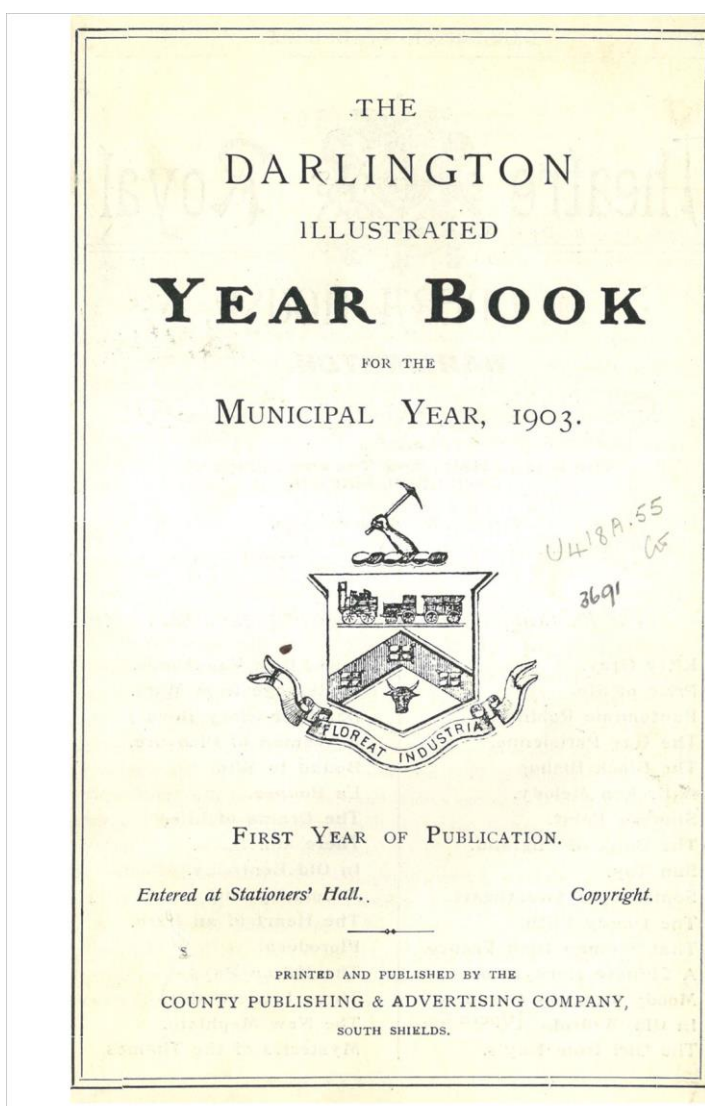


The Darlington Illustrated Year Book for the Municipal Year, 1903



This was the first (and only? Let us know if you have come across later editions) of the Darlington year book, a slim volume with details of Committees, Magistrates, postal information, lists of public buildings, offices, and lists of trades unions. There are tram timetables for North Road and Cockerton, a list of places of divine worship and more unusually the National Telephone Company Limited - a list of Darlington Subscribers with names addresses and their telephone numbers, surely one the first telephone directories for the town.

Every left hand page of the book has adverts for Darlington shops and businesses. The adverts have information about the company, photographs or drawings of the stock for sale sometimes with prices or even one or two have photographs of the shop front with proud staff outside. Adverts are always interesting, whether they help with your research or just provide amusement and fascination at the goods on sale. Come into the Centre for Local Studies to see it.