



# Demolition Begins!



The first stage of structural demolition in the New Deal for Communities (NDC) area has begun with nineteen detached garages behind Preston Street and Slater Street. Dave Berry, who is an NDC resident and Chairman of the board at Hartlepool Revival received training to allow him to knock down the first bricks using a JCB.

NDC resident Dave said, "I felt very privileged to knock down the first bricks. This is the start of a new phase for the NDC area of Hartlepool and it is great to see the first stage of demolition underway. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of positive changes over the next few months; it's a very exciting time."

Residents are also encouraged to contact the Hartlepool Revival office on 855840 if they have any enquiries about demolition or housing in the NDC area.

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# Trying Out SmartWater

NDC residents from Dent and Derwent Street and Oxford Road recently tried out a new method of cutting crime. Residents who wanted to take part in the SmartWater pilot scheme each had a visit from NDC Community Wardens and Police Community Support Officers.

The community safety team spent around 30 minutes at each household, giving residents the chance to safeguard their belongings. Up to 20 items were then marked with special "SmartWater" solution, including anything from mobile phones to jewellery.

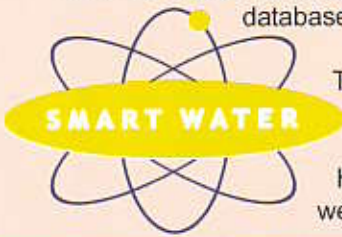
The service was offered free of charge and residents were impressed by the clear solution that is invisible to the naked eye. If a marked item is stolen and then recovered, ultra-violet light is used to read the SmartWater code and it can then be traced back to the owner through a computer database.



Julie Rudge, NDC Resident and Co-Chair of the Crime theme said, "We have had a good response to the pilot scheme and if it is successful we hope to work with Residents Associations to include as many of the 4,000 households in the NDC area as possible."

Clare Clark, NDC Community Safety Manager said, "This is another way of helping NDC residents feel safe in their own homes. With stolen goods being so easily identified we are obviously warning criminals that there is a higher chance of getting caught."

For more information on the SmartWater scheme, contact the NDC offices on 894046.



The project is part of a larger Home Office pilot project and involves partnership work between Safer Hartlepool and Cleveland Police as well as NDC.

# The Doorstep Check

A list of telephone numbers may not sound like a strong method of crime prevention, but it can be vital when dealing with doorstep conmen. NDC will be distributing a valuable list of contacts to vulnerable residents to help them take action should an unknown caller arrive at their house. People are urged to stick the list – known as the Doorstep Check – close to the front door so it is easily seen when a visitor calls.

The Doorstep Check has been created by organisations such as the Police, Victim Support and the Hartlepool Mail joining together with Hartlepool NDC in the fight against crime. Companies mentioned on the list include Hartlepool Water, British Telecom and Northumbrian Water. The idea is that people can phone the company and check that the identity of the person at the door is genuine.

Colin Hopkins, NDC Crime Prevention Officer always encourages residents to use door chains and never to let a stranger across their doorstep. He said, "Always call the utility company or the police; if in doubt keep them out!"

To find out more about the Doorstep Check or any other NDC Crime Prevention method, please contact the Arches on 894046.

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Hartlepool Water	0800 028 4816
Northumbria Water	08457 171 100
Accused (Meter Reading)	0845 601 6016
N Power	0800 551 555
Powergen	0800 056 6278
Energy Watch	0845 906 0708
British Telecom	0800 321 999
NTL	01642 642 642
Hartlepool Borough Council Social Services	01429 266 522
Endeavour Home Improvement Agency	01429 272 220
Victim Support	01429 221 920
Hartlepool Trading Standards	01429 523 362
Hartlepool Police	01429 221 151

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