



## COXHOE ATLAS

Following the public engagement exercise carried out during the winter, the Coxhoe Village Green Heritage and Learning Project Working Group put together an indicative Master Plan for the future of the Village Greens, incorporating ideas put forward as part of the

public engagement process. This Indicative Master Plan has subsequently been adopted by Coxhoe Parish Council and Coxhoe Community Partnership to help partners progress projects in the future.

The Village Green based project has, as a result, evolved and extended to become a 'Coxhoe Heritage Education and Learning Project'. Coxhoe History Group had previously made enquiries about a Village Atlas and asked if this could be included. This was supported and forms a significant part of the Master Plan. The development worker helping with the Village Green project suggested that this might be done through the Durham County Council Limestone Landscapes Project who have completed Village Atlases for a number of other villages.

After presentations by Tony Devos, Project Leader for Limestone Landscapes, the Parish Council have agreed to take this forward. A Village Atlas will also be carried out for Quarrington Hill so that the whole of the parish is included. The project would be carried out over a 3 year period and broken up into a series of small activities.

Specialists will be employed to work with any interested members of the community and groups on each activity. The results will be recorded and produced professionally and presented both in booklets and as a full Village Atlas document. The samples shown were very comprehensive and impressive and would be a wonderful record for future generations.

### Village Atlas activities could include:

- ◆ Geophysics of Coxhoe Hall Lawn
- ◆ Identifying geological history and features that have influenced village development
- ◆ Hydrology of the area
- ◆ Environmental features
- ◆ History of Local industries
- ◆ Identifying heritage buildings in the village
- ◆ Recording the lives of people who have shaped our villages
- ◆ Identify, preserve, enhance, restore heritage structures e.g. Limestone Kilns, War Memorials, the limestone wall between Brown's Close and the Village Green

