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Foreword By The Chair

The last FoNDT meeting at Stannington was a very well attended and lively session with Board members as well as officers in attendance, I would like to thank everyone for their contribution and hopefully when we meet up with Steve Stewart on the 14th October at the next FoNDT meeting we will be able to feedback the views of the Members.

The four key themes of potential working with Northumberland County Council were Asset Transfer/Development, Regeneration, Renewables and Procurement of Services which were fully debated and some excellent ideas of how they could contribute to our sustainability were recorded.

I look forward to a good attendance at the next meeting on the 14th October at Morpeth Town Hall.

David Lodge

Amble Development Trust Annual General Meeting

ADT AGM 14th July looked at achievements over the last 16 years and asked the community 'what next'. It is easy to forget just what changes have taken place, so was a timely and nostalgic walk down memory lane, a reminder of how the town looked before the Trust and partners rolled into action. The session was facilitated by Peter Monaghan, who cajoled attending members into participating, with his witty repartee and sense of humour.

For the Trust, the next major project to begin will be the remedial work on the shop front of the former Co-Op building. Funding has been secured from NCC and English Heritage to enable work to commence. In the meantime we have had an expression of interest for internal works appraised and will be working up a full application to ensure the refurbishment work continues.

Also the new skateboard park work will commence in September. This follows intense input from local youngsters into design, maintenance and event management. Funding has been secured from Community Spaces and NCC.

Glendale Gateway Trust

Glendale is a Case Study in the New Commission For Rural Communities Report

The Glendale Gateway Trust has been included as a case study in the *Commission for Rural Communities: High ground, high potential - a future for England's upland communities* report:

Case study: Glendale Gateway Community Trust

Development trusts use self help to secure long-term social, economic and environmental benefits for local communities. A highly successful example of a development trust is the Glendale Gateway Community Trust. Set up more than 13 years ago, this community owned organisation includes local volunteers, retailers, councillors and local organisations. It is bringing to fruition activities that were identified in the 'Glendale 2020 Vision Statement' and Wooler Village appraisal.



Pictured Above:
The Cheviot
Centre

One of the trust's most successful initiatives was the creation in 2000 of 'The Cheviot Centre'. This facility includes business offices, a computer room with broadband, halls for hire, a children's area, a Tourist Information Centre and a National Park exhibition. The trust has also championed the purchase and renovation of a number of properties in the town's high street, leading to the creation of 22 affordable housing units, and new retail and business units.

The trust has a good standing among the community and funders and was deemed successful in an independent evaluation. Part of the trust's success stems from its willingness to be flexible, responding quickly to opportunities as they arise.

David Buckle, Chairman of the Glendale Gateway Trust said "The Glendale Gateway Trust's national standing and success is illustrated by its inclusion in the Report, as an exemplar case study. This report demonstrates the Trust's determination to fulfil its goals through partnership, to achieve self sufficiency and to realise the aspirations of the people of Glendale. In achieving these goals the Trust will help to deliver better public services and help build the Government's proposed *Big Society*. Localism is a key factor in making the *Big Society* community driven; development trusts nationally provide the platform to ensure that the voice of local communities is heard."

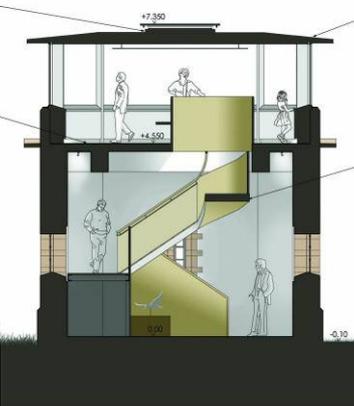
For more information please contact the Trust on **01668 282412** or email mti@wooler.org.uk

Holy Island Community Development Trust

Lookout Tower Renovation Project



Plans are well advanced for another major capital project on Holy Island. The Lookout Tower (pictured left), built in the 1950s and sited on a high, rocky outcrop of whin-sill was once used as a coastguard lookout point. More recently, Natural England and its predecessors have leased the building to help with monitoring work and to act as a store. While the building has one of the best views of Holy Island it is unsuitable for public access at present. Two steep ladders lead to the upper level, an exterior parapet is a safety concern and an exterior door allows the weather to get in. The building itself is in need of renovation.



The area of whin-sill (known as the Heugh) upon which the Lookout Tower stands is at present unmanaged with resultant rank vegetation. Numerous grassy paths criss-cross this Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which is also rich in archaeology, consequentially the site is in poor condition and subject to damage because of the lack of a single, clear path.

The Trust has now teamed up with Natural England and together they have prepared plans (pictured left) to renovate the tower and open it up as a visitor attraction. A planning application by the Trust is imminent. The majority of the funding required for the work is hoped to come from a High Level Stewardship grant.

For further information about the project please contact Holy Island Community Development Trust on **01289 389004** or email lindisfarne-centre@uk2.net

Craster Community Trust

The inaugural meeting of Craster Community Trust has taken place. This trust was formed as a result of a merger of two existing charities The Craster Memorial Hall Trust and the Craster Community Development Trust. This merger went ahead for many reasons including the advantages associated with having an open constitution. The increasing number of second homes and holiday lets had also made it increasingly difficult to find enough volunteers to run two separate committees. The new committee has a wider remit than the existing charities in that its area of operation is the whole civil parish of Craster but has decided to focus its initial efforts on two areas, the play park and the Memorial Hall. The Hall and the playground are major assets to the area but will have to be maintained and insured solely by the efforts of the charity. To this end two working parties have been set up to assess the state of affairs with respect to the playground and the Memorial Hall.

