# **The Netherfield Locality Plan**

This plan sets out the strategic priorities for Netherfield.

It's been developed in partnership with local people, professionals who work in the area, and local councillors.





# Netherfield – An introduction

Netherfield is a small railway town within the Greater Nottingham conurbation. It comprises around 2,000 properties, a primary school, a shopping centre and a railway station. Netherfield's main road links it with the Carlton and Mapperley areas.

Netherfield forms part of Gedling Borough Council's Colwick and Netherfield Ward, and is one of the top 20% most deprived communities in England as described within the government's Indices of Multiple Deprivation.

Netherfield is home to the long-established Colwick Industrial Park as well as to Victoria Park, an out of town retail park that includes such names as Argos, Tesco, Boots, Halfords and McDonald's. Victoria Park is currently expanding - plans have been submitted recently for a development that includes a Sainsbury's superstore with a petrol station, a pub/restaurant and a fast food outlet. One area which the Council may wish to consider is the development of a process looking for a percentage of jobs being created in areas of deprivation to be earmarked for local people. This policy could be linked with key agencies that will train and prepare prospective candidates for interview.

The proposed development of Victoria Park is welcomed in terms of economic development and employment growth, Key transformational projects being considered in Netherfield include:

- Development of a new railway station at Victoria Retail Park
- Trains stopping every hour at both stations
- Rebranding of Netherfield town centre as a hub for independent retailers and start-up businesses.

# Locality working

In early 2012, Gedling Borough Council reviewed the way that it engaged with communities within the Borough and made some significant changes taking the decision to focus on two priority areas in the Borough, Newstead and Netherfield. This led to the creation of Locality Co-ordinator posts for these two areas, commencing in September 2012. One of the primary responsibilities of the Locality Co-ordinators is the creation of a Locality Plan for their respective areas. This document is Netherfield's Locality Plan.

The locality Co-ordinators provide a more intensive and focussed level of engagement in the two specific areas with the overarching objective of tackling disadvantage. By having this focussed resource the Council is better placed to work with partners and access external funding. The Locality Co-ordinators have also dedicated a lot of time to understanding their specific areas and checking that the priorities identified by the research truly reflect the dersires and aspirations of our residents and councillors and to bring about real change.

Netherfield was chosen by Gedling Borough Council as an area requiring focus because it suffers from deprivation with challenges around health, the built environment and access to jobs and training. There is more detail about these challenges in the plan.

In order to develop the themes, priorities and actions contained within this Locality Plan, the Locality Co-ordinator carried out research into the area, reviewing key data such as the Census, health and crime data and consultation that had previously taken place as well as carrying out some direct consultation with the community, etc. Further details about the analysis are contained within the Strategic Context Section whilst details about the consultation events are contained within the consultation and communication strategy.

#### Netherfield, the perfect commuter town

Netherfield has good transport links, and, unusually for a town of its size, is served by two railway stations. Carlton, on the Nottingham to Lincoln line, opened in 1846, and in 1850, Netherfield opened on the Nottingham to Skegness via Grantham line. Both stations are served by East Midlands Trains; neither are staffed.

Netherfield's rail links connect the town to Grantham, Lincoln and Newark, and further afield to East Midlands Parkway, Leicester, Peterborough, Manchester and Liverpool. This creates the opportunity for people to commute to and from Netherfield for work; the opportunity is currently under-promoted.



# Built on the railways

After the Railway Act of 1872, the Great Northern Derbyshire Extension of the Great Northern Railway (GNR) began. The driving force behind the extension was coal.

The collieries that were served by the railway generated a huge volume of traffic, and GNR chose Colwick as a suitable location for sidings. The first yard was laid in 1875; construction of the first shed began in the same year.

The original 1875 shed was extended in 1882, with an eight-road shed being added alongside. The two became known respectively as the Small and Large Sheds, and the enlarged depot had capacity for 250 locomotives. A large repair shop was also built, allowing the depot to undertake heavy repair work. Construction was not just limited to locomotive servicing facilities, however; extensive offices were built, together with mess facilities for crews. Rows of railway-owned terraced houses followed, along with a railwaymens' institute.

Colwick was in a unique position throughout the first half of the twentieth century. The convergence of coal and iron ore traffic from a vast catchment area led to the creation of the largest complex of its kind in Europe, and the demand for locomotives to haul the freight resulted in the construction of the largest shed on the GNR.

Perhaps inevitably, the army of personnel that was needed to make all of this work led to the construction - virtually overnight - of a railway town.

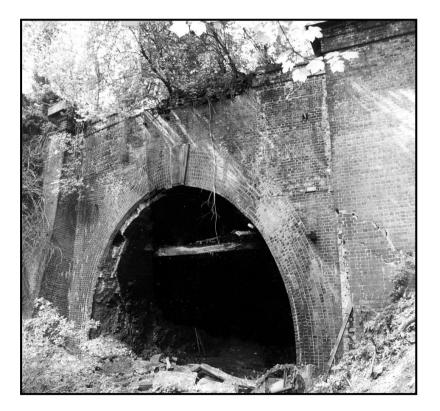
That town was Netherfield.

