

# A Bicentenary Heritage Trail in Three Dimensions

The story of Middlesbrough -Where From, What Now and Where are We  
Going! - Middlesbrough Erimus Rotary

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# A project which can offer some positive answers to all three of these elements

- ▶ The Past - Why Here ? Without the Tees, Middlesbrough simply would not have happened - the need for deeper water with more cargo capacity creating a viable future port. An attractive grid plan town built.
- ▶ Ironstone bonanza -rapid development, untrammelled growth, UK immigrant labour force, unique culture, world scale production embracing science...beside the river Tees for over a century and a quarter.
- ▶ Geography and water depth dictate downriver trade movement - a continuous process since 18th Century at Yarm.

# We have an opportunity now to celebrate our past using positive structures which connected people and communities across the globe...

- ▶ 'Tees Steel - Bridging the World' Our Heritage Trail Concept - A linear walk through the 'Ironmaster's District'
- ▶ We produce replicas of bridges and buildings which have brought people, cities and continents together - Sydney Harbour, Kolkata (Calcutta) Zambezi, Tyne, Europe and Asia at Istanbul and several more potentials. Work with local colleges to bring costs into rational levels and in doing so bring Pride in our Town into reality on the ground with young people. Alongside this would be 'Corten' 3d models of Ironmasters district activity. Seated areas where QR codes can tell stories and play video - we already do some of this on THW and more of in a future facing project.

# Today's Story - The Present - Why and How

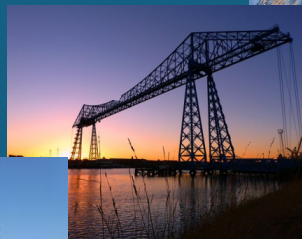
- ▶ This river Reach is host to THREE National Trails - Unique?
- ▶ The Teesdale Way, our new King Charles Third National Coastal Path and Sustrans Route 1 all share this special pathway
- ▶ Over the past five years Middlesbrough Erimus Rotary have been enhancing the environment along the riverside as the photos will show. A mile and a half of native deciduous trees have been planted. We have worked with Middlesbrough College and AV Dawson both of whom are now Corporate members of Erimus and Middlesbrough Council and have received financial support from PD Ports
- ▶ We have also introduced Tees Heritage Walk - Now in its fourth iteration working with Middlesbrough College and ETC Colleges and supported by three local rotary groups, last year £20k for over thirty local charities but capable of much more. This has cost Council taxpayers.....Nothing!
- ▶ A pictorial story of this follows for you

# TEES HERITAGE WALK

Walk for your chosen charity or club

Route options from 1 to 11 miles return, starting at Middlesbrough College on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

Find out more and enter at [middlesbrougherimusrotary.org](http://middlesbrougherimusrotary.org)



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# Tees Heritage Walk Route Map

