

# North Sunderland & Seahouses Development Trust

In 1994 Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council funded a Regeneration Study of Seahouses which was conducted by The Civic Regeneration Unit. In October 1996, The North Sunderland and Seahouses Development Trust was established to address the issues raised in the study. The Trust was granted charitable status in May 1999.

When the Trust was originally set up it had a long list of aims, including; preserving the natural environment, promoting training and employment opportunities for the young, assessing the needs for affordable housing, developing local tourism, improving the infrastructure of the area and creating greater prosperity for the local inhabitants.

In early 1999, at the request of the Charities Commission, these individual aims were combined into one simple object, *“The Trust is established for such charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of North Sunderland, in particular for the benefit of young persons (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) as the Committee of Management from time to time determine.”*

The Management Committee is made up of 19 members, 12 represent individual organisations, 4 are elected at the AGM, and 3 are co-opted. Between them they bring expertise, local knowledge and a commitment to represent a wide range of interests, bringing a truly local perspective to future developments in the area. The 12 core organisations are:-

Northumberland County Council	Seahouses and District Council of Churches
Tourism Representatives	North Sunderland and Seahouses Parish Council
North Sunderland and Seahouses Retailers	Sports and Community Centre Committee
Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council	Community Council of Northumberland
The Trustees of Lord Crewe’s Charity	National Trust
Seahouses Fishermen’s Association	North Sunderland Harbour Commission

The Management Committee is supported by a part-time co-ordinator who is employed by the Trust to facilitate projects. Additional advice is always available from officers of Berwick Borough Council and the Community Council of Northumberland.

Membership of the Trust is open to anyone who declares that they approve of the objects, general principles and aims of the Trust. Membership entitles you to vote at the AGM and to stand for election to the Trust’s Management Committee. For more information ring Jon Riley on 01665 721868

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### Application for Membership

*I approve of the objects, general principles and aims of the Trust. (signed).....*

Name:..... Address:.....

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My areas of Interest/Skills are .....

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*Please send this form to:* Jon Riley Trust Manager, North Sunderland & Seahouses Development Trust, 62-64 Main Street, Seahouses, Northumberland NE68 7TP