Colwick continued to be an important hub of the railway network even after nationalisation in 1948. The Colwick depot was one of the largest on the New Eastern Region, and the yards were still stacked with wagons well into the 1950s. All appeared well, but lack of investment and inter-regional rivalry began to take their toll.

Subsidence finished off the Derbyshire Extension Back Line to through traffic - the Mapperley Tunnel had long been known to have problems, and by the late Fifties, movement of the lining at the eastern end had become a cause for concern. A temporary timber support was built in to the tunnel, to buy time whilst various schemes were considered to remedy the situation. Several options were considered, but the new London Midland Regional management deemed the most cost-effective solution to be closure of the line east of Basford altogether, diverting all through traffic via Nottingham Victoria. The section closed on 4 April 1960.

Local traffic was in terminal decline by this time, and the closure of the Great Central and Derbyshire extension routes in 1968 were the final nails in the coffin for Colwick. The majority of the freight had already transferred to the yard further along the line at Toton.

The yard and depot at Colwick closed in 1970, losing Netherfield its single biggest employer at a stroke.



# **Netherfield's Locality Plan**

The Netherfield Locality Partnership Steering Group

The Steering Group was formed in January 2013, following the introduction of Netherfield's Locality Co-ordinator in December 2012.

The group meets on a monthly basis. Membership is made up of local residents, ward councillors, borough and county council officers, representatives from the NHS, local forums, the police and local schools, Sure Start, the CVS and Age UK.

Gedling Borough Council's Portfolio Holder for Housing and Localities also sits on the Steering Group.

All members of the Steering Group have given a commitment to support the development of this Locality Plan.

# **Terms of Reference**

The Steering Group's Terms of Reference set out its purpose and mission:

"Striving to achieve, preserve and enhance the built, natural and historical environment of the local area and the distinctive character of Netherfield, whilst allowing for sustainable economic and social growth and development against the background of a strong and safe community."

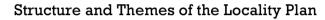
The objectives that the Steering Group must deliver against are clearly outlined within the Terms of Reference. Netherfield's Locality Co-ordinator is responsible for delivering on behalf of the Steering Group.

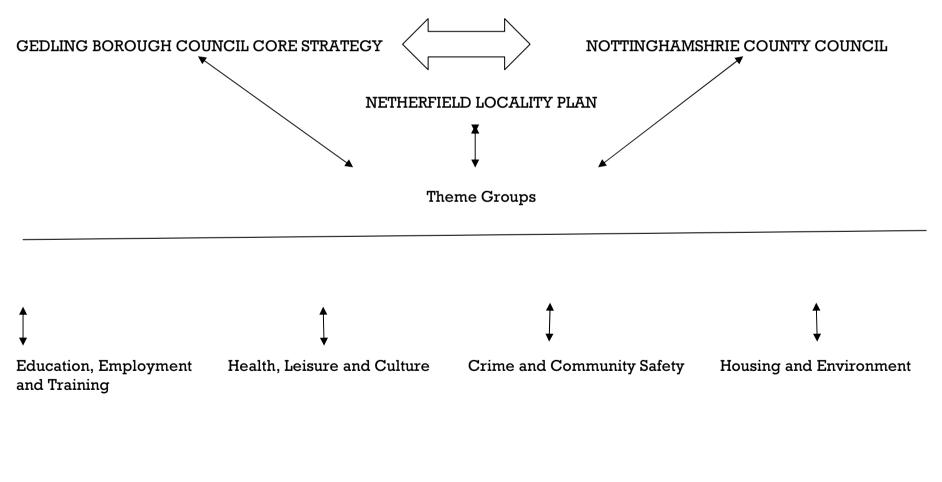
Also laid down within the Terms of Reference are the membership criteria of the Steering Group and the frequency, timing and procedure of meetings.

# Theme Groups

The Steering Group has four Theme Groups, as detailed below. This enables a greater focus around each theme.

#### NETHERFIELD PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP





# **Priorities**

The following are key priority work areas for the Netherfield Steering Group:

- Preventive work around alcohol and drugs (Crime and Community Safety sub-group)
- Reduction in the number of smokers (Health, Leisure and Culture sub-group)
- Reducing the level of violence and domestic abuse (Crime and Community Safety sub-group)
- Tackling the consequences of higher deprivation amongst families, such as obesity and educational attainment (Health, Leisure and Culture sub-group)
- Creating employment opportunities (Education, Employment and Training sub-group)
- Reducing deprivation and social isolation amongst older people (Health, Leisure and Culture sub-group)
- Positive leisure activities for all in Netherfield (Health, Leisure and Culture sub-group)
- Support positive mental health amongst Netherfield residents (Health, Leisure and Culture sub-group)

# Theme group one - Education, Employment and Training

# **Education and Careers Advice**

# Sure Start

Sure Start offers adult learning courses such as Maths and English, Paediatric First Aid, Food Hygiene, and Save a Baby's Life. Sure Start also supports parents who are studying for NVQs with colleges. JobCentre Plus attends Sure Start fortnightly and offers CV workshops, advice and signposting.

