

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:



Update: Since the Annual Parish meeting on 7 June the Neighbourhood Plan Group has been working on the planning policies that are a statutory requirement of every neighbourhood plan. These will be presented to residents at a public meeting on 11th October.

Next Steps: The draft plan will be out for consultation towards the end of October for 6 weeks. The feedback will be considered and any amendments made that are relevant. The final plan will then be sent to Newcastle Borough Council who will appoint an inspector to check that the plan complies with planning legislation.

How to get involved? If you would like to get involved in any way in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, then please contact the Clerk.



Taking a positive step forward; Ashley Walking for Health Group. Thursday, 25th August saw the inaugural walk, led by Tracey Masterton, a member of staff from Ashley surgery, around the Burntwood.

The walk lasted for almost an hour with the pace at the back of the group dictated by the slowest walker. The benefits of walking for heart and lung problems, to help lower your blood pressure, with weight loss and to keep joints and muscles flexible and strong are well known. Some of the less well known benefits are to do with mental health and mental well-being. Additionally recent research has shown the benefits of walking in helping prevent the onset and development of Alzheimer's. There are many reasons for you to join the newly formed Ashley Walking for Health Group. The next walk will take place on Thursday October 6th at 2pm; meet at The Loggerheads public house.

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BELL ORCHARD PLAY AREA IN ASHLEY TO GET A MAKEOVER

The Parish Council has been successful in applying for a Big Lottery grant of just under £10,000 to improve the play area at Bell Orchard in Ashley. The new equipment, a play tower and bucket swings for tots and a basket swing for 5-11 year olds, will be fitted in October.