

## Welcome to the fourth Heart of Teesdale Volunteers Newsletter!

We are open to suggestions about what to include in this newsletter, so please feel free to let us know if you have any suggestions. Please note that the initials refer to the lead person for each project – contact details at the end.

**Holidays**- both Honia and Karen will be away on annual leave during July, so please be aware we may not be around much!

## Event for Volunteers Volunteering Picnic at Lartington Hall!



The Witham and the Heart of Teesdale invite our volunteers or anyone interested in volunteering to an event on

**Saturday, 29 June 2013**  
**10.30am-3pm**

### 10.30am- 11.30am

Drop in information session at Woodleigh, Barnard Castle, Flatts Rd, DL12 8AA, for those who would like to find out a bit more about volunteering.

### 11.30am

Guided walk from Woodleigh to Lartington Hall, with the opportunity to have a go at surveying invasive species along the way.

### 1pm

Picnic in the grounds of Lartington Hall, followed by a tour around the Hall. Remember to bring a packed lunch!

**HD/KC**

## Volunteer Activities Update:

**The Discovering Britain Walk** volunteers have now submitted the New Walk Idea that has been accepted by the Discovering Britain Team. The title of the walk will be: *Monks, Millers and Marblers: Discover how life around Barnard Castle has developed and been shaped by the River Tees.*

It will consist of 15 points of interest between Barnard Castle and Whorlton.

Recently the group have been joined by new volunteer Heather who is helping with some of the research.

## Heart of Teesdale Big Day Out



Volunteers enjoyed the opportunity to have a go at dry stone walling at our Big Day Out event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The dry stone walling workshop was led by volunteer and dry stone walling instructor Roger Redfearn, which saw volunteers repairing a section of dilapidated wall at The Hub. Many thanks to Roger for sharing his expertise. Attendees also enjoyed a barbecue and had the chance to find out more about, and have an input to, the Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership.

## Field Barns Initiative

We are now finalising details of the training that should go ahead in autumn. There will be chances to develop skills in barns surveying and recording techniques. Please let us know if you will be interested in attending.

Also, one of our existing volunteers, Alan, is helping with collating information from the previous surveys undertaken in the area by the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group.

### **Litter pick at Scar Top**

Volunteers carried out a litter pick around Scar Top on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, to make the area clean and tidy prior to the Scar Top Preview on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, which will showcase the progress of recent works on the site.

Several bags of rubbish were collected, leaving the area looking smart and attractive. We received several thank you comments from passers-by- always nice to have our work appreciated! Many thanks to the volunteers who gave their time to come along and help out.

### **Volunteering Vacancies & Opportunities:**

#### **Heritage Open Days – Eggleston Walk Leader**

We are looking for a volunteer/s to lead a walk around the Eggleston Village for the Heritage Open Days in September. We would like the volunteer to investigate the route and find out a little about the interesting heritage alongside the route. Please get in touch.

**HD**

#### **Increasing Access Volunteers!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Increasing Access programme and to support Project Officer with the following:

- Organising and delivering events at Care Homes and similar
- Assisting the elderly and young participants in a variety of hands on workshops
- Encouraging social and intergenerational conversation and interaction. This role might be a subject to a CRB check (volunteers might be expected to work without a member of HoT staff present but will not work alone or without a group worker present at the session).

**HD**

#### **Volunteer Events Organiser**

We are seeking volunteers to help with organising, publicising and delivering events.

**HD**

#### **Teesdale Dialect Researcher and Recorder**

Radio Teesdale is looking for volunteers to help with researching and recording as many people

as possible who speak in the Teesdale Dialect. Also, to create entertaining, educational and informative projects on the subject and an important reference point for future generations.

**HD**

#### **Footpath Maintenance Task**

A volunteer footpath maintenance task will be held on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> July at Scargill. The task, which is being jointly organised by Heart of Teesdale and Durham County Council, will involve making repairs to a section of public footpath. We will meet at 9.45am for a 10am start, meeting point to be confirmed. All tools and equipment will be provided, but please come with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear and bring refreshments. If you would like more information about this activity, please contact Karen.

**KC**

#### **Enjoyed volunteering, why not share your experience?**

We are looking for a volunteer who would like to write a short article on their volunteering experience with the Partnership or a report from an activity they have taken part in. If you are interested in doing this please contact Honia or Karen. This may be used in a future newsletter or perhaps on the new web site.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with friends and family who may be interested in volunteering; for more general information about the Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership please visit our website [www.heartofteesdale.net](http://www.heartofteesdale.net).

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