

## Corporate and Strategic Diary 2006 - 2007

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Staff</i>
<b>FEBRUARY 2006</b>				
Thursday 9	English National Park Officers' Group			TG
Tuesday 21	DTI Micro Renewables Workshop	Newcastle	*	*
Tuesday 21	Voluntary Ranger Liaison Committee	Stannington		TG
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	<b>Planning and Urgent Business Committee</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>P-UB</b>	<b>TG/JM</b>
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	<b>Management Group</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>SMT</b>
<b>Thursday 23</b>	<b>Review Panel</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>RP</b>	<b>SMT</b>
Tuesday 28	Developing Transnational Partnerships	Durham		SE
Tuesday 28	NPA Wind Farm Seminar	Knowesgate	All	TG, JM
<b>MARCH 2006</b>				
Wednesday 1	RICS Seminar	Hexham		TG
Thursday 2	Management of Upland SSSIs	Barnard Castle		TG
Monday 13	Tynedale Community Partnership	Hexham		SE
Wednesday 15	NSP Environment & Energy Sector Board	Morpeth		SE
Thursday 16	NSP Board Meeting	Ponteland		SE
Thursday 16	NE Regional Spatial Strategy Revision	Gateshead		TG
<b>Monday 20</b>	<b>Management Group</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>SMT</b>
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	<b>Review Panel</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>SMT</b>
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	<b>Full Authority</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>SMT</b>
Thursday 23	Annual Finance Meeting	London		TG, SE
Tuesday 28	Grants Advisory Panel	Morpeth	PN	CAM, AM, MG, SB
Wednesday 29	Joint NPOG Meeting	Cardiff		TG
Thursday 30	Environment Forum	Newcastle		TG
<b>APRIL 2006</b>				
Thursday 6	Joint Local Access Forum	Berwick	MW/BI	CAM
Thursday 6	Chief Executive Officers' Conference			TG
Sat/Sun 8/9	MSRG Spring Conference	Elsdon/Harbottle		
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	<b>Planning and Urgent Business Committee</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>P-UB</b>	
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	<b>Management Group</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>SMT</b>
Wed 26	English Chairs' and NPOG	Cheltenham	JR	TG
Wed/Fri 26/28	ANPA Workshop	Cheltenham	JR, *	TG, *
Wednesday 29	Joint National Park Officers' Group	Cardiff		TG
<b>MAY 2006</b>				
Tues/Wed 16/17	NPOG Meeting & UK Strategic Joint Working			TG
Thursday 18	Environment Forum	Newcastle		TG
<b>Monday 22</b>	<b>Management Group (tbc)</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>SMT</b>
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	<b>Review Panel</b>	<b>Eastburn (tbc)</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>TG, SE</b>
Tuesday 23	Grants Advisory Panel	Eastburn	PN	CAM, AM, MG, SB
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	<b>Full Authority ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>SMT</b>
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	<b>Management Group (tbc)</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>SMT</b>
<b>JUNE 2006</b>				
6 – 16	<b>POLICY CONFERENCE (tbc)</b>			
Sunday 11	Pax Britannica: Schools' Living History	Walltown		
Sunday 11	Pax Britannica: Living History Public Event	Walltown		
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	<b>Planning and Urgent Business Committee</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>P-UB</b>	
<b>JULY 2006</b>				
<b>Monday 24</b>	<b>Management Group (tbc)</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>SMT</b>
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	<b>Review Panel</b>	<b>Eastburn (tbc)</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>TG, SE</b>
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	<b>Full Authority</b>	<b>Eastburn</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>SMT</b>
Tuesday 25	Grants Advisory Panel	Rothbury	PN	CAM, AM, MG
Thursday 27	Environment Forum	Newcastle		TG

**AUGUST 2006**

**Wednesday 23**      **Planning and Urgent Business Committee**      **Eastburn**      **P-UB**

**SEPTEMBER 2006**

**Monday 11**      **Management Group (tbc)**      **Eastburn**      **MG**      **SMT**  
 Wed/Fri 13-15      ANPA Conference  
 Thursday 21      Environment Forum      Newcastle      TG  
 Wed/Sun 20-24      EUROPARC Conference      Oxford  
**Tuesday 26**      **Review Panel**      **Eastburn (tbc)**      **Review**      **TG,SE**  
**Wednesday 27**      **Full Authority**      **Eastburn**      **Members**      **SMT**  
 Tuesday 26      Grants Advisory Panel      Eastburn      PN      CAM,AM,MG

