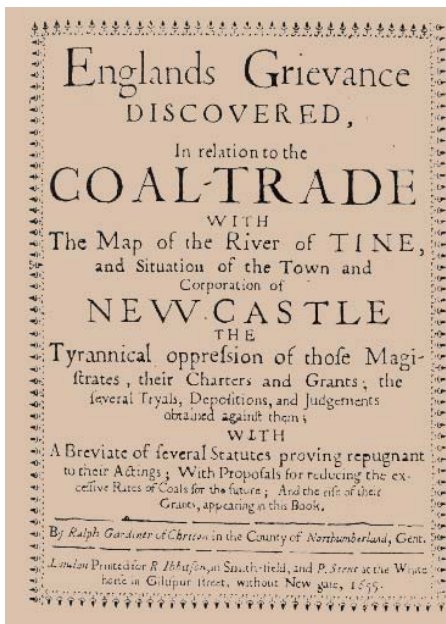


## England's Grievance Discovered

**I**n the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century Newcastle corporation and the city guilds had the rights to control most work and business along the River Tyne. Even though Newcastle had supported the King, Parliament did not take away these privileges when the Civil war ended.



Men from North and South Shields challenged the Newcastle monopoly, foremost among them Ralph Gardiner. Ralph was a brewer sent to prison in 1652 for supplying ships with beer. While he was in prison he petitioned Parliament to investigate what he claimed was the abusive and crooked Newcastle stranglehold on trade.

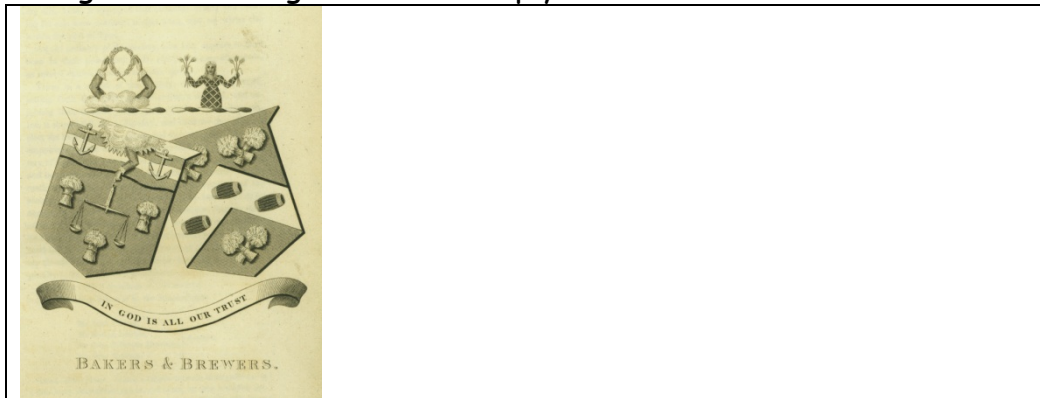
Unfortunately Parliament was dissolved by Cromwell before any action was taken and all Ralph could do was publish the evidence in his book *England's Grievance Discovered*.

### Activity 1

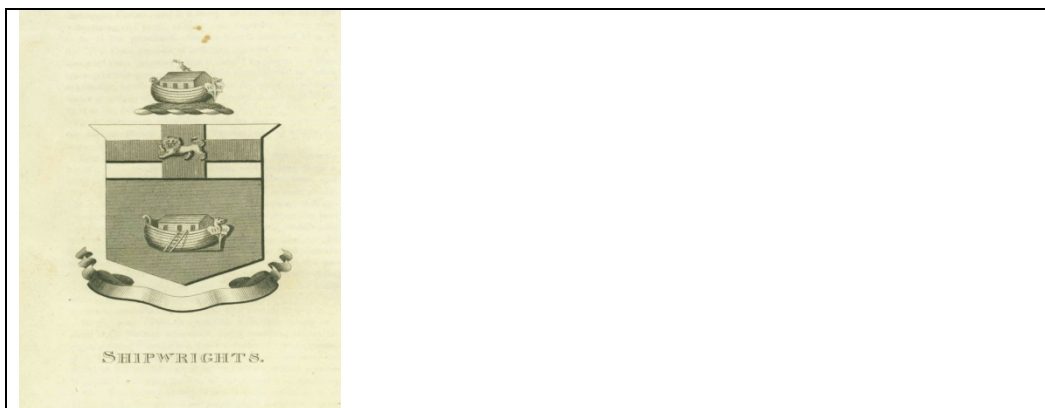
- Two of the Newcastle guilds that Ralph Gardiner challenged were the Bakers and Brewers and Shipwrights. Research and make a list of the kind of rules that trade guilds had and how these rules protected their members.

Rules I have discovered.....

- Look at the Guild badges for the Bakers and Brewers and Shipwrights (Sources 1 & 2). Explain how they signify their trades using these writing frames to help you.



Design feature	Meaning
wheat sheaf	



Design feature	Meaning
Noah's Ark	

