

Teesside Archives – Outreach Proposal

Proposal: To agree an annual programme of outreach activity with each Local Authority which creates parity across the boroughs and supports more effective planning of the council's resources and encourages greater partnership working.

Chris Corbett, Community Engagement Officer, has suggested the following annual programme for each borough:

1 x large scale event, for example:

- Armed Forces Day – Stockton
- Mela – Middlesbrough
- Love Local Fair – Redcar & Cleveland
- Headland Carnival - Hartlepool

Working collaboratively with organisers to arrange for 1-2 members of the Archives team (plus volunteers) to attend and engage visitors with collections/documents relevant to the event/location.

2 x smaller scale community events, for example:

- Archive roadshows - so far, we've delivered these at Stockton Central library and at the monthly Hartlepool Headland Local History Society meeting

Opportunity to work with community venues and bring the Archives to unexpected places. Likely to require 2 Archives staff (Chris + conservator)

School workshops (number in each borough tbc)

The current offer for schools includes:

- History in Maps (Middlesbrough and Hartlepool)
- WW2 air raid reports (Middlesbrough)
- Story of the River Tees in Maps (All)
- Stockton Workhouse (Stockton - currently in development with Stockton Reference Library)

Opportunity to work with LA's to promote these to schools in the borough (would need to agree a realistic number of sessions) and to develop new programme based on local interest/priorities.

2 x public guided walks

The Archives team deliver a programme of walks linked to initiatives such as National Walking Month (May), Local History Month (May), Heritage Open Days (September). We also respond to requests from groups for bespoke walks and have supported guided walks that partner LA's have organised e.g. Stockton library service and the Stockton townscape heritage project.

Heritage walks programme includes:

- Tees Barrage to the Transporter Bridge

- Tees Barrage to Newport Bridge Circular
- Saltholme to Port Clarence Circular
- Upleatham Circular
- Loftus Circular
- Eston Hills Circular
- Ormesby Hall/Stewart Park circular
- Black Path (Middlesbrough to South Bank section)
- South Gare

Shorter Story Strolls programme includes:

- Seaton Carew heritage (developed in partnership with Tees Archaeology Beneath the Sea project)
- Hartlepool Headland (Natural History theme developed and delivered in partnership with Hartlepool Library Service)
- Old Middlesbrough (from Transporter Bridge)
- Redcar seafront
- Marske
- Guisborough
- Saltburn

Community talks (number in each borough tbc)

We currently have a range of topics and deliver these to a wide range of community groups (Rotary groups, WI, local retirement groups) and in libraries across the 4 boroughs when requested.

We are starting to develop more bespoke talks, introducing the archives followed by more location specific stories and material.

Current talk topics include:

- Introduction to the Archives (this can be adapted to include more focussed material at the end)
- A Town's Tale; the story of Saltburn through the archives
- The Nature of Archives; natural history stories from the archive collections
- William Gileard Brown; Haverton Hill Hero
- All At Sea; stories from the maritime records of Hartlepool
- Herstory; Women's History on Teesside
- History of Hartlepool Workhouse
- Bridges built by Dorman Long and Cleveland Bridge
- Stockton Workhouse (delivered in partnership with Stockton Reference Library)
- South Gare (currently being developed)

How do we make this work more effectively?

Ideally, we would like a point of contact in each borough for Chris to liaise with in coordinating the above so that we can be sure what we are delivering is valuable. We would welcome support from the boroughs in finalising a programme for each area including finding community groups and venues to link with, agreeing which events to have a presence at, etc. This will help to identify address any gaps in engagement

In addition to an agreed annual programme, we are also happy for the Archives Service to be a partner in specific projects and would welcome involvement from the project development stage so that archive costs can be built in – this is potential new revenue stream and something we've spoken to TVMG about.

The final programme agreed with each borough needs to be based on the capacity of the Community Engagement Officer primarily (21 hours per week) supported where possible by other members of the team and Archives volunteers.