**OCTOBER 2006**

Thursday 5      Chief Executive Officers' Conference      TG  
**Wednesday 18**      **Planning and Urgent Business Committee**      **Eastburn**      **P-UB**

**NOVEMBER 2006**

**Monday 6**      **Management Group (tbc)**      **Eastburn**  
 Wednesday 8/9      English NPOG / Joint NPOG      TG  
 Saturday 11      Voluntary Ranger Service AGM      TG  
**Tuesday 21**      **Review Panel**      **Eastburn (tbc)**      **Review**      **TG,SE**  
**Wednesday 22**      **Full Authority**      **Eastburn**      **Members**      **SMT**  
 Tuesday 28      Grants Advisory Panel      Otterburn      PN      CAM,AM,MG  
 Thursday 30      Environment Forum      Newcastle      TG

**DECEMBER 2006**

Thursday 7      English Chairs / ANPA Executive      London      TG  
**Wednesday 20**      **Planning and Urgent Business Committee**      **Eastburn**      **P-UB**  
**Wednesday 20**      **Management Group (tbc)**      **Eastburn**      **MG**      **SMT**

Northumberland National Park  
Great Days Out 2006

For further information and booking contact Northumberland National Park Visitor Centres:

Ingram – 01665 578890  
Rothbury – 01669 620887  
Once Brewed- 01434 344487

Or our website at:

[www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk)

**Welcome to GREAT DAYS OUT 2006**

Northumberland National Park welcomes everyone to take part in this year's Great Days Out programme, which will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Park and all its special qualities through 50 events.

You can take on a challenge, such as a guided-walk up into the hills or a remote valley, or you may prefer to explore at a more leisurely pace the area's wildlife or archaeological features. Our '**A Walk in the Park**' programme of short healthy walks is popular with people wanting a more gentle and sociable exploration of some of the less well known rural retreats. Leaflets are available in Visitor Centres and on our website. Whatever you decide, we will make sure that our staff or other experts are on hand to inspire you. The Great Days Out programme has something for everyone so come and see what your National Park can offer you!

The Great Days Out Programme continues to welcome Max Card Holders to all our Great Days Out events.

**Please wear sturdy boots. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.**

**April**

**Wednesday 12 April History Mystery in the Park: Cups and Rings**

Come and explore some of the best examples of the ancient prehistoric rock carvings known as cups and rings. Join guide Peter McEwen at Lordenshaws with breath-taking views over the Coquet Valley, and see if you can decipher the meaning of these mysterious markings that have confounded experts. Expect one or two climbs during the walk.

**Start:** 10.30am (5 hours) **Grade:** Long (7 miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2, Family £8.

**Meet:** Riverside Car Park, Rothbury **O.S. Grid Ref:** NU057015

**Tuesday 18 April A Castle, A Quarry and Some Canny Views**

Join archaeologist Dr. Rob Young in experiencing some fabulous views of Upper Coquetdale, visiting a medieval castle and a 19<sup>th</sup> century millstone quarry.

**Start:** 1pm (2.5hrs) **Grade:** Medium (3-5 miles)

**Cost:** Free as funded by Coquetdale Community Archaeology Project.

**Meet:** Harbottle Castle National Park Car Park **O.S. Grid Ref:** NT934047

**May**

**Saturday 6 May The Call of the Curlew**

A walk through the inspirational volcanic Cheviot Hills hear the call of the curlew – Northumberland National Park's emblem bird. Find out about the area's important wildlife habitats with Ecologist, Gill Thompson.

**Start:** 11am (3-4 hrs) **Grade:** Medium (4½ miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Saturday 13 May A Walk in Drovers Footsteps**

As part of Coquetdale Community Archaeology, this walk, led by Archaeologist Rob Young and Ranger Tracy Hall, will introduce points of archaeological interest and tell the story of cattle moving down the old drove road of Clennell Street and impact on the local landscape.

**Start:** 10am (4 hrs) **Grade:** Long (6.5 miles)

**Cost:** Free as funded by Coquetdale Community Archaeology Project.

**Meet:** Alwinton National Park Car Park **O.S. Grid Ref:** NT919063

**Saturday 20 May 50 years, 50 miles- Stage 1: Rothbury to Darden**

Join a National Park Ranger for the first in a series of 10 mile walks to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Northumberland National Park, walking from Rothbury to Darden. Please note there will be a small additional charge for transport on the day.

