

Packed Hetton Town Council meeting hears residents concerns about anti-social behaviour

More than 80 residents took the time to attend a meeting on 24 January 2020 especially called by Hetton Town Council to hear concerns about anti-social behaviour affecting the community.

Representatives from Northumbria Police, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and Sunderland City Council were on hand to listen to local concerns.

Many issues were raised including youth disorder, burglaries, arson attacks and illegal use of mopeds and quad bikes.

Hetton Town Mayor Cllr Kathleen Pearson said "The meeting showed the strength of feeling among local residents about these ongoing problems and it was helpful to hear of the steps being taken by Northumbria Police and other agencies to tackle the issues. The Town Council appreciates the attendance of everyone who came along."

Local resident Christine Scott, added "The meeting flagged up issues of shared concern across the area. It would be great to see a higher police presence especially at night, but residents know resources are limited. Updates from the Police about incidents reported will help provide reassurance to the community."

Northumbria Police have agreed to provide regular updates to the Town Council on the results of their initiatives - including Operation Avalanche, designed to target hot-spots in the area.

Hetton Town Council will continue to act on behalf of residents and businesses, taking a positive role in working alongside the police, fire service and City Council.

Residents are encouraged to report anti social behaviour to Northumbria Police by calling 101 - the non-emergency contact number available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.