

2019: BLANCHLAND ABBEY RESILIENCE PROJECT

Developed community capacity, plus strategies for the future use and management of our Scheduled Grade 1 parish church

2022: RURAL CHURCHES FOR EVERYONE

Strategic co-creation of grassroots toolkit for Newcastle Diocese PCCs to assess, prioritise and plan an 'Open and Sustainable' future for the church buildings in their care.

2021: TERCENTENARY OF LORD CREWE'S CHARITY

Public realm enhancement of Blanchland village and its environs: discreet parking, drainage repairs, tree planting, reinstating traditional surfaces and signage



2024: THE 6 As OF BLANCHLAND

Archaeology, Acoustics, Archives, Artisans, and Audiences in an Abbey. Research to understand the risks and needs of this dearly treasured heritage



THE TREASURES OF BLANCHLAND

2026: DEVELOPMENT PHASE

2027-2029: DELIVERY PHASE

CONSERVING THE TREASURES

- Historic village setting
- Medieval stonework
- C15 stained glass
- C15 embroidery
- C16 woodwork
- C17 ironwork
- C18 bibles

COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY

- Geophysics
- Metal detecting
- Excavation trenches
- Landscape features
- Pollen analysis
- Test pits
- Monastic architecture

ABBAY REPAIRS & ORIENTATION

- Treating woodworm
- Stopping water penetration
- Repairing cracked stones
- Installing heating
- Creating level access
- Introducing simple facilities
- Redisplaying the treasures

ENGAGEMENT & PARTICIPATION

- Historic reenactments
- Heritage crafts workshops
- History festival
- Guided walks and talks
- Online publication of research
- Renewed interpretation
- A warm welcome for everyone