

Inspire



Couple a new offshore sculpture for Newbiggin Bay by Sean Henry

2007 will be a momentous year for Newbiggin-by-the-Sea! The new sea defence breakwater will bring environmental benefits and will feature *Couple*, a major offshore sculpture by artist Sean Henry. The North East has achieved an international reputation for public art, and this project will be a unique artwork for Northumberland visitors and local people to enjoy. *Couple* will be sited on the breakwater 350 metres from the new beach and is a commission led by **Inspire** (South East Northumberland Public Art and Design Initiative).

Inspire is the South East Northumberland Public Art & Design Initiative, set up in 2003 to improve the built and natural environment through the involvement of artists and advocating quality design. The aim is to change perceptions, make a contemporary environment and raise aspirations for the future.

The initiative is a partnership of three local authorities; Wansbeck District Council, Blyth Valley Borough Council and Northumberland County Council, the South East Northumberland and North Tyneside Regeneration Initiative (SENTRI) and Northumberland Groundwork Trust with support from Commissions North and Northern Architecture.

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