

Final Report
Story Telling in Cotherstone Community Park

Name of Project	Storytelling and Tales about the landscape and people of Teesdale
Funding allocation	£1800
Short introduction to the project	The intention was to provide and appreciation of the landscape and its impact on the people of Teesdale, that had a multigenerational appeal by using storytellers in the community park. The park has a storytelling bench, with a wonderful view of the dale. A number of storytelling sessions were planned across a few seasons and years.
Aims and objectives of the project and how they have been met	<p>Aim: To provide an entertaining format of tales about Teesdale and it's landscape, in an oral way that will appeal to all age groups</p> <p>The Aim was met by:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating the storytelling in the heart of teesdale, in the middle of a community park, as part of the environment, connected via the storytelling bench and seat • Employing a varied range of storytellers to entwine tales of lives and landscape in Teesdale • Extending one of the talks to take in buildings and locations in Cotherstone as part of a living landscape
Additional achievements and legacy – community involvement/benefits	Lasting memories of the tales for the children and adults, which we hope has enhanced appreciation of the Teesdale landscape
Lessons learnt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Location was fantastic 2. Children and adults alike enjoyed the storytelling format 3. A covered Gazebo would have been useful given Teesdale's variable weather 4. Publicity is a real challenge for this type of event, and needs to be carefully planned to maximise



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