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Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Residents have reported an increase in some anti-social behaviour in the last few weeks - and your local Focus Team are working with residents, Gateshead Council and Northumbria Police to address these problems.

Councillor Ian Patterson recently attended a meeting of the Wardley Neighbourhood Watch in St. Mary's Church Hall, Heworth, with residents and the police. There has also been a similar meeting in Leam Lane Social Club.

Ian reports "So that these issues can be prioritised and receive the right level of resource, the advice is to report every incident, no matter how small. This can include issues such as: littering, graffiti, youth disorder, vandalism, drug misuse, hate crime and harassment."

Focus Team member, Paul Diston said "We are encouraging residents to report any incidents to both the Police and the Council. This is because there is a multi-agency strategy for anti-social behaviour which includes Gateshead Council's Community Safety Team and Northumbria Police. We have included information below to help residents to reports these incidents."

Good News for Bill Quay Farm

Ian and Paul have welcomed the news that a suitable operator has been found for Bill Quay Farm.

"There were several applicants" said local Councillor Ian Patterson, "and a recommendation will be put forward by Council officers for discussion at a Council Cabinet meeting in the near future."

"This is good news" said Lib Dem Focus Team member, Paul Diston, "as it should allow this popular and much-loved farm to continue."



The underpass near the end of Sunderland Road Villas is a regular graffiti hot-spot. Paul Diston and Ian Patterson have been pressing the council to react faster to remove graffiti - especially when it is offensive.

Ian and Paul will continue to monitor the situation and will keep in touch with Police and the Council.

How to report anti-social behaviour:

Is it an emergency?

- Does it feel like the situation could get heated or violent very soon?
- Is someone in immediate danger or do you need support right away?

If so, call the police on 999.

If it is not an emergency:

- Report the incident to the Police by calling 101 or on the Northumbria Police website: <https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/our-services/report-an-incident/anti-social-behaviour/>
- and to the Council by ringing 0191 433 3000 or by sending an email to: communitysafety@gateshead.gov.uk
- Or if you prefer, you can contact the Liberal Democrat Focus Team and we will report it for you.



Local News and action



Ian and Paul lead litter pick

Ian Patterson and Paul Diston have been leading the fight against litter in our area by recently carrying out a litter pick in Pelaw with other members of the Focus Team.

Paul Diston said "I'm proud of this area and people who litter let us all down. The Council spends less than 1% of their budget on street cleaning so me, Ian and the Focus Team decided to step up and do some litter picking ourselves. It was a good day and we collected 5 bags of litter."

Ian Patterson has also asked Nexus to clear away the discarded litter that has been dropped on the embankment, next to the northern access road to **Pelaw Metro**.

Ian said "This is a visible reminder that litter can accumulate if left unchecked."

If you know of litter 'hotspots' in our area let Ian or Paul know so they can take action!

Potholes need fixing

Local campaigner Paul Diston, from the Pelaw and Heworth Lib Dem Focus Team, is asking Gateshead council to finish fixing repairing potholes on **Longrigg**, after the council repaired some but not all of them.

Paul said "Potholes are bad for drivers and pedestrians. I am urging the council to get this fixed as soon as possible. If you know of potholes that need fixing please let me, or my colleague Ian Patterson know on the numbers at the bottom of this page, or phone the council on 0191 433 3000".

Ian Patterson has asked the Council to look at the path between **Lansbury Gardens** and **Ennerdale**, that is often wet even in dry weather. Ian said "This has been ongoing for some time and only affects part of the path, but as it is heavily used daily, it needs to be addressed."

Paul Diston has asked for a large, broken tree branch to be removed from **Bill Quay Park**, as it is very near the public path. He has also asked if the grill under the bridge can be cleaned out to prevent the stream from backing up.

St Mary's Church clock repaired

The church clock at St Mary's Church, Heworth has now been repaired.

Ian Patterson helped ensure that funding was made available from the Local Community Fund for the repair and said "I am so pleased that this work has been done.

"We have a really interesting history in our area and it's so important we preserve our local heritage".



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