

## Word Transplant Games Pétanque event 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August

- a) Martin Eggleton is in charge; PE are working with Gateshead council to build the terrain. It's two playing areas on a car park & an open air stage (below) at a venue called The Sage in Gateshead. It's a 16 minute walk from Newcastle station. It's going to revert to how it was afterwards.



- b) People who are entered in one event at the games may sign up for other sports to pass the time. There is no minimum standard that they have to reach. Consequently the event is a mixture of social players and experienced players.
- c) Singles: There are 6 or 7 age groups in men's event and 6 or 7 in women's event. There will probably be between 10 and 20 in each age group. Each one will be a mini competition of about 3 or 4 hours. Men over 50 have larger numbers.
- d) Pairs: 3 age groups for men & women with about 20 teams in each group. Men over 50 have larger numbers.
- e) They need umpires and terrain marshals to assist. Little is on offer in the way of expenses. PE suggests lunches and T shirt but no hotels or travel. Trains are about £50 return from Leeds area; Hilton nearby is £75 a night.
- f) Terrain marshals are needed Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> (practice, coaching and rules advice) Monday 18<sup>th</sup> (Singles) & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> (Pairs) with 0930 starts & 2000 finishes.
- g) WTG will recruit locals as marshalls but they may not be Pétanque players.
- h) We should support it. Volunteers can do one day or more.