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GLOW-IN-THE-DARK MARKERS TO GUIDE RAMPARTS' USERS AT NIGHT

**- English Heritage trials glowing circles as part of
commitment to ramparts safety -**

As part of an ongoing safety programme at the Berwick-upon-Tweed Ramparts, English Heritage is trialling a series of glow-in-the-dark markers along the edge of The Starks section of the ramparts.

The 50 glowing circles are due to be installed on Friday, 12 September and will serve to highlight the edge of the pathway on the top of the ramparts at night. Over the past two decades, there have been over 30 serious injuries relating to falls from the ramparts, including four fatalities. English Heritage takes these incidents very seriously and, in consultation with Berwick Borough Council and Northumberland County Council, will be seeking to introduce measures that do not compromise the magnificent setting but do ensure that the necessary safety precautions are in place.

Rob Flower, English Heritage's Head of Visitor Operations for the North East, said, "Over the past twenty years there have been four deaths related to night-time falls from the ramparts. In the face of those statistics and to try and prevent future accidents, it is vital that appropriate safety measures are put in place. We do not recommend that people walk along the ramparts in the dark but, for those that do, these markers may provide a valuable guide."

The glowing circular markers are called TraxEye. Self-illuminating, they absorb light during the day and then re-emit it at night as a strong afterglow. The circles measure 5cm in diameter and are just over half a centimetre high, ensuring that they are unobtrusive in the daytime. If this trial proves to be successful, additional TraxEyes may be fitted.

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