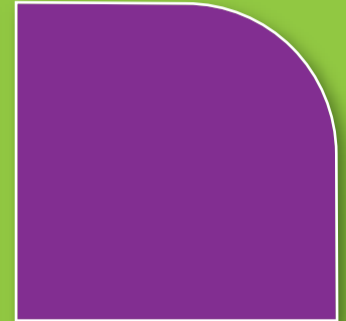


Teesdale Area Action Partnership



From working with the community and partner organisations, the following are some of the local successes within the Teesdale AAP area:

Barnard Castle Vision

The Vision is a 20 year plan to regenerate and develop Barnard Castle. The Vision provides a way to access funding to transform the town into a leading centre for all sorts of services. The Vision will also develop the town as a visitor destination, a centre for entrepreneurs, and a preferred location for manufacturing and knowledge-based businesses. You can get more information on the Vision at www.barnardcastlevision.co.uk

Teesdale Indoor Climbing Wall

Opened in August 2008, the indoor climbing wall offers a unique experience for seasoned climbers and beginners alike. The wall has over 300 square metres of climbing surface and even includes an artificial cave system. Plans are underway to extend the wall to meet the extraordinary demand from climbers.

Hamsterley Forest

Waymarked walks, cycle routes, horse riding trails and information boards have been developed to transform Hamsterley Forest into a key visitor destination for people across the North East. Providing high quality facilities for visitors across a range of activities, people can make use of an activity playground, plodge in the river or just enjoy a picnic in a quiet glade.

Workshop units

New employment and business opportunities are being created at Stainton Grove Industrial Estate. By working in partnership with One North East, seven new workshop units have been built at the industrial estate.

Teesdale Community Resources Hub

The Teesdale Community Resources (TCR) Hub will be the ultimate environment where children and young people from across Teesdale and beyond can take part in cultural, leisure, sporting, recreational and educational activities.

The building will demonstrate environmentally-friendly construction, incorporating renewable energy, energy efficiency and low maintenance costs. The design will demonstrate the principles and philosophy of the TCR: responsibility, challenge, growth, respect for others and the environment, and active participation. The TCR Hub has now received £5million in funding from the Department for Children, Schools and Families and construction work begins on 29 April 2009. Visit www.tcrhub.org for more details.

Barney Bag campaign

Supported and funded by local partnerships, the Barney Bag was introduced to reduce the number of throwaway bags distributed in the town. There has been a great deal of support and co-operation from local businesses stocking the bags, and the scheme will continue to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and help the environment.

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