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## Ward Update – Cullercoats

17<sup>th</sup> March 2015

The following information has been provided to give an update on issues in Cullercoats ward, which is to be shared with residents.

### **Accessible toilet - Update from Francis Lowes Senior Manager, Regeneration Team**

In relation to Cullercoats, work to complete the installation of the new accessible toilet in the Bay and permanent water and electricity supplies to the existing kiosk will take place immediately after the Easter Holidays. It had been hoped that the installation would be complete in time for Easter, however we have been working with the Cullercoats Fishermen to explore whether the water and electricity supplies could be extended to the Bray to assist with their fishing activities. This has introduced additional works that have slightly delayed the programme. During the installation of the water and electricity supplies it will be necessary to cut trenches. This will be managed in close consultation with the RNLI, Dove Marine and the fishermen to avoid any disruption to their activities.

### **Community Growing Vegetables and Plants – Update provided by Alison Bailey, Allotment Officer**

There is a Grow and Eat Project within the Council which is public health funded to encourage communities across the borough become more self-sustaining and involved in food planting. There is a recruitment process ongoing to select a new project worker for this work.

The following website has a lot of useful information

<http://www.ari.farmgarden.org.uk/publications>

### **Environmental Services - Update provided by Samantha Dand, Senior Manager Local Environmental Services**

We have launched our Big Spring Clean Campaign (9 March to 29 May). As part of our “Estate Clean Up” initiative, the campaign invites businesses, schools and resident’s to organise their own clean up events across the borough. The aim of the campaign is to encourage communities to take pride in their environment and raise awareness through working in partnership with internal and external agencies. We have also introduced a litter blitz team to tackling litter hotspots across the borough, the seasonal team have commenced our litter removal programme and this will continue until the end of March. The creation of a new neighbourhood delivery team

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bringing together estate caretakers and local environmental services teams to deliver a more co-ordinated approach to service delivery in estates. We have also replaced all litter bins along the seafront with larger capacity units. We have received no reports of issues with jet skis since the last ward event in summer 2014. North Tyneside Council are planning to support the introduction of a Cullercoats Friends of Group – see the market stall at tonight's event for more information. Following the success of the beach warden service introduced last year, North Tyneside Council are considering options to re-introduce the service over the summer period.

**Housing – Update provided by Roy Marston, Senior Manager Older Peoples Housing / Martin Bewick, Housing Options and Support Manager**

## **Estate walkabouts**

We are having estate walkabouts in Cullercoats as follows:

18 March 2015 starting at 10.00am. The starting location is the junction of Kirklington Road and Hartington Road, Marden Estate.

25 March 2015 starting at 10.00am. The starting location is the Community Centre, Belle Vue Street, Cullercoats.

## **Update from Northumbrian Water**

Northumbrian Water is working in partnership with North Tyneside Council to begin a £2.5m upgrade of the sewerage system serving the North Cullercoats area from **May 2015**.

To find out more about the project, its benefits and how it could impact you, Northumbrian Water would like to invite Cullercoats residents to a customer information session and to meet the project team on **Thursday 26 March 2015** between **3pm** and **7pm** in the **Cullercoats Methodist Fishermen's Church**.

If you have any questions about the work or site related issues, please contact Northumbrian Water on **0345 717 1100** or visit [www.nwl.co.uk](http://www.nwl.co.uk).

## **Planning - Update provided by Jackie Palmer, Planning Manager**

There is an application of interest for Marden High School on Hartington Road. There is a proposed redevelopment of school buildings including; demolition of the existing main school building, erection of a new two storey school building, phased relocation, reconfiguration of vehicular and pedestrian access and laying out of associated car parking, cycle parking, boundary treatments and landscaping including the re-provision of any loss of playing fields. Any comments from residents should be made by 9 April 2015.

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**Northumbria Police – Update provided by Sgt Dave Foy**

Next surgery in the ward:

**Whitley Bay Drop in Session**

**Start Time: 3PM**

**Date: Tuesday 14th April 2015**

**Location: Cullercoats Community Centre**

The beat officers working in the Cullercoats area: PC 2212 Terry Rendles, PC 3829 Caroline Brown and, CSO 4484 Brian Philips.



PC Brown



CSO Philips

Whitley Bay Neighbourhood Policing Team are holding a public drop-in session and are inviting local residents to come along. PC 3829 Brown and CSO Brian Philips will be at Cullercoats Community Centre between 3pm and 4pm. This community event gives local people the opportunity to meet informally with members of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

PC Caroline Brown said "These drop-in sessions are an opportunity for local people to get to know the officer who polices their community and have an informal chat with them. Officers will be available to talk about a range of policing issues and will provide crime prevention advice. We hope residents will take a few minutes to pop in and stop for a chat. They may have concerns they want to talk about or are just curious to find out who their local officer is. Either way we hope that the sessions are beneficial to the community."

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Current policing plans:

**Crime:**

Recent issues of thefts of Milk overnight have been addressed and these appear to have halted.

Vigilance continues around the issue of theft of metal items from the grounds of properties in the area. Scrap metal dealers are being stopped and their details checked. Thank you to the vigilant members of the community who are reporting suspicious activity - particularly around this issue.

**ASB:**

Planning is already advanced with planning for additional patrols in and around the area of Cullercoats Harbour from the start of spring to cover the usually busy holiday period. This planning is being done jointly with North Tyneside Council and the RNLI Lifeguards. Northumbria Police Metro unit will also be planning additional patrols in and around Cullercoats Metro Station.

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