**Start:** 10am (7 hrs) **Grade:** Strenuous (10 miles)

**Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

Booking only-01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**June**

**Sunday 11 June Wildflowers and Afternoon Tea**

Come along and discover the wealth of wildflowers that grow in the quiet country lanes around Simonside. Afterwards enjoy some scrumptious home baked food at a tearoom in Rothbury.

**Start:** 2pm (3 hrs) **Grade:** Easy (2 miles)

**Cost:** Adults £7, Children (Under 12) £5. (Prices include tea.)

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk)

Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems and a visual impairment.

**Saturday 17 June 50 years, 50 miles- Stage 2: Darden to Harbottle**

Join National Park Rangers for the second in a series of 10 mile walks to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Northumberland National Park. The route will include part of a new path along the eastern boundary of the Otterburn Training Area. Please note there will be a small additional charge for transport on the day.

**Start:** 10am (7 hrs) **Grade:** Strenuous (10 miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Sunday 18 June An Otterburn Experience**

Join National Park Ranger Tony Lummis on this newly promoted circular route from Otterburn Mill across open land via the village and the Otter Burn itself. Wildflowers, birds and historic sites. Return past a stud farm to a local venue for a delicious tea.

**Start:** 2pm (3-4 hours) **Grade:** Medium (3 miles) **Cost:** Adults £7, Children (Under 12) £5. (Includes tea)

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Saturday 24 June Lichen Hunting at the Lough**

"Lichens are fungi that have discovered agriculture" explains one lichenologist. Discover more about these fascinating organisms on a walk to Darden Lough near Elsdon, the historic capital of Redesdale. Our guide will show you worlds you never knew existed! Please bring your lunch, waterproofs and hand lens if you have one.

**Start:** 10.30am (4 hours) **Grade:** Medium (4 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1  
Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Sunday 25 June Roman Ramble**

Hit the highpoint of Hadrian's Wall on this fascinating guided ramble. A circular walk with stunning views and fascinating facts.

**Start:** 2pm (3 hrs) **Grade:** Medium (5 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Walltown Quarry picnic site **O.S. Grid ref:** NY669659

Family orientated event. Please wear sturdy boots. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**July**

**Sunday 2 July The Secret Life of a Hay Meadow**

A great variety of flowers in hay fields and roadside verges will be at their very best for this pleasant ramble around Greenhaugh. Come along and discover these wildflowers and some of the special creatures that depend on this important habitat.

**Start:** 2pm (3 hrs) **Grade:** Easy (2-3 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1

**Meet:** Car Park opposite Hollybush Inn, Greenhaugh near Bellingham. **O.S. Grid Ref:** NY795873

Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems and a visual impairment.

**Sunday 9 July 50 years, 50 miles- Stage 3: Harbottle**

Join a National Park Ranger for the third in a series of 10 mile walks to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Northumberland National Park, focusing on Harbottle Village and the picturesque Coquet Valley. Please note there will be a small additional charge for transport on the day.

**Start:** 10am (7 hrs) **Grade:** Strenuous (10 miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Sunday 9 July Kilham – A Taste of the Cheviots**

Join us for an invigorating circular walk giving a real taste of the northernmost Cheviots without trekking into the high hills. The trail takes in the lovely valley of Bowmont Water and part of the old Alnwick to Cornhill railway, and (weather permitting) includes a steep climb to the top of Kilham Hill. A scrumptious local tea will help you to relive it all at the end of the day. Don't forget the waterproofs!

**Start:** 1 pm (3-4 hours) **Grade:** Medium (3.5 mile) **Cost:** Adults £7, Children (Under 12) £5. (ncludes tea)

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Saturday 15 July Damsels and Dragons**

Discover the world of dragonflies and damselflies. Learn about their lives and enjoy watching their aerial acrobatics.

**Start:** 2pm (1.5hrs) **Grade:** Easy **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Walltown Quarry picnic site **O.S. Grid ref:** NY669659

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sunday 16 July Wildflowers of Upper Coquetdale**

The hay meadows of Upper Coquetdale are at their best at this time of year. Come along and find out what is being done to enhance and increase these special habitats.

**Start:** 2pm (3 hrs) **Grade:** Easy (1.5 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1.

**Meet:** Wedder Leap Car Park, nr Windyhaugh Farm, Upper Coquetdale. **O.S. Grid ref:** NT867104

Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems and a visual impairment.

**Sunday 16 July 50 years, 50 miles- Stage 4: The Border Ridge**

Join Ranger Russell Tait for the fourth walk in a series of 10 mile walks to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Northumberland National Park, along the Border Ridge following a section of the Pennine Way. Please note there will be a small additional charge for transport on the day.