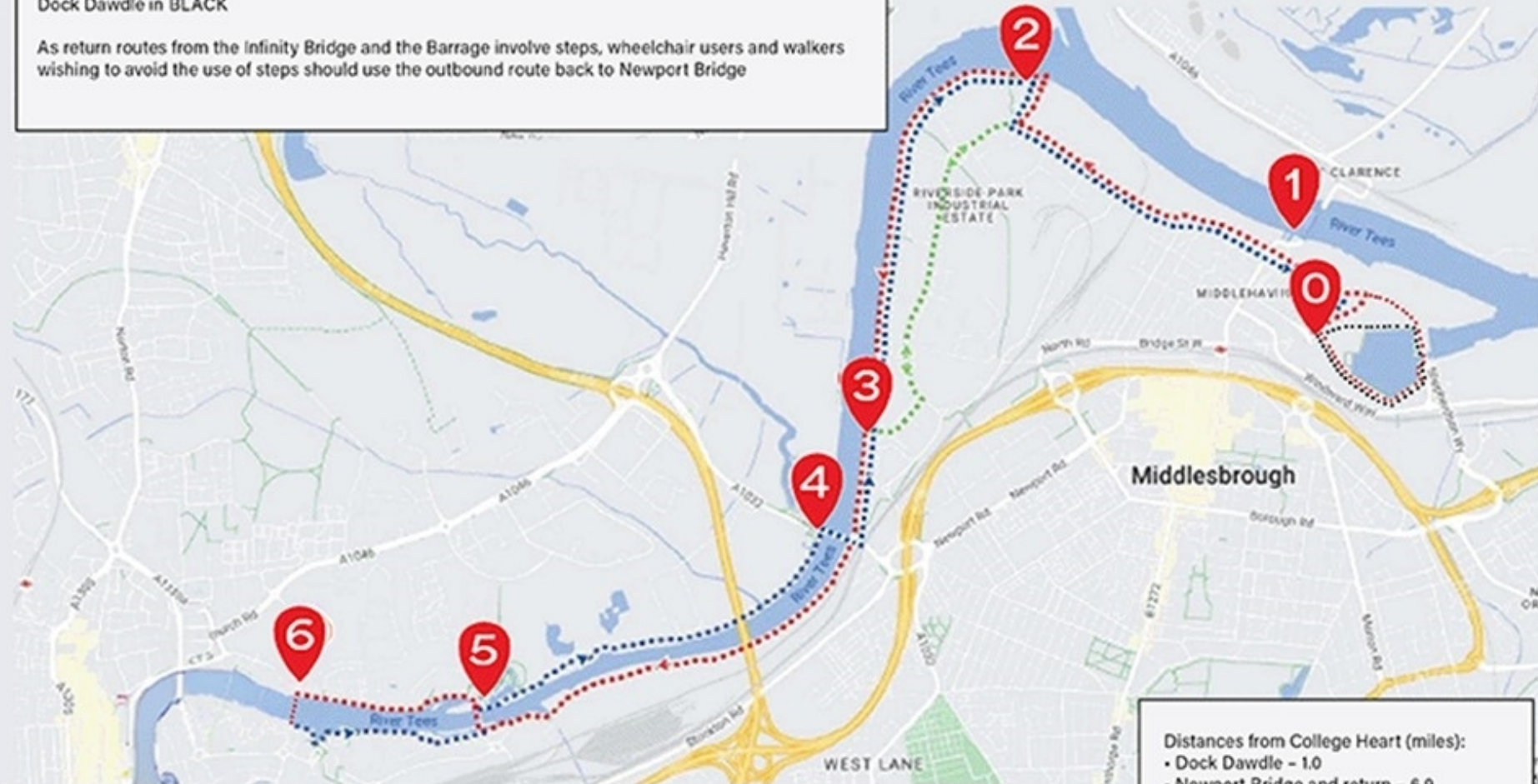


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Outbound route is shown in **RED**, the return route in **BLUE**, the wheelchair diversion in **GREEN** and the Dock Dawdle in **BLACK**

As return routes from the Infinity Bridge and the Barrage involve steps, wheelchair users and walkers wishing to avoid the use of steps should use the outbound route back to Newport Bridge



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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 0. M'bro College Heart      | 4. Newport Bridge          |
| 1. Transporter Bridge       | 5. Tees Barrage checkpoint |
| 2. Teessaurus Park          | 6. Infinity Bridge         |
| 3. Paralloys Ltd checkpoint |                            |

Distances from College Heart (miles):

- Dock Dawdle - 1.0
- Newport Bridge and return - 6.9
- Tees Barrage and return - 9.8
- Infinity Bridge and return - 11.0

Note that wheelchair diversion and routes avoiding steps are shorter

# What Next

- ▶ Our planting plans now extend with hedgerow planting incorporating more trees scheduled for this autumn courtesy of the Tees Community Forest initiative . Wildflower copses to be planted through a partnership with Middlesbrough & Cllr Peter Gavigan. Over time this is transforming the riverscape. We would benefit from increased CCTV in partnership with local riverside-based companies for mutual benefit. The result can become a ‘Secure Greenway’ joining our two major conurbations bringing health and wellbeing benefits to all of its users.
- ▶ We are now active members of TUNN (Tees Urban Nature Network), participants in GCNE (Green Corridors North East) and are working toward a linkage with National Trust at Ormesby Hall and Yatton House.
- ▶ This spring we have sown Wildflower borders and planted Buddleias within 5 local primary schools and one Academy.
- ▶ Erimus is a founder member of a group seeking to develop a Passport to Culture across the Tees Valley- this too can play a positive part in a Bicentenary and City of Culture ambition

# The future - where are we going?

- ▶ There exists within this initiative the potential to offer our digital sector a blank canvas in this area to posit their ambitions - how they do that will be for them to put forward - in a space which can offer linkage to our past and enhance our present can we invite our highly successful and innovative games groups an opportunity to display how their skills can grow the future potential of Middlesbrough and Boho Tees!

# Thank you

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