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The Sill: National Landscape Discovery Centre, Bardon Mill, Northumberland

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The Sill National Landscape Discovery Centre is an accessible destination for anyone wishing to explore the wilderness of the Northumberland National Park and the wider north-east of England, as well as the Scottish Borders. This centre is named after the internationally renowned geological site, Whin Sill, located nearby. Throughout the year, it offers a comprehensive programme of activities and events to: help nurture the current and next generation of landscape enthusiasts; open up access to the countryside to everyone; and ensure that these last wild places can be preserved, and the communities within them continue to thrive. The centre acts as a hub, a safe and accessible destination for everyone, particularly for families, young people, and people with disabilities. With more than 150,000 visitors a year and nearly 30,000 people participating in a variety of activities about the landscape, the centre has quickly become one of the main open-access attractions in the north-east of England.



The Committee of Ministers acknowledged the great value of the achievement presented for the 6th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention 2018-2019, and the importance to make it well-known as a source of inspiration.

In accordance with Resolution CM/Res (2017)18 of the Committee of Ministers, the project is thus part of the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe.