

# DREAM

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Dare to Dream! We have! Join our community projects, campaigns and voluntary work/activities to fulfil the perfect vision, the DREAM; the dream world; the dream community; the dream neighbourhood. Transform communities and transform our natural and historical environment with us! Our vision... is the fulfilment of your dreams.

**D**are to share your vision

**R**ecruit a team

**E**stablish a plan

**A**sk for miracles

**M**ove out in faith. Do not be afraid



**What we are all about:** We create community heritage projects and lead community archaeological excavations to transform both our natural and historic environment, and to transform communities, increasing community spirit and improving health by facilitating community activities.

**What can you do?**

**Spread the word far and wide!** We hope to be more than just an organisation, but a movement for positive change. We are counter-cultural! We commit to change society, to change lives, and to save our environment, one step-at-a-

time, to create our DREAM WORLD; our DREAM COMMUNITY!



**Volunteer with us!**

We NEED more volunteers to undertake all our activities. Whether you want to take part or whether you want to lead one of our projects, or even have your own project in mind! Contact us!

**Support us!** Perhaps you are a business wanting to fulfil your social action plan, or maybe a local who wants to

protect you local heritage and environment. You can support us financially or with resources. We often need garden tools and aggregates for the historic sites we restore, donations gladly received! Perhaps you might be able to support us financially supporting some of our hard workers every year, or with small one-off or regular payments. Let us know if you would like to support us! Our online funding page is: [gf.me/u/wabq2a](https://gf.me/u/wabq2a)



*Thank you.* The thank you this month is to the Computer Science students at Durham University who are currently creating a new website for us, increasing our web presence, and producing online interpretation of historic sites. Another thank you to those at John's College in Durham who met with us to discuss what they might be able to do to restore their part of the riverbank gardens.

## **What's coming up!**

### **IN COUNTY DURHAM**

Beaurepaire Medieval Manor House:



We have not yet managed to secure a date for the delivery and laying of gravel at Beaurepaire due to poor weather conditions and slow response with the supplier. We will send out a revised time for this activity when we are given the thumbs up! We really need more volunteers at Beaurepaire to ensure that its good appearance is maintained. Please get in touch if

you would like to be part of the maintenance team there! We usually meet once a month, but have had a break over these winter months. Our next activity on-site will be the laying of gravel and the time and date of which is to be confirmed in the next week or so. Meanwhile, if you have some time to spare do pop down to the site with a bin bag, gloves, and a flask of tea and pick up any litter! We hope that the site will maintain its beauty and we need your help to keep it nice!

School:



We wish to do more school outreach and those who are eager to volunteer to be part of spreading the

importance; excitement; and value of Durham's heritage, history and archaeology do get in touch! We are currently in communication with Durham Johnston School and hope that much of the work and projects they do could become integrated with our activities.

#### Riverside Gardens:

We said we were starting to 'get-the-ball-rolling' and we have! John's College at the University in Durham will be working with us to restore the 'Principal's Walk'-this is the old



garden and paths that lead down to the river that are within John's College Grounds. This we hope will be the first of many different

gardening projects around the riverbanks, which will incrementally restore the gardens and aid the restoration of the heritage and



historical monuments hidden within the vegetation. As part of the restoration of principal's walk we would love to hear from those who know all about gardening and flowers! The garden will be restored back to its appearance in 1933, and we hope to plant similar flora that's contemporary to that period. We also were very keen on telling some of the story and history of the garden and college, and would like any images, memories and local knowledge that would aid this.

Ideally if a small group of people who were interested in the garden and its history through time was established, we'd hope they could research and investigate fully its history. If anyone is looking to be part of the research of this, or interested in contributing knowledge and/or expertise do get in touch!

#### Old Langley Hall:

If anyone has any further information regarding the future of the hall please do let us know.

#### Langley Park:



Again, if anyone is interested in being part of researching and exploring the history of Langley Park, a small pit village on the outskirts of Durham, do get in touch! We are looking to have a research group who will meet up periodically to do research and put up local exhibitions of the village's rich history.

#### Medieval Manuscripts:



We are back tomorrow, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020, at 5 The College (just behind the Cathedral) translating Latin medieval manuscripts! Do join us if you haven't before and help us uncover Durham's concealed past! Contact us to get involved! No experience necessary. 9.30-1pm

#### Morris Dancing:

Get fit and keep the tradition alive! Get involved with Morris Dancing at Elvet Methodist Church every Wednesday in term-time, 8-10pm. All welcome and no experience necessary! Get in touch to find out more!



## IN YORKSHIRE

Drax:



In the last newsletter we recommended you visit this beautiful little church in Drax, North Yorkshire. Since early January we have been talking with many bodies, groups, vicars, diocesan staff and locals to understand the hoops and circles that create barriers for rural churches like Drax to become restored, renewed and regenerated to more than just a church, but into a multipurpose community space/asset. Church after church is closing due to financial pressures

and expensive building costs. We at DREAM are creating resources and going through the process at Drax, with the idea of gaining the knowledge and 'know-how' of saving these fantastic pieces of heritage and ensuring their upkeep and integration with the community for years to come!

Goole:

Goole was also praised much in our last newsletter for its Victorian beauty. Here we are trying to save



Goole Market Hall and preserve its heritage. However we want to go beyond preserving it; we want to transform it into a community

multifunctional space that has a life and purpose in its community. We hope to have some good news in the near future to how the hall might become a very different but much loved space.

Selby:

January has been the month of many, many meetings! At Selby this has definitely been the case,



however we are hoping to facilitate the community engagement activities in the Abbey, providing training and expertise when required.

## **ELSEWHERE**

Geddington:

You might have picked up from previous communication that we were meeting with the people of Geddington to discuss the potential of a community heritage project there. We have now met with them and are excited about what might happen there! The people of Geddington are planning a 'bring and share' of historic artefacts and finds in the area, where experts will tell the history of the many artefacts people are digging up accidentally in their back garden! This may lead to a series of garden test-pits being dug and some hidden questions of Geddington being revealed such as



the extent of Roman occupation and the layout of the palatial area of the medieval period.

### **Bulletin for the next little while:**

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

9.30-1PM Latin Translation of Medieval Manuscripts re-start again every Friday in term-time

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Durham Archaeology Day- Volunteers needed to run a stall about what activities we have on offer, and to encourage more volunteers!

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Northern Saint's Trail Launched. The Pilgrimage of Light goes from Hexham to Durham Cathedral, passing Beaurepaire Medieval Manor House. We would encourage you to try at least one of the six trails!

## **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **Once a month maintenance days at Beaurepaire Medieval**

**Manor House:** From 9.30am till 2pm, these will restart in the Spring, and all are welcome to come and help.

### **Every Friday excluding school holidays@ 5 The College, Durham City, 9.30-1pm:**

Research and Translation of original Latin medieval manuscripts; all training and Latin teaching provided

### **Every Wednesday in term-time@ Elvet Methodist Church,**

**8pm-10pm:** Morris Dancing 'HAVE-A-GO'; this traditional type of folk dance is steeped in history, so come along, have a go and keep the tradition alive!

Thank you

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