

Railway Heritage 2025 Update

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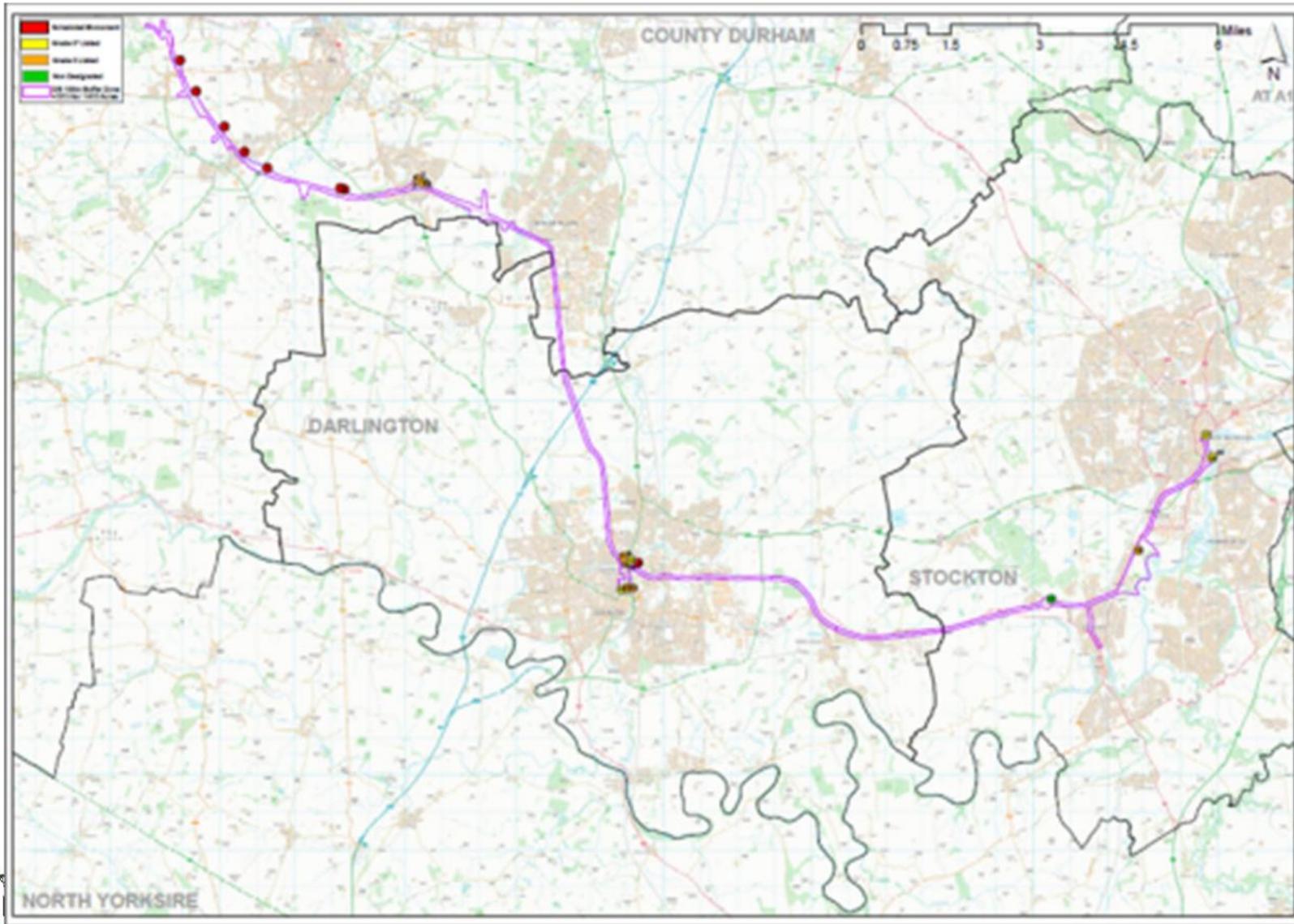
