



# BNFCC NEWSLETTER

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council

SUMMER 2022

## Good News Additional funding to tackle anti-social behaviour

**Back in June the Community Council made an application for funding to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Operation Payback fund to assist us to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area.**

We are delighted to share that our application was successful, and we have been granted over £4000 to assist us with this work. We will share our plans for this funding over the coming months so please keep an eye out for regular updates.

Kim McGuinness- Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria said:

***'The fund was extremely competitive, and I am pleased to be able to award you this money.***

***Yours was one of several 'stand-out' projects that I believe can really help to address anti-social behaviour and repair the harm it causes in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, as well as contributing to helping me deliver my policing and crime priorities.'***

Operation Payback is a fund designed to ensure neighbourhoods benefit from police action targeting criminals and is underpinned by money seized from criminals. In the years to come the fund will be topped up with some of the money seized from criminal activity under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

The Community Council are working tirelessly to tackle the ongoing issues we have with Anti-social behaviour in the area.

If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour please contact- YHN Safer Living Team 0191 278 8740 Northumbria Police (non-emergencies): 101 (in emergencies call 999) Newcastle City Council (environmental problems- including fly-tipping, litter, graffiti, and noise complaints) on 0191 278 787

## Blakelaw Extra Milers

Fun and friendly walking group for people of all ages and abilities. The group currently walks every week on Sundays at 9.30 am. The meeting point is at Blakelaw Park (Blakelaw Road entrance). All welcome.



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# Free Event for Blakelaw and North Fenham residents

Join us for an afternoon of pie, peas, cards games and dominos all washed down with a cold drink!  
**Tuesday 6th September 2022 (1-4pm)**

**Venue** - Newcastle West End Sports Community Association, McKendrick Villas, Cowgate, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE5 3AB

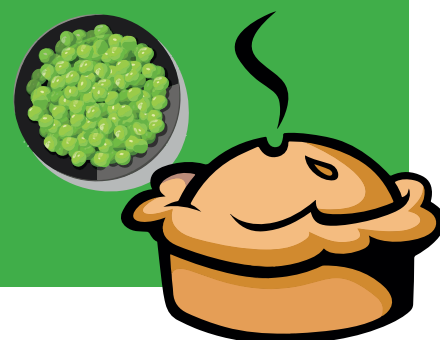
(behind Aldi Ponteland Road)

Please share with family and friends that might want to join us (this event is predominantly for over 55s)

To book please call us: 07588154441

Email: [bnfcc@outlook.com](mailto:bnfcc@outlook.com) or message us via

Facebook: Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council



## Blakelaw Litter picking group

Clean Community Clean World celebrated their first anniversary of community clean-up on Saturday 2 July 2022.

A fun-filled day with prizes distributed to all the little superstars joined. Blakelaw Park is hugely litter-free compared to one year ago when we started our campaign. Well done to everyone who joined throughout the year. Clean Community Clean World campaign is an initiative to clear up our green spaces, beat plastic pollution and promote litter picking among school children.

The 165 TARA have also organised a litter pick on 2nd September. Meeting at the community centre for 10.30am.

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council presents:

# our over 55's project

The aim of our project is to bring the community together, reduce isolation and build new friendships

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An afternoon of pie, peas, cards games and dominos all washed down with a cold drink - pre-booking essential

### Tuesday 20th September 2022 (1-4pm)

An afternoon of cucumber sandwiches, scones and sweet little cakes whilst enjoying a chat and some crafts (bring your own knitting/crocheting) - pre-booking essential

### Tuesday 4th October 2022 (1-4pm)

Learn to cook a meal for 1 and enjoy your hard work and a chit chat with new friends pre-booking essential

### Tuesday 18th October 2022 (1-4pm)

Eyes down for a full house - chitter, chatter and prizes to be had with old and new friends

### Tuesday 1st November 2022 (1-4pm)

Games afternoon to include cards, dominos, connect 4 and many many more

### Tuesday 29th November 2022 (1-4pm)

Join us for an old classic movie while snacking on popcorn, candyfloss and ice cream wafer sandwiches

### Tuesday 13th December 2022 (1-4pm)

Join us for music, dancing, bingo, raffle and a buffet to as we move closer to celebrating

**Christmas - pre-booking essential**

*More dates and activities will be shared during the year*

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*We are delighted to be working in partnership with Newcastle West End Sports*



## Community Coach trips

We had another fantastic community coach trip to Blackpool on Wednesday 14th August. A big thank you to Helen our clerk for organising and a big thank you to our volunteer hosts on the coaches. You are all a credit to the community.

The next trip will be to a Christmas Market in December, updates will be posted on our Facebook page, website and posters will be displayed on our noticeboards over the coming week.

