

HARTLEPOOL NewDeal FOR COMMUNITIES



NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES - RESIDENTS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

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NEW RESOURCE CENTRE FOR RESIDENTS

The Horizon Centre in Murray Street is now open! The centre, funded by Hartlepool New Deal for Communities, will provide a much needed resource to north area NDC residents enabling them to access information on a variety of topics and services in health, education, crime prevention, community involvement and many other areas.

The centre will be community owned and led as well as invaluable in building a strong community spirit whilst making a positive contribution to the neighbourhood. The centre will provide Information Communication Technology (ICT) facilities for local people and train residents to be able to take future control of the centre.

The centre will have a management committee made up of representatives of the four north area resident associations.

The Project Coordinator – Anne Bell will manage the centre on a day-to-day basis assisted by two part time administration workers. (Margaret Watts and Lynne Atkinson).

Representatives from various agencies such as Action Team for Jobs, Hartlepool Carers and Benefits Advisors will provide information and drop in sessions from the Horizon Centre.

It is intended that strong working links will be established with the Salaam Centre also in Murray Street. The centre needs local residents to drop in and use its facilities such as photocopying, free internet, information on a variety of services, and housing issues. Alternatively come in and have a chat.

Initially the centre will be open to residents Monday to Friday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

For more information please contact Anne Bell – Project Coordinator on 233741 or call into the centre at 22 Murray Street or Fax 233118.



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS NEWS & VIEWS

Community Wardens

We have arranged for a Community Warden Surgery every Thursday at the New Deal for Communities office The Arches, 79 Park Road from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm. This will enable concerned residents to discuss their issues and hopefully help us resolve them or sign post residents to the correct agency. We are encouraging residents to provide us with suggestions on how we could improve our service and to discuss future projects.

For further details please contact the Community Wardens on 855718.



SECURITY SCHEME PROVES A WINNER

A scheme aimed at making householders feel safer in their own homes has reached a new milestone.

Debbie Fincken of Waldon Street has just become the 500th resident to be referred for a home security assessment via the New Deal for Communities (NDC) initiative.

Colin Hopkins employed by NDC as Crime Prevention Advisor carries out the home assessments. After a visit and assessment are completed, the works are carried out by Endeavour Home Improvement Agency.

Colin said "People who have had their homes assessed and security improved tell us just how much safer they feel. It is so important that residents feel safe in their homes and this scheme is clearly playing a very important role in reducing crime as well as the fear of crime.

Further information about the scheme is available from either Colin Hopkins or Julie Morfitt on 894046.

*Does your R.A. have news it wishes to share with the rest of the NDC?
Please send you articles to NDC, The Arches, 79 Park Road, Hartlepool TS24 7PW
Residents Associations Contact Details:*

Belle Vue Residents Association

Roni Farrow 221832

Wharton & Errol Residents Association

Dave Berry / Peter West 420131

Stockton Road Residents Association

Anne Harker Mobile: 0797 0896057

Stotfold Area Residents Association

Liz Richardson 866836

Maureen Fawcett – New NDC Community Development Worker

As a Community Development Worker, my job will offer practical help and support to Residents Associations in the NDC area. This could include help with funding applications, poster design, leaflet-drops, organising meetings, preparing agendas, minute-taking, planning events, accessing information etc.

The kind of help each group needs will vary, so I plan to spend my first weeks in post, 'getting out and about', contacting groups, meeting with members, learning about their work, the issues they are involved in and what

kind of support they require.

I am based in Rockhaven, 36 Victoria Road and any NDC resident can contact me there on 262641.



ST AIDAN'S CLINIC

St Aidan's church hall opened as a SureStart clinic in October 2003 and is open daily from 1.30pm - 3.30 pm. There are two health visitors, two nursery nurses and a domestic violence outreach worker providing support and information.

Supplying of baby milk, weighing of children and development checks, are all conducted in a pleasant informal atmosphere.

Staff are open to suggestions and ideas from parents about what they would like.

For further details contact Catherine or Jayne on 285136.

Hartlepool Families First



"DROP IN" FOR HEALTH INFORMATION AND ADVICE

Rossmere (Owton Manor Shops)
St Aidans Church
Headland (Car Park opposite Borough Hall)
Chatham Road
Kwik-Save (West View)
Lowthian Road
Sydenham Road (Post Office)
Lynn Street (near Focus)
St Patrick's Shops
Kwik Save (Villiers Street)

Mondays	9.30 am – 11.30 am
Mondays	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Tuesdays	9.30 am – 11.30 am
Tuesdays	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Wednesdays	9.30 am – 11.30 am
Wednesdays	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Thursdays	9.30 am – 11.30 am
Thursdays	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Fridays	9.30 am – 11.30 am
Fridays	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

**Please note – Health Sessions
will not be available over Bank Holidays**

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*Melanie Weeks,
Health Development Worker*



*Anne Waites,
Receptionist*

**MEET THE NEW NDC
APPOINTMENTS**

Information Advice & Guidance – Available free to NDC residents

“The Hartlepool Information Advice Guidance (IAG) Network will be available in the ‘At Work’ offices on Monday afternoons from 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm to provide free, impartial and confidential information and advice on learning & work.

The surgery will start on 8th March in the ‘At Work’ office at 141 York Road, so if you need advice on the qualifications and skills you need for any job, call into the office and we'll advise you of the training you'll need.

We can also arrange a private appointment for you at our office in the Connexions One Stop Shop in Tower Street.

Further details on the IAG Network can be obtained by calling 424893.

Are you looking for Work?

Do you live in Grange, Jackson or Stranton Wards?

If so Hartlepool Action Team can help you

The team is based at Regent House in York Road and help jobless people find work, by offering support and encouragement to look at any problems that residents may have in taking up jobs, working with them to find solutions.

These problems could include transport difficulties, purchasing suitable work clothing and helping to bridge the gap between the final benefit payment and a first wage.

The Team have now helped over 1500 local people find employment and have assisted the local community by supporting charities and venues.

They have a very visible presence in the town; the Mobile Advice Unit is out and about every day, parked in pub car parks, supermarkets and in the centre of local estates.

*** Indoor market stall in Middleton Grange Shopping Centre**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am - 4.45 pm
- Wednesdays 10.00 am – 4.45 pm

The Action Team also works closely with local employers and can offer recruitment services to help overcome staffing problems.

Belinda Donnison and Liz Nicholson, Action Team Advisers for the NDC Wards, are experienced Personal

Advisers who work in the community and provide voluntary one to one support to help people overcome barriers to employment.

Liz the representative for Grange /Jackson and Belinda for Stranton, have supported eighty NDC residents in finding work over the past seven months.

Belinda ran a short training course on interviewing skills, which resulted in five of her customers finding work at a local factory.

For further information contact Hartlepool Action Team for Jobs on 890990 or call into the indoor market stall.



Belinda Donnison

Liz Nicholson