# Carlton le Willows Academy Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

The CEIAG programme at the Academy aims to enable pupils to plan and make well-informed, realistic decisions about their careers, and to manage any transitions. The programme emphasises individual participation and is built on three aims; all pupils should be able to:

- Understand themselves and the influences on them,
- Investigate opportunities in learning and work,
- Make and adjust plans to manage transition.

Support is provided through a range of areas including:

- Careers Education programme
- Visiting speakers
- Mock interview days
- Work related learning
- Individual and independent careers interviews with staff from Nottingham Futures.
- Work experience where appropriate
- Annual Careers Fair (with the help of parents and the local business community)
- Open days at other institutions



The Academy has developed a programme of support which starts in year seven and continues throughout pupils' school careers. In citizenship lessons, pupils study a range of work-related skills such as decision making and planning. They also have lessons to help with option choices and to find out about the world of work. During Key Stage Three, all pupils are introduced to the Passportfolio programme which encourages them to track their successes and to record them to help produce a CV in year 10. The Learning Resource Centre is ideal for all types of information which help pupils make well-informed and realistic decisions about their futures.

The Academy also has a Virtual Connexions Library (VCL). Pupils and parents have a specific page, as well as being able to access general information about CEIAG, to support their decision making. Access to websites such as Passportfolio, sortitonline.com and Connexionsdirect is also on the VCL. As pupils go through their GCSE and post-16 years there are specific pages of support – and all this can be accessed from home through the school website. The website also has information on work experience, and a general careers page.

All pupils in years 10 to 13 are offered an independent interview with Nottingham Futures, after which they receive an individual action plan and, in some cases, a follow up appointment. Nottingham Futures also provide training for all staff on career pathways for pupils, and a mock interview day allows pupils to experience the rigours of the interview situation and to receive valuable advice on their technique

The Academy holds an annual Careers Fair with the help of parents and local businesses. This year's event took place in January and offered pupils the chance to talk to employers and others about their careers, and to consider the many possibilities available.

#### **Central College Nottingham**

Central College can provide training courses in Netherfield itself as well as providing an advice and guidance service for local people through the school.

There are currently two training opportunities in place for young people in Netherfield;

- Starting September 2013 YouPro Social Media E Promoter training. An ESF funded programme helping to develop NEET young people aged 16 20 who have an interest in developing their social media skills to be able to promote businesses and develop an organisation's online marketing strategy. SMEs are invited to benefit from this project by taking on a candidate for one of their 2 work placements to allow the candidate to apply their skills in a business setting.
- Starting September 2013 Netherfield CycleHub programme. With local partners this has been developed to allow young NEET people of Netherfield aged 16 20 an opportunity to develop their employability skills and gain a work skill qualification while completing a course on bike maintenance. They will then be supported by the College into further education, training, volunteering or employment as appropriate, in the sector they wish to go into. Three cohorts, one per term during the 2013 and 2014 academic year have been planned. Dependent on the success of the first year we would aim to continue this programme, provided that the venue costs can be reduced to increase the sustainability of the programme.

The college can provide information, advice and guidance with regards to training courses and pathways to help people into their chosen career. The Recruit Local advisors can offer advice with regards to job applications, CVs and Apprenticeship routes. With the school Central College aim to continue to support parents by providing information and advice sessions and workshops every half term, as well as offering training.

#### **Training and Volunteering**

#### Sure Start

Working with Jobcentre Plus advisors, Sure Start can refer people to appropriate training to help them realise their employment goals. They can also provide bespoke training packages for large organisations to deliver to people in the locality which gives them the skills to gain employment according to the job vacancies available. Sure Start are hoping to provide this service with the proposed Sainsbury's development.

Sure Start also offer volunteer opportunities within Sure Start itself, including training sessions on safeguarding, health and safety, equality and diversity and confidentiality. Each volunteer is allocated a 'buddy' to help them through, and parents who don't want to volunteer with Sure Start are signposted to the CVS.

#### **Central College**

The college's Recruit Local team works closely with both the Gedling and the Nottingham CVS to signpost people who may wish to volunteer. They usually fall into the categories of:

- Young people requiring work experience to gain employment or an apprenticeship
- Older people wanting to improve their confidence or 'get back in the swing' or working after long term unemployment
- People wanting to gain information about a new skill or career option

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The Recruit Local service also offers a comprehensive apprenticeships service, to assess and support applicants and match them with suitable vacancies, and supports Carlton Le Willows Academy to promote awareness of apprenticeships with Year 10 students.

#### **Exploring Choices**

#### **Social Enterprise Netherfield**

Social Enterprise Netherfield is currently networking with service providers, young parents and primary and secondary schools to promote their two outlets in the town that support out of school placements for children and young people at risk of exclusion.

The organisation is applying for start-up funding to set up a shop and a gallery with cafe for young people. The outlets will be run with two young people in each, accessing further education courses and training whilst receiving intensive one-to-one support to identify their specific needs and tailoring an appropriate support package to address those needs.

This would then increase by 2014 to four and then six young people in each outlet

Appropriate premises need to be found and made fit for purpose. College accreditation, as well as recognition on the Alternative Education Providers' Framework, needs to be secured. Additional funding will be needed to develop the outlets, to remunerate the directors of the project and ensure its long-term sustainability.

