

# STREET WISE



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## Selective Licensing- Newport

Formal consultation to roll out Selective Licensing into the Newport Ward (Phase 1) commenced on Monday 12th November 2018. The 11 week consultation which ends on Monday 28th January 2019 allows local residents, businesses and landlords to obtain further information and complete a questionnaire on their thoughts about the scheme's proposals.

Landlord and business drop in sessions have been held at Newport Hub and key partner agencies are also being consulted. More information and the full proposal document can be found on the Council's website at: [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/NewportSLL](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/NewportSLL). If you want your say, be sure to complete the questionnaire before the deadline date. **The questionnaire is also available at Streets Ahead.**

## It Worked in North Ormesby.....

After 24 months Selective Licensing has made a real difference to North Ormesby. Here are some of the results.

- 93% of residents are satisfied with their home as a place to live
- 87% of those that rent are satisfied with their landlord
- 18% reduction in empty properties
- 19% reduction in properties empty for over 6 months
- 38% less housing turnover
- 98% of properties are licensed
- House prices up 16%
- 17% reduction in antisocial behaviour;

The full report on the North Ormesby results are on the Streets Ahead web site 'Street Wise' page. Check this for much more information about Selective Licensing.

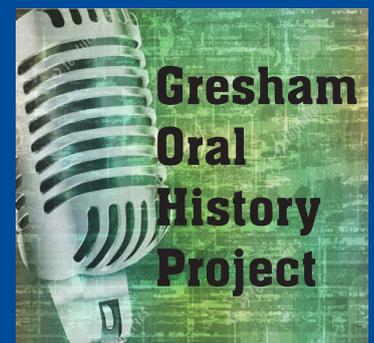
## Have I Got News For You?

This is the first printed and web-based edition of Streets Wise and we want you to tell us what you think about it. Is it interesting and helpful? Does it give you useful information? How often should it be produced? Call in to Streets Ahead to us know or you can phone, or email. Don't forget to check out the web version - the Street Wise page on the Streets Ahead website [streetsaheadforinformation.co.uk](http://streetsaheadforinformation.co.uk)

**Your opinion is vital!**



The Streets Ahead Community Shop has a half price sale on clothes and shoes. We are also looking for donations - except electricals and furniture. Call in and see what we've got for you



The Gresham Oral History Project, funded by the Heritage Lottery is recording the memories and thoughts of a wide range of Gresham residents. We aim to create a permanent record of what local residents think about Gresham and the changes that have taken place.

If you want to take part just ask at Streets Ahead

## Neighbourhood Safety Update

Over the past couple of months extensive work has taken place with partners to resolve instances of anti-social behaviour and nuisance from property and crime in the Percy Street, Palmer Street and Peel Street areas of the ward. This joint agency approach has resulted in tenancy action being taken at four Addresses in the area. Further enforcement action is being taken at another address and the Neighbourhood Safety Team and partners will continue to monitor the area and deal with any further incidents. Referrals to support services have been made for several individuals in the area. Instances of anti-social behaviour and nuisance have been reported in the Princes Road area and Neighbourhood Safety, Cleveland Police and partners are investigating these issues.

I would encourage residents to report issues and incidents to ourselves and partners so that we can take appropriate actions to resolve them. The Neighbourhood Safety Team are currently supporting several young people in the area and have referred young people involved in anti-social behaviour into diversionary youth services who can support them into

positive activities, education and work opportunities.

This approach as well as addressing young people's behaviour offers them an opportunity to improve their skills and training. Evening Patrols by Neighbourhood Safety Staff have taken place and are ongoing in the Parliament Road area of the Ward to engage with individuals congregating on an evening. These patrols are to offer advice, guidance and education to individuals in the area. Joint Neighbourhood Safety drop ins with Cleveland Police regularly take place to offer residents the opportunity to discuss issues face to face. Information on upcoming drop ins can be found in this newsletter.

Over the coming weeks The Neighbourhood Safety Team, with partners are looking to develop a resident led group to further improve the local area, information on this and how to get involved can be found in this newsletter and I would encourage everyone to get involved!

