



# Halloween Fun!

Residents from Stockton Road, Sandringham Road and Collingwood Road enjoyed their summer street games so much that they organised an autumn event in their back lanes. They celebrated the safe playing environments alleygates have provided by holding Halloween parties on Sunday 31 October between 2pm - 5pm.

Street games made another popular appearance, followed by old-fashioned party games such as "pass the parcel" and "Simon says" – which are still good fun whatever your age! The back lanes involved were full of pumpkins and other scary treats, and residents were treated to a tasty barbeque. There were even prizes for the best fancy dress – and the witches and wizards were of a very high standard!

The evening ended on a shivery note with a ghost story and everyone agreed on a repeat performance for next year. Ann Bell, a resident of Sandringham Road said, "These events are encouraging families to socialise with each other and the alleygates have given us a secure and clean place for children to play. My whole family is here and we've all had a lot of fun."

**If you would like to find out more about reclaiming your back lane and the outdoor activities involved, please contact Irene Cross on 894046.**

# News from Residents' Associations

## Stockton Road

If you live between Tesco roundabout and Burn Valley roundabout, you are invited along to our meetings that take place at The Stranton Centre (attached to Stranton Primary School) on the second Monday of each month at 6pm. Our next meeting is on Monday 13 December.

As usual, everyone will be warmly welcomed with tea, coffee and biscuits.

**If you need transport to the meetings, or have any other queries, please give us a call on 894046. Simply leave a message along with your telephone number and we will return your call.**

## West End

All West End residents are invited on a Christmas shopping trip to Newcastle Quayside market and Eldon Square on Sunday 5 December.

The coach will leave from the Nursery Inn at 10am and shoppers will have a full day to browse around as the coach doesn't leave Newcastle until 4.30pm.

If there are any seats left on the coach, we will welcome people from the entire NDC community. Leave your name and number with us and we will get back to you if there are any spare places.

**To reserve your place, please contact us on 260454; it is only £3.50 per person.**

## Dent / Derwent

Dent / Derwent will be organising a Complementary Therapies event at the end of November - **contact Julie Rudge on 868310 for details.**

## Other Residents' Associations

Contact details for other Residents Associations in NDC area:  
**Milton Road Area - Dorothy Kennedy 420288**  
**Stoffold Area - Brendan Arnell 423496**  
**Oxford Road East - Bryon Hanna 296837**  
**Holt & Lister Street - Christine Snowdon 862101**

## Wharton / Errol

Wharton/Errol Street Residents Association continue to meet the last Tuesday of each month at The People Centre at 7pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 30 November; we look forward to seeing you there.

**Contact Dave Berry on 420131 for more details about Wharton / Errol Residents Association.**

## Belle Vue

The following activities are taking place to support Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre with its town-wide youth projects.

**Charity Auction & Fun Night** - A slave auction and live head-shaving are some of the sights you will see at the Woodcutter on Thursday 11 November from 7pm-11pm. So if you like a night out with a bit of a difference, make sure you join in the fun – for only 50p, including light refreshments!

**Beauty & Fashion Show** - Check out the latest styles at Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre on Thursday 18 November at 7.30pm.

**Perhaps you would like to volunteer your skills to help organise and help out at these events? If so, staff at the Belle Vue Centre will be happy to hear from you - call 221832.**

## NDC Steering Group

Congratulations to Bob Farrow and Bryon Hanna, who have been re-elected onto the Steering Group panel, to represent the South NDC area. For the Central area, Liz Richardson will stay for a further 2 years, and new member Kim Morgan is welcomed for her first 2 year term. The North area re-elected Leo Ryan, and chose Derek Liddell as their other representative.

Thank you to Jackie Bell, Angie Swinburne, and to David Tweedale Gray who weren't successful on this occasion. **If you would like to find out more about the Resident Steering Group, contact NDC on 894046.**

### Want to have Your Say?

Do you enjoy reading this newsletter? Do you have any ideas for stories? Then you might want to join our resident editorial group. We meet every Thursday on a bi-monthly basis to discuss the items in your newsletter. We always welcome new members and would love to speak to anyone interested in coming along to our friendly meetings, which take place at The Arches on Park Road. **To find out more about how to have your say, contact Rachel Short on 894046.**

# Neighbourhood Watch in the NDC Area

"I would like to see every house in the NDC area becoming part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme."

Those are the words of Colin Hopkins, NDC Crime Prevention Officer, who strongly believes that Neighbourhood Watch is the basis of creating a safer community. He also said,

"Neighbourhood Watch is all about getting together with the people who live nearby, and taking action to cut crime. It may include everyone in your street, or just a couple of neighbours - what really matters is helping to reassure residents living in fear of crime"

Colin works in partnership with John Southcott, the Police Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer, to promote the benefits of keeping an eye on your street or estate,

John said, "Neighbourhood Watch offers a link with police so that you can keep updated on crime in your area, and you will also become familiar with crime prevention ideas that will help keep you and your home safe."

