



HEART OF TEESDALE

Landscape Partnership

NEWSLETTER March 2014

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!

There are lots of exciting new things happening at the Heart of Teesdale at the moment. Many new projects are getting underway and lots of our other projects are holding events and activities.

So keep your eyes on our website, Facebook and Twitter for regular updates and to be the first to know what is going on!

Website: www.heartofteesdale.net

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/heartofteesdale

Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/heartofteesdale

NEW CHAIRMAN!

The Heart of Teesdale now has a new Chairman after Will Weston stepped down in January. Will has been involved with the Partnership since the beginning and has been Chairman since the Partnership's development phase. We are all very grateful for the amount of time and effort Will has put into the Partnership over the last four years.

We are pleased to announce that Graham Young has been appointed as the new Chairman. Graham has a background in working with both businesses and charities.

Graham said "Will Weston did a great job setting up the Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership and chairing it through its first few years. It's a bit daunting to follow on from him, but I will do my best to enable us to deliver on the great work that has been established. We are a partnership and it is the activities of all the many volunteers, partner organisations and staff who will make this happen."

PROJECT UPDATE: Lost Landscapes

This project aims to improve or restore a range of wildlife habitats within the Heart of Teesdale area. Over the last couple of months we have been searching for sites that need our attention and are now getting together a good list of possibilities.

The types of habitat work we are planning to do includes; pond creation and improvements, making otter holts, fencing an area of ancient woodland to protect it from grazing, native woodland planting and woodland management. Hopefully the work we do in these areas will have positive benefits for wildlife and help protect some of the wonderful species and habitats found there.

We are still looking for more sites in need of improvement and restoration so if you know of anywhere, please contact Susie Lane on 03000 264903 or susanne.lane@durham.gov.uk.



PROJECT UPDATE:

Landscape Discovery!

This project is now getting fully underway with a variety of different training days and workshops planned throughout 2014. The project aims to teach people a variety of skills to help them understand and reconnect with the landscape around them.

Therefore we aim to equip the local community with skills such as applying for funding and first aid. We are also organising a variety of training and information workshops for the public on different aspects of the landscape such as habitat and species survey techniques as well as foraging and bush-craft.



PROJECT UPDATE: Crafts and Skills in the Community

This project is also now getting underway with many activities planned for 2014. They range from felt dyeing to website design and aims to both revive old crafts and teach modern ones.

Keep up-to-date with our training opportunities and workshops on our website, Twitter and Facebook.

The Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership is supported by Durham County Council/Barnard Castle Vision/The National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund

Heart of Teesdale, Durham County Council, 2 Hall Street, Barnard Castle, DL12 8JB
03000 260842 heartofteesdale@durham.gov.uk www.heartofteesdale.net



PROJECT UPDATE: Kennedy's Ponds

This project is now up and running with multiple habitat and species surveys taking place, conducted by the Darlington and Teesdale Naturalists Field Club. They are now drawing up a management plan for the site and as a result practical work tasks have been started to be carried out by volunteers to clear away scrub and overgrown vegetation.

It is hoped that these ponds will be restored and then maintained as a wonderful place for both wildlife and the public that walk along the paths that run through the privately owned area.

Event: EASTER FUN DAY Wednesday 16th April 12 – 3pm Scar Top, Barnard Castle

This will be a fun afternoon of activities provided by both Heart of Teesdale and our partners. There will be a number of craft activities such as sow your own herb and sunflower seeds, as well as an Easter egg hunt running throughout the afternoon. We will also be showcasing our projects, upcoming events and opportunities to get involved with the Heart of Teesdale.

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

Event: EGGLESTON WALK Sunday 27th April 1.30 – 3pm Eggleston

This free walk is led by volunteer Sue Laycock who has been researching the history of the beautiful village of Eggleston. The walk will start in front of the Village Hall and will end at Eggleston Gardens. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

We would appreciate it if you could book onto this event to give us an idea of numbers attending. Please do so by contacting Honia on 03000 260830 or honia.devlin@durham.gov.uk

Event: FORAGING FOR WILD FOOD Saturday 24th May 1.30 – 3.30pm Flatts Wood, Barnard Castle

Join experienced wild food forager Bruce Ferguson on an exploration of the common plants that you find all around you that are good to eat. Find out how to forage for wild food safely and sustainably and also how to stay on the right side of the law while you do it. This event is free, however booking is required as places are limited. Bring waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear

For more information and to book, please contact Honia Devlin on 03000 260830 or honia.devlin@durham.gov.uk

Event: INTRODUCTION TO DRYSTONE WALLING Friday 30th and Saturday 31st May Barningham House Farm, Barningham and STONEFACED HEDGEBANK RESTORATION Friday 6th and Saturday 7th June Barningham House Farm, Barningham

These free introductory courses are for beginners and no previous experience is required. A £30 deposit will be required to secure your place this will be returned to you at the end of the course.

For more information and to book a place please contact Rebecca Beeston by emailing rebecca.beeston@durham.gov.uk

We now have an additional newsletter aimed at volunteers! Please ask for details or to be added to the volunteer mailing list. It is also available to download from our website.



Photo by Jill Cole

PROJECT UPDATE: Artscapes and God's Bridge Artists

Both these projects have been led by Artworks and are now almost complete. They are ending with two exhibitions of the work produced throughout the projects. Do go along and see the inspirational art work!

The Artscapes Exhibition

The Witham
4th April - 2nd May 2014
Free entry

The God's Bridge Artist Exhibition

The Bowes Museum
5th April - 6th July,
Admission fees will apply.



PROJECT UPDATE: Teesdale Through the Seasons Film

This project is also being led by Artworks. Film maker Rupert Philbrick is busy filming the many changing landscapes of Teesdale throughout the year. He has produced two short taster films showing elements of his work. These will eventually be made into a 20min film.

The taster films are available to view online at

www.facebook.com/heartofteesdale?ref=hl#!/photo.php?v=621082501298615&set=vb.473197282753805&type=2&theater

If you have any comments or feedback please do let us know!