



### FESTIVAL OF THE VIEWS 2015!

Take part in Festival of the Views this August! The Festival will run from the 1st to 3rd August and will use views from around Teesdale to inspire local people, as well as celebrating the influence Teesdale's landscape had on famous painters and poets.

The Festival kicks off on Saturday 1st August with a watercolour workshop with local artist Anne Mason. The participants will be taking inspiration from local views. All abilities are welcome. On Saturday there will also be a walking Photography Workshop led by photographer David Williams around the iconic views of Barnard Castle. He will give you tips and advice on how to best capture a photo of a view!

On Sunday 2nd August there will be a 12 mile guided walk that will show off some of the most iconic views in Teesdale. The walk will take in views such as Egglestone Abbey, Brignall Old Church, Scotchman's Stone and Meeting of the Waters.

On Monday 3rd August there will be a family activity creating 'Marvellous Mosaics' inspired by local views using natural and recycled materials. Later on Monday there will also be talk Monks, Millers and Marblers by one of our volunteers Peter Singer. It will take you on a journey down the Tees covering the heritage of the river and the impact it has had on local communities and industries.

This event is free of charge however some activities require booking. Please see the events listings overleaf.

#### Keep up to date with the Heart of Teesdale's activities!

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### DEEPDALE WOOD FEST!



Over 300 people turned out for Deepdale Wood Fest in May and the feedback was fantastic! Thank you to our volunteers who came along to help with the smooth running of the event. People who attended took part in woodland cooking, willow weaving, river dipping, storytelling and a nature trail. Many also took away free wildflower seeds and information about our events and projects!



### PROJECT UPDATE: Stone Academy

The Stone Academy has been established through joint work with Vernacular Architectural Revival, Heritage Craft Alliance, Cross Lanes and colleges. The Heritage Craft Alliance leading on an Apprenticeship Programme.

Courses for Level 1 and 2 Heritage Construction are due to commence July 2015. 2 x Level 3 apprenticeships will take place from September to December 2015.

All the courses are full as 20 trainees should gain Level 2 accreditation.

## PROJECT UPDATE: Greta Way

This project is part of the Paths for All People project. Works to improve the route are underway (see below) and will also include new signage and way marking, and a walking leaflet. The works are due to be complete by March at the latest.

## PROJECT UPDATE: Environmental Volunteering

To coincide with the works along the Greta, volunteers have been clearing the path from Brignall Old Church along the River Greta to Brignall Mill. This work has involved hacking back where the path was overgrown, putting in steps, widening the path in places and clearing out alternative pathways for when the river rises and floods part of the walk. This work has been invaluable as it's not possible to get machinery to some areas. If you have walked the River Tees, why not explore the beauty of the River Greta. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Karen Collins

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### Event: SOCIAL MEDIA CAFÉ with Emma Hignett

**First Thursday of every month!**

**The Witham 10am-11am**

An opportunity to have your social media queries answered and network with others. Businesses, community groups and individuals all welcome.

### Event: TRAILS THROUGH TEESDALE Guided Walks

**9<sup>th</sup> August** – The Gruffalo Comes to Flatts Wood! Family friendly walk following the story of the Gruffalo. Includes activities along the way (1.5 miles)

**13<sup>th</sup> September** –Eggleston and Romalldkirk Circular (6 miles)

Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

### Event: FESTIVAL OF THE VIEWS 2015!

#### 1ST AUGUST

#### View Watercolour Workshop

11am – 4pm

The Witham, Barnard Castle

#### Walking Photography Workshop

2pm –5pm

Barnard Castle

#### 2ND AUGUST

#### 12 mile Guided Walk

10am–4pm

Starting at Whorlton

#### 3RD AUGUST

#### Marvellous Mosaics! (5+ years)

2-5pm Barningham Village Hall

#### Monks, Millers and Marblers Talk

7.30-9pm

St Mary's Parish Hall, Barnard Castle

#### Event: REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS TALK

13th August 7pm

The Witham

Most events are FREE however a returnable deposit may be required.

**For more information and to book please contact**

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## PROJECT UPDATE: Riverlab

This year, with Tees River Trust, the children from Bowes Hutchinson were able to investigate one of their own local tributaries of the Tees. With the co-operation of one of the local farmers, the school can now access the small wooded valley surrounding the beck, over a brand new stile.

The Year 5's and Year 6's came admirably prepared for whatever the weather, as you can see, and had great hands-on fun. They were surprised that we actually get into the water to find the animals! They enjoyed identifying them, and, as they were focussing on Riverflies this year, learnt a lot more about the riverfly life cycles back in the classroom. They then went on to use their sketches from the river side to help with printing life cycle tea-towels, with amazing results!



## Staff Changes

Many of you will be sad to hear that Susie Lane, one of our Community Officers, is moving onto pastures new. Susie has been a fantastic asset to the Partnership and will be greatly missed. We wish her equal success in her new role at Cumbria Wildlife Trust as a Peatland Restoration Trainee.