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Improving the Environment in Birkenhead



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Update Report

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3.1 Birkenhead Central Library	* In Process of Demolition
3.2 Woodchurch Road	* Environmental Enforcement Team to be involved prior to any action
3.3 Lorne Road, Oxton	* Environmental Enforcement Team involved; NO ACTION advised

Newark Close

BEFORE



AFTER



Work Completed

1. x3 tipper-truck loads of rubbish/waste removed from site
2. Local residents have been leafleted:



'IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN BIRKENHEAD'

Newark Close, Claughton CH43 9SP

Together Environmental is working with Wirral Council to improve the environment at a number of sites across the Birkenhead constituency.

The un-adopted land behind homes on Newark Close has been identified as a priority. We want to hear your views on what could be done to improve this local area of land.

Patrick Roddy (Team Leader) is currently undertaking some clearance work in your area and can be reached at:

Tel: 0151 644 4500
Mob: 07435 967 336
Email: patrick.rodny@together.org.uk

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

NOTES

1. Liaison with Magenta Living is ongoing to gain keyed access via alley gates
2. Site clearance has been difficult due to poor access and has led to inefficient removal of rubbish/waste
3. No responses to-date arising from resident leaflet drop

Marquis Street

BEFORE



AFTER



Work Completed

1. Site cleared of overgrown vegetation and rubbish
2. Our team were going to propose levelling the ground, grass seeding and installing a low fence to curtail dog fouling and create a safe, child-friendly, neighbourhood play space
3. The team had spoken informally with local neighbours
4. Site subsequently advertised For Sale via auction with Smith & Sons (29 April 2015)



NOTES

1. Wirral Council previously found it very difficult to contact landowner; we are writing to Smith & Sons to request letter be forwarded to landowner regarding our (and previously-undertaken) works.
2. We will monitor site condition; tidying will be undertaken again subject to need.

Old Chester Road/Beaconsfield

BEFORE



AFTER



NOTES

1. The site has been grass strimmed several times; large amounts of litter have been removed
2. The team plans to undertake further shrub cut-back and to maintain the site in a tidy condition

Bedford Road/Lees Avenue

BEFORE



NOTES

1. The team have removed 3 tipper loads of waste from this site
2. Where practicable, grass strimming has been done
3. Fly tipping is widespread, making clearance more difficult
4. The team have spoken to local neighbours who speak of long-term fly tipping problems.

A neighbour has stated that asbestos was dumped on-site and that this was reported to Wirral Council but unclear as to whether the required specialist site investigation/clearance has taken place.

The team have been advised not to touch or disturb any unknown bagged waste until a Health & Safety audit has been done by specialist personnel.

5. We are writing to given landowner about the project and the need to work positively with its aims.
6. The team's short-term objective is to continue clearing the site and enhancing its visual appearance.

Balls/Oxton Roads

BEFORE



AFTER



NOTES

1. The *entire* site is not suitable for work to be undertaken by this project due to the extent of shrub/tree growth and the likely need for earth-moving machinery to make safe the ground conditions
2. The team are undertaking grass strimming, tree/shrub clearance and cutting back of overgrowth, removal of large domestic items from fly-tipping and general tidying up
3. The team will continue to maintain the site in a tidy state

Townfield Lane

BEFORE



AFTER



NOTES

1. Site has been litter-picked
2. Grass has been mown and rubbish removed



Chatsworth

BEFORE



NOTES

1. This site is on the Wirral Council website has being maintained by the authority
2. Waste and rubbish have previously been removed by the team
3. Shrub beds will be opened up and wood chippings used as a mulch from works being undertaken on Old Southend Social Club site

Derby/Harland Roads

BEFORE



Land Owner

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

NOTES

- 1. Introductory letter sent to land owner 24/04/2015
- 2. Site Meeting on 13/05/2015
- 3. **LCT/Involve are submitting quotation for fencing works & vehicular access gate to be erected**
- 4. Neighbour has spoken of difficulty in selling their house due to the state of this land; the planned works will be a positive step in ameliorating the site’s landscape value
- 5. **Estimated Completion Date:** June 26 2015

Old Southend Social Club

BEFORE



IN PROCESS



NOTES

1. Team have cleared substantial amounts of larger fly-tipped items, e.g. settee. Tree and shrub growth has been cut back. **Wood will be chipped on-site and subsequently used on bedding scheme at Chatsworth site.** Pedestrian-facing banks have been strimmed.
2. Planned works include (1) further vegetation clearance (2) removal of smaller household waste (3) systemic herbicide applied to hard surfacing.

2 PLANNED WORKS

68 Balls Road

The team will approach Wirral Council Empty Property Strategy Team to propose site options.

Westbourne Road

Land Owner: [REDACTED]

BEFORE



NOTES

1. The team have spoken directly with the landowner on-site who appears disgruntled by the rejection of a residential planning application
2. We are writing to [REDACTED] to formally propose some clearance/maintenance options; we will inform him that should our option/s not be considered, we can only then approach Wirral Council to lawfully enforce action be taken to tidy the property.

Holt Road

1. The team are writing to landowner to progress appropriate works:
[REDACTED]

Former HSBC Premises

1. The team are undertaking a second site assessment visit week commencing 25/05/2015
2. We will propose suitable works to Wirral Council alongside gaining clarification on land ownership

Church Road

1. Council owned cleared housing land between Liversidge and Harland Roads and junction Seymour Street – HMRI contact Dave Griffiths for details.
2. The team are writing to HMRI to gain clarification of appropriate site works.