

# Volunteers Dig Deep

Residents in Cleadon Park are getting back on track thanks to a group of green-minded volunteers from United Utilities.

The gas company sent a workforce of engineers, apprentices and office staff to build paths at Cleadon Park recreation ground as part of world environment day in June.

The event was organised for United Utilities staff by Groundwork. Workers from Groundwork, South Tyneside were on hand to guide and advise staff and together managed to transform the pathways by laying stone and bark to make them safer and more accessible to anyone visiting. Extra planting was also used to brighten the parks appearance.

Thanks to Groundwork and United Utilities commitment and hard work, the day was a huge success.



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- Sylvia Dadd is the new addition to the Anti Social Behaviour Team and will be working on the estate in place of Carl Ashton, who will move to Hebburn area. Sylvia is a South Tyneside resident and previously worked as a teacher and with the Asylum Seekers Team. Sylvia commented "I am delighted to be joining the ASB Unit and look forward to working together with everyone on the estate and following in Carl's footsteps"

Sylvia will be continuing the Surgeries held at the Ridgeway Family Centre every Thursday. You can contact Sylvia on 0191 4247814 or via email at [sylvia.dadd@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:sylvia.dadd@southtyneside.gov.uk).

- A free prize draw was held at the celebration event on 25 May 2006. Unfortunately due to the small number of entries, it has been decided to include these in a future prize draw.
- We would ask that when in or around the new build houses, that you respect the privacy of the residents now occupying their new homes.
- Initial talks regarding phases 4 and 5 planning applications will commence shortly. It is hoped that a public consultation will be arranged for January 07.

Although the application for phases 4 and 5 will be on one application, it will not change the order in which the phases are emptied.

- Bellway have employed a further 7 apprentices from South Tyneside who took up their positions in September.
- Christine Allen, Project Manager will be leaving the Council at the beginning of October. A search for her replacement is already underway. We all wish her well. Good luck and best wishes for the future.
- There is a paper bank located at the top of Park Avenue which can be used for recycling old newspapers and any other wasted paper



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Regeneration  
Partnership**

Cleadon Park's own website is up and running, Surfers from around the globe will be able to log on and find out what's new on the estate – check it out at [www.cleadonpark.org.uk](http://www.cleadonpark.org.uk)

Pride in Cleadon Park is the newsletter of Cleadon Park Partnership, which brings together E5 and Bellway, South Tyneside Neighbourhood Services, South Tyneside Homes, Local Councillors, Community representatives and other Directorates and agencies to work on improving Cleadon Park.



# Pride in Cleadon Park

Cleadon Park Regeneration Partnership - South Tyneside Council • Bellway Homes • Enterprise 5 Housing Association

## FEEDING BACK TO YOU

The best way for us to measure the success of the Regeneration Scheme is by asking the residents of Cleadon Park. So this is what we did.

The good news is that 60% of you are happy with the way things are going and those who were the happiest were the people who were looking forward to moving into their new homes soon.

### WE ASKED YOU ABOUT... how safe you feel in the Cleadon Park area

**You told us that...** although things are getting better, crime and anti-social behaviour are still the biggest cause of worry and concern in the area.

**This is what we have done....** in partnership with the Police and Community Wardens we have evicted problem tenants and we have ensured that no new Enterprise 5 homes are allocated to tenants with a history of anti-social behaviour. Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator Greg Johnson said "Police figures show things are better but we will not relax our efforts in the area".

During the summer months, figures show that the number of reported arson incidents and Community Warden callouts has dropped.

#### Arson

| Year | Number of Reported Incidents |
|------|------------------------------|
| 2005 | 6                            |
| 2006 | 2                            |

#### Community Warden callouts due to youth disorder, noise and vandalism

| Year | Number of Reported Incidents |
|------|------------------------------|
| 2005 | 46                           |
| 2006 | 15                           |



### WE ASKED YOU ABOUT... about the cleanliness and appearance of the estate

**You told us that....** Dumped rubbish in the gardens of empty properties and fly tipping are spoiling the area

**This is what we have done...** provide a free on demand rubbish collection service for the estate and carried out regular walkabouts of the area.

We will bring you more of what you said and we did in the next edition of the newsletter.