# Theme group two - Health, Leisure and Culture

People in Nottinghamshire generally are in good health, but there are variations across the county. Health is improving, but not at the same rate for everyone. There are differences in health because of where people are born, grow up, live and work.

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Nottinghamshire has helped identify where we need to improve health and wellbeing, and has identified the following priorities for action:

#### Prevention: Behaviour Change and Social Attitudes Smoking, Obesity and weight management, Drugs and alcohol Sexual health

#### Adult and Health Inequality

# Children, Young People and Families

Children's health and wellbeing Support for children with complex needs and/or disabilities Safeguarding Early help services

#### Wider determinants of health and wellbeing

Community safety violence (including domestic violence) prevention

Carers Community Mental health and emotional wellbeing Older people Dementia Learning disability and autistic spectrum disorders Physical disability and sensory impairment (long term conditions) Analysis of local data collected suggests Netherfield and Colwick ward has the following when compared to other areas in the borough:

- Higher alcohol consumption and drug abuse
- Higher number of smoking related deaths
- Higher levels of violent crime and domestic abuse
- Higher levels of deprivation amongst children and young people
- Higher levels of childhood obesity
- Lower levels of educational attainment
- Higher levels of unemployment
- Higher levels of deprivation amongst older people

Information gathered by the Health, Leisure and Culture sub-group has highlighted the following gaps in service provision:

- Lack of activities for five to 11 year olds at evenings and weekends and once after school provision has finished (other than at the Loco Junior Youth Club)
  - S The Junior Youth Club at the Loco Centre has children attending from Netherfield Primary, Colwick St John and Sacred Heart schools.
  - S The Sky club for children with special needs runs from the Loco Centre every third Saturday of the month.
  - S Netherfield Primary School are aware of early years learning gaps from parents that haven't accessed preschool Sure Start provision.
  - S The older and younger youth provision at the Loco Centre offers development of social skills and respect.
- Lack of engagement with older people in the community
  - S Regular older people's groups include the Netherfield Senior Citizens Club, Sticky 13s at St Georges Centre and U3A at St Georges Centre.
- Lack of support for young adult males who are out of work and have low self-esteem
  - S Vulnerable young adult males with a range of needs are attending New Leaf sessions at St George's Centre
  - S Local chemists have noticed an increase in New Leaf prescriptions amongst this group
  - S The sub-group has approached New Leaf to get support on other related issues.
  - S New Leaf sessions at St George's Centre are always busy.
  - S There is a need to engage more with parents and males in Netherfield regarding health issues.

- Lack of engagement with parents
  - S Saturday can be a bad day for family activities in Netherfield as many children will be spending time with another parent sometimes out of the area.
- Lack of engagement with the local Polish community
  - S Netherfield has a growing Polish community and a Polish shop has recently opened
  - S A Polish volunteer has started and a Polish newspaper is available at St George's Centre to help encourage links with the Polish community.
  - S The Polish community can be isolated and does not mix with the wider community. There are some language barriers.
  - S St Andrews Day in November is a big day in the Polish calendar.
- The broad range of social and economic issues facing people in Netherfield means mental health is a key issue for the community.
  - S Framework and Timebank mental health services are running from St George's Centre
  - S St George's Centre has a Facebook and Twitter account to use for communication.

There is a need to consider the longer term sustainability of ongoing work, and to ensure that it is supported by local people and groups. There are also significant overlaps with other identified sub-groups of the Steering Group.

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Ward	Alcohol & Drugs	VAP	Domestic Abuse	Index deprivation affecting children	Obesity 10/11 years	5 A to C GCSE	Long term unemployed	Adult obesity	Carers	Long-term limiting illness	Binge drinking	Rate of alcohol related admissions	Older people deprivation	Age 0 to 19	Age 20 to 64	Pneumonia, 65 or older	Asthma, age 0 to 19	Respiratory age 65+	Fractured neck of femur	ng related deaths (rate)	Sum of ranks	Top 5 occurrences
Netherfield and Colwick	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	11	19	19	1	3	1	20	14	9	14	4	6	3	136	12
Daybrook	2	1	2	3	8	1	4	6	1	2	7	1	2	22	20	13	21	17	15	10	158	10
Carlton Hill	6	6	4	5	1	5	13	1	9	8	5	10	6	18	9	20	3	18	8	13	168	7
Carlton	4	3	3	4	9	11	5	5	7	3	4	4	4	17	17	10	4	19	17	20	170	11
Killisick	13	5	5	1	4	3	1	4	6	1	6	2	3	16	22	17	7	20	22	22	180	10
Eastwood South	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	12	1	2	20	14	9	14	4	6	3	98	13
Eastwood North and Greasley (Beauvale)	11	12	9	12	2	5	13	5	6	2	14	9	11	8	10	7	5	7	3	8	159	6

Note: Eastwood rankings are in relation to other Broxtowe LSOAs, not Gedling

# Theme group three - Crime and Community Safety

Gedling Borough, together with the Broxtowe Borough and Rushcliffe Borough, form the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership area (made up of 71 wards in total).

The South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment is produced on an annual basis and identifies the priority wards within both South Nottinghamshire and within the wider county area.