**Start:** 10am (7 hrs) **Grade:** Strenuous (10 miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Sunday 23 July 50 years, 50 miles- Stage 5: Breamish Valley**

Join a National Park Ranger for the fifth in a series of 10 mile walks to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Northumberland National Park in the Breamish Valley. This walk also celebrates National Parks' Week. Please note there will be a small additional charge for transport on the day.

**Start:** 10am (7 hrs) **Grade:** Strenuous (10 miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Sunday 23 July Bumblebees and Butterflies**

These beautiful insects rely on a variety of flowers to survive. Come along and discover why, and what Northumberland National Park is doing to help provide these ideal habitats.

**Start:** 2pm (3hrs) **Grade:** Medium (3 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Simonside Forest Car Park, near Rothbury. **O.S. Grid ref:** NZ036998

Family orientated event. Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems and a visual impairment.

**Tuesday 25 July Grass Blade Jungle**

Come along and discover the multitude of mini-beasts that lurk down in the grass and flowers! Fun for everyone.

**Start:** 2pm (1hr) **Grade:** Easy **Cost:** Adults £1, Concessions & Children £2, Family £5.

**Meet:** Ingram Bridge Car Park, Breamish Valley. **O.S. Grid ref:** NU018163

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult. Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems and a visual impairment.

**Thursday 27 July Watery Tales**

Wander gently around Falstone Village in the delightful North Tyne Valley as you listen to intriguing stories about people and water.

**Start:** 1pm and 2.30pm (1 hr) **Grade:** Easy **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Falstone Tearooms, near Kielder Water. **O.S. Grid ref:** NY723875

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Friday 28 July Hilltop History: Hillfort Hike**

Ingram and the Breamish Valley is one of the most important archaeological landscapes in Britain, with an impressive tally of earthworks each telling a fascinating story of how people have lived over the millennia. Hike up the hills with knowledgeable guide, Peter McEwen, to get a real flavour of the importance of location.

**Start:** 10.30am (5 hours) **Grade:** Long (8 miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

**Meet:** Haughland before Ingram Bridge, Breamish Valley. **O.S. Grid ref:** NU019165

**Saturday 29 July The Black House**

Admire the Victorian achievement of the Catcleugh Reservoir near Byrness - the last village in England before the A68 climbs the Cheviot Hills to cross Carter Bar into Scotland. Hear how the workers lived and died in the building between 1893 and 1904 and visit the restored cabin home of one of the hundreds of families who lived here.

**Start:** 11am or 2pm (2hrs) **Grade:** Easy (Optional walk ½ mile)

**Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Entrance to Catcleugh Reservoir, near Byrness **O.S. Grid ref:** NT753033

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sunday 30 July Coquetdale Special Qualities**

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northumberland National Park, Join Ranger, Tracy Hall, on a leg-stretching walk into the wild and stunning scenery of the upper Coquet Valley, and get in touch with the qualities that make this National Park landscape so special.

**Start:** 10am (4 hrs) **Grade:** Medium (5 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**August**

**Wednesday 2 August Grass Blade Jungle**

Come along and discover the multitude of mini-beasts that lurk down in the grass and flowers! Fun for everyone.

**Start:** 2pm (1hr) **Grade:** Easy **Cost:** Adults £1, Concessions & Children £2, Family £5.

**Meet:** Walltown Quarry Picnic Site, near Greenhead. **O.S. Grid ref:** NY669659

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult. Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems and a visual impairment.

**Tuesday 8 August Wellies at Walltown**

Come pond dipping and discover the hidden world of beasts that live under water. Please wear wellies!

**Start:** 2pm (1.5hrs) **Grade:** Easy (2 miles max) **Cost:** Adults £1, Concessions & Children £2, Family £5.

**Meet:** Walltown Quarry picnic site, near Greenhead. **O.S. Grid ref:** NY669659

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Wednesday 9 August Super Summer Senses**

Have a walk around Walltown using all your senses. Join in the games and activities to make the most of your ears, nose and fingers.

**Start:** 10am and 2pm (1.5hrs) **Grade:** Easy **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Walltown Quarry picnic site, near Greenhead. **O.S. Grid ref:** NY669659

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Thursday 10 August Long, Long, Ago...**

Take yourself back in time through stories of the people who made these hills their home. Breathtaking views over the Coquet Valley on this gentle family walk from Lordenshaws.

