

## Neighbourhood Services Priority Plan - Ouseburn

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195	Waste Management & Recycling	Blagdon Close area	We will continue to work with the Cleansing section to identify possible areas to implement recycling 'bring sites' to the area in the near future.
872		Additional locations to be identified	We are working with the Waste Management Section to identify additional areas to introduce new recycling sites.
561	General cleanliness of back lanes which includes wheeled bins being left out following collections	Ward Wide	<p>We are working in partnership with the Police who accompany us on ward visits to promote good/safe wheeled bin practice, as wheeled bins have been known to be used to scale walls to access properties, hide tools to illegally enter properties and also to store stolen goods in. Action is also directed by the Safer Neighbourhoods and Action Problem Solving groups (SNAP's).</p> <p>We are also in the process of carrying out some target hardening activity in the Hotspur Street which has been funded by SNAP's. The initiative involves back lane cleansing activity and we will also be offering Smartwater Security to local residents which is a solution that is painted onto household items and leaves a forensic fingerprint encoded with the owner's details, which is virtually impossible to remove.</p>
608	General clean up of area required	Ouseburn Valley (Regeneration Area)	<p>The <a href="#">Neighbourhood Response Manager</a> has implemented several clean-up initiatives in the Valley. These have included cutting back hedges, borders and sweeping all footpaths around Village Green. We have also recently acquired a small budget which will allow a general tidy up of the Valley to go ahead which will include painting out graffiti, cutting back shrubs and bushes etc. Work is expected to begin on April 1st 2008 and it is hoped that we will be in a position to carry out a similar exercise 2/3 times each year involving local volunteers and the Byker and Ouseburn Regeneration Team.</p> <p>In conjunction with above initiative, we have organised a community clean up day to carry out litter picking and a general clean up of the Ouseburn Valley to take place in April 2008..</p>
705	Condition of Play Areas	Wretham Place	We are working in partnership with the Shieldfield Community Forum, to consult with local residents and identify the best way to take forward plans to redevelop the play area at Wretham Place. The Ward Coordinator has identified several funding streams to assist with the cost of the re-development and submitted applications for which we are currently awaiting approval.

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682	Parking problems	Byron Street	We are considering the possibility of introducing additional permit parking for residents following the completion of low level, tubular-steel racecourse fencing to the footpath area, to prevent vehicles parking on the footpath.
703		Battlefield	The Decriminalisation of On-Street Parking Enforcement is a Central Government promoted process which will take place across the City of Newcastle in October 2008. In basic terms, the result of this process will be that parking enforcement becomes a civil rather than a criminal matter. It involves the Local Authority accepting enforcement responsibility from the Police. In light of this change, current parking restrictions will be updated as required by <a href="#">Engineering and Design Services</a> .
707	Residents consider vehicles to be travelling at excessive speeds	Falconar Street	A traffic management plan has been devised by Engineering and Design Services which will be communicated to residents in the near future.
854		Breamish Street	Consultation has taken place and we are in the process of implementing a traffic calming scheme at this location.
916		Heaton Grove	A traffic management plan has been devised by Engineering and Design Services which will be communicated to residents in the near future.
873	Community Safety	Blagdon Close Area	We will erect a metal railing along the top of the wall which runs along the rear of Blagdon Close to prevent people sitting on the wall and congregating in the area.
706	Preservation of Green Space. Improvement action required	Shieldfield Green	The Neighbourhood Response Manager and <a href="#">Ward Coordinator</a> will work in close conjunction with the Parks and Countryside section and Your Homes Newcastle to maintain and develop an improvement plan for this area. Among the suggestions for improvements have been new seating and bulb planting.