As in previous years, each ward in South Nottinghamshire has been ranked for crime volumes and rates, and an average score calculated for each of the seven themes (and component subcategories). These have been used to produce an overall score for the key community safety issues as a whole. Scores have been calculated for the period 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2012 for the current strategic assessment.



#### South Nottinghamshire ranks

When considering all seven categories, the following wards have been highlighted as the most problematic. (A ranking of 1 is the highest priority)

Morel	SAC	Youth	Alcohol & Drugs	VAP	Hate Crime	Domestic Abuse	ASB	2012 Rank (/71)	2011 Rank (/71)	Change	County Rank
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Colwick	13	1	1	4	13	2	1	1	1	0	10
Eastwood											
South	25	2	3	1	11	1	4	2	2	0	14
Daybrook	8	6	5	1	14	3	8	3	3	0	20
Carlton	21	4	7	5	3	4	10	4	4	0	43
Carlton Hill	1	10	12	10	9	5	16	5	9	4	25
St Marys	27	5	16	5	36	8	3	6	6	0	35
Bonington	9	11	17	12	15	10	7	7	14	7	37
Trent Bridge	2	31	15	1	1	23	18	8	5	-3	30
Valley	46	9	20	15	5	9	11	9	11	2	39
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Kimberley	3	20	10	7	49	21	2	10	8	-2	42

Netherfield and Colwick is again the top overall ward, and was a top 10 ward for five of the seven themes and top for alcohol and drugs, youth issues and anti-social behaviour.

It was not a top 10 ward for serious acquisitive crime (SAC) over the last 12 months; in the previous year it was ranked as the top ward.

Reductions in dwelling burglaries and in robbery offences mean that it is now ranked 13<sup>th</sup> for serious acquisitive crime, but is still within the top 10 for autocrime.

#### County wide ranks

The information below shows the same methodology applied to the wards within the county:

Ward Name	Local Authority	SAC	Youth	Alcohol & Drugs	VAP	Domestic Abuse	Hate Crime	ASB Rank	Overall Rank
Worksop South East	Bassetlaw	1	1	2	4	2	2	1	1
Portland	Mansfield	27	5	3	1	1	1	2	2
Worksop North West	Bassetlaw	4	2	9	7	6	3	3	3
Sutton in Ashfield East	Ashfield	2	6	4	15	10	31	6	4
Carr Bank	Mansfield	37	3	15	12	4	5	10	5
Castle	N&S	13	39	1	3	14	6	7	6
Kirkby in Ashfield East	Ashfield	20	8	14	16	15	11	4	7
Hucknall East	Ashfield	5	11	7	10	12	54	5	8
Sutton in Ashfield Central	Ashfield	38	4	5	5	8	39	12	9
Netherfield and Colwick	Gedling	17	9	16	16	8	36	11	10
Woodlands	Mansfield	23	67	9	1	17	13	15	11
Hucknall Central	Ashfield	39	36	8	19	29	7	16	12
Magnus	N&S	10	45	11	9	28	7	35	13
Eastwood South	Broxtowe	52	12	20	11	7	24	30	14
Worksop South	Bassetlaw	25	7	13	20	44	22	21	15

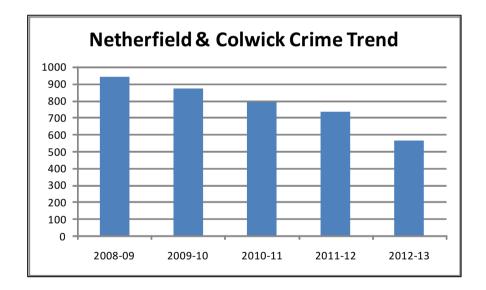
Netherfield and Colwick is ranked as the 10<sup>th</sup> top overall ward in the county (out of 172 ward areas) based on a combination of the seven themes. It is a top 15 ward for youth issues, domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour.

#### **Crime levels**

The latest Iquanta (Home Office) data shows the Nottinghamshire average crime rate to be 62.975 per 1000 of population, and the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership rate to be 38.095.

Therefore the crime rate in Netherfield is more than double the Community Safety Partnership average, and higher than the Nottinghamshire overall average.

The crime rate in Netherfield and Colwick over the last five years is detailed seen below. There have been year-on-year reductions in crime in the ward, with the area achieving a 23% reduction in the last year.



Nottinghamshire Police is the lead agency for addressing crime and community safety in Nottinghamshire. Since the introduction of S17 of the Crime and Disorder Act of 1998, partnership groups comprising representatives from statutory groups such as the Fire Service, the NHS and local authorities have been set up with a mandate to consider crime and disorder reduction within their areas.

The Gedling Locality Group is the tactical local group that works within the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership. The group membership consists of representatives from Gedling Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, Nottingham North East Clinical Commissioning Group (NNE CCG), Gedling Homes, Nottinghamshire Probation Service and Gedling Youth Service.

Due to its crime picture, Netherfield is one of the top 15 ward areas in Nottinghamshire designated as a Priority Plus area. This attracts funding to address crime and disorder; that funding came initially from central government but is now administrated by the local Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The Gedling Locality Group administers this funding.