If you would like to be added to our emailing list to receive regular updates, please email: [bnfcc@outlook.com](mailto:bnfcc@outlook.com)



## Universal Credit is replacing 6 other benefits

Many people are still on those 'legacy benefits' and are uncertain whether they have to claim UC and whether they would be better or worse off under UC. We are told that in the next year or two - the DWP will write to those who are still on the legacy benefits - telling them they have to claim UC and their legacy benefits will stop.

BUT in the meantime, we want to encourage you to find out now, if you

would be better or worse off on Universal Credit. What are the pros and cons of claiming UC? This is even more important in the current cost of living crisis.

More communications will be sent in late September, early October to residents telling them to find out and to get advice and support via the Newcastle city council webpage.

## Greening Blakelaw and North Fenham Event

Blakelaw North Fenham Community Council with our colleagues from Newcastle University held a community consultation event in Blakelaw.

We were at Blakelaw shopping centre on the 24th of July, the purpose of the event will be to talk about the green spaces in our community and to think about how we might use these to our best advantage in the future. Good quality green spaces are important to personal and community wellbeing.

Community Councillors were onsite all day with Georgiana Varna and Danny Oswell from the University. We gave away free plants and children's growing kits to those that attended to share their views.

A big thank you to everyone that joined us. We will be acting on your comments over the coming months. Thank you.



## North Fenham Project

Working with residents of North Fenham the Community Council has purchased 12 new Benches for the community gardens.

Community Cllrs along with local resident Cecil assembled them in July. We have had the gardens cleaned and cleared of rubbish, YHN have agreed to maintain the gardens and put in some new plants. Thank you everyone involved.



## Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council Needs You!

If you are community focused proud of and love the area you live in, Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council invite you to get involved with our activity.

The Community Council are looking for volunteers to represent the North Fenham and Cragston Wards of the Community Council Parish Boundary. For further details about the role and how you can become involved please contact John Wears, Chair at [johnwears@bnfcc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwears@bnfcc@gmail.com) or Helen Richardson, Clerk at [bnfcc@outlook.com](mailto:bnfcc@outlook.com) for further information.

## Fly-tipping/Litter/Dog Fouling

We want to remind people to do their bit to look after Blakelaw and North Fenham and not to drop litter, dump rubbish or let their dogs foul and not clean up afterwards. And we want to encourage people not to accept this as normal behaviour either, because no one wants to live in a waste tip.

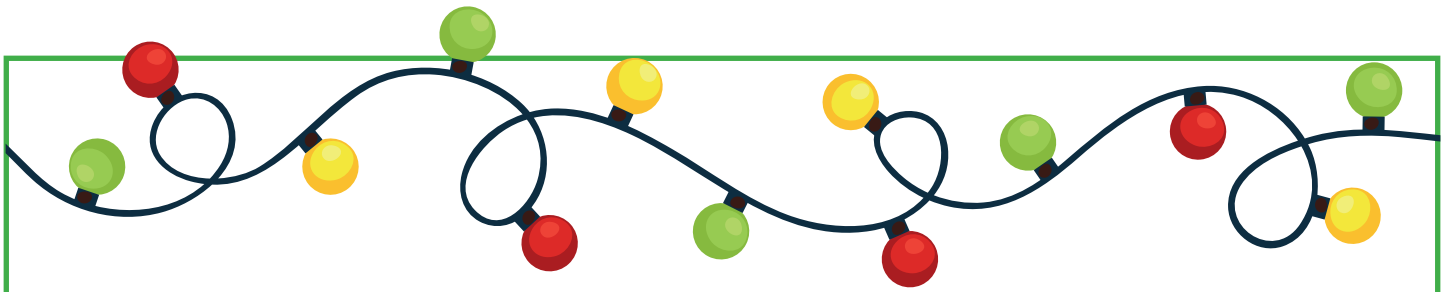
You can report litter, fly-tipping, or dog fouling to Your Local Services online or by phoning 0191 278 7878

## Heart of Blakelaw Project

On the 2nd of August the community of Blakelaw came together for an outdoor art exhibition. Artists and people of all ages created a myriad of heart themed artwork. They hope it will spark conversations about the area and how the community can all work together for the good of Blakelaw.







Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council:

# Mega Christmas Fair

Saturday 19th November 10.00am - 4pm

Venue - Newcastle West End Sports Community Association, McKendrick Villas, Cowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 3AB

**Santa's Grotto | Outdoor Market stalls**

**Free Mince pies and Mulled wine | Free Candy Floss**

**Performance from local artists**

**Crafts & Games | Gifts and Treats**

**This is a free Community Event all welcome**

If you are a local craft or food trader and would like to attend our event, please email: [johnwears.bnfcc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwears.bnfcc@gmail.com)



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