The Angel of the North

Amazing facts

- It is believed to be the largest angel sculpture in the world
- It is one of the most viewed pieces of art in the world - seen by more than one person every second, 90,000 every day or 33 million every year
- It is one of the most famous artworks in the region - almost two thirds of people in the North East had already heard of the Angel of the North before it was built
- Its 54 metre (175 foot) wingspan is bigger than a Boeing 757 or 767 jet and almost the same as a Jumbo jet
- It is 20 metres (65 feet) high - the height of a five storey building or four double decker buses
- It weighs 200 tonnes - the body 100 tonnes and the wings 50 tonnes each
- There is enough steel in it to make 16 double decker buses or four Chieftain tanks
- It will last for more than 100 years
- It will withstand winds of more than 100 miles (=161 kilometres) per hour
- Below the sculpture, massive concrete piles 20 metres deep anchor it to the solid rock beneath
- It is made of weather resistant Cor-ten steel, containing a small amount of copper, which forms a patina on the surface that mellows with age
- The total cost of The Angel of the North was £800,000