

Neighbourhood Services Priority Plan - Newburn

NS Ref.	What is the problem?	Where is it?	What are we doing about it?
20	Youths congregating, disorder and anti social behaviour .	This issue is affecting specific locations across the ward.	There are meetings between the Police and the City Council to look at solutions to these problems, including SNAPS meetings (Safe Neighbourhoods Action & Problem Solving group) which bring together the City Council, the Police and YHN Newcastle . This group will also identify locations for use of redeployable CCTV in the ward. Neighbourhood Wardens and Play & Youth workers are also very active in the Ward.
			Neighbourhood Wardens and Police Community Support Officer's are working in the area. They are conducting joint walkabouts and targeting specific elements of anti social behaviour. Additionally both are able to act as professional witnesses where necessary.
			Newburn Ward is a 'Designated Public Place' which means that the Police have the power to confiscate alcohol. Persistent offending could result in a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice , arrest, or even a fine of up to £500 if the person is prosecuted. The 'Alcohol Watch' scheme will also be rolled out this summer in both Newburn and Lemington wards. The scheme tackles sales of alcohol to underage children through marking bottles which can then be traced to off licenses.
480	Pedestrian safety – local pedestrians have complained about safety issues involved in travelling on foot between Lemington and Newburn along Hospital Lane.	Hospital Lane	Work to improve signage in this area has been completed and shrubs and bushes along the lane have also been cut back. There are further plans to improve passing places and road markings along the lane in the future.
791	Problems with dog fouling .	Ward wide including, the Northway Estate	The Ward Committee have recently invested in a project which will involve local school children designing anti-dog fouling posters. A winning design will be picked and used on metal signs across the ward in dog fouling hotspots.
			Neighbourhood Wardens operating in the area can issue Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling offences. There has been 1 fixed penalty notice issued for dog fouling in the last 12 months in this ward.

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820	People congregating around the Throckley Coop	Throckley, at the rear of Orchard Terrace	A number of interventions have been tried which have worked in the short term including additional security and CCTV cameras. Through partnership work between North Eastern Coops and Newburn Ward Committee a fence along the back of the Coop site was installed.
819	Regular damage to the War Memorial at Newburn. Graffiti and vandalism , and plaques have been stolen.	Newburn	The Monument has been painted and cleaned and there has been no further vandalism. Shrubs and bushes have been cut back to improve sight lines around the Monument and discourage anti-social behaviour. Further investigation is underway to identify funding opportunities to improve the monument and surrounding area.
909	The young people in Blucher hope to get public support for a teen shelter in the village.	Blucher	The young people in Blucher are in the process of conducting their own consultation to look at possible local facilities in the village. This project follows on from a recent school event looking at safety in the ward.
930	Fly tipping	Walbottle Dene	Domestic waste is being fly tipped in and around Walbottle Dene. Letters have been distributed in the area highlighting the impact this activity has on the area and the penalties for fly tipping. The 'Friends of Walbottle Dene' are also keen to encourage community involvement in the Dene, and future 'Clean Up' days may be planned with the help of the Walbottle Dene Ranger.
		Newburn Country Park and North Newburn.	There have been reports of fly tipping in this area, which is having an impact on the environmental quality of the area. The Neighbourhood Response Manager , Neighbourhood Response Team and other council departments will be looking into this issue in the coming months.
931	Cleaner, greener, safer environmental improvements.	Newburn	Participatory budgeting has been introduced into Newburn ward. This scheme gives local people the opportunity to decide how public money will be spent in their communities. Between August and October 2008 residents will be contacted to ask for their ideas on how the money should be spent, and this will culminate in a Grand Voting event on 15 th November. Any projects or ideas will look at making Newburn ward cleaner, greener and safer for local residents.

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955	Theft of gully covers	Citywide and ward wide	There has been a recent spate of thefts of gully covers across the city and ward. This is causing a hazard to pedestrians and road users, and the Council urges residents to report missing or stolen covers to the Envirocall Service promptly so they can be made safe. The Envirocall Service telephone number is: 0191 274 4000