



### The work so far...

Despite the weather, work began on site in mid January. A start up photo call has been held with partners and funders Durham County Council, Barnard Castle Vision, Barnard Castle Town Council and North Pennine Dales Leader. The funding from North Pennine Dales Leader is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union. The main contract of work is being undertaken by Durham County Council Highway Services, with Pennine Play undertaking the work for the new play area. The old play area, mini golf course, kiosk and paddling pool have all been removed. Protection has been put around any roots of trees that have been exposed in order to protect them from the cold.

Local Blacksmith Brian Russell from Little Newsham Forge has also begun work on the railings. The 200 year old forge in Little Newsham produces items such as bespoke gates, railings and sculptures and various other uniquely designed pieces of artwork.

### Community Engagement

There will be ongoing engagement with the community through activities and events and a formal launch event once the work on site is complete. This update can be found in the Visitor Information Point and a number of other locations around Barnard Castle. It can also be found on our website [www.heartofteesdale.net](http://www.heartofteesdale.net).

### A Journey through Teesdale – Mini Golf Course

The old mini golf course and kiosk have been removed and work is starting on the new course. This project is being led by Barnard Castle Town Council and will feature six icons representing famous Teesdale landmarks e.g. Egglestone Abbey. They will be carved from local stone from Dunhouse Quarry, by local sculptor Phil Townsend, of Eggleston.

**Please note:** Work to replace the old minigolf course at Scar Top is due to commence on **Monday 11 February 2013** and is expected to last 12 – 16 weeks. The contractor undertaking this work is UrbanCrazy Ltd and they will make best efforts to keep any disruption to a minimum. If you have any queries about the project, please email [info@urbancrazy.com](mailto:info@urbancrazy.com).

### Health and Safety

Building sites are dangerous places which is why there is fencing around the site. Although there is still access via public rights of way, please respect the signs and fences, and keep out of other areas.

### Recycling and Re-using

The Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership is trying to re-use or recycle materials, wherever possible e.g. street furniture. Unfortunately due to health and safety issues with reusing play equipment, Durham County Council's old play equipment on site could not be re-used as originally hoped.



### Tree Protection

The Heart of Teesdale is also trying to preserve all trees on site. A cherry tree has had to be removed due to disease. The Sycamore at the entrance to the site on Galgate will be retained as an important feature in the town's streetscape.

### 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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