

STREET WISE

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Your Community Helping Middlesbrough Recover.

As you will know the Council received some money following the riots last year and rather than deciding how to use this themselves, a multi-agency group was established, which included Street Ahead's very own Kim May.

It was decided that part of this money would be used to give grants to voluntary and community sector groups across the town to deliver projects aimed at celebrating Middlesbrough and its history, and in addition trying to bring different communities together in the spirit of friendship and unity.

Groups could apply for a grant under different categories: Bringing Communities Together; Mapping of existing provision; Youth Engagement Small Grants; Building Resilience, and Positive Action. In addition, four of our largest youth project deliverers were given money to do some specific work engaging with young people across the town. 28 projects have been funded, with contributions made to a further 5. One of the projects funded will be running a small grant programme for those small, grass roots projects delivering activity to young people in the town.



Residents of Middlesbrough coming out to repair the riot damage to their town

There is a communication working group who will make sure that awareness is raised of all opportunities and Streets Ahead will have access to a calendar of events happening over the coming year so please pop into the centre for regular updates if you are interested in getting involved. Streets Ahead itself has received some of this funding and will be running an old fashioned, traditional family sports day at Newport Settlement Hub which sounds great fun so hopefully we will see you there.

If you have an idea for a project that will help you and your neighbours but which needs a small amount of cash to aid delivery, the Council runs a Community Grant Fund. For more information go to the community grants page on the council website, speak to someone in Streets Ahead or one of the community workers in Newport hub, or contact the grants team in the Council.

If you wish to contact the grants team, please email communitygrants@middlesbrough.gov.uk and someone will get back to you.

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CHAC - All Change!



If you need help or advice with benefits you can see Alex, our friendly CHAC adviser at Streets Ahead on Tuesdays, by appointment only.

You will need to phone the Cleveland Housing and Advice Centre on 01642 254544 to book an appointment to see Alex at Streets Ahead, or you can visit CHAC at 16 Borough Road to see one of their advisers. Just call them or drop in to talk to them about what help you need. The staff are friendly and approachable, and if you have problems with spoken English don't be afraid to ask for help.



Extra Opening Days for our Community Shop

The Streets Ahead Community Shop is proving extremely popular, offering excellent choice on a wide range of groceries and household items.

To meet this demand the shop is now open on even more days:

Monday from 11am to 1pm

Wednesday from 11am to 2pm

Thursday from 11am to 2pm

Come along and check out our fruit, vegetables, cleaning products and general food and household supplies.

Hate Does Not Belong Here

The law recognises five types of hate crime on the basis of:

- Race
- Religion
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender identity



Any crime can be prosecuted as a hate crime if the offender has either:

- Demonstrated hostility based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity

Or

- Been motivated by hostility based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity

Someone can be a victim of more than one type of hate crime.

If you have been the victim of hate crime, or have witnessed a hate crime, there are several options available to you to report it.



You can:

- Call 101 (or 999 in an emergency)
- Visit your local police station
- Attend a Third Party Reporting Centre where the report can be submitted on your behalf
- Go on-line to report-it.org.uk (or scan this QR code)



Community Sports Day - 12th July!

Put this date in your diary – Saturday 12th July 2025 We will be holding a sports day with a difference on the grounds outside Newport Hub.

The difference is that we will be harking back to the days when we were at school and we will be having events which adults and children can all participate in.

Do you remember these.....?

Three-legged races,

Egg and spoon races

Sack races

We are working in partnership with Middlesbrough Football Foundation who will be providing lots of football and ball games.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. If you have any ideas of sports, races or games that you took part in on school sports days we would be happy to hear from you.

We will be starting the fun at noon when we would like to invite you to join us at a family picnic (please bring your own food and drink).

Keep Your Heart Healthy



Come to Streets Ahead and have your blood pressure, weight and heart health checked for free.

We can check your blood pressure, your BMI, check for heart issues and give you free heart health information.

Drop in to Streets Ahead on Parliament Road between 11am and 1pm Tuesday

Helping Women



We are fortunate to receive support from The Smallwood Trust.

This support is to assist any woman in our community who needs help to handle issues we

are all facing at the moment. If you have problems with housing conditions we can put you in touch with the team who can help. We also have items of school uniform which are available through your child's primary school; and we can arrange a meeting for you with a welfare rights adviser to check that you are receiving all of the support you are entitled to.

If you feel unsafe in your home or outside we have some personal safety equipment which we can provide.

If you would like to talk to someone about your situation, please call into our office.

Our Community Connectors Project

In our community, people are often not aware of the support, resources, and opportunities available to them that might help them improve their lives and opportunities.

