



A4 Castle and Scar Top setting

Final Report

A4	Conserving and Restoring – Castle and Scar Top
Lead	HoT – Charlotte Hursey; DCC – John Day
Original budget	£300,000
Actual Budget	£372,000
Match funding	Match funding as part of DCC capital match funding to Programme A
Timeframe	November 2011 – March 2015; actual January 2013 – June 2013
Partners	Barnard Castle Town Council English Heritage
Project Outline	<p>The programme will focus on the area between the Castle entrance and the grounds of Woodleigh. This is the lost heart of old Barnard Castle and much frequented by local people, but is often missed by visitors. The principal activities will be to improve the entrance and viewpoints, enhance the green areas, refurbish street furniture and seating, provide some new seating and activity spaces for people of all ages, and collaborate on plans for improving the play area and mini-golf. After extensive consultation on outline proposals, plans have been revised to keep works at a minimum but ensure that Scar Top is refreshed and continues to be a safe place for recreation and enjoyment. The works would retain most of the existing features but provide a better and more visible entrance, add a raised natural terrace around Woodleigh with a small seating and outdoor performance space, and allow for extension and upgrading of the play area, as well as relocation and enhancement of the mini golf.</p>
LCAP Aims	<p>Renovation of seats with provision of additional seating.</p> <p>Restoration of views to river.</p> <p>Improvement of recreational facilities for all ages, with special attention to young people and visitors.</p> <p>Creation of terrace, outdoor summer performance space, and improved entrance to draw people into the site from Galgate.</p> <p>Production of interpretative material, especially to encourage visitors to appreciate the castle and dramatic history of the town.</p>
Actual Outputs	Improved landscaping at Scar Top

	<p>Restoration of seating</p> <p>New planting</p> <p>Opening up the views of the Tees</p> <p>A new themed play area</p> <p>Mini golf improvements completed through Journey through Teesdale.</p>
<p>Additional achievements</p>	<p>Commended in the 'Built Environment' category at the County Durham Environment Awards 2013</p>
<p>Lessons Learnt</p>	<p>More advanced development within the development stage would have enabled a more realistic budget to be set</p> <p>Better and tighter budget management should have taken place</p>
<p>Legacy</p>	<p>The setting is much improved with more open vistas; benches are restored; updated and attractive play area;</p> <p>Most of the site is owned by DCC and therefore they will continue with the maintenance; other parts owned/to be owned by Barnard Castle Town Council</p>
<p>Photos Before</p>	 



After

