

## Neighbourhood Services Priority Plan - Denton

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447	<p>There is a ward-wide lack of facilities for youths, resulting in youths congregating on the green and open spaces across the ward. This in turn can lead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pockets of low level disorder including <a href="#">graffiti</a>, <a href="#">vandalism</a>, drinking alcohol and the use of motorcycles.</li> <li>• Fear of crime from other residents.</li> </ul>	<p>Various sites. However this is an issue which impacts upon the whole ward.</p>	<p>SNAPS groups (<a href="#">Safe Neighbourhoods</a> Action and Problem Solving) with representation from the City Council, Police, Tyne and Wear Fire &amp; Rescue, <a href="#">Your Homes Newcastle</a>, <a href="#">ISOS Housing Limited</a>, <a href="#">Newcastle Wardens Service</a> and <a href="#">SSCFNE</a> (Safer and Stronger Community Fund Neighbourhood Element) meet regularly to discuss solutions to these problems.</p>
			<p>The Police, YHN, <a href="#">Neighbourhood Wardens</a>, and the <a href="#">Neighbourhood Response Manager</a> have regular contact to share intelligence and issues of youth disorder. There are three additional <a href="#">Community Support Officers</a> working in the Denton area. CSO's in Denton all have special mobile phones with which to keep in contact with the wardens on their patrol.</p>
			<p>The Denton ward has been declared a 'Designated Public Place' which means that the Police have the power to confiscate alcohol. Persistent offending could result in a <a href="#">£50 Fixed Penalty Notice</a>, arrest, or even a fine of up to £500 if the person is prosecuted. The 'Alcohol Watch' scheme was rolled out in July 2008 to tackle sales of alcohol to underage children. <a href="#">Udecide funding</a> was also been granted to All Saints College to promote the 'Truth Is' campaign highlighting the dangers of alcohol misuse. The campaign has also been nominated for a UK Champ Award in the Young People's Involvement category. Winners will be revealed in November 2008.</p>
			<p>Barriers have been installed at various sites around the ward to deter the use of motor bikes, and signs have been displayed about the impact and repercussions of using mini motor bikes illegally.</p>
			<p>A 'Name that Tag' scheme is being planned for Denton ward to encourage residents and the wider public to share intelligence with the Police and Council about who is 'tagging' the ward with graffiti. This will be funded through the Intervention Fund and rewards may be given for information detailing those involved.</p>
			<p>SSCFNE is tackling <a href="#">anti social behaviour</a> by supporting initiatives in East Denton e.g. Drug and Alcohol Services for Young People, Denton Young People's Project, and the <a href="#">Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team</a>.</p>

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447	<p>(continued) There is a ward-wide lack of facilities for youths, resulting in youths congregating on the green and open spaces across the ward.</p>	<p>Various sites. However this is an issue which impacts upon the whole ward.</p>	<p>The '<a href="#">Street Games</a>' Coordinator, Duncan O'Farrell, has developed a programme of activities promoting sport for young people living in the most disadvantaged communities. Events are held at All Saints College. Plans for a Skate Park in the Denton area are still ongoing and funding bids have been sent to the Lottery Awards For All and <a href="#">Ground Work</a> Community Spaces. If these bids are successful work can begin on the facility.</p>
			<p><a href="#">Denton U Decide: Participatory Budgeting</a>. £22,000 of grants has been secured for intergenerational work and environmental improvements. A 'Grand Voting' event will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November, where residents can vote for schemes related to 'cultural opportunities'.</p>
795	<p>Residents have raised concerns about the inadequate shopping facilities in West Denton.</p>	<p>Denton Park Shopping Centre, West Denton Way.</p>	<p>Representatives from Morrisons Supermarkets, Rokeby Developments, Ryder Architecture Limited and the Planning section of Newcastle City Council have consulted with the community, via the <a href="#">Denton Ward Committee</a>, on future plans for the development of the Denton Park Shopping Centre. They are due to attend November's Ward Committee to provide further updates on development at the site and more importantly future local employment opportunities. For regular updates visit the Denton '<a href="#">Where You Live</a>' <a href="#">web pages</a>.</p>
			<p>A new <a href="#">Traffic scheme</a> has been introduced on West Denton Way opposite the new supermarket. This will improve traffic flow when the new supermarket opens in summer 2009.</p>
797	<p>Poor development of <a href="#">green and open spaces</a>, as well as access issues in the ward.</p>	<p>Westerhope Community Park, Barbondale Lonnen, All Saints and the land adjacent to West Denton Association.</p>	<p>This issue has been raised at SNAPS meetings where a multi-agency approach is being used to identify possible solutions. A cultural review is also taking place looking at the positive and negative aspects of leisure, art and libraries in Denton.</p> <p>Environmental Forums in Denton and Westerhope recently merged to form the Denton and Westerhope Local Environmental Action Forum (LEAF). The <a href="#">Neighbourhood Response Manager</a> is the lead officer for this Forum, which aims to get local residents involved in the green spaces around them. The Forum have recently been looking at accessibility to local shops at West Denton from various locations in the wards, and suggestions for improvements, such as dropped kerbs, have been made. Residents are welcome to attend these meetings.</p>

