



# HEART OF TEESDALE

Landscape Partnership

# NEWSLETTER November 2012

## HEART OF TEESDALE ANNUAL FORUM AND OPEN DAY

**Saturday 10 November**

**Startforth Morritt Memorial CE Primary School**

**Annual Forum - 10.30am Open Day - 11.30am to 2pm.**

The Annual Forum will be an opportunity to find out how the programmes and projects have progressed, and learn about forthcoming initiatives and events! There will be a chance to join in discussion about future priorities and how we can make the most of the opportunities available over the next four years. The forum will hear from some of the projects (Artsclapes, WildTees and Barningham Limekiln Restoration) and there will be time to socialise with partners and volunteers.



Following the Annual Forum, the Open Day will include exhibitions, bird feeder and bat box making, willow weaving, hedgehog homes and tree planting! These are aimed at adults and children of all ages. There will be a charge for any products taken away and the tree planting is weather dependent!

No booking is required but it would help us to make appropriate catering arrangements.

## MAKE A DATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**Saturday 3 November - 10am – 12 noon, 1pm onwards**

**Meet at Woodleigh, Flatts Road, Barnard Castle, DL12 8AA**

Local people are being asked to join in activities to make a real difference to the town of Barnard Castle, as part of the Make a Difference Day, UK's biggest single day of volunteering campaign organised by Community Service Volunteers (CSV).

During the morning there will be bulb planting at Scar Top outside the Castle or why not help with a street furniture survey in the town centre, to support better care of our streets in the future. From 1 pm a team of people is needed in the Remembrance Garden for a variety of gardening tasks, to finish preparing it for a makeover in the coming months.

All the activities are free. Gloves and tools will be provided, though if you would like to take part in the street survey, please bring a camera if you have one. You should wear warm clothes and strong footwear and if you're planning to stay all day, please bring a packed lunch and a drink. Children are welcome but need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary - just enthusiasm and a passion for the local area! The Heart of Teesdale's two Volunteering Officers, Honia Devlin and Kath Marshall-Ivens, who are organising the activities, will be on hand to assist.



## PROJECT UPDATE:

### River Tees Restoration – Invasive Species Initiative

Giant Hogweed is an invasive non-native species, which was introduced to England in the 19th century. Aply named, Giant Hogweed can produce hollow flowering stems 3-5 m high and 4-8cm thick, with purple blotching and sharp bristles. The stems bear umbrella-like white flowers up to 80 cm in diameter which can produce between 20,000 – 50,000 viable seeds. The leaves are often 1-2 m in diameter and exhibit the same bristles on their underside.

Once it has been introduced in to an area it quickly outcompetes other plants and can dominate an environment, causing a significant reduction in biodiversity. The Tees Rivers Trust are trying to identify how widespread this plant has become. If you can help with the mapping of this plant, or you have come across it, please let them know.

Contact the Tees Rivers Trust  
01833 690756  
[johnmusham@teesriverstrust.org](mailto:johnmusham@teesriverstrust.org)

**Warning! This plant is a danger to public health; members of the public should not touch it. Toxins in the sap can cause painful blistering on the skin within 24 – 48 hours after initial contact and may cause severe scarring.**

The Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership is supported by  
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## **OPPORTUNITY TO TENDER: A Journey Through Teesdale**

Six Stone Features for new mini golf course for Barnard Castle

Your chance to be part of a prestigious project at the centre of Barnard Castle! This nine-hole, championship course will be situated by the Castle in the conservation area of Scar Top and will include six artistic, carved stone 'icons' of features which are unique to the Teesdale area. Quotes are invited from stone artists to create these stone icons.

If you are interested in the project or would just like further information, please contact Groundwork North East for a copy of the revised Artist Brief:

Grace Wallace: [grace.crawford@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:grace.crawford@groundwork.org.uk) or

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Tel 01207 524821

Final submission by: 12 noon on Monday, 12 November 2012

## **PROJECT UPDATE:**

### **Preserving the Past for the Future Archivists' Road Show Winston - 10 November**

The project is hosting a road show for members of the local community to drop in. Archivists will advise local people on how to progress their research in family and local history.

