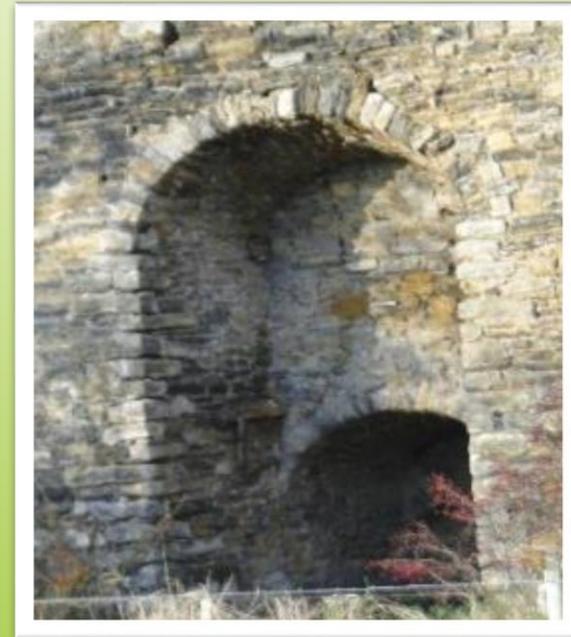


Heritage ACT!

Engaging communities in the conservation of their local heritage. A new heritage initiative from Tyne & Wear Heritage Forum.



HeritageACT! is about engaging in community conservation work by:

- mobilising local heritage and history groups
- to identify significant local heritage features at risk in their community.
- And organising a project to preserve them, (with the support and guidance of TWHF),
- in order to create a memorial, a reminder of the community's past.

We begin with the notion of a significant local heritage feature:

- a surviving heritage feature associated with the history of a community.
- with particular significance to the community.
- which links to the community's industrial legacy.
- a heritage feature which can help provide identity and a sense of place.



Eelwell lime kiln, Lowick, North Northumberland.

The first stage is to identify within your community a significant local heritage feature:

- A building
- Pathway/waggonway
- Bridge
- Former industrial,
- Agricultural site

associated with the industrial revolution.

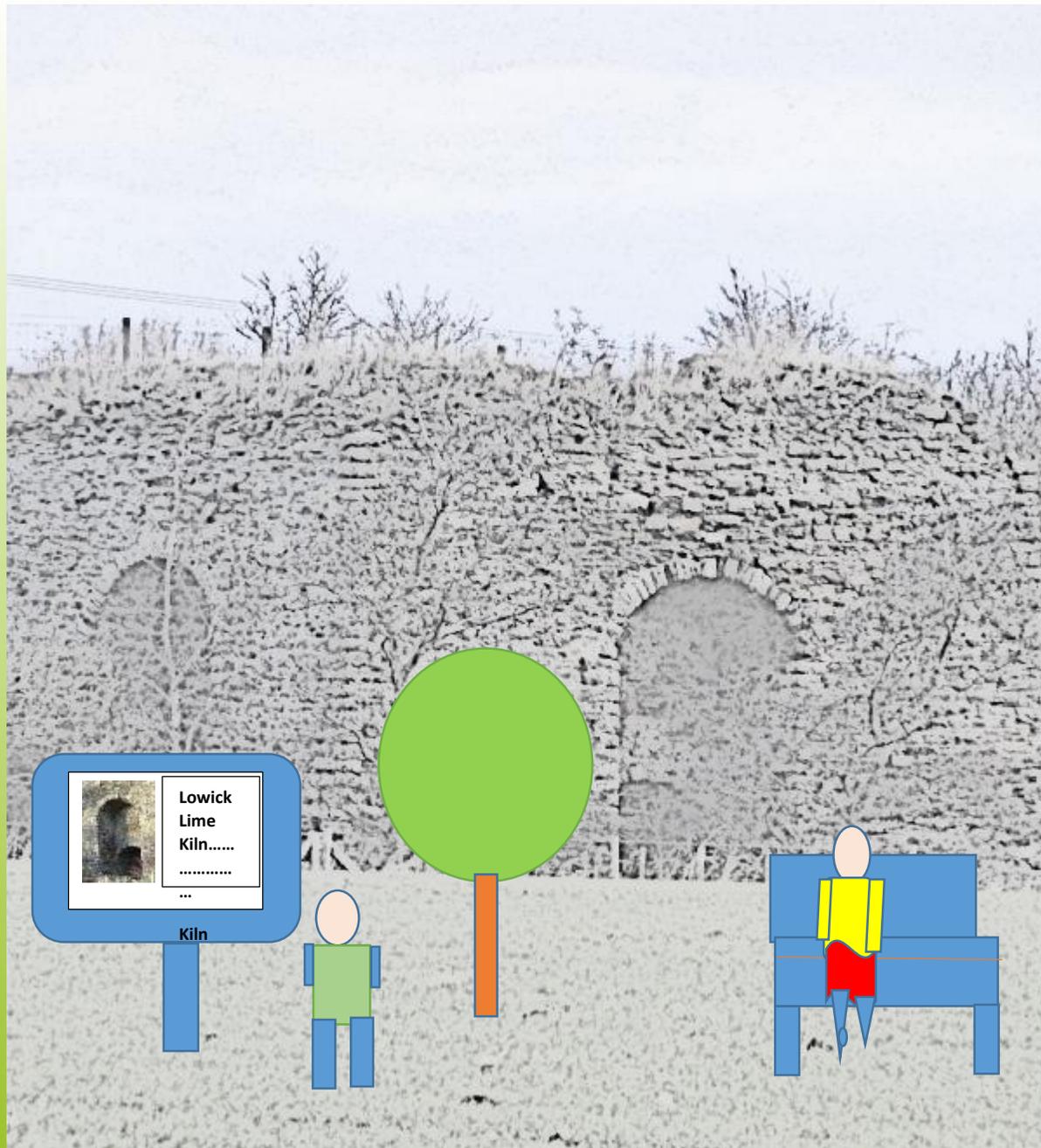
What criteria could be used to identify a significant local heritage feature?