Offence Group	2011-12 Month To date	2012-13 Month to Date	Volume change	2011-12 YTD	2012-13 YTD	Volume Change	YTD % Change
Autocrime	4	5	1	68	37	-31	-45.6%
Criminal damage	17	6	-11	178	92	-86	-48.3%
Drugs	4	1	-3	41	54	13	31.7%
Dwelling Burglary	1	5	4	27	28	1	3.7%
Fraud & Forgery	3	0	-3	43	14	-29	-67.4%
Other Burglary	2	5	3	54	30	-24	-44.4%
Other crime	0	3	3	10	13	3	30.0%
Robbery	0	0		4	5	1	25.0%
Sex	3	1	-2	8	9	1	12.5%
Theft	13	19	6	220	237	17	7.7%
VAP with injury	3	5	2	48	48	0	0.0%
VAP without injury	2	4	2	79	58	-21	-26.6%
Sum:	52	54	2	780	626	-154	-19.7%

The current crime picture for Netherfield as of the end of 2012/13 is detailed below.

The year saw a 19.7% reduction in all crime, which hit the police targets for the area. This was achieved against previous year-on - year reductions. This year, the police have set an 18% crime reduction target for the ward.

Anti social behaviour saw a reduction of 46% against the previous year, with 256 fewer incidents.

Crime and anti social behaviour have always been of a concern in the ward, with various hot spot locations and types of crime or being a problem raised by the local community. The target to continue to reduce crime by a further 18% will be difficult to achieve. The country's' economic position has already had an impact upon crime figures, with theft from shops increasing, particularly at Victoria Retail Park.

Residents have little confidence in reporting matters to the police and the council. The steering group needs to reassure the community of the good work that has taken place, to restore residents' confidence in reporting.

The current concerns raised by the community are anti social behaviour and drug dealing in Dunstan Street. A lot of work by all partners has taken place in this location, and the community needs to be made aware of these actions.

The Steering Group has received £27,600 from the PCC for crime reduction and community safety in Netherfield. A budgeted delivery plan has been prepared for the PCC, and quarterly returns against the plan will be completed.

Crime consultation is an ongoing process carried out by the police as part of their quarterly neighbourhood priority-setting meetings. The resultant local priorities are laid out on the Nottinghamshire Police's website, under Your Local Police, and will form the basis for local partnership work in the Netherfield area. All local residents are welcome to contribute to the process, either through the neighbourhood surveys issued by the police, or through their local councillors.

A short description of current crime and anti social behaviour issues could be published regularly for the community's information and placed in prominent places across the ward such as on community notice boards, at the St Georges centre, LOCO, Sure Start and Netherfield Primary School, and in local publications.

The Crime and Community Safety sub-group also needs to be engaged with as many other established groups as possible, such as Neighbourhood Watch, to help convey crime and community safety messages.

Performance of this sub-group will be measured against the crime targets set for Nottinghamshire Police. As previously stated, the current end of year target for Netherfield is for an 18% all crime reduction.

# Theme group four - Housing and Environment

Netherfield's housing is predominantly inter-war terraces. Key issues for householders are poor energy efficiency, lack of garden space, insufficient parking and empty properties.

Gedling Borough Council recently promoted a boiler replacement scheme to residents, and Gedling Homes delivered an improvement scheme to their terraced properties which saw 40 homes benefitting from loft insulation. Energy and utility providers are invited to local events and hand out low energy light bulbs, water saving apparatus, shower timers and fat traps.

The lack of garden space has been slightly improved by the availability of free planters and hanging baskets, and Gedling Homes have introduced a community allotment at Bourne Mews, encouraging residents to grow vegetables and flowers and further enhancing the open green space in the area.

Lack of parking is a challenging problem. Residents have identified potential solutions to address the problem in certain areas. The issue may best be approached on a road by road basis, but the fact remains that the terraced properties that were built at the turn of the century were not built with car owning residents in mind.



#### **Environmental issues**

Overall, the environment in Netherfield is well maintained. Gedling Homes and Gedling Borough Council have worked in partnership to tackle issues such as littering and fly tipping by introducing alley gating. The Locality Co-ordinator has delivered a number of planters and hanging baskets which have enhanced the appearance of the town centre.

Netherfield has a well-used park – Jackie Bell's Field - that provides activities for all ages and is well-used by residents.

One key issue for the sub-group is wheeled bins being left outside terraced properties, causing access problems for pedestrians, particularly those with prams.

Fly tipping is still a problem, particularly around unused areas of land and open space. A recent litter picking event was supported by residents and councillors, and alongside such events is the ongoing maintenance undertaken by the council. Residents have identified a need for increased signage, and have suggested that a more proactive approach should be taken by the council.

#### Housing improvements

Gedling Borough Council is currently working with energy providers to deliver a scheme to improve energy efficiency and help people move people away from fuel poverty. Achievements in this area can be plotted against the indices of deprivation. There are some open spaces which have the potential to be developed for housing, and further consideration will be given to this, as these spaces can become the target areas for anti-social behaviour.

Gedling Homes have received funding from the Homes and Communities Agency to tackle empty homes, and to date have contacted the owners of several empty properties in Netherfield about the scheme.

