



North East England February IT Session

We would like to invite you to the March 2026 Intensive Training Session for the North East of England region. This event will be held at:

St Thomas Moore Roman Catholic Academy
85 Lynn Rd
North Shields
NE29 8LF

on Saturday 21st March 2026.
Andy Watson, Iaido Bucho.

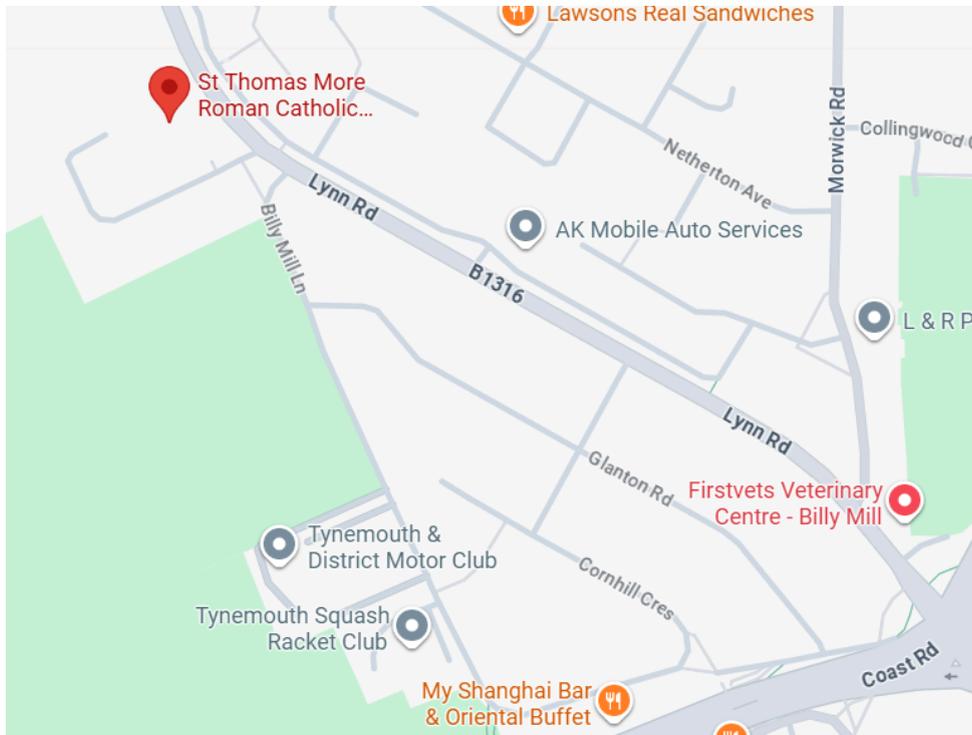
The IT Session will be led by the following Regional Squad Trainers

Hugh Darby, Renshi 6th Dan
Kevin McNeill, 5th Dan



Venue

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/44WubetCP1KwYbwAA>



Information

By Car:

Turn off the coast road (A1058) onto Lynn road, the car park will be on the left hand side.

Parking:

Parking on site is free

Public Transport:

There are buses available from Newcastle city centre to just outside the venue. Bus information is available via google maps

Rail Information: Can be obtained from the following website - www.nationalrail.co.uk

Schedule

Please note, training will start **promptly** at 09:30. Please arrive in ample time so that you are ready to start training at that time.

09:15 - Registration

09:30 - Session start

13:30 - Lunch

14:00 - Session resumes

16:30 - Event closes

Price

The event has a fixed price of £20 for all members.

Accommodation

There are a number of hotels in Newcastle city centre which is about a 20 minute drive from the venue. There is also a Premier inn at North Shields Ferry Terminal which is 3 miles from the venue

www.premierinn.com

Lunches

****important**: There will not be time for participants to leave the venue to find food during the session, or the associated lunch break (Lunch is strictly limited to 30 minutes) It is therefore VITAL that you bring a packed lunch and any drinks that you require.**

Booking

BKA Members

The seminar will be capped at 60 places due to hall size limitations.

Please book onto this event through the online booking system by going through your [Account](#)

Please make sure that you have booked:

laido Intensive Training Session (North East)
21-03-2026

If you have any problems with the online booking system, please contact the Events Officer.

If you have a credit from a previous event do not book online. Instead email the laido Events Officer who will manually add your name to the list

Cancellation and refund

If the event is cancelled for reasons beyond our control, all booking fees will be refunded or transferred to another event.

Cancellations for personal reasons must be received in writing (email) by 21st of February for a full refund.

If you do not cancel, no refund will be made.

Under 18

Any juniors wishing to attend this seminar should contact the Events Officer before registering (email addresses below).

Juniors who are not with their guardians are assumed to be under the care of their

Dojo Leader or

Appropriate Adult. Please inform the relevant Bucho by email the name of the responsible person.

Notes on this event

Videoed embu

Towards the end of the training session, participants will be asked to make a demonstration of 5 kata and reiho. Our plan is to record these embu in order to use them for player selection in the National Squad.

Should you not wish to participate in this, please inform the Squad Trainers present at the event during the lunch break.

Senior grade participation

Senior grades (i.e. 6th and 7th dan) are welcome to come and participate in these IT sessions.

It should be emphasised though that the leading, teaching and coaching at these events will be delivered solely by the named Regional Squad Trainers.

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