

**Tranquillity Mapping Project**  
**21-22 June 2004, 11am – 7pm**  
**University of Northumbria, Newcastle upon Tyne**

The Tranquillity Mapping Project is a collaboration between the Universities of Newcastle and Northumbria, and is being funded by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), Countryside Agency, Durham County Council, Northumbria National Park Authority, the Regional Assembly and the Northumberland Strategic Partnership.

This project is designed to build a bridge between peoples' understandings of what is meant by tranquillity, and geographical techniques to produce maps of more, and less, tranquil areas. The aim of the project is to be able to assess, define and map tranquillity. It is an essentially subjective issue, and this project aims to develop a methodology that allows tranquillity to be a more useful concept.

The ethos of the project is that the people who are involved will determine the data used. Considerable research has already been carried out on this by engaging with stakeholders from environmental, community, heritage organisations and groups, and Government agencies.

The research is now being opened up to a wider audience, to ensure that the project conveys what tranquillity means, that no factors have been missed out and that the relative importance of the various issues have been gauged correctly. Initial maps will be presented at the event of the study areas, showing degrees of tranquillity on them, and encouraging comment.

The two day event at Northumbria University is aimed at anyone who is interested in issues around tranquillity, the environment, conservation, tourism, planning, wildlife, heritage and so on.

The event will be held at the University of Northumbria, in Stage Two of the Students Union building (the building is number 8 on the map below):

[http://northumbria.ac.uk/brochure/visit/campus\\_branch/ncl\\_cmp/city\\_campus](http://northumbria.ac.uk/brochure/visit/campus_branch/ncl_cmp/city_campus)

The event runs all day on both days, so people can feel free to come along any time on either of the days, and stay for as long or short a time as they are able.

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