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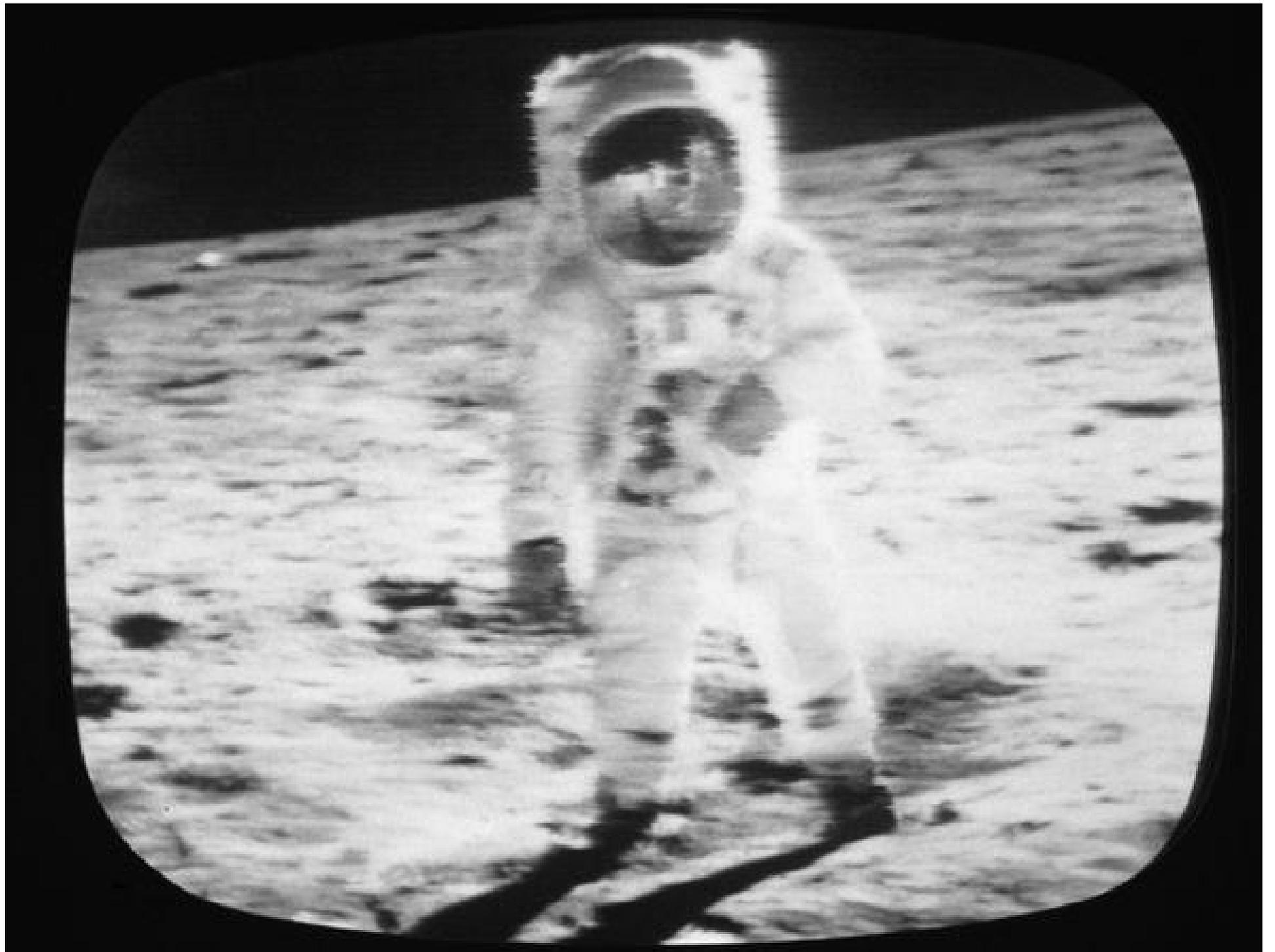
1825



