

HEART OF TEESDALE ANNUAL FORUM 2014 'The Heart of Teesdale through the Seasons'

Wednesday 10th December 7-9pm
The Witham Hall

Our Annual Forum this year will have a 'Teesdale through the Seasons' theme and will celebrate our activities and achievements from the last year.

If you want to get a chance to find out a bit more about the Partnership, come along and find out about our activities and achievements and our plans for the future.

You will get the chance to hear from Partnership Manager Alex Sijpesteijn and our Chairman Graham Young plus there will be presentations from three of our projects! There will also be the opportunity to meet staff, our projects and members!

There will be another chance to see our 'Teesdale through the Seasons' film.

Refreshments will be available so join us for a mince pie!

Booking is not required but it would be helpful to let us know if you plan to attend. **Please contact Susie Lane on 03000 264903 or susanne.lane@durham.gov.uk**

PROJECT UPDATE: Teesdale Through the Seasons

Aspiring film maker Rupert Ludlow has produced a short not-for-profit film using the four seasons to explore the nature of life in the dale.

As well as the changing landscape, it follows the lives of four residents – botanist Dr Margaret Bradshaw, Barnard Castle Town Councillor and Green Campaigner Thom Robinson, artist Ann Mason and Mickleton farmer Edwin Parkin.

The film has taken more than 18 months to complete and is in the process of various screenings. This includes our Annual Forum!

The film will also be submitted to various film festivals.

For two-minute teasers please visit
www.artworksinteesdale.org/teesdale-film-project

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PROJECT UPDATE: Teesdale Views

We are pleased to announce the winner of our photo competition was Nick Webley with 'Greta's Bed'. The top 25 photos were exhibited in The Witham Hall for two weeks and a mini 'Festival of the views held at the beginning of November. A larger Festival is planned for 2015.



PROJECT UPDATE: Hutton Magna Heritage Trail

This project was funded through our Community Initiatives Fund. The residents of Hutton Magna have worked together to create a heritage trail around the village depicting points of interest and local features.

The information board, situated on the village green opposite the 'Oak Tree Inn' features knowledge and artistic input from local community members of all ages.

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our two new Advisory Group members Sue Berresford and Neil Diment.

Sue Berresford has an interest in hill walking and has previously been involved in regeneration projects in Barnard Castle.

Neil Diment has a background in heritage and interpretation. He is also involved with the Music at the Heart of Teesdale and Upper Desmesnes Hay Meadow projects.

They are both looking forward to being part of the wider partnership!

PROJECT UPDATE: Healthy Minds

This project comes under our Increasing Access Programme and aims to support people with enduring mental health problems in environmental volunteering.

This will include taster activities within local care providers/ centres offering mental health support services, a weekly practical volunteering task, and collection from various care providers or homes as required and transport to activity sites.

Taster sessions have begun and weekly sessions are due to start this month. Volunteers will be engaged in a range of activities including Rhododendron clearance, tree planting, footpath improvements, bird and bat box building, gardening and allotment activities and various training.

Event: SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING
Saturday 22nd November, 9.30am-12pm
Teesdale School, Barnard Castle

Tutor Emma Hignett will introduce how to create profiles on the most popular social media sites including Facebook and Twitter, and how to use those profiles to raise awareness and increase interaction.

Event: FAMILY HISTORIES - 2 DAY COURSE
Friday 28th November, 6.30pm-9.30pm
Winston Village Hall, Winston
AND
Saturday 29th November, 9.30am-4.30pm
Teesdale School, Barnard Castle

Professional family history researcher Sandra Underwood will give an insight into the different methods used for investigating family history, available resources for assisting research and various ways to record and display your family tree.

Event: FESTIVE FLOWER ARRANGING
Saturday 13th December, 10am-4pm
Whorlton Village Hall, Whorlton

Get inspired by the beautiful landscapes of the local area to make a festive wreath and floral creation. Led by Jules Deehan.

Event: SUSTAINABLE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT COURSE
Saturday 24th January, 10am-4pm
The Witham and Deepdale Woods

The course will be led by Keith Ferry who has over 30 years' experience in conservation woodland management.

The course will involve an indoor session in the morning covering the theory and then an afternoon out in Deepdale Woods getting practical experience of woodland management techniques.

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



PROJECT UPDATE:

Field Boundary

Phil Rowell lifted the trophy as champion in the Durham Hedgelaying Competition. The event took place at on the banks of the River Tees at Burnfoot Farm, Eggleston, Barnard Castle and attracted 17 competitors.

Alongside the competition, there was also a two-day hedgelaying course for beginners – which introduced them to the tools required for hedge laying and gave the trainees the chance to try techniques such as clearing, trimming, the cutting and laying of pleachers and staking.

Rebecca Beeston, landscape officer, Durham County Council, said: "Events such as this help to highlight the importance of preserving hedgerows, which provide crucial habitats for many animal and plant species as well as being key components of the landscape"



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PROJECT UPDATE: Wildlife – Past and Present

Recent sightings of Red Squirrels in Teesdale have led Durham Wildlife Trust to add the species to their project Wildlife – Past and Present.

The project aims to carry out a survey near to where they have been sighted using 'hair tubes'-A tube baited with nuts and seeds with a velcro strip to collect hair from visiting squirrels.

The other species are the Dormouse, the Water Vole, the Otter and the Birds Eye Primrose.