This gap in awareness can cause social isolation, limited access to services, and missed opportunities for improving health and wellbeing. It perpetuates cycles of disadvantage and inequality, as individuals miss out on the resources and support they need.

In many communities, there have been people who serve as Connectors. They play an essential role in passing knowledge and understanding within communities often in the simplest of day-to-day interactions.

Information has become easier for some to access yet for others it may be too overwhelming, difficult to access or seemingly hidden.



Enter the role of Streets Ahead Community Connectors!

Our Community Connectors operate in a very light touch way and simply signpost information to others. They serve as vital conduits, breaking down barriers, helping people access to the help and resources they need.

Our Connectors may also pass on information to only a few people or to lots of people, but either way they may be just the people who might not have found out the information they need unless it was from someone they know and trust in their community.

Whether someone signposts scores of people a year or just one, both are equally valid and valued.

We currently have 10 Community Connectors working from Streets Ahead.

If you would like to be a Community Connector or find out more about the project, pop in to Streets Ahead and ask about our Community Connectors Project.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Research in Newport

Teesside University is conducting research into understanding issues around neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour. We are keen to speak

to anyone who lives in Newport to find out what you think of living in the area, what you believe to be the issues with anti-social behaviour and crime, and what should be done.

If you would like to take part and talk about your experiences, please see the contact details below.

For more information or to find out how to take part, contact Anthony Lloyd, School of Social Sciences, Humanities 8: Law, Teesside University. Phone 01642 342392 or email Anthony.Lloyd@tees.ac.uk



At Streets Ahead - Your Credit Union

Moneywise Credit Union has been providing financial services to the people of the North East for over 30 years and the Moneywise Credit Union is now at Streets Ahead.

So if you want to find out more about safe and secure saving options, come in and talk to us. Our Credit Union is open every Thursday from 11 am to midday but you can come in any time and find out how we could help you.

Moneywise Credit Union is committed to making a positive financial difference to members and the community. Check out their web site, <https://moneywise.org.uk>

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Get in Touch

Your tear out and keep guide to help you find help, advice and information when you need it most.



Helping you make the most of your money. 0300 500 5000. www.moneyadvice.org.uk
0844 4994



Free confidential advice on a wide range of subjects.
9 Linthorpe Road (10am - 3pm). Advice line 0844 4994110. www.adviceguide.org.uk



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Contact Jolande Mace, Strategic Cohesion and Migration Manager, Middlesbrough Council.
Mobile 07970 964212.

jolande_mace@middlesbrough.gov.uk



Cleveland Housing Advice Centre

Help with welfare benefits, mortgage and rent arrears, bailiffs and county court action. 16, Borough Road 01642 254544



Housing and Council Tax benefits advice. 01642 726005.



A local charity providing confidential emotional and mental health support services for you or your family. The Mind Centre, 90-92 Lothian Road, 01642 257020



Advice and information for ex-offenders.
Resettlement Plus Helpline. 020 7840 6464



Worried about paying your heating bills?

Call our helpline, 0800 336699.

www.homeheathelpline.org



If you need help with substance misuse issues:
Recovery Connections 01642 351976



Free advice and support to families with housing or homelessness issues.
0808 8004444
www.shelter.org.uk



Credit Unions provide saving and loan products for members. 24 Newport Road, Middlesbrough TS1 5AE, Email: info@pioneercu.org.uk
Phone: 01642 210915



Free advice and information on saving energy, water and reducing waste. Free independent local advice.
0800 444 202. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk



Advice and resources if you have debt problems. You can talk to an adviser on the phone or on-line. 0808 808 4000



Debt advice and debt solutions. It has an online debt advice tool or you can talk to them by phone. 08001381111

- Streets Ahead for Information 109-111 Parliament Rd 01642 803451 streets-ahead@hotmail.co.uk [facebook.com/SAFIGresham](https://www.facebook.com/SAFIGresham)
- Middlesbrough Council Contact Centre 01642 726001
- Selective Licensing Team. 01642 728100
- Cllr. Jill Ewan 07486 463978 jill_ewan@middlesbrough.gov.uk
- Cllr. John Kabuye 07521 761136 john_kabuye@middlesbrough.gov.uk
- Cllr. Ann Romaine 07521760799 anne_romaine@middlesbrough.gov.uk
- Environmental Health 01642 726001
- Street Wardens 01642 228500.
- Police emergency 999. Non-emergency 101
- Report anti-social behaviour: phone 01642 728409 or email antisocialbehaviourunit@middlesbrough.gov.uk
- Victim Care and Advice Service 0303 040 1099 info@vcas.uk
- Safeguarding (Children & Adults) 01642 726004
- Cleveland Police Community Drug Enforcement Team. Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or COPA