



Heritage Coast
Sunderland-Durham-Hartlepool

The Durham Coast Story

Outdoor Recreation Network Workshop 31st July 2018

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2010



Before and After

1992



Strategic Tools

- **Partnership**

- Initially proven for delivery but not management
- Voluntary

- **Heritage Coast status**

- Non statutory definition, voluntary
- Includes coastal waters
- Missed out of Countryside and Rights of Way Act?

- **Management Plan**

- Key document – complicated
- Business Plan - delivery focus

- **Success**

- Always useful



Visible Delivery



Images: Paula Lightfoot – Seasearch
Truly appreciated



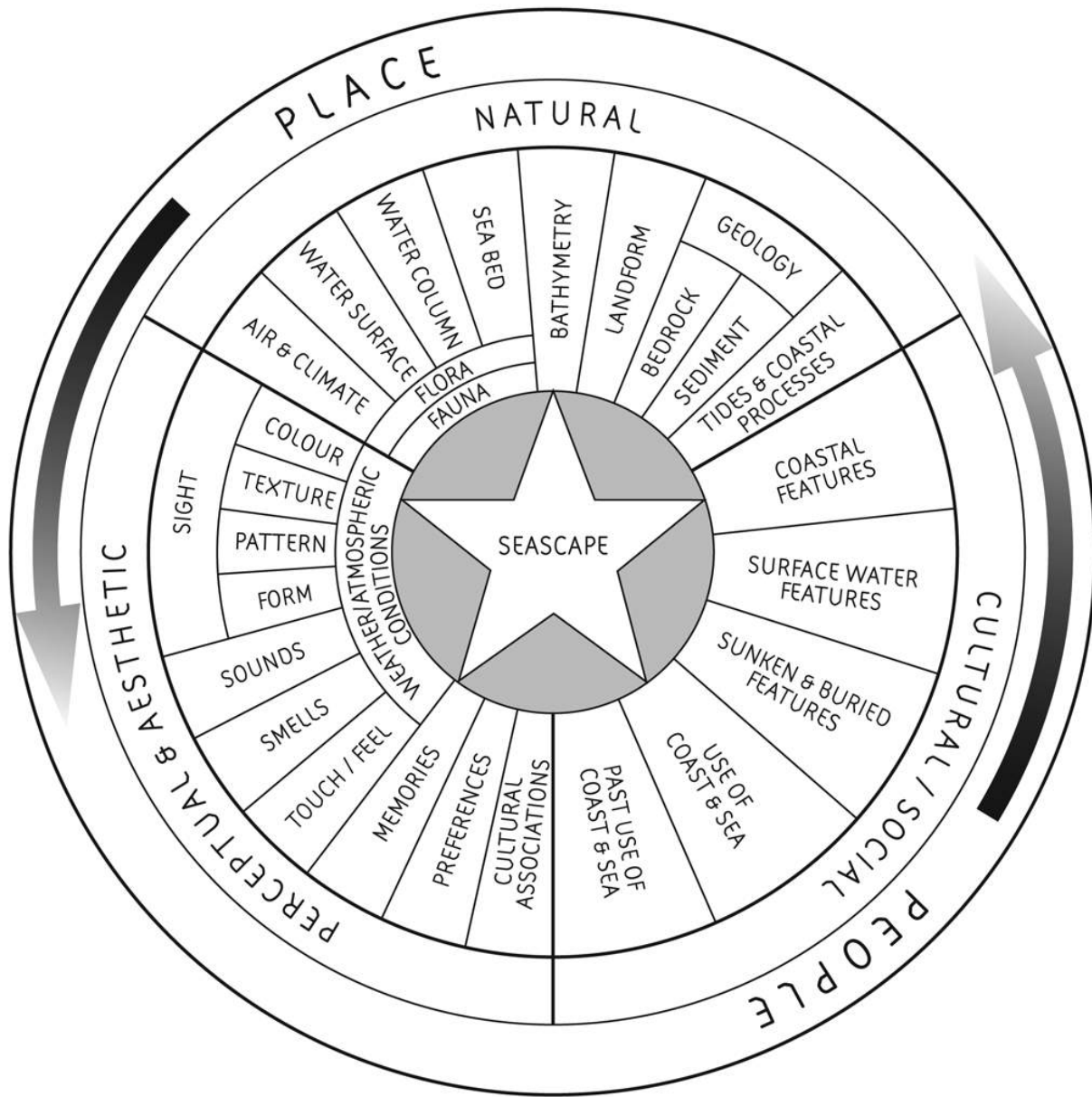
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What is “seascape”?

‘An area of sea, coastline and land, whose character results from the actions and interactions of land and sea, by natural and/or human factors.’

‘An area of distinct character’

From European Landscape Convention



NB Thanks to Christine Tudor NE



Magnesian Limestone Coast

Tyne to Tees Shores and Seas

A Seascape Partnership

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The National Lottery
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Heritage rich Seascape

- Common geology
 - Magnesian limestone
- Common industrial past
 - Mining, shipbuilding, trade
- Common wartime experience
 - East Coast War Channels
- Common culture
 - Post industrial society
- Common natural features
 - Coast & marine fauna and flora

But often overlooked

- Most visitors come from within 6km
- Forgotten between North Yorkshire & Northumberland

• Time to write the next chapter...



What and How?

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Ambition

Heritage, whether built, cultural or natural, will be better recorded, better managed and in better condition

Coastal communities are better engaged with their rich heritage and can better access the amazing coast on their doorstep

£5 million over 6 years

Evidence base for future coastal and marine policy for England

Builds on:

- North East Marine Planning process
- Sunderland Tall Ships 2018
- England Coast Path partnership

Proposed Projects:

From shorebirds to shipwrecks e.g.

- Hartlepool's high and low lights
- Wreck, water & shore activities
- Volunteer training & citizen science
- Beach Care & Blue Gym
- Seascape "Stations"
- More as project progresses



Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnerships Funding Programme

Partnership of organisations

Develop a scheme of projects £100,000 to £3,000,000

To enhance natural, built and cultural heritage

Working at landscape scale

For the benefit of heritage and the communities it shapes

Can also be applied to seascapes...



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Our Timescales

Stage 1 bid – May 2017

Approved 10/17



18 month development phase - £247,690

Stage 2 submission – July 2019

For approval

Delivery January 2020 – January 2024

4 year delivery phase £4,801,695

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Themes

1: Seascape over Time

Telling the incredible story from Zechstein Sea, through ice ages, wars and industrial history up to the present day

2: Revealing Hidden Heritage

Using innovative methods and participative approaches engaging beyond our usual audiences

3: Accessing the Sea

Improving access, removing barriers and allowing local communities to make full use of our coastal and marine assets

4: Coastal Champions

Opportunities for learning, training and enjoyment engendering a stewardship of this unique seascape for generations to come

Thank you for listening

Feel free to contact me with any questions at any time

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