



HEART OF TEESDALE

Landscape Partnership

NEWSLETTER May 2015



COME ALONG TO DEEPDALE WOODFEST!

Why not come along to this free family friendly event set in the beautiful Deepdale Woods? The event will be held on Saturday 16 May from 11am to 3pm in Deepdale Woods, Startforth.

There will be a variety of fun activities and demonstrations including woodland cooking, willow weaving, river dipping, storytelling and a nature trail!

This event is to celebrate the Heart of Teesdale's work over the last 6 months and there will be information available about the work of the Partnership including progress of projects and ways you can get involved such as volunteering.

This event is free of charge and all ages are welcome. Please be aware that the event is being held in the woods so sensible clothing and footwear is advised especially if wanting to participate in river dipping. Please note that parking and public toilets are only available in Barnard Castle.

PROJECT UPDATE: Teesdale Dialect Project

This project is to discover, record and broadcast audio that highlights the culture and distinctive character of Teesdale. To date little work has been done to record this dialect properly for future generations. The long term aim is to leave a legacy of recordings in a format accessible to all. Radio Teesdale is asking anyone interested in getting involved to get in touch.

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

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PROJECT UPDATE:

Gainford Church Interpretation

This project was part funded through our Community Initiatives Fund and has created permanent interpretation panels inside the church of the natural, social and spiritual history of Gainford.

A dedication ceremony was held at the beginning of May with the Bishop of Jarrow. The church is open to the public at most times so please pop in to see them!



PROJECT UPDATE:

Geology in the Park

This project is funded through our Community Initiatives Fund and led by Play at Cotherstone. Final work is taking place before a formal opening event! The project aims to provide a place within Cotherstone Play Park where people of the dale and visitors alike can learn and interact with the geology of the dale. The project includes the creation of a stone pyramid with layers that represent local geology and the historic and/or contemporary uses to which each type has been put. The stone used was locally sourced and includes Whin Stone, Limestone and Sandstone.

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PROJECT UPDATE: Historic Landscapes

Work has now been completed to replace old and tired boundary fencing at Egglestone Abbey. Over the next few months work will begin to restore the Red Well in Barnard Castle to working order. As part of the Traditional Farm Buildings project, volunteers have received training and have already surveyed about 60 traditional farm buildings. If you are interested in volunteering or have any buildings you would like to put forward, please get in touch.

PROJECT UPDATE: Romaldkirk Jubilee Footpath

This project formed part of the Paths for All People project and aimed to restore a pavement sett in Romaldkirk Village. The pavement was originally installed to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 and reads '1837 VRI 1897'. The sandstone commemorative sett has now undergone restoration, using original stone where possible.

HEART OF TEESDALE ON AIR!

Heart of Teesdale have teamed up with local radio station Radio Teesdale to promote the work of the Partnership so keep a listen out for us!

Event: DEEPPDALE WOOD FEST!

Saturday 16th May, 11am-3pm

Deepdale, Startforth

Join us for woodland cooking, willow weaving, river dipping, storytelling, a nature trail... and more! Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing. No booking required.

Event: GREEN WOOD WORK

Saturday 20th June. 10.30am - 4pm.

Venue TBC

This one day course will introduce you to the basics of working with green wood and give you the chance to carve your own wooden spoon. The course will be led by Keith Ferry from Woodland Connections.

Event: TRAILS THROUGH TEESDALE Guided Walks

14th June – Cotherstone West Circular

12th July - Bowes West Circular

Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

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: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TRAINING

Sat 27th June, 10am-4pm

Venue TBC

This workshop aims to train teachers, youth leaders, parents etc. in how to engage children and young people in outdoor and environmental learning. Topics covered include ideas for fun outdoor activity sessions- capturing the imagination and encouraging participation, exploring the outdoors through the senses, resources and materials to use in the outdoors and much more!

Event: 'LEARN HOW TO MOW' SCYTHING COURSE

3rd July, 9.30am – 5pm

Demesnes Meadows, Barnard Castle

This introductory course for beginners and improvers will teach you to mow with an Austrian Scythe. It will be run by scything expert Steve Tomlin with help from Neil Diment. The course cost is £40 per person (50% subsidy). To book please contact Michael King, BC Town Council Clerk 01833 690970 michael.king@barnardcastletowncouncil.gov.uk

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

For more information and to book please contact Susie Lane on 03000 264903 or susanne.lane@durham.gov.uk



PROJECT UPDATE: Crafts and Skills in the Community

This project has continued to attract good numbers to courses including Proddy Jewellery Making (pictured above) and a two day Ceramics course.

The project along with the Landscape Discovery programme is also offering funding to schools for extra-curricular activities that relate to traditional crafts or nature and outdoor activities.

This is available to primary schools, nurseries or organisations and groups engaging with children of primary school age within the Heart of Teesdale area.

These schools and groups are invited to apply to the Heart of Teesdale for funding of between £200 and £500 for contracting a practitioner to run activities or for the purchase of the resources they require to run activities. These sessions will need to be held between now and December 2015.



PROJECT UPDATE: Lost Landscapes

The Lost Landscapes project aims to stem the loss of natural features of the landscape, and ensure the revival and renewal of key species and habitats. It involves surveys, habitat restoration or creation and management of key sites, with the aim to improve the biodiversity value of the site.

Recently this project has helped plant fruit trees as part of the Veg Out project and plant a herb garden with volunteers at Charles Dickens Lodge.