## Don't Forget it- REPORT IT!



## Over 50s Friday Club

Join us at Streets Ahead for a whole range of activities for the over 50s. Its informal and fun. Just drop in! We meet from 10am-11.30am each Friday.

- Stay social and keep active
- Meet new people
- Quizzes, card games, board games and more
- Chat over tea, coffee & biscuits

**RECYCLING BAGS** Do your bit for Gresham, the environment and the planet! Recycling bags are available from Streets Ahead. Just drop in and ask.

## Middlesbrough Environmental Enforcement Team - *who are we?*

Middlesbrough's Environmental Enforcement Team consists of 7 Enforcement Officers covering the whole of Middlesbrough. The team are dedicated to improving the streets of Middlesbrough, educating, enforcing and where necessary prosecuting those who have committed environmental offences.

The team deals with environmental offences such as; fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, littering, fly posting, dog fouling, dog microchipping, household/commercial waste issues, repairing vehicles on the highway.

We use the latest technology, including body cameras so we can spend the maximum amount of time possible patrolling the streets of Middlesbrough to ensure a safe and clean environment.

Watch out for our vans patrolling the streets!

There LOTS more information about what we do on the Street Wise page of the SAFI website.  
[www.streetsaheadforinformation.co.uk/street-wise](http://www.streetsaheadforinformation.co.uk/street-wise)



## Visit The Town Hall - There's Much More To It Than You Might Think.

Streets Ahead is organising a visit around Middlesbrough Town Hall on March 1st.

See parts of the Town Hall that visitors have never seen before! The renovation work has uncovered fascinating aspects of the Town Hall that have been hidden from view for years. These visits are extremely popular so don't miss out - book your place at Streets Ahead. And better still - its free!

## When There's a Problem - Let Us Know.

Whether its noise problems, anti-social behaviour, dumping of rubbish or anything else that is affecting your life or the lives of other residents, the message is **REPORT IT!**

Call in to Streets Ahead and let us know about problems in the area. There are also confidential drop-in sessions where you can talk to the Police and Community Safety Officers about issues that concern you. Dates and times of these are on the back page of this newsletter.

**Remember - if we don't know we can't help - so REPORT IT!**



## Learning English at Streets Ahead

Speaking a new language is always a challenge when you first come to a new country. You need to make appointments, understand instructions, go shopping and speak with your landlord or neighbours.

Our ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) classes support adults living in our neighbourhood. Everyone enjoys learning in a really friendly atmosphere and there are no tests or examinations! There is a comfortable, spacious classroom at Streets Ahead and it's in a great location near local primary schools. So, you can take the children to school and then come and do a bit of studying yourself!

This is a practical course for beginners and focuses on learning new vocabulary and everyday communication. If you have family, friends or neighbours that might want to join – tell them where we are! Anyone who needs more information can come in to Streets Ahead and meet Jackie, the ESOL teacher Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 12.00-2.00pm or call in anytime to speak to centre staff.

*ESOL Monday and Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am Streets Ahead for Information*

*ESOL Tuesday 9am-11am at Newport Hub*

## Neighbourhood Policing Team Monthly Report - Sgt 518 Steve Hodgson

It is essential that crime is reported to police so that action can be taken to tackle criminality. Without reports of crime, officers cannot investigate and bring those responsible to justice. It is also important that members of the public come forward with vital information which can assist police with their investigations.

