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Ward Update – Valley Ward 24 February 2015

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 Wendy Brown, Street Cleansing and Enforcement Manager

Environmental Services have held two Clean Up Days in the Valley ward on 2nd and 20 February 2015. These were very successful and were a way of working across council departments to improve their local area. We would welcome more residents/tenants getting increasingly involved in Clean Up Days in their local area. For more information, contact Wendy Brown, Telephone 0191 643 5900 Email wendy.brown@northtyneside.gov.uk

Highways – Update provided by Mark Newlands, Highways and Infrastructure Manager

The programme of surfacing and footway improvement schemes for the coming 2015/2016 year is still at an early stage of development so we are not able to say at this stage which schemes will be undertaken in Valley ward.

In terms of flooding work we are currently progressing a large scheme in Shiremoor which will reduce risk of flooding to properties around Lesbury Avenue, Brenkley Avenue and nearby streets and also in the area around the Grey Horse public house. This involves repairing a large culvert that runs through Shiremoor to Wellfield then connecting new highway drainage into it. The next phase of this work is planned to start in the summer of 2015.

Highways (Capita) – Update provided by Paul Fleming, Traffic and Capital Projects Team Leader

We have a puffin crossing to be installed on Park lane outside of the shops adjacent Park Grove. This work has been planned for a number of months and work to construct the crossing will begin in the next 2 weeks.



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The variable message signs (VMS) are deployed regularly at the Shiremoor bypass and the police have carried out enforcement there. There were signage requests for the approach to crossings; this work has been ordered but not yet implemented.

We also deploy our VMS signs on the West Allotment bypass – there are currently in place.

Planning - Update provided by Jackie Palmer, Planning Manager

The Planning Department are looking at a potential extension to Northumberland Park district centre where 3 additional retail units are being proposed. The other development in the Valley ward consists of 290 additional dwellings on Shiremoor West (where 590 are already approved).

Regeneration - Update provided by Julie Bews, Regeneration Project Manager

The Cobalt Business Park is now 83% full and has 13,000 people employed on it. Interest remains positive from businesses taking space in the remaining vacant buildings, although we cannot share more detail at this point in time, as this is commercially sensitive.

The Whitley Bay seafront master plan was launched in December 2014. We had 558 people from across the borough attend the two day event before Christmas in the Whitley Bay CFC and have had over 1,500 visits to the relevant pages on the Council's website. The majority of comments received were positive, neutral or with general comments/suggestions. The master plan display is in the reception area of North Tyneside Council Headquarters in the Cobalt Business Park where residents can come, view and share their comments until 9 March 2015.

Update from Northumbria Police

The beat officers working in the Valley Ward area are PC 357 Garry Watson, PC 3750 Kevin Rogerson, CSO 5875 Alyson Davey and PC 8017 Julie Twigg. They cover West Allotment, Shiremoor, Northumberland Park, Moorside and Backworth.





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Next surgery in the ward:

Whitley Bay Drop in Session

Start Time: 11:00 AM

Date: Monday, 02 March 2015

Location: Credit Union, Park Lane, Shiremoor

Whitley Bay Neighbourhood Policing Team are holding a public drop-in session and are inviting local residents to come along.

PC 3750 Kevin Rogerson and PC 357 Garry Watson will be at the Credit Union, Park Lane, Shiremoor on Monday 26th January from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

This community event gives local people the opportunity to meet informally with members of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

PC Garry Watson 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."

Current Policing Plans:

Crime: There have been a number of thefts from motor vehicles in the Valley Ward area over the last few months. These have taken place over night with theft of personal possessions (e.g. sat navs or Ipods) being taken from **INSECURE** cars and vans. The police are urging local residents and local businesses to make sure to secure their vehicles and not to leave anything on show. Officers from the Neighbourhood Police Team at Whitley Bay and 24/ 7 police based at Middle Engine Lane Police Station are conducting high visible patrols in the area to prevent this.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Youth ASB still remains an issue in the Valley Ward area particularly at Shiremoor Metro and Northumberland Park Metro stations. Beat officers from the Neighbourhood Police Team at Whitley Bay are conducting patrols at these locations and enforcing powers under the current ASB legislation by putting in place Dispersal Notices to make sure there is no further Youth ASB. These have proven to be effective at the moment.



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There has been an increase in motor cycle disorder on the waggonways through the ward area. The Neighbourhood Police Team are working closely with North Tyneside Council Waggonways Team to resolve this problem. When caught, anyone riding the motor cycles in a disorderly manner will be officially warned by the police first, before seizing the motor cycles.