

Pride in our City - The Labour leader of the council has revealed how a £1.7 million investment to keep neighbourhoods tidy is restoring pride in communities. There will be more crews tackling weeds, overgrown grass verges, shrubs and graffiti across key routes. Funded by one-off income reserves, this is in addition to regular maintenance.

Investment in Roads and Pavements – The City Council is responsible for around 1,656 miles of roads, footpaths and cycleways. We fix an average of nearly 50 potholes every day but still that is not enough, so we now have proposals to identify a £50 million pound investment in our roads and pavements over the coming years.

£1 million has already been agreed to start work on some of the worst affected roads in the city and to make sure repairs last longer we will be using new materials and techniques.

Recycling improvements – We are making recycling simpler and more efficient. Now people don't need to use a glass caddy, all standard recyclables can go into one bin. The benefits of this include increasing the bin capacity and reducing manual handling, Not having a caddy not only reduces monetary cost but also environmental cost in manufacture and distribution and this development supports the upcoming rollout of flexible plastic recycling.

Transforming Lives – Over 520 people in Newcastle will be helped to find good jobs through a £2.7 million expansion of supported employment services. The local Labour administration has secured government funding to offer opportunities to a wider range of people with disabilities, health conditions and complex barriers to work. This funding will allow us to help transform the lives of hundreds more residents.

Violence against Women and Girls – City Council agreed a motion brought by Labour Group that will bring survivors and specialists together to understand the local impact of violence against women and girls and develop a strategy to address it. We are ensuring survivor voices are heard in shaping future action.

We are here for you



Heaton Team Make a Difference

See inside for news on what we've been up to lately to make Heaton an even better place to be. Including how we are speaking up for you on the things that you tell us are important, and the creative ways we finding to solve long term problems.

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Community Action
planters ...painting ...litter picking.....etc.
Meet Outside Tesco on Chillingham Rd

1st Saturday each month, 11.30am
2nd Saturday of each month, 1pm

All equipment provided & everyone welcomed



Councillors Surgeries
1st Saturday of each month at Martha & Mary's, 212 Chillingham Road, 10am – 11am
2nd Saturday of each month Heaton Mosque & Islamic Centre, 1 Rothbury Tce, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

It's all happening in Heaton!



Keeping it Colourful

Bike Stands

We've had our paintbrushes out again and there's no missing the cycle stands on Chillingham Road now.

Does anyone know the history of this post? It looks late Victorian to us, but we'd love to know more.



Glorious mosaic

After doing so much work on the brick planters in the avenues we thought it was a real pity that the brickwork was in such disrepair. It was going to cost too much to get them fixed conventionally, so we got creative. We are looking forward to doing more soon



Planters

It's been a challenge keeping the planters watered over the summer, and the dry weather meant that a lot of the wildflower seeds we sowed didn't come up. So, we recently added more plants. Next up, we will be planting spring and summer bubs in the coming weeks.



Pharmacy Update

We are thrilled that the NHS has listened to the needs of the people of Heaton. Thank you to everyone who signed our petition and shared their experiences and opinions with us so we could take those to the hearing. The shocking decision to deny a licence was overturned so now we can all look forward to a new pharmacy opening on Chillingham Rd.

Heaton Pride

This summer saw the first ever Heaton Pride, and volunteers arranged the whole 4-day festival in just 2 and a half months.

When the organisers got in touch with us, we were excited to do all we could to help make it happen, but all the hard work was done by local businesses and volunteers to make a fabulous celebration of diversity.

So, a big thank you to everyone involved and a special shout-out to The Last Resort and The Topsy Toad on Heaton Road for coming up with the idea and running with it.

We are already looking forward to next year!



What a Transformation!

From this.....



...to this



If you haven't already stopped to linger in the new rain garden at Ninth Avenue, it is well worth a visit.

The idea for the mural came about because, even after all the work put into the rain garden, graffiti on the wall was spoiling the view. We were thrilled that in this instance we were able to work with the Labour Cabinet member to turn what was a mess of graffiti into an uplifting piece of art.

Thanks to the children of Chillingham Road School who worked with artist Molly Bland on the concept and design.

You said – We did

Just a few recent examples

The charity bin on Chillingham Rd had become a grimy, graffiti ridden eyesore that attracted fly tipping when full, much of which then had to go into landfill rather than being reused. After a lot of pressure, we have managed to get the bin renewed and collections increased.

Graffiti. We have worked with the Empowering People in Communities team to arrange for a community payback team to remove graffiti around Heaton.

Grit bins. We have funded two new grit bins for the Coast Road roundabout underpass. They will be in place before the winter sets in.

Pigeon poo. Walking under the railway bridge on Benton Road has always been horrible. We put pressure on Network Rail to block pigeon access over the path and got the pavement thoroughly cleaned. A permanent solution to a persistent problem.

Let us know what changes you want to see!



What do you think?

We had another great community meeting in September. Thanks to all there for sharing their ideas and suggestions. Now we're looking forward to our pre-Christmas community get together at the People's Theatre.

We love to hear from you about what is good, what needs to be improved and anything you'd like us to help you with.

We are here for you. Our contact details are on the front of this leaflet.

