

## **Defended Land Video Transcript**

Music plays

Background talking

Young man 1

It's from the World War One. Hear the plane from far away.

Background talking and noise from cutting shrubbery down.

Young man 2

We've learned that it helps hear like Zeppelins from far away and that in case we get bombed. It gives us a warning.

Background talking.

Young man 3

Cause there was a man sitting down there in a base. Wires going round, like his headphones picked up contacts of it coming.

Young man 2

We've been cutting all the trees down like clean up, tidy up. It helps the environment and ...

Background talking and noise of clearing leaves and branches.

Woman – Helen Cheetham, Groundwork north East and Cumbria

The Defended Land Project is pulling together the story of how the North East coast had been defended from invasion attack through history. There are a number of remains still left on the coast here in South Shields just below South Shields there's the Trow Point Gun Battery, there's what they call the disappearing gun which was a defensive structure to help fight off enemy ships. Moving down the coast there are a number of pill boxes in the Seaham and Crimdon, Blackhall areas.

It puts people in touch with their own history. There were some terrifying events in living memory here in the North East and its remains like bits and

pieces of this concrete mirror here are scattered along the coast, and people put the two together and said we want to have that story told.

Background talking and rustling of leaves. Indistinct voices 'World War One?' 'Yes, World War One and its 100 years next year.'

Woman – Helen Cheetham, Groundwork north East and Cumbria

The Fulwell Mirror here we wanted to carry out some landscaping to make it accessible so that people can come up, provide some interpretation so that people know what this was all about. Schools that want to do visits, can visit the Disappearing Gun at Trow Point, they can come here to Fulwell Mirror. There's the Heugh Gun Battery down in Hartlepool which is an excellent place to visit and find out World War One and Two history.

Background talking.

Woman 2 – Julie Foster, Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project

The crash on Southwick and there was a young boy about 8 or 9 years old was killed and you know where Heron's is, the old Heron's? The propeller of the aeroplane came and actually chopped him in half and it crashed into that building, that old building on the corner. I think it's important to find out what's in the area and what this did. Saved lots of lives in Sunderland, especially in the Southwick area, where we lived, you know.

Music plays out.