

HARTLEPOOL NewDeal FOR COMMUNITIES



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NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES - RESIDENTS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Stranton Centre Opens its Doors to the Community



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Victim Support and Crime Prevention Join Forces

Victim Support and Crime Prevention have joined forces to create a safer environment for NDC residents.

Heading up the new NDC team are Christine Paul from Victim Support with Colin Hopkins from Crime Prevention. PC Stephen Davies is also offering his services as Burglary Prevention Officer.

You might see Colin and Christine's friendly faces at supermarkets throughout the year ahead, where they are hoping you will have time to stop and chat to share your views on crime in the area. Take a few moments to complete a short questionnaire and you may be the winner of a free shopping voucher.

The team has also been busy making visits to various groups in the NDC area to offer guidance on personal and home safety issues to crack down on instances such as bogus callers. They are keen to reach as many people as possible with their video presentation and advice so help them out by getting in touch today on **287122** or **0791 936 7432** to **arrange for the team to visit your group or venue.**



PC Steve Davies, Christine Paul and Colin Hopkins

Just to Add...

Christine Paul will continue the high level of general support she offers the community, with the help of an assistant. Thanks to recent funding from NDC, Christine Fergus began part-time employment with Victim Support in February, following two years as a dedicated volunteer.



Christine Fergus

Both women are hoping that sharing their first name will not cause too much confusion! **You can contact either Christine Paul or Christine Fergus on 287122.**

Effective Alley Gates are Locked Gates

NDC and Hartlepool Borough Council would like homes and businesses to remain as secure as possible. So that the alley gates scheme can help towards this goal, we need to remember to keep gates locked. Working together to ensure alley gates are used correctly will avoid harmful incidences such as fly tipping, rubbish fires and - perhaps most importantly - reduce fear of crime.

Please report any problems with your alley gates by dialing 523333.



a secure alley gate

Extra Help for Carers

Are you an NDC resident looking after someone who is ill, frail or has a disability? Thanks to funding from Hartlepool NDC, carers living in the New Deal area can now get extra help.

To find out more about receiving support, please speak to Anne Gibson, Adult Carer Researcher on the number below, or drop into any of the following sessions:

The Horizon Centre, 22 Murray Street
Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon

The Oxygen Centre, 31 Cornwall Street
Alternate Wednesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm

The Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre, Kendal Road
Thursdays 11.15am -12.15pm

Anne Gibson: Hartlepool Carers, 200 York Road, 283095



Carers Week

Join in the 10th annual Carers Week, taking place across a variety of venues between 14th and 20th June.

This year's theme is health and a range of colourful events have been arranged to celebrate carers and raise awareness of their needs. There is something for everyone, with activities varying from a sponsored walk to visioning day.

For full details, please see the Hartlepool Mail closer to the date, or contact Hartlepool Carers direct on 283095.

Rented Housing - Advice & Support

Anyone with general questions about housing should drop into the Citizens Advice Bureau on 87 Park Road. The Hartlepool Advice & Tenancy Support Scheme is based here, with caseworker Angela Brough successfully helping over 300 NDC residents in the past year. This NDC-funded service also provides one-to-one support for people using the 'SmartMove' rent deposit scheme, which helps homeless people find and settle into decent, affordable accommodation. Registered landlords are offered up to a month's rent as a guarantee, instead of a deposit.

The Voluntary Landlord Registration Scheme is now based in the Neighbourhood Services department at the Civic Centre. **Landlord Registration Officer, Ken Natt** has over 400 landlords involved in the project (162 of these in the NDC area), which aims to improve the standards and management of properties and private rented housing both in the NDC and Hartlepool as a whole.



Ken Natt



Angela Brough



Contact:
Angela Brough 424502 / Ken Natt 284333

Stranton Centre Opens its

The brand new Stranton Centre has thrown open its doors to an excited community following a major development, funded by NDC and Sport England.

Julian Penton, NDC Programme Manager said, "We are working closely with Stranton Primary School to create a thriving Community Centre at the heart of the NDC area. I know that all NDC residents will get a warm welcome, and hope they will drop in and see what it has to offer; the Stranton Centre certainly has something for everyone."

Newly appointed Centre Manager, Sharon Pounder is also delighted with the variety of facilities shared by the school and community, including a performing arts space, sports hall and meeting room, as well as an ICT suite with 11 computers provided by European Funding.

The multi-functional building is situated directly beside Stranton Primary School, and as NDC residents will be given first priority for all facilities, it is hoped that parents will pop in when dropping off and collecting their children each day.



Charley Fairbank Demi-Ray Wright work on their painting



The Nursery is a great addition to the community



Teachers Caroline Nicholls and Diane Watson "love the place!"



The Reception area is an ideal place to meet before a session

Doors to the Community

NDC resident Susan Hewitson (pictured on front cover) is looking forward to using the Centre to build on her computer skills and says she can't wait to have regular access to the Internet.

The school will use the sports hall and performing arts space between 9am and 5pm weekdays, with the rest of the community accessing them after 5pm, at weekends and during school holidays. However, the ICT Suite will be available to the whole community for 12 hours a day from 9am - 9pm, and it is hoped that a variety of computer-based courses will soon be in place for adults.

An NDC Fun Day, bursting with activities ranging from skateboarding to bingo, is taking place at The Stranton Centre on Sunday 11th July 11am - 4pm. If you are interested in taking part in any groups and activities at The Stranton Centre in the meantime, **please contact Sharon Pounder on 231329. Early booking is advised to avoid disappointment.**

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The ICT Suite is open with expert and friendly help!



The children make the most of the performing arts space



Teacher Mr Boyd helps Lauren McKie with her gymnastic skills