S&D Railway



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A black and white photograph of an astronaut on the moon, wearing a full spacesuit and helmet. The astronaut is standing on the lunar surface, which is covered in craters and rocks. The background shows the dark, cratered landscape of the moon. The photograph is framed by a black border with rounded corners. Overlaid on the center of the image is red text in a serif font.

“The opening of the S&D Railway
on the 27th Sept 1825 was as an
important a date in world history as
20th July 1969 (Holland 2015)



Approach

- Recognise the LA involvement
- Single governance
- Co-ordination of multiple partners
- Provides a coherent initiative from the many emerging and related projects
- Ensures wider outcomes are achieved



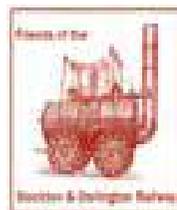
Vision

By 2026, the S&DR will be recognised as a world class heritage attraction, having built on its reputation as the birthplace of the modern railways to strengthen and promote a strong cultural offer that provides a distinctive experience for visitors and residents. The world class attraction will boost the economic growth potential of the area in this pioneering approach of using our historic environment to act as a catalyst to drive forward heritage led regeneration while conserving its historic interest.



Heritage Board established

- A1 Trust
- Bishopline
- Darlington Borough Council
- Durham County Council
- Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway
- Historic England
- Hitachi
- LNER
- Network Rail
- Northern Rail
- Science Museum Group (Locomotion)
- Stockton Borough Council
- Tees Valley Combined Authority

