

SSAT North Eastern Regional Network Meeting

Date - 4th Oct. 07

Venue - Durham Community Business College/ Fyndoune Community College,
Fyndoune Campus.

Present - K.Cook(EDHCC), J.Pringle(EDHCC), J.Maddison(Wolsingham Com.College) R.Hurst, J.Harpin(DCBC/FCC federation)

1. Apologies - I.Porteus, Jenny Hathaway, Bill Kirkup, Paul Conlin, Lynn Ackland, Mike Tones, Colm Doyle, Andrew Shaw, Kevin Patrick, Darryl Gregory.

2. Matters arising - JH to contact M.Bell to find out if other authorities wish to become involved with Land Based Diploma bid.

3. Land Based Diploma - Email from I.Porteus indicates that bid writers in Northumberland have come to the same conclusion as those in Durham and will submit an independent bid.

Proposed that Durham and Northumberland bid writers meet to investigate how the bids can mutually support each other.

Tees valley group to be contacted to find out if they wish to join the bid consortium.

4. Year of Food and Farming

RH demonstrated how to use the web site. All schools need to register to access the resources which are becoming available.

News - Coop have agreed to fund farm visits - details of funding to be announced.

SSAT web site a useful source of information including the SSAT challenges during the year.

RHS - new web site now on line to provide info. And resources for Year of Food and Farming.

NFU web site - why farming matters provides a range of resources for use in schools.

Growing Schools - downloadable resources for a wide range of activities which can be used during the year and beyond.

5. Dates of Future meetings

Venue - Fyndoune Community College, Sacriston, Co. Durham

Dates - Nov 22nd 2007

January 31st 2008

May 8th 2008

Start time 2.30pm - any items which you would like to include in the agenda to J.Harpin at j.harpin100@durhamlea.org.uk one week before the meeting.

6. A.O.B.

QCA/Face have set up a coordinating network to develop resources, materials and support. Network event 18th Oct. Oxfordshire.

Northern Sustainable Schools Conference 2008 - venue - York Park Inn Hotel, 7th and 8th Feb. The event is free, School day is Thursday and limited to the first 60 schools.

SSAT Northern Region Rural Dimension Workshop - at Fyndoune Community College, Sacriston, Co. Durham. Thursday 11th Oct. Still time to register for this event.

Next meeting

- Thursday 22nd November at Fyndoune Community College. Start time 2.30pm

J.Harpin