

Wylam Parish Council

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Report on progress on Wylam: Past Present and Future

Progress has been limited over the summer on WPPF, but a structure for short, medium and long term actions is emerging. Discussions with the National Trust and Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership have been productive and the outcomes of these need to be fed into our thinking. A full report will be brought to the Council meeting in October.

Two items resulting from work with the National Trust should be mentioned now, however. One is the organising by the Trust of two further guided walks around the village, including the opening of George Stephenson' Birthplace, on 8 and 15 September as part of Heritage Open Days. Councillors with the library are helping with the walk by acting as assistant guides and facilitating the Railway Museum being an extra hour or two. I am helping with some local pre-publicity.

Secondly, and full details are still awaited, but the Trust is probably organising an open day at Cherryburn on 6 October for prospective volunteers from across the sub-region to work in many different roles. These will include for the first time a new category for those interested in doing social and other research to back up new exhibits, displays and publications. The Trust is very willing to work jointly with the Parish Council on such work in and around Wylam and also to advise informally on how best we can use our own volunteers, for example around the Museum and doing guided walks.

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