

# Land of Oak & Iron

## Landscape Partnership Scheme

Land of Oak & Iron is an exciting and ambitious scheme, proud to present an authentic vision of the past for individuals, families and communities. With over 500 years and 68 miles of heritage, history, heroes and habitats, the Land of Oak & Iron is an area waiting to be discovered and explored.

The partnership is hosted by Groundwork NE & Cumbria and has secured £2.2m from the Heritage Lottery Fund, matched by £0.6m from partner organisations and £0.6m value of volunteer time and in-kind donations. Geographically it covers 177km<sup>2</sup>, including the Derwent Valley (Swalwell to Consett) and the Tyne Valley (Swalwell to Prudhoe). The boundary is reflective of the landscape character of the area and shared industrial heritage. Over a period of four years partners are restoring sections of former significant waggonway routes, preserving industrial monuments that were at the forefront of the industrial revolution, protecting threatened habitats, and interpreting the area's cultural heritage.

You will hear about the opportunities and challenges associated with working in a landscape partnership, and how developing a brand for the Land of Oak & Iron is playing a key role in engaging the local community and businesses.

Our speaker is **Karen Daghish**. Following roles in local authority and the Countryside Agency, Partnership Manager Karen spent 12 years developing philanthropy at the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. Karen lives in Low Fell with her young family, is a part-time member of Saltwell Harriers and is looking forward to her next challenge - the Great North Swim - being over.



**Tuesday 18 July  
6-8 pm**

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