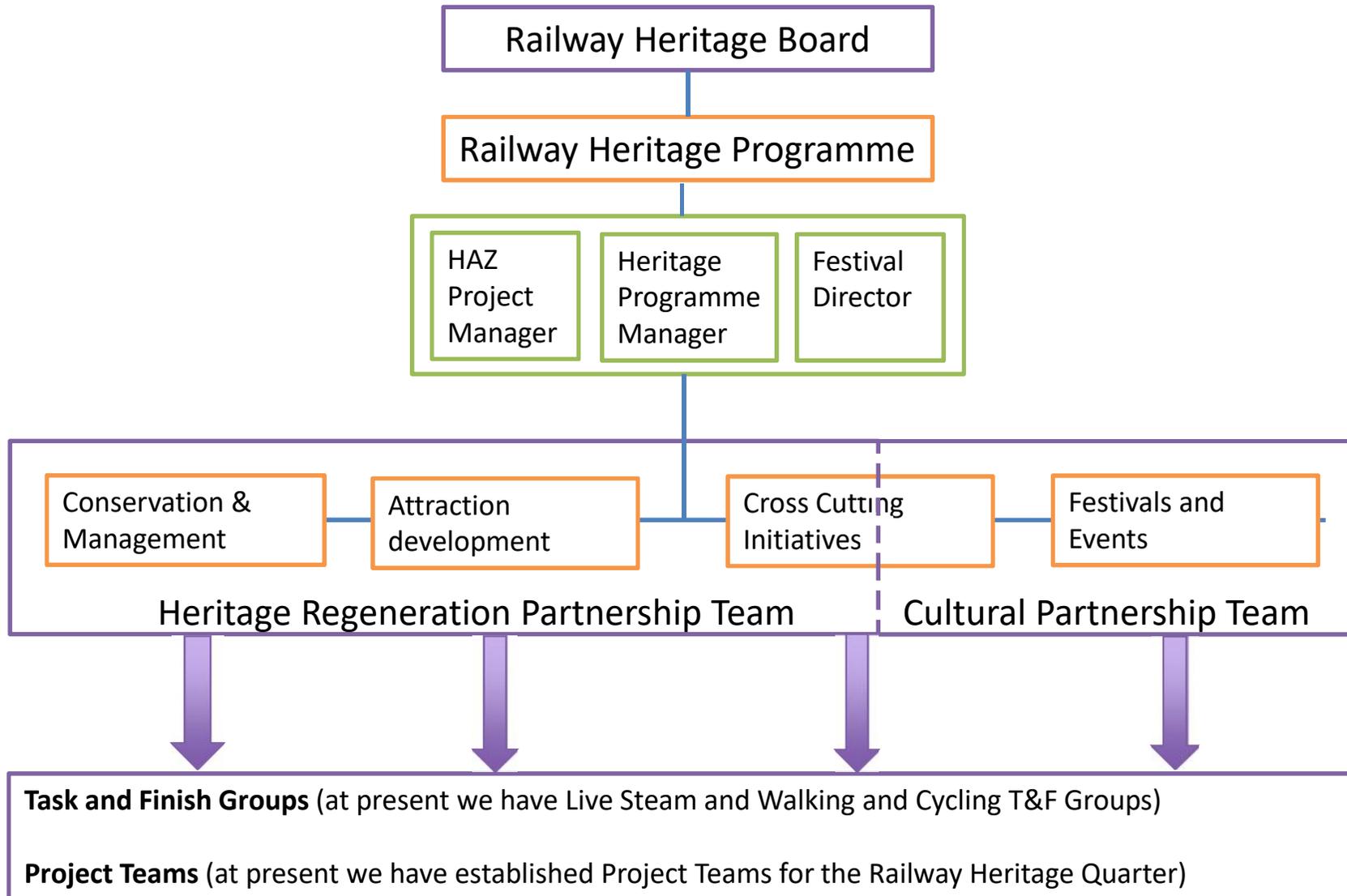


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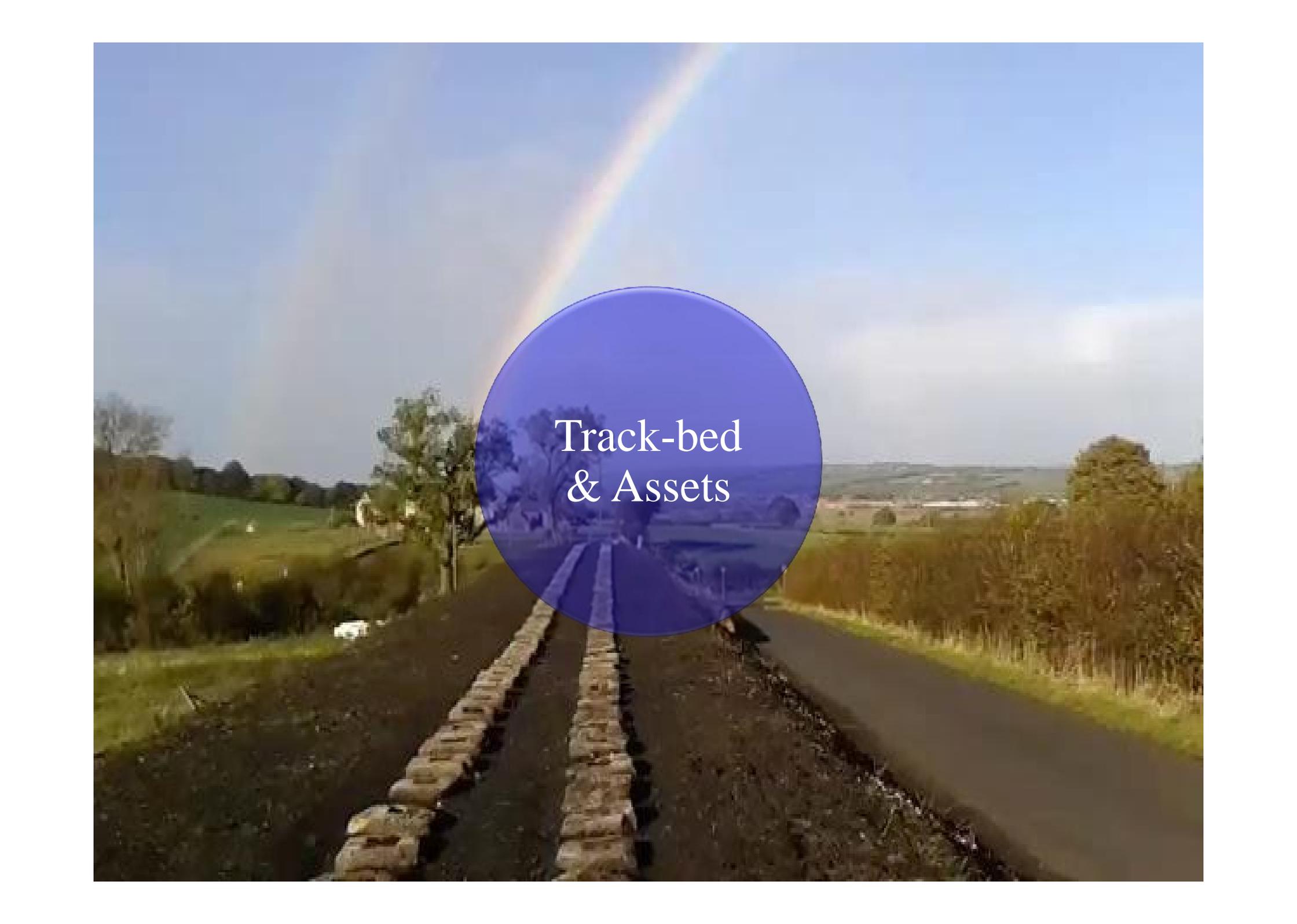
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Celebration