- historical importance to the community.
- a visible presence.
- associated with the industrial revolution.
- at risk, (in danger of demolition or disappearing, as new developments take place).
- the potential to become a focus for telling the story of a community while providing an amenity for those who live there: a green space, a garden.

Question



How to transform this site into a significant local heritage feature ?



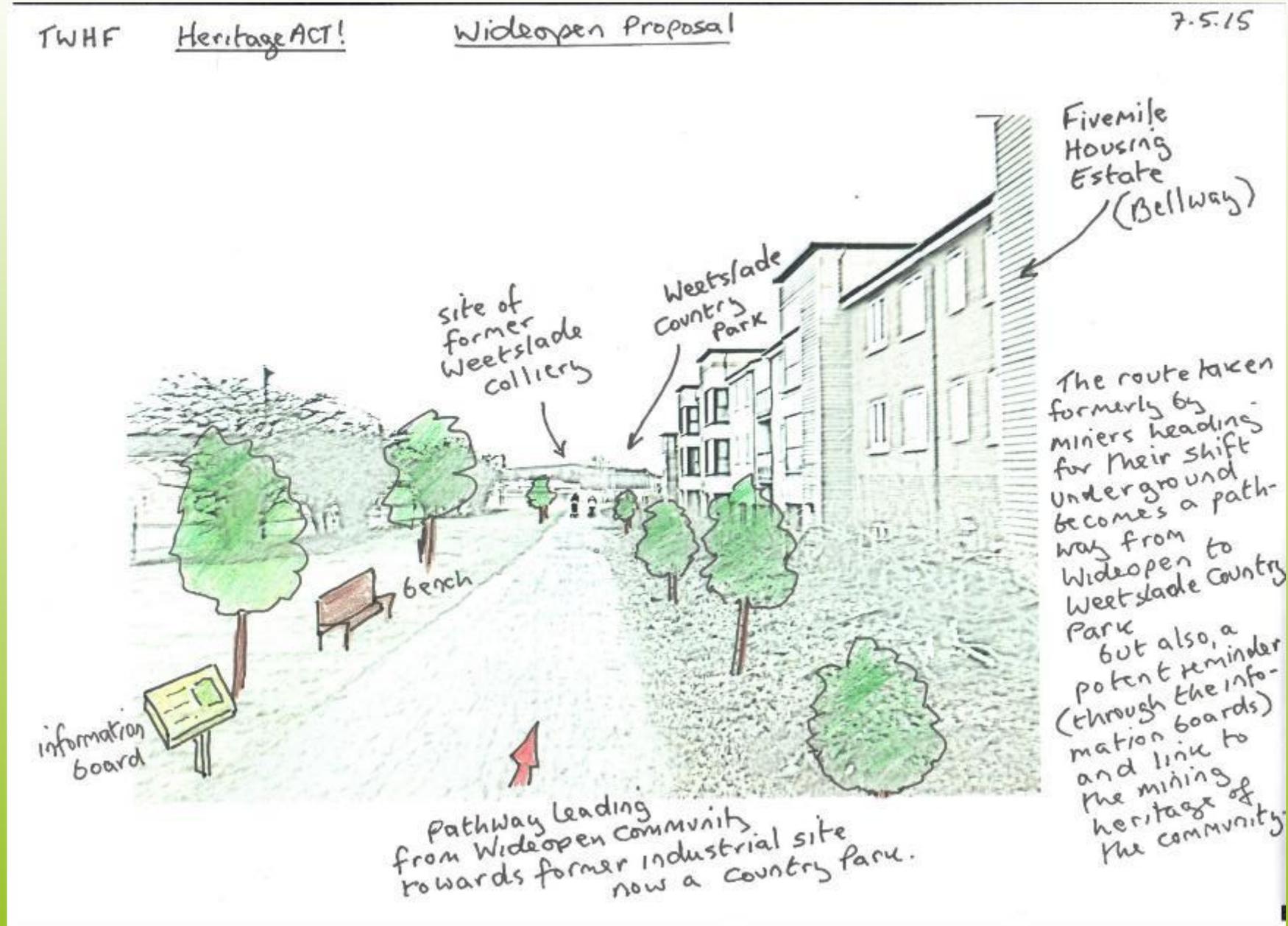
- good access from the road
- Some landscaping: tree planting
- a bench and
- information board

