

## TEESDALE PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

### THEMATIC GROUP LEAD MEMBER REPORT FORM

THEMATIC GROUP/ LEAD MEMBER	DATES COVERED IN REPORT:
Economy and Tourism Group Cllr Jo Fergus	August – September, 2008
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED THIS PERIOD:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barnard Castle Vision business case submitted to One North East for implementation funding. Newsletter circulated, streetscape strategy, transport and access plan and site appraisals reports completed, streetscape heritage group to take work forward, Enterprise Agency working with retail guild to support retail activity and to deliver the Retail Distinctiveness action plan. Castle lighting scheme tested with DCC assistance. Newsletter and website created; <a href="http://www.barnardcastlevision.co.uk">www.barnardcastlevision.co.uk</a></li><li>• Acceptance by One North East of New Leader Approach (grass roots community funding stream). To cover Teesdale, parts of Wear Valley, Tynedale and Derwentside. Local Action Group formed and first meeting held. Co-ordinator to be appointed.</li><li>• Learning and Skills grant for skills training/businesses - investigations into future funding as current funding finished in March 07. Consideration to be given using New Leader Funding</li><li>• Local Food and Produce Initiative – application to Changing Spaces Big Lottery Fund – partnership with North Pennines AONB, Teesdale Marketing, Middleton Plus, Teesdale District Council, UTASS, Enterprise Agency, Regional Food Group. This collaborative project will bring together those involved in the production, promotion and use of local food in the North Pennine Dales as defined by the New Leader area i.e. local producers, retailers, hoteliers and support businesses together with supportive organisations. The cornerstone of the project is the area's local food operational plans to build upon the very successful 2003-06 Local Food and Produce Initiative and 2006-08 Enterprising Market Towns projects under which the award-winning Barnard Castle Farmers' Market and the Teesdale and Wear Valley Food and Craft Festivals were created and developed.</li></ul>	
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES TO BE ACHIEVED NEXT PERIOD:	
<p><b>New Leader:</b> Appointment of co-ordinator and consideration of process for applications</p> <p><b>Learning and Skills Grant:</b> Submission of application to New Leader to continue skills grant, with the possibility of widening the remit of the scheme to cover enterprise grants.</p> <p><b>Local food and Produce Initiative:</b> First stage application form submitted – response awaited.</p>	

**Signed (Lead Member)..... Date.....**