overgrown old lane of Pit Row is still there amongst the trees and is littered with old bricks, stones and remnants from the backyards (such as stones to shore up the hillside). - its road/path could still be there behind the club! The 1920 OS map shows that the street was extended when compared to the 1858 OS map (this was possibly Swalwell Terrace, built circa 1901). By 1959, the eastern half of the street had been demolished and the whole street is absent from the 1970 OS map.	N/A



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Poplar Avenue	Named after poplar trees.	1939 OS map	Built alongside Burn Park Road in the early 1930s on the site of some allotments.	DH4 5DZ
Pottery Yard	Possibly name due to the sale of pottery in the area (or the manufacture of it).	1858 OS map	Pottery Yard is located next to Newbottle Street (and the demolished Bowlby Street). Currently only one building remains, that of an old woolen mill, as most of Pottery Yard and The Terrace was demolished in the 1960s.	DH4 4BA
Prospect Place	Possibly named for its magnificent elevated views of County Durham.	1858 OS map	See entry for High Hillside and Houghton Terrace.	N/A
Prospect Row	Possibly named to indicate those who lived there had good prospects from working in the colliery.	1858 OS map	Prospect Row stood alongside the railway leading into Houghton Colliery. It stood behind what is now the fuel station at Grasswell, next to Quarry Row. Prospect Row is depicted on the 1858 OS map; the 1896 edition shows that the street was extended to the south-east (it is unlabelled on the maps until 1939).	N/A
Quality Hill	Named after the affluence in this area of Houghton-le-Spring.	1858 OS map	See Nesham Place.	N/A
Quarry Row	Named after the nearby quarry. They were also built out of stone from the same quarry.	1858 OS map	Quarry Row was located at the north end of Newbottle Street, next to Grasswell, and in the vicinity of Houghton's quarry. By 1896, Quarry Row north was depicted. Both sides of the street were demolished in the 1960s and are now grassed over.	N/A
Queensway		1958 OS map	Located in the New Town area.	



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Robinson Street	Named after Mr George Robinson, builder.	1895 OS map	Robinson, Hopper, D'Arcy and George Streets were all located on what is now the Co-Op car park. This still appears on some maps as running parallel with the back of Newbottle Street in the supermarket's car park but that is in fact Bowlby Street. The entrance into Robinson Street from Newbottle Street still exists and leads to Houghton Snooker Club. See also Grey Horse Lane (former name of Robinson Street).	DH4 4AR
Robinson's Street	Named after Mr George Robinson, builder.	1858 OS map	Robinson's Street was later known as George Street. It connected with Grey Horse Lane, which later took the Robinson Street name.	N/A
Ryhope Street		1895 OS map	Located in the New Town area.	
Sancroft Drive	Named after Rector William Sancroft, Rector 1661 - 1664.	1958 OS map	Leads off west from Hetton Road, as a cul-de-sac, adjacent to Durham Road Cemetery.	DH5
Scott Street	Possibly named after Sir Walter Scott, a Scottish historical novelist.	1939 OS map	Scott Street runs parallel to Burn Promenade, north of the Rectory Park, connecting to the top of Burn Park Road. Streets in this vicinity are named after literary greats. It was built around 1927.	DH4 5AR
Seaham Road	The road which leads to Seaham.	1896 OS map	Seaham Road leads from Houghton's Market Place via Copt Hill and on to Seaham. It is recorded on the 1896 OS map as Seaham Road but the earlier map of 1858 has it down as Blind Well Lane.	DH5
Seaton Avenue		1958 OS map	Located in the New Town area.	
Shakespeare Street		1958 OS map		
Shields Place	Named after William Shields, who lived there.	1895 OS map	Located east of Sunderland Street, Shields Place was built circa 1874. Shields Place now forms the entrance to Heath Grange which stands on the site of the old workhouse. Number 1 Shields Place has an inscribed stone above the door which reads: SHIELDS PLACE 1894	DH5 8AX
South Street		1958 OS map	Located opposite North St in the New Town area.	