#### **Environmental Improvements**

There are proposals for further improvements to Netherfield's open spaces, and for an extension to the allotment scheme.

The condition of the town in terms of flytipping, graffiti and dog fouling will continue to be monitored, and community-based litter picks and working with the schools will continue.

#### Housing and environment improvement proposals

# Housing

- Delivery of energy efficiency measures
- Impact on fuel poverty
- Development for housing of empty sites
- Review of the usage of garage sites
- Resolution of problems of wheeled bin storage
- Bringing empty properties back into use

# Environment

- Locality Co-ordinator introducing a gardening competition in July 2014
- Additional allotment sites
- Additional play facilities at Jackie Bell's Field

#### The voluntary sector

The Citizen's Advice Bureau runs a number of outreach services across the Gedling Borough area. In Netherfield, they operate a drop in advice session every Thursday morning at the St. George Centre, and every Thursday afternoon for patients of the Netherfield Medical Centre. This session is for GPs to refer clients who may benefit from some advice.

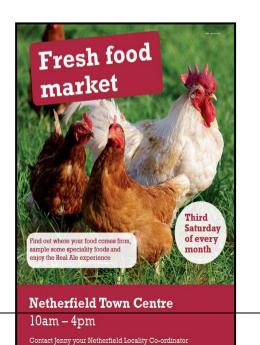
The Citizen's Advice Bureau advises on a wide range of issues. The largest number of enquiries they receive relate to welfare benefit and debt issues, and they also advise on employment, housing, separation, consumer and immigration concerns.

The Bureau is a registered charity with limited funds and limited resources. The demand for the service is high and is increasing. Aspirations for the future are to expand the service in Netherfield, to explore different ways in which clients can access the service and to look to work with other organisations in the area and consider referral potentials.

#### Achievements to date

- Consultation events to engage residents on a number of issues such as crime and community safety, no smoking and council services.
- Awareness raising event involving practitioners discussing healthy eating, well woman/man checks, lung capacity, alcohol awareness, exercise and pampering.
- The Netherfield Fresh Food Market, that takes place on the third Saturday of every month.
- Installation of lamp post banners with key messages such as Keep Netherfield Tidy, and local history factoids to engender pride in the area.
- A joint project between Gedling Borough Council, Gedling Homes and B&Q to provide flowers for hanging baskets and planters for Netherfield, also involving schoolchildren in the design and planting processes.
- The Netherfield Gala attractions included den building, football targets, a bouncy castle and slide, a disco, a fire engine, zumba and a performance by the school choir, as well as a variety of stalls selling clothing and cakes, and a tombola.
- A consultation on this Locality Plan. All Theme Group Chairs were present at the event, and work on the plan so far was on show for residents to comment on and feed ideas into. Residents who attended either wanted to talk about the Teal Close and Colwick Industrial Estate development proposals, or about specific issues affecting them on their street. The majority of the people who attended thought the streets were cleaner and liked the hanging baskets and planters. Concerns were raised about the condition of some dropped kerbs for wheelchair and scooter users, and about the condition of the pavements some residents felt they were in a poor state of repair and required substantial investment.





# Conclusion

The Netherfield Locality Plan is a five-year plan that will be reviewed in 12 months' time.

The Plan is an organic document that will be performance managed against to ensure that the priorities set by the Steering Group are being delivered. The 12 month target is to enable officers to measure the impact of individual projects and draw conclusions that will inform the delivery of future projects.

Once the Plan has been adopted, a decision will be taken to determine how the Steering Group can be restructured to deliver on its objectives as well as to monitor performance against targets.

The decision taken will form part of the new role of the Steering Group in overseeing the implementation of the Netherfield Locality Plan.

# Further information

If you would like further information about this Locality Plan, about investment in Netherfield, or about any of the issues and proposals raised by the Plan, please contact:

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# **Netherfield Locality Action Plan**

