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Helping to Improve Local Businesses

It has always been one of the main aims of the NDC programme to ensure that the commercial sector is thriving, that new businesses are developed and local people are employed.

Over the past two years, over 65 businesses in the area have benefited from the Business Modernisation Grant (BMG) which has helped them to carry out improvements such as new shop fronts, rendering, and new windows.

With this particular grant coming to an end, we are going to take a look back at some of the premises which have benefited and some of the outcomes of the grant funding.

Borthwick Memorials

Borthwick Memorials created a full-time job vacancy after receiving a BMG whilst moving from its workshop premises in Brougham Terrace into a spacious office and showroom on Stockton Road.



the assistance from NDC we have been able to secure the future of our business."

Morrell & Sons Butchers

Morrells has seen a boom in customers with local residents commenting on the overall change in the area since it received a boost from the BMG.

The building was transformed when a traditional wooden shop front was created.

Brian Morrell said: "It has been thirty years since

us to make further improvements ourselves."

Burn Road

The premises on Burn Road were completely transformed with part funding from a BMG. Following the modernisation, over five full time vacancies have been created and business within the units is booming.

Julie Ridley said: "Everyone says how nice it looks and how much it has improved the area. NDC staff have been helpful and will answer any queries we may have.

The total investment in the BMG to date is £896,678 from NDC and £1,229,662 from private investment.

159 businesses in the area have also been awarded the Business Security Grant (BSG) which has helped them to implement security measures at their premises; these include CCTV, security alarms, roller shutters, security fencing, and security lighting.

The total investment in the BSG is £255,199 from NDC and £207,229 from private investment.

any improvements had been made on the shop and the transformation is fabulous.

"NDC really helped us with grant information and support to enable



The previously derelict and empty Alpha Video building was revamped to provide a secure, relaxing and comfortable environment.

Jamie Borthwick from Borthwick Memorials, said: "By receiving



Councillor Ray Waller Stands Down

Stranton Ward Councillor, Ray Waller, has stood down from his post after several years of service in the NDC based ward.

Ray has provided an active voice in the programme. He served on the NDC Steering Group as the faith group representative through the Churches Together organisation, until he stood down in January after six years.

Ray has helped many people and made numerous friends within the NDC area throughout his 44 year service as Councillor and will be sorely missed. His contributions over six years at the monthly Steering Group meetings, on behalf of the people he represented, have been timely and to the point, drawing on his vast experience.

All Ray's friends and colleagues

at NDC and in the community wish him well in his "retirement", although we can't quite see him sat twiddling his thumbs in an armchair just yet.



Plants Against Crime

A campaign to cut crime across Hartlepool has been relaunched thanks to its overwhelming success last summer.

Hundreds of residents took advantage of the Plants Against Crime initiative which offered

cut-price prickly plants that help to deter thieves by providing a thorny defence to any property.

NDC Crime Prevention Officer Colin Hopkins and PC Steve Davies from Hartlepool Police will be at Stranton Nursery on Tanfield Road to provide people with crime prevention advice and 10% off on Plants Against Crime days.

Colin said: "Plants such as Firethorn, Mahonia, Hawthorn, Rose, Berberis, Pyracantha and Holly all provide nature's own barrier and make it more difficult for thieves to access properties over a fence or wall.

"We hope the scheme is even more successful this year and that we help to reduce crime further in the town."

Plants Against Crime days are:

16th June 2007 10am-12pm
20th June 2007 11am-12pm
14th July 2007 10am-12pm
18th July 2007 11am-12pm
25th August 2007 10am-12pm
29th August 2007 11am-12pm
29th Sept 2007 10am-12pm
3rd October 2007 11am-12pm

For more information, please contact Colin Hopkins on 855560 or Steve Davies on 405598.



Announcement

It is with deepest regret that we announce the untimely death of 'Artlepool' 'Arry cartoonist Richard Winn at the age of 52.

Richard was an amazing talent

who gave his time as a volunteer for NDC for over two years, often whilst battling through pain and ill health.

We would like to extend our

sympathy to his family and close friends.

Both Richard and 'Artlepool 'Arry will be sorely missed.

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