**Start:** 1pm and 2.30pm (1 hr) **Grade:** Easy **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Lordenshaws Car Park, near Rothbury. **O.S. Grid ref:** NZ052988

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sunday 13 August Rock and Ramble**

Explore the geology and landscape of the Hadrian's Wall area with geologist Brian Young. Learn how the dramatic and unique scenery developed over millions of years and how humans and wildlife have exploited it. Please bring your own lunch.

**Start:** 10am (4-5 hours) **Grade:** Medium (4 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1.

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Tuesday 15 August The Family Tree**

Join Ranger Jane Riddell for a fun filled, activity packed session in which all the family can learn about trees.

**Start:** 1pm-2.30pm, 3pm-4.30pm **Grade:** Easy (2 miles max)

**Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Simonside Forest Car Park near Rothbury **OS Grid Ref:** NZ036998

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Saturday 19 August Woodland, Wildlife and a Well**

Join Ranger Jane Riddell on a low level figure of eight walk, taking in Holystone Forest, Lady's Well and Sharperton.

**Start:** 2pm (3 hrs) **Grade:** Medium (5 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Holystone Forest Car Park **O.S. Grid Ref:** NT950025.

**Sunday 20 August Lordenshaws – An Ancient Landscape**

Coquetdale Community Archaeology Project archaeologist Paul Frodsham invites you to join him for a stroll around the ancient places of Lordenshaws, reading the landscape for clues about life hundreds and even thousands of years ago.

**Start:** 1pm (3 hrs) **Grade:** Medium (2-5 miles)

**Cost:** Free as funded by Coquetdale Community Archaeology Project.

**Meet:** Lordenshaws Car Park, near Rothbury. **O.S. Grid Ref:** NZ052988

**Thursday 24 August Hey, flower, how you doin?**

Drift along as we listen to stories of herbs and flowers, hearts and happiness by the banks of the beautiful River Breamish.

**Start:** 1pm and 2.30pm (1 hr) **Grade:** Easy **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Ingram Bridge Car Park, Breamish Valley. **O.S. Grid ref:** NU018163

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Saturday 26 August Cheviots Challenge Walk**

Help raise funds for our Search and Rescue Team by taking part in this annual long distance walking event in the Cheviots. For details send a SAE to: 25 Hauxley Drive, Northburn Dale, Cramlington, Northumberland, NE23 3UZ [www.cheviotschallenge.org.uk](http://www.cheviotschallenge.org.uk)

**September**

**Saturday 9 September Archaeology at Ingram**

Join National Park archaeologist Paul Frodsham to visit ancient burial sites and settlements recently excavated on Ingram Farm, and examine some of the fascinating objects discovered there.

**Start:** 1pm (4hrs) **Grade:** Strenuous (3-5 miles) **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Ingram Visitors Centre **O.S. Grid Ref:** NU019163

**Sunday 10 September A Walk around Rothbury**

Come and explore the picturesque landscape around the traditional market town of Rothbury, with guide Peter McEwen.

**Start:** 10am (6 hours) **Grade:** Long (8-10 miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**Sunday 24 September Spider Hunt**

Discover more about these fascinating creatures and their intriguing lives. Fun for children of all ages.

**Start:** 2pm (1 hr)      **Grade:** Easy      **Cost:** Adults £1, Concessions & Children £2, Family £5.

**Meet:** Simonside Forest Car Park, near Rothbury.      **O.S. Grid ref:** NZ036998

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult. Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems and a visual impairment.

**October**

**Sunday 15 October Seed Collecting Sunday**

Join Forestry Commission and National Park staff during seed gathering season to collect tree seeds and find out what is being done to help native trees at Holystone.

**Start:** 2pm (2 hrs)      **Grade:** Easy (2 miles)      **Cost:** Free

**Meet:** Holystone Forest Car Park      **O.S. Grid ref:** NT950024

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult. Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems.

**Friday 27 October A Walk around Ingram**

Come and explore the landscape around Ingram Village in the beautiful Breamish Valley with guide Peter McEwen.

**Start:** 10am (6 hours)      **Grade:** Long (10 miles)      **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk)

**Saturday 28 October Yeaving Yomp**

National Park archaeologist, Paul Frodsham's tour of ancient sites around the magnificent hillfort of Yeavinger Bell has now become a popular annual event! We will also explore and discuss the Anglian palace site of Gefrin. Please bring your own lunch.

