

WORK BEGINS!

Scar Top is at the centre of Barnard Castle, providing residents and visitors alike with an important green space and opportunities to relax and appreciate the qualities of the Castle. However, many of the facilities have become tired and worn, a large number of signs and items of street furniture have accumulated over the years, and some of its virtues remain under appreciated.

The Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership is renewing and upgrading the facilities around Scar Top and work begins on site in mid January 2013.



The project will preserve the open green spaces and seating, re-establish views to the River Tees, introduce new planting, and upgrade street furniture appropriate for the Conservation Area. It will also see new and enlarged play facilities with elements of traditional and

natural play, a new specially designed mini golf facility and kiosk, new terracing and a small performance area.

A new entrance feature will extend seating but also improve visibility into the site, and to the Castle from Galgate. The project is expected to be completed by early summer 2013.

Community Involvement

The designs have been through various revisions responding to numerous discussions and consultations with the local community. If you would like further information, a full report is available to download on our website. During the period of works on site there will be ongoing engagement with the community through on site signs and notices, display and leaflets in the Visitor Information Point and other various locations, regular updates to local residents and the Partnership's mailing list through e-bulletin and newsletters, activities and events and a formal launch event once the work on site is complete.

A Journey through Teesdale – Mini Golf Course

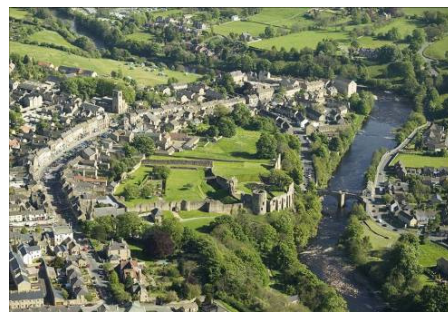
'A Journey through Teesdale' is a separate but linked initiative led by Barnard Castle Town Council with support from Groundwork North East to create a new nine-hole, championship course by the Castle in the conservation area of Scar Top. It will include six artistic, carved stone 'icons' of features which are unique to the Teesdale area. A Journey through Teesdale is supported by funding from Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership, Barnard Castle Town Council, Teesdale Action Partnership and North Pennine Dales Leader: The funding is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union.

Did you know?

The place name refers to the ravine, or scar, which used to run across the area in front of the 12th Century Castle, and ran down to the river. This ravine has now been filled in and the area is called Scar Top as a result.

It was used as the towns rubbish dump and references mention Lord Barnard's gamekeeper who remarked that visitors could see: 'old boots, clogs, broken pottery, bottles, dead dogs and all kinds of filth.'

If you would like to find out more about the history of Barnard Castle, one book you might find of interest is 'Barnard Castle Historic Market Town' by Alan Wilkinson. Copies can be obtained through Barnard Castle Library along with other similar items.



Contact Details

If you would like any more information on this project or the Landscape Partnership, please get in touch using the contact details below.

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