

# Join us on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 from 1:00pm to commemorate the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Hartley Hester Pit Disaster

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*The beam broke and blocked the single mine shaft, resulting in the tragic loss of lives of 204 men and boys who were in two shifts - one just about to start work and one on their way up. They were all trapped and despite desperate attempts couldn't be rescued.*

*This led to an Act of Parliament making two shafts mandatory in all mines.*

*We will be remembering those who died and celebrating the survival of our village.*

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At 1:00pm we will walk from New Hartley Memorial Hall with the memorial banner, joined by Backworth Brass Band along to the Memorial Garden for a multi denominational service of Remembrance, and the dedication of the John Seymour Memorial Arch.

After the service we will walk back to the hall where there will be refreshments and entertainment provided by Backworth brass band, Seaton Sluice Middle School students and local folk group Beeswing.

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Please ensure you follow the one way system and guidelines.



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