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798	There are <a href="#">parking</a> problems at a number of locations, including local schools.	Various sites including local schools, the Outer West Customer Service Centre, and on particular estates e.g. A & B Roads.	<a href="#">School Travel Plans</a> have been developed for all the local schools in the ward. A 30mph <a href="#">speed limit</a> is currently being introduced on Hillhead Road, as part of a School Safety Zone, and safety improvements have also been made around Knoplaw and Milecastle.
			The future development of the shopping centre in the area will include parking for customers.
799	Local subways are a problem as they are the site of <a href="#">graffiti</a> , vandalism and <a href="#">rubbish dumping</a> .	Subways within the ward.	The <a href="#">Neighbourhood Response Team</a> and Graffiti Squad maintain these sites; painting out graffiti and cleaning up rubbish. Incidents of graffiti are recorded before removal and this, along with other information is a source of intelligence which can be shared with the Police and other agencies. This presence will continue. <a href="#">Lighting</a> in these locations has also been improved.
937	<a href="#">Anti social behaviour</a> and youth congregation. This behaviour is thought to be linked to underage drinking.	All Saints Playing Field and footpath and Westerhope Park	A stand alone problem solving method (SAPS) has been applied to issues on All Saints Playing Field and also to known hotspots in both Denton and Westerhope wards. The <a href="#">Neighbourhood Response Manager</a> , the Denton and Westerhope Ward Councillors, <a href="#">Newcastle Wardens Service</a> , the Police, <a href="#">Your Homes Newcastle</a> , and local community groups meet regularly to discuss these two areas. There are a number of initiatives in both wards to tackle underage drinking, in particular the 'Alcohol Watch' scheme, the Alcohol Forum, the 'Truth Is' campaign and the Alcohol Strategy.
800	There is a lot of activity and development in the Denton ward and the importance of keeping local residents informed, and involved in local decision-making, can be challenging.	This issue affects everyone in the ward.	<a href="#">Ward Committees</a> hold regular open, public meetings in the ward to enable residents to have their say about what happens in their area. These meetings are a way for people to have their concerns heard and also find out what activities and events are taking place in their area. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Committee is also developing structures to engage more effectively with particular client groups i.e. older people over the age of 50 (Denton Mature Action Group), children and young people (Denton Youth United), and those residents interested in improving their local environment (Denton and Westerhope Local Environmental Action Forum). Residents can also find useful information regarding what's happening in Denton by accessing the ' <a href="#">Where You Live</a> ' <a href="#">web pages</a> on the Newcastle City Council website.

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912	Regeneration in Denton	SSCFNE Area, Dunblane Crescent	Phase 2 of development at Dunblane Crescent is completed with all phase 2 flats now demolished. Development of housing in phase 2 is expected to start in spring 2009. A Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has also been agreed and will be funded by the Big Lottery Fund. Planning permission has been passed and it is hoped that after match funding has been drawn down that the project will be complete by the end of March 2009. Young people from the area are now involved in the design and input to landscaping around the MUGA to personalise this space. A feasibility study has also been commissioned to look at a possible community resource or facility in the Dunblane Area.
		Chapel House Estate	There are plans to improve the health services in the Outer West area and proposals have been designed to build a Health Resource Centre based in Chapel House Estate, encompassing existing GP and Dental surgeries. The Councils Planning Department has given permission for this centre to go ahead and a planning application has been submitted for the condemned Church Hall. Work on the new Health Resource Centre is expected to start either before the end of the financial year.
946	Anti social fires in the area	Locations within the ward	There has been an increase in anti social fires in the ward in recent months. The SNAPS Group, including the <a href="#">Arson Task Force</a> , are aware of the problem and are currently working towards solutions to this problem and intelligence sharing between the <a href="#">Neighbourhood Wardens</a> , <a href="#">Response Teams</a> and <a href="#">Estate Wardens</a> is ongoing. A leaflet has been distributed to residents of Denton advising them to take wheeled bins in promptly after collections as these are targeted by fire, report <a href="#">fly tipping</a> which could then also be targeted by fire, and also included the relevant numbers to call ( <a href="#">Envirocall</a> : 0191 274 4000). A list of official and supervised Bonfire displays was also included.
982	Promoting cleaner, greener and safer communities	St. John Vianney RC Primary School and Knoplaw Primary School	These local schools have both achieved the <a href="#">Eco-Schools 'Green Flag'</a> , a prestigious European Environmental award. To achieve this award both schools will have passed litter inspections, as well as carried out litter picks and created a wildlife area in the grounds. Both schools will also have developed an Eco Code for their school and will have been looking at renewable energy and other environmental improvements. Flag poles have been positioned at each school and the green flags are displayed.