

REPORT TO HEART OF TEESDALE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

1. Project – the Church of Saint Mary, Gainford – Interpretation Boards
2. Funding Allocated £6000
3. Extra funding totalling £8200 was raised from Trinity College Cambridge, Gainford and Langton Parish Council, Gainford Parish Charity and Allchurches Trust. The remaining £6200 came from our resources, the total cost being £20200.
4. The project involved interpreting the story of the building and people over a history spanning more than 1200 years.
5. The aim was to help visitors from near and far to understand the complex story of the building and its place in the landscape as part of the history of the locality and the nation. This was achieved by a designing and placing in the church a series of interpretation boards describing in words and pictures this unfolding story and giving visitors a clearer picture of what they see around them. The use of a professional graphic designer, various academic sources to ensure accuracy and high quality manufacturing techniques have resulted in a scheme which has been positively received.
6. We have left a legacy for the future which will help our school and local people to appreciate their heritage, attract visitors and improve their experience and benefit all the locals who are involved in catering for visitors.
7. The lessons learnt include patience (when dealing with seeking the approvals needed for work in a Grade 1 listed building) and an uncompromising commitment to quality.

Geoff. Taylor
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