Neighbourhood Watch can also offer special promotions and discounts on security items. All you need to do is get a group together and contact your Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer, John Southcott on what to do next. Alternatively, you may want to discuss this scheme, or any of the other NDC crime prevention measures with Colin Hopkins; see opposite for contact details.



PC John Southcott & Colin Hopkins

**PC John Southcott, Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer, 405 585, [nhw.hartlepool@cleveland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nhw.hartlepool@cleveland.pnn.police.uk)**  
**Colin Hopkins, The Arches, 79 Park Road, 894046**  
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## Practical Help at Home



Brenda McCormack & Mary Featherstone

Endeavour Home Improvement Agency and Adult Placement Services are working in partnership to make sure people have the help and care they require. We aim to help NDC residents live independently in safe home environments. We can help with shopping and housework, organise house visits and even accompany residents to hospital or GP visits.

If someone you know requires this newsletter in an alternative format such as Braille, audio tape or large print, please **contact Hartlepool Blind Welfare on 272494, or call into their office at 32 Avenue Road.**

The included handyman service provides help with small tasks such as repairing fence panels, erecting shelves and moving furniture.

Mary Featherstone (pictured left) of Patterdale Street is pleased with the help she has received from the scheme,

"I had just moved house and my son was suddenly taken ill - so I had no one to help me with jobs round the house. The handyman service was invaluable as I couldn't have managed on my own - and the Endeavour staff member who came out was very pleasant and considerate."

**If you are vulnerable and have a short term crisis, or simply think the service can help you, please call Endeavour Home Improvement Agency on 272220 and speak to Louise Dixon or Judith Arscott.**



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## Pilot Scheme Takes Off

With the 6 month pilot stage of the Longhill & Sandgate improvement scheme now coming to an end, it seems NDC's investment has certainly paid off.

The pilot scheme was originally aimed at tackling crime, attracting investment and generally making the area look better. However, New Deal for Communities took the project one stage further by funding six NDC residents to join Hartlepool Council's Intermediate Labour Market scheme as an Environmental Task Force (ETF).

Lee Morgan, from Brenda Road has enjoyed his role as Landscaper, "Working as part of a team is the best thing about it. I want to use my skills from this job to eventually work offshore, and teamwork is an important part of working on the rigs."

Anne Hollifield, NDC Employment Co-ordinator, who oversees the project said, "This scheme shows how much we can achieve by working in partnership with other agencies such as HBC and At Work. Our aim was to provide jobs for NDC residents, while also making the estates a nicer place to work and we are pleased with the results."

## Alison Helps with Business Opportunities

"My name is Alison Soulsby and I began working as the new NDC Enterprise Development Worker at the beginning of October. I am based at Hartlepool College of Further Education in the Business Development Centre.

I decided to apply for this job because I have always loved working with the local community, and this new post is perfect for me.

I particularly wanted to work here because I believe there is a real potential for NDC to make a difference across the board, not just with employment but also with crime, health etc. My new job consists of helping NDC residents to set up their own businesses by offering advice and assistance, developing training courses, setting up a bursary panel to offer financial support, and helping with any other issues involved in setting up a business. I am looking to helping NDC residents with their business ideas."

**If you dream of setting up your own business and would like to discuss your options with Alison, please contact her on 404017 (direct line) or email her at: [asoulsby@hartlepoolfe.ac.uk](mailto:asoulsby@hartlepoolfe.ac.uk)**



Alison Soulsby



Lee Morgan & Michael Flanagan

**If you would like to know more about New Deal for Communities' employment schemes and funding, please contact their offices on 894046.**

**If you're looking for a job, or just employment advice, visit At Work beneath Titan House on York Road. Or contact them on 292222.**

## Elizabeth Cleans Up with New Job

At Work has helped NDC resident Elizabeth Yeats find her very first paid job. Elizabeth has struggled to find suitable paid employment in the past and had been doing voluntary work as a cleaner in a care home. She is thrilled with her new found job.

Now that Elizabeth is able to earn a living, she can start planning for the future. She said, "At Work was very helpful and gave me lots of advice and passed my details onto a lot of companies. An interview was set up for me and before I knew it I was hard at work and really happy."

Elizabeth has now been working at a local care home for three months and is enjoying the challenge and responsibilities of her new job. **To find out more about how At Work can help you like they did with Elizabeth, please call the branch on 292222.**

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## Win HUFC Shirt & Tickets

Register with At Work recruitment on 141 York Road in Hartlepool today and you will be instantly entered into a prize draw to win a signed HUFC football shirt plus free tickets to attend a home match.



**Don't miss out - there are 100's of retail vacancies! Call At Work today on 292222 to find out more.**