**Start:** 11am (6hrs) **Grade:** Strenuous (6-12miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2, Family £8.

**Meet:** Pedgepool Place, Wooler      **O.S. Grid Ref:** NT989280

**Tuesday 31 October Witches Brew at Once Brewed**

Join National Park Rangers for ghoulish games, terrifying tales and creepy challenges. Bring your own food and soft drinks for a BBQ. **Please bring a torch!**

**Start:** 5pm (2hrs)

**Cost:** Adults £1, Concessions & Children £2, Family £5.

**Meet:** Once Brewed Visitors Centre, near Haltwhistle.      **O.S. Grid ref:** NY753669

Booking Recommended - 01434 344487. Family orientated event. Event is suitable for people with limited mobility. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**Tuesday 31 October Halloween in the Breamish Valley**

Ghoulish games and frights abound in this lunar lit, lonely valley tonight. Prizes for the best lantern. Soup and hotdogs available. **Please bring a torch!**

**Start:** 5.30pm (for 7 years old and under), 6pm and 6.30pm – lasts 2hrs.

**Cost:** Adults £1, Concessions & Children £2, Family £5.

**Meet:** Ingram Bridge Car Park, Breamish Valley      **O.S. Grid ref:** NU018163

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult.

**November**

**Saturday 11 November A Walk around the Wall**

Come and explore the landscape surrounding Hadrian's Wall, a World Heritage Site with guide Peter McEwen.

**Start:** 10am (6 hours)      **Grade:** Long (10 miles) **Cost:** Adults £3, Concessions & Children £2

Booking only- 01669 620887 or [www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk).

**December**

**Sunday 17 December Carols at the Linn**

Enjoy a winter walk to Hareshaw Linn. Be seasonally serenaded as you refresh yourself in the tea rooms afterwards! Bring a musical instrument if you wish and money for your tea.

**Start:** 1pm (3hrs) **Grade:** Easy (2miles max)      **Cost:** Adults £2, Concessions & Children £1, Family £5.

**Meet:** Hareshaw Car Park, Bellingham      **O.S. Grid ref:** NY841835

Family orientated event. U18's must be accompanied by an adult. Leader sensitive to people with hearing problems.

### Ten Years of St.Cuthbert's Way- 22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2006



To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St. Cuthbert's Way the partners involved in its maintenance and upkeep have arranged a week-long programme of events including walks covering the entire route and a number of related evening events. **Please note:** Booking is essential. No dogs allowed. Please wear sturdy boots and waterproofs and bring a packed lunch!

**1. Melrose to Maxton** – Sunday 23 July

**2. Maxton to Harestanes** – Monday 24 July

**3. Harestanes to Cessford** – Tuesday 25 July

**4. Morebattle to Kirk Yetholm** – Wednesday 26 July

**Booking for walks 1 to 4:** Tel: 01835 830306 or email: [harestanes@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:harestanes@scotborders.gov.uk)

**5. Kirk Yetholm to Old Yeavinger** – Thursday 27 July, 11am (4.5 hrs)

Join National Park archaeologist Iain Hedley on an exploration of the Cheviot landscape, and find out why the Border between England and Scotland crosses this magnificent landscape. The day ends at the royal Anglo-Saxon settlement of Gefrin, where we will be joined by local archaeologist Roger Miket of the Gefrin Trust for a tour of the site.

**Grade:** Long (one strenuous section) 7½ miles

**Cost:** Adults £4.50, Concessions £2, Children free. Free return transport.

**6. Old Yeavinger to Wooler** – Friday 28 July, 10.30am (6 hrs).

Join local archaeologist Roger Miket on this section of the route which takes in the prehistoric Cheviot landscape, including the hillfort on Yeavinger Bell. The day concludes with an evening talk in the Cheviot Centre, Wooler, at 7.30-8.30pm entitled 'Cuthbert's landscape'. Free return transport provided.

**Grade:** Long/ Strenuous- 9 miles.

**Cost:** Adults £4.50, Concessions £2, Children free.

**Booking for walks 5&6:** Tel: 01665 578890 or book online at <http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk>

**7. Wooler to St Cuthbert's Cave** – Saturday 29 July

**8. St Cuthbert's Cave to Holy Island** – Sunday 30 July

**Booking for walks 7 and 8:** Tel: 01670 534078 or email: [iainrobson@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:iainrobson@northumberland.gov.uk).

