

Newton on the Moor and Swarland Neighbourhood Plan

Delivering the vision

As part of the process of developing the Plan, a number of areas were identified by the local community which cannot be addressed through the planning system. These have been identified as 'community actions – 'they do however relate to one or more of the policy areas. These community actions are supported by the Parish Council. However, many of them will be delivered by, or in conjunction with, other bodies such as the Jubilee Hall Trust, Swarland Village Hall Trust, Vyner's Park Trust, Swarland Village Club or other community groups, some of which might need to be set up specifically in order to take forward an action identified in the Plan. The community actions are grouped under the 5 objectives set out at page 11 of the Plan.

This is our list of proposed actions but in order that this does not become an unachievable wish list, we very much hope that the Parish Council will act as a facilitator for these actions to be taken and that the multi talented residents of the Parish will volunteer their skills to bring them to fruition:

(SNAC = Swarland and Newton Action on Climate; Vyner Park = Vyner Park Charity; PC = Parish Council; NPSG = Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

Community action	Within next 12 months	More than 12 months	Who?
Objective 1			
(a) Provide advice and support for individual household initiatives to move from carbon to renewable energy heating and power. Explore and other projects linked to carbon reduction in the home and fuel poverty;			SNAC
(b) Vyner Park: develop community spaces and habitat creation projects – e.g. wildlife ponds and enhancing wildlife corridors, community orchard, and community tree planting.			VPC & SNAC
Objective 2			
To set up a group to assist the Parish Council in placing pressure upon NCC to improve the state of the roads within Swarland that NCC own but which are not yet adopted and maintained by them.			NPSG
Objective 3			
(a) To work with Northumbria Water in securing an improved main drain for Swarland;			PC
(b) To continue to promote high speed broadband for households and businesses in the Parish;			PC
(c) To encourage allotment holders, gardeners, general parish population to undertake village gardening and enhancement projects to improve the general appearance of each of the villages/hamlets.			PC

Objective 4			
To provide information and assistance to community organisations in order that they can make applications for funding for building improvements; events; technical support and general improvements to the service that they offer to our communities.			Potentially a few people living in the Parish with experience of grant funding applications could be assembled by the NPSG to provide the necessary help
Objective 5			
(a) To press for the current Saturday bus service to become a permanent route with additional weekday services;			SNAC
(b) To seek to promote all footpaths in the parish by arranging for these to be kept clear and for maps to be readily available around the parish;			PC
(c) To secure the installation of 2 to 4 electric car charging points within each of Newton on the Moor and Swarland;			PC
(d) To discuss with NCC and seek the introduction of safe cycle routes from Newton on the Moor to Swarland and from Swarland to Felton;			PC
(e) To resolve the parking issues in Newton on the Moor by working with NCC, Cook & Barker and others by, perhaps acquiring an area of land that can be used to create a car park. This work will include finding funding for this or at least assistance toward funding.			PC
Objective 6			
To maintain a dialogue with Percy Wood in order to monitor and influence any changes that they make to their site and any issues that arise with regard to their relationship with Swarland Village and the wider Parish.			NPSG