

## **Local Nature Reserves**

### **Spion Kop**

Spion Kop Cemetery Local Nature Reserve provides an unusual mix of coastal, limestone and industrial heritage habitats that produces rich dune grassland that is of such a high quality that it is unique in Hartlepool and rare within the Tees Valley.

This historic cemetery was formed from a combination of sand dune and ships ballast and became the final resting place for some 26,300 souls, including many of the Headlands most famous sons and daughters.

The cemetery is still receiving burials on a restricted basis and is now managed in a sensitive manner to promote the site's natural flora and fauna.

The site is located on Old Cemetery Road which can be found off Thorpe Street.

Local residents have formed a 'Friends of Spion Kop' group and are actively involved with the long term management of the site. To find out more about the site or speak to the Chair of the 'Friends' group please telephone Liz Torley on 01429 428404.