### Creative Northumberland

The breathtaking landscapes of Northumberland provide inspiration to many creative industries that are located in and around the National Park. Throughout 2006 our National Park Centres will host five *creative* Northumberland events. Each will feature a small number of demonstrations and displays, offering you the opportunity to meet with, talk to and buy directly from local exhibitors and artisans. Demonstrations are likely to include pottery, jewellery design, textile art, candle making, watercolours and much more.

Feel free to drop in, be inspired and take home something unique and special as a reminder of your stay.

Sunday 9 April

#### **Creative Northumberland Event at Once Brewed**

National Park Centre Once Brewed, Military Road, Bardon Mill NE47 7AN

Sunday 28 May

#### **Creative Northumberland Event at Ingram**

National Park Centre Ingram, Powburn, Alnwick NE66 4LT

Sunday 6 August

#### **Creative Northumberland Event at Once Brewed**

Sunday 13 August

#### **Creative Northumberland Event at Ingram**

Sunday 22 October

#### **Creative Northumberland Event at Rothbury**

The Coquetdale Centre, Church Street, Rothbury NE65 7UP

Details of artisans and artists who will be appearing at the events above will be promoted at our Centres and on our website nearer the dates specified.

[www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk](http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk)

## A Walk in the Park 2006

A Walk in the Park was introduced to the Northumberland National Park events programme last year. It proved to be a great success and we are delighted to continue with a new invigorating selection of guided walks in 2006.

The programme is made up of short healthy walks spread across the whole of Northumberland National Park, where you can escape into the countryside throughout the year. All the walks are between 3 and 5 miles long – perfect for everyone!

Come and stretch your legs, breathe in the wonderful air and glory in the scenery. And while you're doing that, learn more about Northumberland National Park, its communities and special qualities with a friendly guide. Fresh air, exercise and perhaps a cup of tea and a bit of cake afterwards!

### Please note:

- **Each walk has specific details about the terrain.**
- **No dogs are allowed on walks.**
- **Bring a drink and snack if you wish.**
- **Wear suitable clothing, shoes or boots.**
- **Refreshments are an additional cost to the walks.**

## April

### Friday 7 April Cawfields, Hadrian's Wall

This walk takes in fantastic views along Hadrian's Wall with some glimpses of Roman milecastles.

**Terrain:** The walk includes some steep sections but alternative routes are available. Please be aware that you will have to negotiate some stiles, and some parts of the way are rough and possibly wet underfoot.

**Start:** 2pm (2½ hrs)      **Length:** 4¼ miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Cawfields Car Park

### Thursday 20 April Harbottle & the Drake Stone

Take a modest stroll through the hills around the pretty village of Harbottle - site of a major barony and 12<sup>th</sup> century royal castle which guarded an important route across the border for many centuries. The first part of the walk climbs up to the Drake Stone through a nature reserve to Harbottle Lake. Part two continues on more level terrain, crossing the River Coquet along tracks and fields to finish at the Tea Room.

**Terrain:** This walk involves a moderate climb at a slow pace. Please be aware that some parts of the way are rough and possibly wet underfoot.

**Start:** 1.30pm (2½hrs)      **Length:** 4½ miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Harbottle West Wood Forest Car Park

## May

### Thursday 4 May Simonside the Sacred Mountain

A walk of discovery on forest tracks and ancient paths, looking for signs of our ancestors.

**Terrain:** Mostly good tracks with a steady ascent and descent with one narrow path.

**Start:** 1pm (2hrs)      **Length:** 3-4 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Simonside Forest Car Park

### Thursday 11 May Simonburn

Simonburn has not seen any major development for the past 150 years, and remains much as it was in the middle of the 19th-century, a secluded and peaceful retreat in the North Tyne. This is a gentle walk through woods, past a ruined castle into undulating farmland with spectacular open views. Afterwards the village café will welcome us for refreshments.

**Terrain:** This walk will involve some steady climbs with one or two stiles to negotiate.

**Start:** 10.30am (2½hrs)      **Length:** 4¾ miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Simonburn Village Car Park.

**June**

**Sunday 4 June Cheviots Taster- Kirknewton**

An easy walk on the lower slopes of West Hill hillfort in the College Valley. Feel the atmosphere of the big hills without climbing them!

**Terrain:** Stone based paths, potentially muddy in places, no stiles or steep climbs involved.

**Start:** 2pm (1½hrs)      **Length:** 3 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Kirknewton Village Hall

**Thursday 8 June Elsdon**

Join a walk with views of the historic village of Elsdon with a backdrop of the glorious Cheviot Hills. Afterwards the Impromptu Café will welcome us for refreshments.

