

HARTLEPOOL NewDeal FOR COMMUNITIES



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NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES - RESIDENTS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



Young Person's Achievement Award

NDC youngster Stefan Vanes, age 8, has been presented with the Young Person's Achievement Award at the national NDC awards.

Stefan was nominated for his award after showing hard work and dedication to the NDC Reclaim Your Back Lanes initiative. Stefan showed great enthusiasm for the project from the very first meeting. His 'story in a box' and his posters on how he would like to see the back lanes be improved showed his thoughtfulness and hard work. Throughout the project Stefan listened to his peers, officials and residents and showed a maturity far beyond his 8 years.

Ronnie Rowbotham, Children's Participation Worker for NDC said: "I'm delighted that Stefan's hard work has been applauded by the Young Person's Achievement Award. With the support from NDC staff and residents Stefan and other young people can really shine in the NDC area."

Stefan received his award at the New Deal for Communities and Neighbourhood Management National Conference and Achievement Awards, which took place in London on Thursday 24th November.



Ronnie Rowbotham & Stefan Vanes

Stefan said: "I was really happy when I found out I had won the award, and I really enjoyed working with the group and NDC staff members."

Other children from the NDC area were involved in the Reclaim Your Back Lanes initiative alongside Stefan. You can turn to page 11 to find out about all the work that they were involved in.

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NDC fighting fire and crime

Two NDC initiatives are fighting crime and fire in the NDC area. Colin Hopkins (Crime Prevention Advisor for NDC) and Cleveland Fire Brigade are offering free Home Security Checks and free Home Fire Safety Checks. A simple phone call could mean that you are secure from the causes of fire and crime in your home thanks to both initiatives.

The free Home Security checks offered by Colin ensure that residents homes are safer by offering free crime prevention advice and free crime prevention measures. The free Home Fire Safety checks performed by firefighters include a free smoke alarm and fire safety advice.

It is important for residents to feel safe about the people who are coming into their home - and that they identify themselves. The firefighters who carry out the Home Fire Safety checks will be on duty and therefore in uniform. They will carry out the check at an agreed time and will also carry identification cards with photographs.



Tony Dale, Colin Hopkins & Lesley Peek

Colin Hopkins, Crime Prevention Advisor for NDC said: "It is important that people are aware of how they can make their homes secure from fire and crime. I would ask NDC residents to take up the opportunity of the free checks."

For a free NDC Home Security check please contact Colin Hopkins on 855560. For more information on the free Home Fire Safety checks please contact 874063.

Demi enjoys being a poolie mascot!



Demi Nicholson

Poolie Pride was in the Belle Vue Centre Youth Club as Demi Nicholson became Hartlepool United's mascot for the day. Demi, age 9, was given the opportunity to become the mascot after she won a competition which was run by the Belle Vue Centre Youth Club.

To win the competition, the children had to say why they liked the youth club, why they wanted to be the mascot and why it was important to have a good attitude. All the entries were really good but it was Demi who won the opportunity to represent NDC and be the Poolie Mascot for the day.

Trevor Robinson, Youth Club Co-ordinator, said: "All the entries for the competition were superb. We were pleased to be able to provide a mascot from Belle Vue Centre and would like to thank both NDC and Hartlepool United for the opportunity."

For more information about the Youth Club, contact Trevor on 221832.