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Stanley Street	Unknown	1920 OS map	Located east of Sunderland Street, next to Baker Street, in the shadow of Hillside Farm. Not on the 1898 OS map.	DH5 8BB
Station Road	Named in anticipation of a branch line being built from the Leamside to Pelaw railway line.	1895 OS map	This lane is depicted on the 1858 OS map but has no houses on it until the 1896 edition. Station Road leads to Brinkburn Crescent and now has a couple of public car parks located on it.	DH4
Stevenson Street	Unknown; possibly named after an author.	1939 OS map	Located north of Rectory Park, next to Scott Street. Streets in this vicinity are named after literary greats. Stevenson Street was built circa 1927.	DH4 5AT
Stocksfield Place	Unknown.	1896 OS map	See Stocksfield Terrace	N/A
Stocksfield Terrace	Unknown.	1896 OS map	Stocksfield Terrace was the middle one of 3 cottages situated up the side of the Black Lion pub on Sunderland Street. It was also known as Stocksfield Place. The buildings were demolished in the 1960s to make way for the A690 dual-carriageway.	N/A
Sunderland Street	Named as the main road from Houghton to Sunderland.	1895 OS map		
Sunrise Lane	Unknown	2008 Google Maps	Located off Cross Street, and backed on to the gasometres and colliery, running east to an opening on Newbottle Street. Also known as Gas House Lane or Sunrise House on Gas House Lane.	DH4 5AL
Swalwell Terrace	Unknown	1969 document	See Pit Row. Swalwell Terrace was an extension to Pit Row, added on around 1901. It is mentioned in a 1969 edition of the London Gazette regarding stopping up orders.	N/A
Thackeray Street	Named after William Makepeace Thackeray, author of Vanity Fair: A Novel without a Hero	1939 OS map	Located next to the north boundary of Rectory Park, next to Bernard Shaw Street. Streets in this vicinity are named after literary greats. Thackeray Street was built circa 1927.	DH4 5AX



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STREET NAME	NAME ORIGIN	SOURCE	LOCATED	POSTCODE
The Broadway	The Broadway acquired its name when the land between the Church and Rectory grounds was opened up and expanded in the early 1950s.	1959 OS map	This area of Houghton, between the Church and Rectory grounds, is listed on the 1959 OS map, but was always known as Durham Road (even on the predecesing 1939 OS map).	DH4
The Close		2009 Google	Located next to Kingsway and Windsor Crescent	DH5
The Green			Next to the Gravel Walks, in an area behind the Market Place.	
The Quay	The Quay was a section of Church Street which was raised, as though it was a quayside.	1858 OS map	See Church Street.	N/A
The Riggs		1958 OS map	A cul-de-sac off of Windsor Crescent in the New Town area.	
The Terrace	A small terrace.		Next to Pottery Yard	N/A
Thomas Husband Street		1958 OS map	Located in the New Town area, next to Seaham Road. They were old stone built houses with a back yard and a bay windowed front.	
Thornhill Street	Named after Thornhill Tower, Sunderland which was lived in by John Wallace Taylor, who owned land in the vicinity.	1920 OS map	Thornhill Street is located at the back of the police station and magistrates' court, next to Houghton Villa. John Wallace Taylor gave names to Wallace, Violet and Thornhill Streets in Houghton-le-Spring.	DH4 5BE
Union Street	Named after the Houghton-le-Spring Poor Law Union.	1895 OS map	Union Street was originally known as Club Row and was located at the north end of Newbottle Street. A roundabout on the A182 now marks the spot where the entrance to this street once stood.	N/A



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STREET NAME	NAME ORIGIN	SOURCE	LOCATED	POSTCODE
Violet Street	Named after Violet Taylor, daughter of John Wallace Taylor, who owned land in the vicinity.	1920 OS map	Violet Street connects Thornhill Street to Burn Park Road. It was built circa 1903. John Wallace Taylor gave names to Wallace, Violet and Thornhill Streets in Houghton-le-Spring.	DH4 5BD
Vine Place	Unknown.	1858 OS map	Located north of the Rectory grounds as a side street of Newbottle Street, Vine Place connects up with Burn Promenade. It is depicted on the 1858 OS map but is not labelled until the 1920 edition.	DH4 5AS
Wallace Street	Named after John Wallace Taylor, who owned land in the vicinity.	1920 OS map	Wallace Street links Dairy Lane to Burn Park Road. In 1896 it was depicted as an unnamed lane. Wallace Street was built circa 1903. John Wallace Taylor gave names to Wallace, Violet and Thornhill Streets in Houghton-le-Spring.	DH4 5BQ
Waller Terrace	An Anti-Aircraft shell exploded in Waller Terrace, Houghton le Spring, seriously injuring one man and one woman on 11/03/1943	1958 OS map		
Warden Grove		1958 OS map		
Warwick Drive		1958 OS map	Adjacent to Durham Road Cemetery and leads on to Hetton Road.	
Wheler Street	Named after Rector George Wheler, Rector 1710 - 1723.	1958 OS map	An offshoot of Newbottle Street, opposite the Mautland Street opening. It was built circa 1908 and prior to that was a field intersected by Houghton burn.	DH4 5AD
William Street	Named after Mr William Prudhoe, builder.	1858 OS map	Accessed east of Sunderland Street, William Street lead to the Police Station and Workhouse. It was built by Mr William Prudhoe and was extended between the 1858 and 1896 OS maps.	N/A
Windsor Crescent		1958 OS map		



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Wordsworth Avenue East & West	Named after William Wordsworth.	1958 OS map		

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