Track-bed
& Assets

Heritage
Attractions



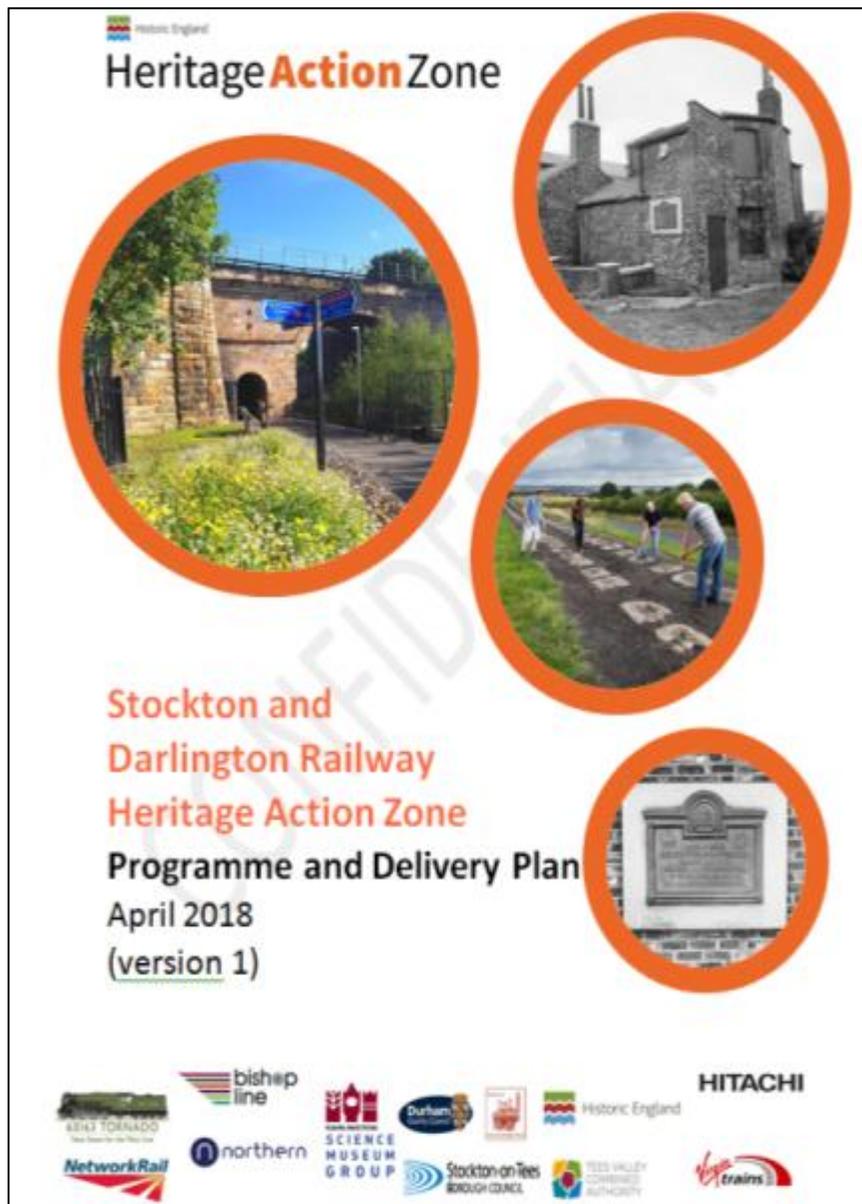


Track-bed
& Assets

What are Heritage **Action** Zones?

- Historic places that have the potential to become focal points for sustainable economic development and community development
- Areas (geographic or thematic) with untapped potential, rich in industrial, rural, cultural or faith heritage
- Often undervalued and underused, or under significant pressure





Programme covers:

- Background and need
- Vision, aims and objectives
- Partnership team
- Stakeholders and communication
- Projects and delivery methods
- Initial Budget and resources
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Timetable
- Risk log
- Strategic links

