



Progress Update!

Work has continued to progress on site despite the challenging weather conditions. The paths are starting to take shape with the final finish generally resin bound gravel, with some re-used sandstone setts on the performance area.

The foundations have now been laid for the new kiosk which will act as an information point, and a base for both the mini golf and for the new re-sited play area. The overall plans for Scar Top also include a new outdoor performance area so this new building will provide essential storage space and a service facility for all these improved amenities. The area has been outlined and soon will receive its final surfacing, with turfing, re-seeding and planting.

Preparation of the ironworks and railings are now complete in the workshops. The new play area equipment from Pennine Play is being prepared off site for installation, which is expected to take place during May.

Community Engagement

Kath Marshall Ivens, Volunteering Officer – Green and Environmental Issues, organised a bulb planting session with volunteers next to the Castle on Scar Top for Make A Difference Day last November. Flowers are now starting to emerge – so make sure you have a look! Thank you to all the hard working volunteers who attended the event.

Sarah Smith, Community Officer for the Partnership has been working with a few pupils from Montalbo Primary School to design a nature trail around the site and surrounding area. Watch this space!

A Journey through Teesdale – Mini Golf Course

The Mini Golf Course project led by Barnard Castle Town Council is taking shape. The stone features carved by local artist and sculptor Phil Townsend are almost complete and will represent the Market Cross; The Witham; The Bowes Museum; Egglestone Abbey; County Bridge; and Barnard Castle. The final course will be up to national competition standard and quite unique in its design.

The Town Council is also currently recruiting three Seasonal Part-time Attendants to supervise the course when it opens.

Memorials

There are a number of memorials on site. The memorials at the entrance are to be retained and the memorial benches will be relocated to the play area. Families have been consulted where this is possible.

Walls, Walls, Walls

The walling works have been undertaken by local firm Fairbairns which is using locally sourced stone. They have also re-pointed the wall adjacent to Woodleigh and the Abbeyfield Society premises. Wherever possible, the Partnership is recycling and re-using some of the stone taken from the site.



Barney Meet

Please note that the green area adjacent to the Castle will remain open to the public for Barnard Castle Meet Weekend for festivities on May 25, 26 and 27.

Work on this area will begin shortly afterwards.

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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