

Fenham Ward

Over the past four years, Fenham councillors have held a number of meetings with residents to ask you about your priorities for the area.

This is what you said;

- Activities for children and young people
- A cleaner, greener, safer environment
- Support to local projects which work in and with local communities
- More emphasis on Health and Well Being

This is just some of what we have done;

Children and Young People;

- Worked with the Fenham Association of Residents (FAR) to establish and support a Children and Young People's Network, (CHYP) which brings the community organisations together.
- Financial support for summer play schemes, family fun days, organised and run by the network to ensure activities are available at different places in the ward, so children and young people can access a range of co ordinated activities.
- Supported and part funded a local KEYFUND which enabled young people to plan activities of their choice while learning about team work and budgeting.

Cleaner environment;

- Ran an enforcement project to target people who drop litter and people who allow their dogs to foul in public places.
- Organised with YHN and other organisations, community clean ups in Slatyford, Denton Dene and Acanthus Ave
- Removal of significant amounts of fly tipping spotted by us, as part of our regular street surgeries, or reported by residents.
- Worked with YHN to introduce communal bins in Cartmel Green to improve cleanliness
- New fence in King George V Field round children's play area to stop dogs fouling in the play area.

Greener;

- Fenham Pocket Park. Working with local residents and a number of organisations; FAR, Fenham Library, Fenham Swimming Pool, Sustrans, Newcastle University School of Architecture Planning and Landscape, Fenham Model Allotments, and YHN. A small oasis of lovely plants and flowers just between the library and the swimming pool. Sacred Heart and English Martyrs schools have both adopted planters, as have the Allotments, the pool and Friends of Fenham Pocket Park.
- Denton Burn Community Association have plans to use the derelict land at the back of the building for community use. We asked Students from Newcastle University to work with DBCA on some ideas. They produced a number of fantastic designs for the space, which are now being considered.
- Part funded new play equipment in King George V Field, to be installed in the coming months.

Safer;

- New one way system and additional parking in Henshaw Place
- DIY Streets project. We spoke to over 1000 residents and drew up plans based on what you told us. The changes will improve the safety of pedestrians, particularly children attending Sacred Heart School, and cyclists in the Convent Road, Fenham Hall Drive area. A new zebra crossing will be installed on Fenham Hall Drive, making access to the swimming pool, library and doctors' surgery safer
- We work very closely with the police to tackle anti social behaviour, obstructive parking and speeding. The police have carried out a number of road speed tests and fines were issued to those caught speeding
- Slatyford No Cold Calling Zone. Residents contacted us with concerns about cold callers, especially in areas where older people live. We introduced a No Cold Calling Zone in a part of Slatyford, and it was so successful, we have, at residents' request, extended it.
- Coming up! Streets4People. We have access to a pot of money to be spent in Fenham and Arthur's Hill. We are asking residents to identify opportunities to make the area more accessible and friendlier for people. Have your say.
www.newcastle.gov.uk/streetsforpeople
- Pooley Road/Cartmel Green; anti-social behaviour (ASB). Councillors spoke to residents of Cartmel Green and Pooley Road

flats last year and listened to the concerns of residents ASB in the area, as well as problems with bin storage and open access balconies. We invited the Chief Executive of YHN to walk around the area and discuss what possible improvements could be made. As a result of this, plans were drawn up and residents and partners such as the police consulted on suggested alterations. The £398,000 scheme saw new windows installed and the intercoms upgraded. New CCTV cameras are now proving to be very effective at discouraging ASB.

Supporting local projects;

We work very closely with all the community groups and organisations in Fenham, as we believe working together achieves more. We put people in touch with each other and other projects, to support joint activities, fund raising, volunteering and catching up with what's happening in the area. The Children and Young People's Network, the Health Partnership, and the beginnings of an environmental partnership are examples of this way of working.

We also provide grants to organisations to support community activities.

In 2015/2016 we funded projects from:

- Healthworks
- Slatyford Friendship Club
- Search
- FAR
- Fenham Swimming Project

Health and Well Being;

- Government changes to welfare benefits has had an impact on residents' health and well being. We recognise this, and established a Welfare Rights Project to support vulnerable people. In three years, this project supported 171 residents to claim £638,451 of benefits to which they were entitled, but not getting. This money is more likely to be spent locally, so helping the local economy
- Residents' Charter for Health and Well Being. This project engaged and involved local people and community projects to look at health issues in Fenham. The Charter makes recommendations to improve people's physical and mental health and well being. We are developing a Health Partnership Group to put these recommendations into action.

We know that the Council's budget cuts, forced upon us by the loss of significant amounts of government funding has had an impact. We use our ever diminishing ward budget to deliver on the priorities you have identified. We work with a number of partners who have skills, knowledge, resources and ideas to share. By harnessing the strengths of others, we are more able to support local groups and bring more resources into the ward. Many of the projects would not have happened without the huge support we get from residents, community groups, organisations, and our external partners.

So what next? We would like your views, please complete the survey and tell us about your priorities.

Talking to residents we think these issues are still important, but we want to know what you think.

With reducing resources we want to make sure we get value for money as we try to deliver what you want. If you are a community group/organisation and you want to know more about what is happening, get in touch. We would be happy to come out to speak to your group.

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