

## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

Our Community Partnership is a body of local residents working in alliance with Durham County Council, Councillors, the Uniformed Services, Schools, Organisations and Businesses.

We are looking for new projects and ideas to enhance our community and would love to have **YOUR** support.

If you would like further information of future meetings please contact our Chair John O'Connor on Tel: 501794 or Email: [joc4rugby@aol.com](mailto:joc4rugby@aol.com)



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## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Local Councillors

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Clive Robson 01207 501 035  
Owen Temple 01207 505 564

### Durham County Council

Help Desk 01207 693 693  
(Dog/Street Warden)

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# BBB & SB Community Partnership

## PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS...



BENFIELDSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



ST MARYS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



SHOTLEY BRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

LITTER

GREEN  
SPACES

RESPONSIBLE  
DOG OWNERS

...A YOUNG PERSON'S PERSPECTIVE

# To litter anytime...

## WHAT IS LITTERING?

Littering is when a selfish, lazy person, won't walk a few metres to put rubbish in a bin. Instead they drop crisp packets, sweet wrappers, empty cans or bottles on the ground or in a stream, causing damage to the environment.

## CONSEQUENCES OF LITTERING

- Children could cut themselves on broken glass or sharp metals.
- It makes **YOUR** community look and smell disgusting.
- Littering leads to damage to the ozone layer.
- Littering can lead to the spread of diseases such as malaria.
- Littering can kill innocent fish, birds, seals and dolphins in the seas and oceans.
- Small animals can get their heads caught in jars and bottles.
- About 69,000 animals are treated by vets as a result of litter related accidents each year.
- Councils in Britain spent £342 million cleaning up **street litter** last year alone.
- If you drop litter you can be fined anywhere from £80 to £1000, you can even be sent to jail.



## WHO CAN HELP?

If we want to beat the war on littering, we **all** have to work **together**. Put your rubbish in dustbins, and report any problem areas to the local council on: 01207 693693.

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## An irresponsible dog owner...

...does not pick up their dog mess and dispose of it properly. This could harm children by making them ill. The penalty for dog fouling is up to £1000. Officers patrol areas to catch offenders.



...does not keep their dog on a leash. Sometimes they would even let it go for a walk by itself, which is about the most dangerous thing you could do. If you do keep your dog on a leash you can have better control over it.



...leaves their dog in a car when it's hot and sunny. This is cruel because the dog could become ill and die.



...buys a dog but forgets to buy a collar and a tag with its owners information, such as its house location and the owner's phone number.

...allows their dog to annoy their neighbours by barking nearly all the time.



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# A responsible dog owner...



...will take a plastic bag when they take the dog on a walk and pick up their dog mess. Then they will find a dog bin or a litter bin somewhere to put it in.



...will provide a suitable neck collar with the dog's name, telephone number and address on the name tag. They will make sure they do not put the collar on too tight or too slack or they might lose their dog or possibly hurt it.



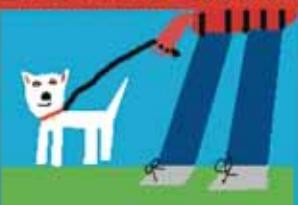
...will train his/her dog when it's young so it doesn't bite people and so it follows their commands.

...will keep their dog healthy by taking it for walks every so often in fields and play games with it. For example, play with a tennis ball and spend time with their dog so you are its best friend.

... will keep their dog on a lead. Otherwise it could run away, get run over by a car, bite little children or harm another human.



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# is a gruesome crime.

## POETRY

There was a man walking through the street,  
He decided to drop a sticky sweet,  
The warden came over and tapped on his shoulder,  
Then it hit him, as hard as a boulder,  
It was an £80 fine he had to pay,  
Or be sent to prison till the middle of May.

If we work together we can make more changes so we don't see sights like this!



Lots of people litter,  
It ruins the environment,  
Too many animals get hurt,  
Their habitats are destroyed,  
Everyone can help,  
Round and round the world.

Because of littering,  
Ugly sites can be seen,  
Great piles of litter fill the street.



## DECAYING

Do you know how long it takes litter to naturally disappear?

- Paper: 6 months
- Cigarette box: 2-5 years
- Plastic bag: 10-30 years
- Chewing gum: 20-25 years
- Tin can: 80-100 years
- Aluminium can: 200-400 years

## FINAL THOUGHT

If we work together to stop littering, our community will be a much nicer place in which to live.

## **BLACKHILL** **Good Points**

Band Stand  
Big Black Rocks  
Football Goalposts  
Bowls Club  
Play Park

## **BRIDGEHILL** **Good Points**

Large Green Spaces  
Dog Walking  
Hills to Sledge on  
Tree Swing  
Football Goalposts



We can have fun if we  
can be green!!!



## **BENFIELDSIDE**

### **Good Points**

Very Large Fields  
Cycling  
Lots of grassy areas  
Camping around trees  
Good for Walking

## **SHOTLEY BRIDGE**

### **Good Points**

Good Play Park  
Bike ramps  
Football Goals  
History  
Rambling

# GREEN SPACES

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