For further information please contact the Trust on **01665 576305** or email secretary.cct@crastercommunity.org.uk

Greater Morpeth Development Trust

The Morpeth Way To Walk To A Healthy Lifestyle

Research shows that exercise is good for your body and that being outside in a green space is also very beneficial for your mind. Put the two together in the form of a walk and you have the perfect exercise.

The national Walking for Health project aims to do just that by offering people of all ages the chance to join a relatively short walk of perhaps a couple of miles over not too difficult terrain.

Everyone can take part. The walks are free and there is no booking procedure - so it's easy to get involved.

Morpeth will soon have its health walk suitable for beginners every Tuesday morning starting from the Riverside Leisure Centre at 10.30am.

All the walks will have a volunteer leader trained through the Walking for Health project, and there will also be a back marker who can help anyone who needs it. To start with the walks will focus on walking around Morpeth but in due course may progress to using short, shared car journeys to give a wider choice of routes.

Greater Morpeth Development Trust (GMDT) has been working with Alison Carter from Natural England to set up the walks and will continue to be involved in the organisation along with Blyth Valley Arts and Leisure.

In recent times GMDT has been working hard to improve the paths along the River Wansbeck and make them suitable for a wide variety of users. A health walk originally started in Morpeth in May 2002 which was so successful at helping its participants achieve their aim of getting fitter that it has developed over the years until it now covers routes of about five miles usually featuring a site of local heritage. This walk will be an ideal progression opportunity for anyone who finds that their fitness has improved so much because of the new walks that they want to do more.

The long-established group walks every Thursday, starting at 12.30pm and David Barker on (01670) 515351 can be contacted for more details.

The new health walk will feature in the programme for the 2010 Morpeth Walking Festival that GMDT currently organises and will be an exciting addition to the usual repertoire of walks.

Anyone wanting further information about the national Walking for Health project can access information at www.wfh.naturalengland.org.uk or contact Alison Carter directly on 0300 060 4514 or alison.carter@naturalengland.org.uk

More information about the new walk in Morpeth for people would like to attend or perhaps who have clients who would benefit from joining in, is available from GMDT's Gemma Gadomski on (01670) 503641 or gemma.gadomski@gmdt.org

Hexham Community Partnership

Partnership News and Events

After nearly 4 years in the Chair of Hexham Community Partnership Roy Dallison stood down at the recent AGM and his place as Chair of the Partnership has been taken on by Bob Hull.

With support from Northumberland County Council, Milecastle Housing and a number of other partners Hexham Community Partnership and Transition Tynedale are launching the Tynedale Electricity Monitor Library in Hexham East this month. Electricity monitors will be available at Number 28 Derwent Road and they will be hired out for three weeks at a time to local residents to help them to see how they are using electricity and how they can save money by altering their use.

Market Town Welcome funded Car Park Signs - there are now three signs in the Wentworth Car Park welcoming visitors to the town. These are available for event organisers to use to site banners to promote free/public events in the town and also highlight to visitors that this is the main town centre car park.



Events - the last weekend in July saw the return of the Continental Market and the town also welcomed over Citroen Traction Avant cars and their owners who were enjoying their annual rally in Northumberland. Cars came from all over the country and even as far as Belgium, and the club members were delighted with the reception that they received in the town.



Next up is the Hexham Abbey Festival when the Community Partnership will be organising the Eating Festival element of the "Spirit of Hexham2 event on Saturday 25th September.

Spook Night will take place on 30th October this year.

For further information please contact Hexham Community Partnership on **01434 603022** or email tamsin@hexhamcommunity.net

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NEW HORIZONS

Developing Enterprising Organisations

Friday, 22nd October 2010

9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

The Durham Centre, Belmont Industrial Estate, Durham

This **one day conference** looks at how to create organisations that take an enterprising approach in developing sound financial futures for their work.

There will also be an opportunity to enter **Bear's Lair** (a session based on Dragon's Den) - to present their enterprise idea that could win them a tailored package of support. For further information and a booking form please contact Susan Heads on **01607 518150** or email s.heads@dta.org.uk

Local Events In The Region

Unveiling of the Harry Hotspur Statue Friday, 20th August



We are delighted to announce that Alnwick's famous son has at last be recognised by the unveiling of a statue of Henry Percy, more usually known as Harry Hotspur. His Grace the Duke of Northumberland unveiled the 14 ft tall statue of his ancestor. Also in attendance were Earl George, the Duke's eldest son, who is the model for the face. No known likeness of Harry is available but

Earl George is probably the closest descendent. The celebrations started during the afternoon, with displays by the Hotspur School of Defence, and culminated at 6.00 pm with the revealing of the statue. The sculptor, Keith Maddison of Elsdon, was also there.

For further details of the unveiling please contact Alnwick Community Development Trust on **01665 606093**



Berwick Food Festival

11th & 12th September from 10 am to 5 pm



Berwick Food Festival is a Feast of Culture, Heritage and Food - it not only celebrates the best of local food now but also our region's rich history of food production. Entry is £2, children under 12 free.

Centred on the town's historical Barracks Square - the weekend is packed with a range of activities that's bound to please everyone in the family. For more information please visit:

<http://www.berwickfoodfestival.com/>

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