



TALKIN TARN Country Park FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Special Edition Gift Shop Refurbishment



Work is soon to begin on refurbishment of the gift shop at Talkin Tarn. This will be using funds generated at the Tarn. Work will include new lighting, flooring and a selection of display units. A new store area will also be created.

Above is an artist's impression of the finished gift shop.

The work will soon start and is expected to be finished by the end of this year.

Apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause during alteration works.

You will still be able to buy gifts from the tearoom while works are underway. If any Friend would like more details on these works, please speak to Fiona on 016977 3129, or call into the site office.

New Bird Screen Installed



A new bird screen has now been installed by the tearoom. This offers protection to the birds and squirrels who are feeding in this area. They feel more hidden and protected which in turn increases your chance of viewing a wide variety of wildlife in this area. The information panel next to it will help you to identify what you see.



Birds and squirrels can be viewed through the holes. Holes are going to be cut at a lower level for children and people in wheelchairs.

New Notice Board Almost Complete



The new notice board has been installed giving visitors a main information point for the site. The left hand panel will soon include a large updated map of the site and details of its facilities. The middle panel is for up to date site information and events and the right hand panel puts the site into context within the AONB North Pennines area. Two leaflet dispenser boxes have been included.

A survey of visitors carried out in 2008 showed that 11% of visitors were visiting Talkin Tarn for the first time. This highlights the importance of a Notice Board at Talkin Tarn to give first time visitors in particular the information they need for an enjoyable visit.