For more information please contact Sandra Moorhouse on 01833 650730 or [idmsjm@btinternet.com](mailto:idmsjm@btinternet.com)

## **PROJECT UPDATE: Bird and Farm Landscapes**

The Mid-Teesdale Project Partnership will be appointing an independent part-time Environmental Conservation Professional to develop the programme for its Birds and Farm Landscapes project which will be starting imminently.

## **PROJECT UPDATE:**

### **Green Lane School Pond and Outdoor Classroom**

Work will begin this month on creating a pond and an outdoor classroom area within the school grounds with the help of Friends of Green Lane School, Durham Wildlife Trust, local volunteers and members of the community. This area will provide more opportunities for learning outside the classroom and be used by the school and other community groups.

## **Big Tree Plant – Seeking Sites and Volunteers!**

Groundwork North East has been awarded a grant from the Big Tree Plant, for a programme made up of 16 projects, planting 32,728 trees, and covering the north east and Cumbria. One of the projects was developed with the Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership: for a programme of community planting across the partnership area, and linking with existing and new projects.

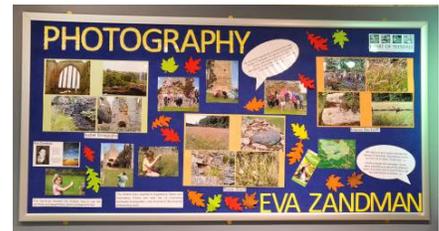
Groundwork is seeking at least twelve sites with local partners including parish, town and county councils, community groups, schools and volunteers. If you are interested in planting trees in your community please contact Kath Marshall-Ivens Groundwork North East 01207 524803 [kath.marshall-ivens@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:kath.marshall-ivens@groundwork.org.uk)

## **2D's Community Festive Fair**

A record number of stalls have booked for this year's event on Saturday 17th November 2012 (10.30 – 2.30) and is now on course to being a fantastic day out for everyone. This year the regular stall holders are being joined by lots of new exhibitors including Heart of Teesdale!

If you would like further information please contact

Ann Cairns at 2D on 01388 762220 or e-mail [a.cairns@2d.org.uk](mailto:a.cairns@2d.org.uk)



## **PROJECT UPDATE:**

### **Bowes Museum Workshops**

Over the summer, the Bowes Museum has held family orientated workshops with artists Ann Whitfield and photographer Eva Zandman. These were very well attended and their work has been displayed in the Education Vaults in the museum.



The project also held a successful Thank You event and used the artworks to create a children's gallery which is open at the weekend.



## **PROJECT UPDATE:**

### **Stone Academy - The STONE Festival!**

The STONE Festival has been taking place over the last few weeks with many exciting activities including stone musical instruments, stone lifting, stone skimming on the River Tees, Stone Carving and sculptors in residence.

The events have been well attended with people of all ages getting involved!

### **WORK STARTING! Castle and Scar Top Setting**

Work is due to commence on site before Christmas and be completed by Spring 2013. Work will include refurbishments to the benches and other street furniture, a new play area, creation of terracing and a small performance area, a new mini golf facility and new planting.

The intention of the project is to renew the area and draw more attention to the facilities and Castle. If you would like more information please contact the team.

### **PROJECT UPDATE: Amen Corner**

A planning application has been submitted by St Marys Parochial Church Council for work to include new landscaping, with improvements to car parking and entrance way, lighting, change in layout for central and corner flower beds to provide more opportunities for planting, better seating areas and refurbishment of paving and walls. If planning permission is awarded, work will begin on site early in the New Year.

### **PROJECT UPDATE: Putting Teesdale into Teesdale School!**

A grant from the Heart of Teesdale Partnership's Community Initiatives Fund has enabled Teesdale school students to embark upon a project to enrich the environment of their school with murals reflecting the varied local landscapes and rich heritage of Teesdale.

With the artistic support of Derek Stainton, a small but dedicated group of students have been staying behind after school, initially to research ideas for the murals, speak to members of the community and visit sites for inspiration and then design and create them, ready to be mounted on outside walls.

Now the project needs more practical help, not only from students, but their parents and anyone else who is interested in hands-on support with painting, mounting the murals etc. The school is pleased to have the support of local businessman Stuart Metcalf (of National Polytunnels), a much valued Governor at Teesdale School. He has offered to help them mount the murals and the wind breaks to create an attractive space outside which they hope will be used for community activities as well as an outside class room and social area for students.

