

Tyne Estuary Partnership

2018

Introduction

The River Tyne is one of the most iconic and well known rivers in the UK. The Tyne Estuary provides a focal point for economic activity that continues to develop along the river; supporting thriving businesses and is often the backdrop for large events such as the Great Exhibition of the North.

Over the years there has been significant investment to improve the quality of the Tyne. The benefits can be seen by improvements to the river's biodiversity, growth in economic development and visitor attractions. However, there are still significant pressures impacting the river; from historic mining, to new developments, population growth, contaminated sites and sewage.

Due to the ongoing support for improvements to the River Tyne there is now an ambition to develop a strong, strategic partnership to champion further improvements to the river; benefiting business, communities and the environment, over the next 10 years.

Tyne Estuary: Tynemouth to tidal limit at Wylam



Partnership Aims

By working in partnership we want to identify opportunities for sustainable environmental and economic improvements to the Tyne Estuary; unlocking investment to ensure the River Tyne continues to be an internationally significant River for the long term.

Other estuaries, including the Tees and the Thames, have successfully brought together multi-sector partnerships to improve environmental quality, community engagement and economic opportunities. The Environment Agency, working with Groundwork NE & Cumbria, Tyne Rivers Trust and Hull University are developing a similar vision for the Tyne with support from strategic partners.

Next Steps

Partnership events will be held in 2018/19 to discuss and refine enhancement opportunities and develop a joint vision for the Tyne Estuary. A report will be produced in Spring 2019 with projects commencing later in 2019.

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