**Terrain:** One steep climb and descent taken at a slow pace. There will be a number of stiles to negotiate.

**Start:** 1pm (3hrs)      **Length:** 4½ miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Elsdon Village Hall

**Friday 30 June Medieval Farms & Hillforts of the Breamish Valley**

Take a walk of discovery through the ages, passing hillforts, burial cairns and ancient settlements.

**Terrain:** Good tracks and paths, with a steady ascent and steepish descent.

**Start:** 1pm (2hrs)      **Length:** 3-4 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Bulby's Wood Car Park, Ingram

**July**

**Friday 7 July Brocolitia, Hadrian's Wall**

Come and explore this breathtaking countryside on a circular walk along Hadrian's Wall, taking in sights of Limestone Corner, Uppertown and High Teppermoor.

**Terrain:** Please be aware that you will need to negotiate some stiles during the walk. One fairly easy ascent during the walk.

**Start:** 10am (2½hrs)      **Length:** 4½ miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Brocolitia Car Park

**Saturday 22 July Bellingham**

Enjoy a riverside and hill walk around the market town of Bellingham, in the heart of rural Northumberland. Afterwards the Fountain Tearooms will welcome us for refreshments.

**Terrain:** There will be a moderate climb involved and stiles to negotiate. There will be soft ground in places.

**Start:** 1pm (3-4hrs)      **Length:** 4-5 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Outside Bellingham Tourist Information Centre

**August**

**Saturday 5 August Wark Forest**

Explore the largest forest in Northumberland National Park and take time to discover the multitude of flowers and wildlife that the forest is home to.

**Terrain:** Mainly forest tracks.

**Start:** 1pm (2½hrs)      **Length:** 3 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Warks Burn Car Park, Stonehaugh

**Saturday 12 August Humbleton Hill**

A walk from Wooler around Humbleton Hill on good paths with views to the high Cheviots. For the energetic, make an optional ascent to the top of Humbleton Hill and visit the hillfort.

**Terrain:** Good paths, with some ascent involved.

**Start:** 1pm (3hrs)      **Length:** 4½-5 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Wooler Bus Station and car park.

**Wednesday 23 August Tosson Limekiln**

This walk takes in views of the magnificent Coquet Valley. Explore the limekiln - one of the best preserved in Northumberland and its surrounding area. Look out for the abundance of wildlife and flora along the way.

**Terrain:** Gentle walk along bridleways and quiet roads.

**Start:** 2pm (2½hrs)      **Length:** 4¾ miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Tosson Limekiln Car Park

### September

#### Thursday 14 September Greenhaugh

Learn some local history while you enjoy spectacular countryside on a walk around the Tasset Valley.

**Terrain:** Mainly on quiet lanes and tracks, some rough grassland to cross. There are a number of stiles to negotiate. One small hill included in route.

**Start:** 1pm (3hrs)                      **Length:** 3½ -4 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Car Park opposite the Hollybush Inn, Greenhaugh near Bellingham.

#### Friday 29 September Holystone, Coquetdale

Hit the forest trail to see natural water features and autumn colours, and maybe catch a glimpse of the wildlife on this guided walk. Taking in Dove Crag waterfall and Lady's Well - a spring of pure Northumbrian water that was a missionary stop for St Paulinus who baptised some 3,000 people here in AD 627.

**Terrain:** There will be a moderate ascent involved. There may be soft ground and some styles to negotiate.

**Start:** 1pm (3hrs)                      **Length:** 5 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Holystone Forest Enterprise Car Park

### October

#### Friday 6 October Alwinton

This walk takes you along parts of an old drove road, Clennell Street, which passes through Alwinton, the last village in Upper Coquetdale. Alwinton is located at the point where the River Alwin joins the River Coquet. Look out for a variety of birds along the way.

**Terrain:** Please be aware that you will need to negotiate some stiles during the walk.

**Start:** 1pm (2½hrs)                      **Length:** 4½ miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Alwinton National Park Car Park

#### Thursday 19 October Cheviot Views – Harthope Valley

One of the most picturesque and unspoilt valleys in Northumberland. Wander in these far-flung hills to get the best impact from the autumn colours and heart-lifting views in the North of the National Park.

**Terrain:** One initial steep climb. Good paths and dirt tracks.

**Start:** 10.30am (2 hrs)      **Length:** 3-4 miles      **Cost:** Adults £2, Children & Concessions £1

**Meet:** Side of the road at Hawsen Burn Bridge, Harthope Valley.

**NOTES**