Anyone wishing to offer a few hours of their time to get involved should contact, Eve Galloway, at Teesdale School on 01833 638166 ex 215 or email [eve.galloway@teesdaleschool.com](mailto:eve.galloway@teesdaleschool.com)

### **Architectural Heritage Fund (UK)**

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), is a registered charity that promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK. Grants and low interest loans are available to voluntary organisations and building preservation trusts (BPTs) to regenerate historic buildings. The aim is to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes. To be eligible to apply for financial assistance organisations must have a charitable status. The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use.

Previously funded projects include turning historic buildings into:

- Community theatres
- Resource centres
- Community learning centres
- Workspaces; places to live
- Community meeting places, etc.

The next deadline is the 6th February 2013 [www.ahfund.org.uk](http://www.ahfund.org.uk)



### **PROJECT UPDATE: Music@Heart of Teesdale FIRST PERFORMANCE 7.30pm Friday 30 Nov The Hub, Barnard Castle**

The 'Music at the Heart of Teesdale project's youth folk band 'Cream Tees' and guests play their first public concert, to be followed by a ceilidh with Hinny Pawsey & Friends! Refreshments will be available.

Tickets adults £6, children £4 available from Neil Diment M@HoT project co-ordinator t: 01833 638263, e: [neil@ndiment.co.uk](mailto:neil@ndiment.co.uk)



### **PROJECT UPDATE: Crafts and Skills in the Community**

As part of the Heritage Open Days in September, the Partnership held papermaking taster sessions and a half day workshop led by artist Jane Ponsford who has a particular interest in working with local communities in the landscape.

*"We had a very positive group, an inspiring and skilled tutor, good facilities and a great location. It was an ideal combination of craft and countryside, with just the right balance of activities. I was very impressed with our samples and will be trying this again at home."* Participant

## VOLUNTEERING WITH HEART OF TEESDALE!

### This is our new page in the newsletter for Volunteers!

Kath Marshall Ivens is the new Volunteering Officer for Green and Environmental Issues and Honia Devlin is the new Volunteering Officer for Culture and Heritage. They have now been in post for a couple of months and are keen to hear from you!



### Green and Environmental Issues

Kath has been getting out and about meeting groups and planning environmental volunteering tasks.

There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved in tree planting in the New Year, with the Big Tree Plant or perhaps you would prefer to help walk public footpaths, which you can do in your own time and report issues you find?

For more information about any of these please contact Kath and finally, if you know of a Public Right of Way or an area of green space which needs some work doing to improve it, please let her know as it may be possible to include it in one of the Heart of Teesdale projects.

### Culture and Heritage

There will be an opportunity for volunteers to get involved with the Field Barn Conservation project that aims to record barns and look at ways to prevent the loss of such buildings from the Teesdale Landscape. Volunteers will help with collating the existing information from the area to encourage local interest and potentially surveying and recording in the future.

If you are interested and would like to take part in this project, please contact Honia.

### Protect our Place Project

The Protect our Place project aims to understand the range and type of community action currently underway to protect and promote the local historic environment and make recommendations on how best to strengthen and extend community action for the historic environment in the future. The Protect our Place survey is aimed at anyone who volunteers to protect or promote their local places.

[www.protectourplace.org.uk/programme/survey](http://www.protectourplace.org.uk/programme/survey)

### Heart of Teesdale Advisory Group - VACANCIES

The Partnership is still actively looking for additional independent members with knowledge, skills or experience directly related to its work to join its Advisory Group. This is to fill vacancies of retiring members and to extend its range of community interests. Positions are voluntary and unpaid, though travel expenses will be paid in appropriate cases according to established rates. If you are interested in finding out more please ask for an information pack.

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

No experience necessary and everyone is welcome. Below are examples of volunteering opportunities available through the Partnership:

### Green and environmental issues

- Practical conservation tasks e.g. dry stonewalling, tree planting and footpath work
- Wildlife surveying
- Leading guided walks
- Footpath Guardian
- Site Warden

### Culture and heritage

- Historic building surveying
- Local parish mapping
- Local / oral history
- Historical research
- Local art / culture projects
- Tour guides

### General

- Organising and planning events
- Helping at events and activities
- Photography
- Media and public relations e.g. writing press releases and roving reporter
- Guided walks

For details of specific current opportunities contact one of the Volunteering Officers:

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