**You can report crime to Cleveland Police on 101, or dial 999 in an emergency. Alternatively, to report crime anonymously, you can call 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)**

Action in the past month within Newport has included:

- 8 males dealt with by Licensing Unit for Soliciting a person for sexual purposes on Union Street.
- 3 individuals arrested for failing to attend court (warrants of arrest).
- 7 individuals issued dispersal notices.
- 2 section 23 misuse of drugs act warrants in Chester Street (4 arrested for possession with intent to supply Class 'C' and released under investigation) and Surrey Street (1 arrested and charged possession of class 'A')
- Operation Alt with police and trading standards carried out raids at commercial properties on Gresham Road/Parliament Road. Large quantities of cigarettes and tobacco seized with Trading Stds leading the investigation
- 1 section 8 misuse of drugs act warning notice issued at Portman Street
- Operation Rochford at local primary schools.
- 4 properties around Peel/Palmer/Percy street have been targeted by Police/Council due to reports of drug dealing and Anti Social Behaviour. Three properties have had the occupants moved out with only 1 property remaining (notice of intended eviction served). This has resulted in a decrease in ASB.

## Q and A - Things We Get Asked...

### **Q When is my bin day?**

**A** The bins are emptied on a weekly basis, either a Tuesday or Friday (it depends on which side of Parliament Road you live). To find out which day your collection will be you can look on the Middlesbrough Council website or call into the Streets Ahead office.

### **Q How do I recycle items?**

**A** Collect recycle bags from Streets Ahead on Parliament Road or Newport Hub on Union Street. Fill the bags with the items listed on the bag and leave at the front of your house on your recycling day – ideally before 7am.

### **Q Where can I donate unwanted clothing and household items?**

**A** The Streets Ahead for Information community shop is always grateful for donations of clothing and household goods.

### **Q. When will the next newsletter be available?**

**A** The publication dates are: 28th January, March, April, June and July

### **Q. Why is Selective Licensing being considered in Newport?**

**A** To try and improve the social and economic issues in the area, reverse the rapid decline in the area, e.g. low demand for housing, reduce the high turnover of tenants, reduce instability in the local community, tackle poor management practices, tackle ASB, crime and disorder issues, tackle lack of engagement from private sector landlords.

### **Q If the scheme goes ahead how can I find out if my landlord has applied for a licence?**

**A** Once the council has issued a licence, the information will be entered onto a public register, accessible via the Council's website.

### **Q As a tenant will my rent go up?**

**A** There is no evidence of this in the introduction of the North Ormesby scheme. If you divide the cost of the licence over the 5 year period it works out that the cost to a landlord would be £3 a week.

## DIARY DATES

### Gresham Community Forum

21st March 6pm at Newport Hub, Union Street

### Gresham over 50's Group

Meet every Friday morning 10am  
Streets Ahead for Information,  
109 – 111 Parliament Road  
Middlesbrough

### Ward Surgeries (all at Streets Ahead for Information)

Tuesdays 2pm – 3pm

Thursdays 10am-11am

(alterations are notified on the Streets Ahead Facebook page)

### Week of Action, commencing 28th January

All agencies who work in the area will focus on hotspots to tackle issues which have been reported

### Boro Bike Workshop

Held on the last Tuesday in the month at Streets Ahead for Information.

If you have a problem with your bicycle bring it along from 2pm – 4pm for the team to give it a once over the see if they can help fix the problem.

### Neighbourhood Safety Team Drop Ins

12th Feb 9am-10am Newport Hub

13th Feb 2pm-3pm Streets Ahead

11th Mar 9am-10am Newport Hub

11th Mar 10am-11am Streets Ahead

## Useful Contact Information

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- Councillor Alma Hellaoui 07519365252 [alma\\_hellaoui@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:alma_hellaoui@middlesbrough.gov.uk)
- To have furniture/electrical goods collected 01642 726001
- To contact the Police in none urgent cases 101
- To contact someone about a health query 111 (NHS Direct).
- To report fly tipping 01642 726001 or via [my.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://my.middlesbrough.gov.uk)
- Adam Parkinson (Neighbourhood Safety Team) 01642 726001
- Environment Services 01642 726001 or [Middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://Middlesbrough.gov.uk)
- Street Wardens 01642 228500
- [streetsaheadforinformation.co.uk](http://streetsaheadforinformation.co.uk) [facebook.com/SAFIGresham](https://facebook.com/SAFIGresham)
- Newport Hub 01642 802892
- Police emergency 999
- Health advice 111

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