You can also look at all of the survey results by coming into the Housing Office on Park Avenue, where a member of the Project Team will be happy to go through it with you.

**Useful numbers:** Community Wardens 0191 420 3713, Ridgeway Family Support Centre 0191 456 7751 Enterprise 5 Cleadon Park Office 0191 454 4711, Bellway Homes 01661 820 200, Cleadon Park Community Centre 0191 454 4403, South Tyneside Homes Cleadon Park Office 0191 454 7159, Residents Association 0191 456 4555, Working Links 0191 428 3554.



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# We are here to talk to you

The Cleadon Park Project Team has been strengthened by the arrival of the newly appointed Project Officer, Lindsay Riddle.

Lindsay worked at Sunderland Housing Group for a number of years as a Project Officer and more recently on new build developments.

On joining the team Lindsay said ' I would very much like to see myself as part of the community and would like to link in with as many people as possible'.

One of Lindsay's roles will be to improve communication. If you wish to have a one to one home visit to discuss any aspect of the project, please get in touch with us.

Residents living on phase 4 of the scheme should already have been visited by your housing team.

## Phase 4 consists of:

1-41 Park Avenue  
293-341 King George Road  
77-123 Ashgrove Avenue  
1-11 Elm Avenue

72-116 Ashgrove Avenue  
All of Beech Grove  
All of Hazel Grove

Visits to residents living in Phase 5 will commence in approximately 18 months time.

## Phase 5 consists of:

2-12 Elm Avenue  
All of Elder Grove  
125-173 Ashgrove Avenue  
2-20 The Ridgeway

All of Chestnut Grove  
118-162 Ashgrove Avenue  
343-385 King George Road

The team will be able to iron out any concerns you may have and will talk through the options that are available to you.

There will be regular open events scheduled throughout the year to allow you to speak directly to all of the partners. Details of these events will be sent directly to you at home.

Should you have any other questions or need to speak to us sooner, please call into the Housing Office on Park Avenue or call us on 0191 4547159.



# Building Sites Are Dangerous STAY AWAY

Workshops were held with school children at Ridgeway Primary School before the end of term, to promote the dangers of entering building sites. Staff from Enterprise 5 and South Tyneside Council asked children to think about all of the hazardous things surrounding building work, why the workforce wore protective clothing and who to contact in an emergency situation. Staff also shared with children some exciting real life stories.

The children were given a diary to complete containing puzzles, word searches, pictures to colour and stories to write. For each returned and completed diary, children will receive a certificate. A boy and girl from each year group will be awarded an overall winners prize.

Workshops were held in conjunction with a school trip to a mock building site at Safety Works, Benwell, for some Year 6 children, so they could get some real hands on experience.

It is our intention to continue workshops on a regular basis using different themes to engage the children. It is hoped that the next workshop will be on fire safety.



## Moving To A New E5 Home

A nomination is made by South Tyneside Homes and is processed in line with the Local Lettings Policy. Any resident living in the regeneration area has the opportunity for a nomination to be made, contact Alan Dunn, Housing Officer for further information. (Allocation of homes on phase 2 will commence March/April 2007).

- Once you have been offered a new home, regular updates are received regarding the progress of your home and a letter will be sent out telling you the estimated date for moving in.
- When the property is finished, you will be contacted by E5's Housing Team and arrangements for viewing your property will be made.
- At the visit there will be a chance to look around your home and you will be shown how to work the heating and alarm system. You will also be given an information pack containing useful telephone numbers and instruction booklets and the process for reporting any repairs.
- You will then sign your tenancy agreement and the keys to your new home will then be given.
- Regular visits are made by the Housing Team to make sure that you are settling into your new home.



## JOBS SPOT

A designer menswear outlet are looking to recruit a part time worker for 16 hours a week. Applicants should be punctual, reliable and interested in fashion. The ability to communicate both to staff and customers is essential.

A number of full time hand bench operatives are required for a company based Jarrow. Duties will include hand sorting and enclosing, franking and mailing. No formal qualifications are required.

If you are interested in either of these jobs, please send a letter and C.V. stating which job you wish to apply for, to Adam Deathe, South Tyneside Council, Employment Development Team, Town Hall and Civic Offices, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

If you need a C.V or any other help in applying for a job, please ring Laura from Working Links on 07847 327 143.