Programme submitted to Historic England and adopted in **May 2018**

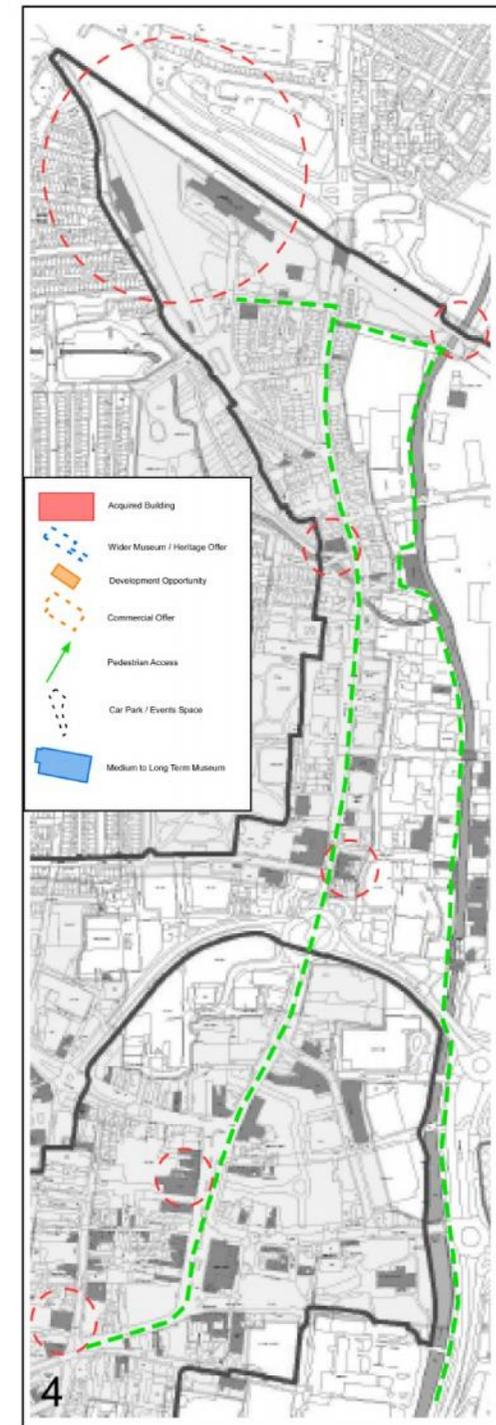
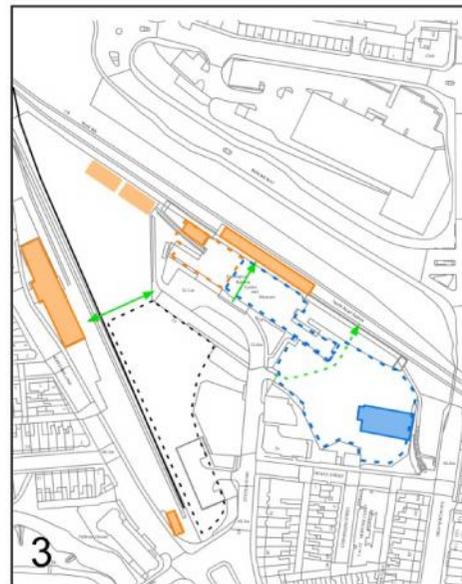
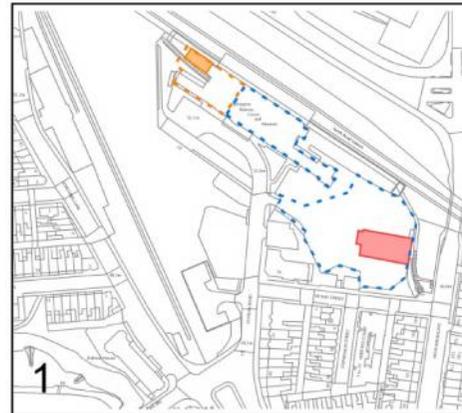
Aims

- Improve the management and conservation of the S&DR
- Encourage economic growth through development of a world class visitor attraction
- Deliver Festival for bicentenary in 2025
- Increase knowledge and awareness of S&DR, and provide opportunities for volunteering, skills, employment and health



Opportunities

- The track bed improvements
- Locomotion & NRM
- North Road
- Preston Park.
- St Johns Crossing
- Stockton Quayside
- Banktop Station



