

FESTIVAL OF THE VIEWS 2014

We are holding our first Festival of the Views on the 1st and 2nd November! The aim of the festival is to celebrate the wonderful views throughout our area, some of which have been the focus of famous paintings and sketches, by artists such as Cotman and Turner. Over two days we are putting on a number of different events that will encourage the public to appreciate these views and understand their historical significance.

Saturday 1st November

Sketching with Watercolours

11am-4pm, The Witham Room, Barnard Castle. **Booking required.**

Join Anne Mason for a lesson in using watercolours to sketch a painting of an inspirational view.

The classic ground of Rokeby – the development of a tourist attraction

7 -8.30pm, The Witham Room, Barnard Castle

Local historian Michael Rudd will give his fascinating talk about the history of the Rokeby estate and its attraction to a variety of artists.

Sunday 2nd November

Walks with Poets and Painters (Barnard Castle to Egglestone Abbey)

9.30 – 12.30, Start at the Bowes Museum. **Booking required.**

Michael Rudd will lead this guided walk giving an insight into the cultural history of this area of Teesdale.

Felt picture making session for children

12.30-3.30pm, Winston Village Hall. **Booking required.**

Join Sara Cox for an introductory session to felt picture making. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Age 9+.

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



PROJECT UPDATE: Traditional Farming Buildings Project

This project aims to promote and record traditional farm buildings throughout our area. Training sessions have been previously held and we have now secured the help of Jen Deadman, Historic Buildings Consultant, who is going to lead a programme of training, followed by volunteer led surveying of traditional farm buildings. If you are interested in taking part, please see the events section for details of the training or contact Honia Devlin on 03000 260830 or honia.devlin@durham.gov.uk



PROJECT UPDATE: Lost Landscapes

This project aims to restore or create areas for wildlife. A number of sites have now been identified and some work has got underway. Two new other holts have been created and work on improving a meadow site just off the Tees Railway Path about to begin. If you know of any suitable sites that could be improved or restored or are an organisation or community group looking to create more homes for nature, even in a small way, please do get in touch. Contact Susie Lane on 03000 264903 or susanne.lane@durham.gov.uk

TEESDALE VIEWS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Our photography competition is still open for entries until the **30th September**. We are looking for photographs of your favourite views of the Heart of Teesdale area, whether that be an iconic view such as Egglestone Abbey or an unknown view you wish us to celebrate.

The competition is open to all ages and abilities and the top 25 photos will be exhibited at the Witham for two weeks (see event details below). Prizes include a one-to-one workshop with Phillip Dove, renowned landscape photographer from the North East, and £200 worth of vouchers for photographic equipment.

For more information visit the downloads section of our website and download the information pack and submission form.

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

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SEEKING NEW ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS!

We are currently looking to recruit new members to our Advisory Group. Positions are voluntary and unpaid, though travel expenses will be paid in appropriate cases. The Advisory Group meets about once every 2 months to discuss the activities of the Partnership and give guidance to the partners and HoT staff. It is a great opportunity to become involved with the Heart of Teesdale and have an input into the decisions made.

For more information contact Alex Sijpesteijn on 03000 260842 or alex.sijpesteijn@durham.gov.uk

Event: TEESDALE VIEWS PHOTO COMPETITION EXHIBITION

Thursday 23rd October – Thursday 6th November

The Witham Gallery. Open 10am-4pm Mon, Wed-Sat.

This exhibition will showcase the top 25 photographs entered into our photo competition. The photos will highlight the wonderful views of the Heart of Teesdale area, including iconic and newly discovered views. The exhibition is free.

Event: TEESDALE VIEWS EXHIBITION AND TEESDALE THROUGH THE SEASONS FILM LAUNCH

Thursday 23rd October 5.30-7pm

The Witham, Barnard Castle

This evening event will be the launch of the photo competition exhibition with the announcement of the winner and commended entries. The evening will also serve as the preview for the 'Teesdale Through the Seasons' short film, which has been commissioned by the Heart of Teesdale to showcase the beauty of Teesdale. The event is free and open to all.

Event: TRADITIONAL FARM BUILDING SURVEYING TRAINING

We are organising further training on how to survey traditional farm buildings.

Tuesday 7th October and Saturday 10th October 10 – 12am

Tues - St Mary's Parish Hall, Barnard Castle

Sat – The Witham Room, Barnard Castle

Introductory meetings to find out about the project.

Saturday 25th October and Sunday 26th October, 10am – 4pm

Romaldkirk Reading Rooms

Hands-on training sessions in how to survey traditional farm buildings and contribute to this important project.

Event: FUNGAL FORAY

Saturday 11th October 10.30am-12.30pm

Meet at Scar Top, Barnard Castle

Gordon Simpson from Darlington and Teesdale Naturalists Field Club will lead us through Flatts Wood uncovering the fascinating world of fungi.

Event: APPLE DAY

Saturday 4th October 10am-3pm

Scar Top, Barnard Castle

Come along for a day of apple fun! There will be an apple expert, apple games, apple juicing, apple crafts and much more! For more information please contact Angela on 07785251906.

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.

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PROJECT UPDATE: Hockney Printmaking Sessions

These sessions have been funded through our Crafts and Skills Project. Adults, teachers, primary and secondary school children have enjoyed creating prints, gaining their inspiration from the local landscape seen through the windows of The Bowes Museum.

Under the expert guidance of Vicky Holbrough, attendees have learned a variety of printing techniques. One happy participant commented, "A wonderful day with a knowledgeable artist. Lovely to explore 'landscapes' in a new medium."



STAFF UPDATE:

Sarah Smith, Community Officer is set to return from Maternity Leave in October. She will return two days a week (Thursday and Friday) and will return to many of her former roles including managing the Community Initiatives Fund.

Susie Lane will be continuing with the Heart of Teesdale as Community Officer. She will mainly be focussed on delivering projects such as Landscape Discovery and Lost Landscapes.

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