Potential to become a central part of a history trail following the story of Lowick in the industrial revolution.

Wideopen Waggonway, a model for HeritageACT! projects.

A community centred heritage project involving in partnership:

- Wideopen local history group
- North Tyneside Council
- Seaton Burn Community High School
- Bellway Homes.



What exactly does TWHF bring to the HeritageACT! process?

TWHF is a facilitator setting up and managing HeritageACT! .

How will this operate?

- an administrator will be appointed to manage and organise HeritageACT!
- working with a small team of mentors, the administrator will set up a schedule of support for heritage and history groups signed up to HeritageACT!
- support will take the form of meetings and site visits, providing advice and encouragement, also, dealing with any problems encountered.

This year HeritageACT! is seen as a pilot scheme with those heritage groups involved providing regular feed-back to TWHF, to enable the system to be improved before an award scheme is launched in January 2017.

To sign up to HeritageACT! what do I have to do?

There are two ways to do this:

Option one: your heritage group is interested in joining HeritageACT! but has not identified a significant local heritage feature in your community : fill in the 'expression of interest' form, available in your conference handbook or at the reception desk.

Option two: you have identified a suitable local HeritageACT! project: collect a preliminary application form from the reception desk.

The HeritageACT! package

Phase 1. 'Innovation, Invention, Industrialisation' Conference

series of workshops and seminars on how to engage in a HeritageACT! project, delivered by a team of experts with experience of heritage conservation work. ✓

Phase 2 Operationalising HeritageACT! : signing up to one of two options to access TWHF support.

Option one

- expression of interest form
- Meeting to discuss potential projects
- Site visit to consider options

Option two

- preliminary application form
- Meeting to discuss proposal
- Site visit to consider way forward.

Application form submitted. Best projects selected to go forward with further support from TWHF.

HeritageACT! outcomes:

- HeritageACT! has the potential to see the conservation of a number of significant local heritage features, throughout the region, associated with the industrial revolution.
- Providing a different focus on industrialisation, a view of this period from the perspective of individual communities - each community has it's own story to tell;
- giving a better understanding of the impact, the dramatic changes associated with industrialisation which changed the pattern of community lives for ever.



A miner's shovel from mid 19th Century, discovered during open cast mining work, Lowick.