Work stream	Themes and projects	Lead	Outcomes
Conservation and Management	Aerial Survey of the line	HE	Better understanding of the line and its associated buildings and structures. Better protection through designation. Repairs to assets at risk, bringing them back into viable use. Improved management. Avoidance of damage and loss to the railway from new development.
	Historic Area Assessments	HE	
	Archaeological Excavations	HE	
	Historic building investigations	HE	
	Access audit	DBC, DCC, SBC	
	Ecology audit	DBC, DCC, SBC	
	Archives review	FSDR	
	Listing assessments	HE	
	Conservation area appraisals & management strategy	DBC, DCC, SBC	
	Repairs to 'at risk' properties	HE	
	Policy provision in Local Plans	DBC, DCC, SBC	
	Enforcement Action	DBC, DCC, SBC	
	Heritage Crime initiative	DBC, DCC, SBC	
Housing Renewal	DBC, DCC, SBC		
Heritage Attraction Development	Collaboration with other regional and national attractions	All partners	Development of a holistic visitor experience – increasing its role as a destination, investing in key locations.
	Development of Railway Heritage Quarter in Darlington	DBC, TVCA FSDR, DBC,	
	S&DR Walking and Cycling Trail	DCC, SBC	
	Development of Locomotion (Science Museum Group), Shildon	SMG, DCC	
	Live Steam events	TVCA, DBC	
Festivals and Events	2025 Bicentenary Festival	TVCA, DBC, DCC, SBC, FSDR	Extensive programme of events and activities, celebrating the line and its future
	2025 Tees Valley City of Culture		
Cross Cutting Themes	Community and business engagement	All partners	Using conservation as the focus for engagement and training. Increasing awareness and understanding of the Railway, and building a real sense of ownership from local people.
	Capacity building and skills		
	Interpretation of the line		
	Publicity and branding		
	Protection and management of the active line		

Projects:

To date, a total of 43 projects have been identified, grouped under four work streams:

- Conservation and Management
- Heritage Attraction Development
- Festivals and Events
- Cross-cutting Initiatives

Early Progress

- Completed works at Gaunless Accommodation
- Phase One works on the Coal Drops
- Bridge Brusselton Incline.
- Developed Local Plan Policies specific to the S&DR
- Introduced Planning Trigger maps in respect of the HAZ
- Reviewed management of historic assets identified within HAZ boundary
- Cycle Way and Environmental Improvements to Skerne Bridge
- Recognition of the Skerne Bridge in Historic England's publication of 100 places that shaped England.
- Proactive work with the owner of Locomotion No 1 Public House.
- Friends of S&DR achieved Trust status.
- 100th anniversary plaque at St John's Crossing recast and re-erected.
- Series of events and guided walks.



Completed works at Brusselton Incline



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Phase One works on the Coal Drops



Skerne Bridge Cycleway





Heritage &
Visitor
Attractions

Heritage & Visitor Attractions

- Locomotion Museum at Shildon
- Preston Park in Stockton
- North Road Darlington



What will success look like?

- World class visitor attraction
- Places where businesses want to be
- Places that attract higher growth businesses
- Places that encourage local people to value their heritage, visit and stay longer
- Places that attract tourists
- Places with a stronger sense of place and wider outcomes





Celebration



Celebration

- FEI report complete
- Need to refine nature and scope of activities
- Resources and capacity
- Build on existing activity
- Community engagement
- Cultural Partnership Team in place



Celebration

- STEAM Expo
- Along the Line; a coordinated programme of journeys, attractions and events.
- Heritage commission; a heritage focused commission that will have ongoing life beyond the celebration as an educational resource.
- SMART programming; a co-ordination of key programming cultural partners and venues in the lead up to and during the celebration.
- Education and Skills; a specific strand that embeds learning in all aspects of the programme.





Legacy

Wider Legacy Impacts

- **Developing skills, nurturing innovation and fostering growth**
 - Employment and apprenticeships
 - supporting commercial creative endeavor.
- **Developing ‘Place’**
 - Attractive place to locate, live and work
 - Heritage assets and environment
- **Improving wellbeing**
- **Improving productivity**
 - academic attainment
 - transferable skills.
 - STEAM subjects
 - further education and community learning



What Next

Next 12 Months

- Agree the resource plan beyond 2019
- Completion of the Interpretation Plan.
- Work with Locomotion on Masterplan for site
- Complete Masterplan for Rail Heritage Quarter Darlington.
- Complete the Access Plan.
- Commenced a number of community led projects
- Commence work on the Management Plan.
- Further develop the bicentenary framework in conjunction with 2025 City of Culture bid.
- Improved communications and news about what is going on and where we are going.



HLF Resilient Heritage Bid:

- Develop governance
- Develop Rail Heritage Development Plan
- Interpretation Strategy for full route
- North Road feasibility
- Marketing and communications



2025 Questions



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