Name – Description of Project	Lead Officer Partner Organisation	Project Duration	Comments/ Progress	Theme Group
A doorstep sports club for young people in Netherfield	Lance Juby, GBC Leisure and Culture	Sept 2013 – Apr 2016 Year 1 match funding from South Notts. Community Safety Partnership	August 2013 – 3 years funding agreed by Sport England Year 1 match funding obtained. Includes the development of young sports leaders.	Health, Leisure and Culture
Consider sustainability of weekly Rock school music sessions at the Youth Centre	Hedley Sansom, NCC Youth Service	Weekly on-going until April 2014	GBC funded and monitored until April 2014	Health, Leisure and Culture
Senior Youth Club at the Loco for 13-19 year olds	Hedley Sansom, NCC Youth Service	All week	NCC Youth Service provision	Health, Leisure and Culture
Junior Youth Club at the Loco for 6-13 year olds	Tina Simpson, Netherfield Forum	Monday and Wednesdays	Volunteer run	Health, Leisure and Culture
Develop a programme of holiday activities	Lance Juby, GBC Leisure and Culture	Summer 2013 holiday camp delivered. Evaluation by October 2013. Consider funding and future programming options February 2014		
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	Creative arts projects to engage the community around health	North and East CCG	Timescales to be confirmed	Supported by GBC Leisure and Culture	Health, Leisure and Culture
	Work with leisure to develop an events programme	Jenny Eurge, GBC Localities	Ongoing starting 2014		Health, Leisure and Culture
Measuring prog Number of youn		l involved in positiv	e leisure activities every ye	ear.	
Understanding the health needs of the Netherfield Community	Understanding the needs of local families	Michael Ellis, Nottingham North and East CCG	Health Fairs at local schools. Sessions at out of school youth provision. Timescales to be confirmed	Other Partners: NCC Youth Service Loco Junior Youth Club GBC Leisure and Culture	Health, Leisure and Culture
	Understanding the needs of the local Polish community	Tina Simpson, Netherfield Forum	Encourage access to St Georges Centre - on- going		Health, Leisure and Culture
	Understand the needs of older people	Michael Ellis, Nottingham North and East CCG	Sessions with older people groups. Conversations with more isolated older people. Timescales to be confirmed	Local groups and partners: Netherfield Senior Citizens Club Sticky 13's U3A GBC Leisure and Culture Gedling Homes	Health, Leisure and Culture
Reduce social isolation and deprivation	Leisure activities for older people in Netherfield	Lance Juby and Clare Janes, GBC Leisure	Sustainable walking schemes for older people – funding until	Other partners: Nottingham North and East Clinical	Health, Leisure and Culture

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and more vulnerable communities in Netherfield			Time railway heritage project – July-October 2013 Chair based exercise in Carlton and Netherfield – funding until July 2014	Older Peoples Groups Hanbley & Barrett Gedling Homes Gedling CVS	
	Leisure activities for people with disabilities	Lance Juby, GBC Leisure and Culture	Development of activities beyond the Ley Street Day Centre Choir – Sept 2013 onwards. Explore funding opportunities for physical activity programmes that young people in Netherfield can access – on going	Other partners: Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group Ley Street Day Centre	Health, Leisure and Culture
Reduce the number of smoking related deaths in Netherfield	Smoking Cessation Programme in Netherfield	Edit Bodis, New Leaf	On-going, New Leaf sessions every Tuesday 2.00 – 6.30pm, St Georges Centre	Other partners: St Georges Centre Quit rate after 4 weeks for Netherfield clinic above national average	Health, Leisure and Culture
Encourage healthy lifestyles amongst Netherfield families	Reduce levels of childhood obesity	Lance Juby, GBC Leisure and Culture	Evaluation of Health Future pilot at Netherfield Primary School – Sept 2013. Promote a healthy lifestyles model working with families at local	The Carlton Academy NHS Nutrition Team Nottingham Forest in the Community Local Schools	Health, Leisure and Culture

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			primary schools as part of Notts CC Obesity Commissioning Process – Oct – Dec 2013. New Obesity and weight management service commissioned across Notts – Aug 2014 for 3 years		
	Pilot Family Circuit Training Sessions at the Loco Centre	Lance Juby, GBC Leisure and Culture	Continue pilot during 2013 and then assess long term viability		Health, Leisure and Culture
Reduce Alcohol consumption	Regular Soberlink sessions at St Georges Centre	Tina Simpson, Netherfield Forum	On-going		Health, Leisure and Culture
	s aged 14-25 involved in ne ticipants on Netherfield He Empty Shop arts	althy Walk	October 2013 – March	Supported by GBC	Health, Leisure
	project involving local children	GBC Locality Co-ordinator	2014	Leisure and Culture	and Culture
	Ensure sports facility provision as part of Teal Close development meets the needs of the local community	Melvyn Cryer, GBC Parks and Street Care	Dependant of planning application September 2013 onwards	Football pitches for Gedling Town Youth and Ladies FC	Health, Leisure and Culture

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<b>Measuring Pro</b>	gress:				
Enhanced sport	s facilities as part of new	Teal Close develo	pment compared to exis	sting Victoria Park Rec	provision.
Reduce Anti-	Organise a community	Jenny Eurge,	2013/14		Crime and
social	safety event	GBC Localities,			Community
Behaviour,		Mark Towlson,			Safety
crime and the		GBC			
fear of crime		Community			
		Protection			
Measuring prog	ress				
Ensure local people are well prepared and able to compete for	Initiate schemes and training opportunities to reduce youth unemployment	Jenny Eurge, GBC Localities	2013/14		Education, Employment and Training
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Provide an attractive local environment	Work with the local school around dog fouling	Jenny Eurge, GBC Localities	2013/14		Housing and Environment
that people can enjoy and	Introduce a garden competition	Jenny Eurge, GBC Localities	2013/14		Housing and Environment
appreciate	Additional Christmas Tree in the town centre	Jenny Eurge, GBC Localities	2013/14		Housing and Environment
	Promote the services provided by the Housing Needs Team	Jenny Eurge, GBC Localities, GBC Housing	2013/14		Housing and Environment
Measuring prog Promotional act	ress ivities undertaken in partn	ership with the Ho	using Needs Team		
Objective	Name – Description of Project	Lead Officer/Partner Organisation	Project Duration	Comments/ Progress	Theme Group
Support DV victims and their children to prevent	Freedom program - a 12 week course to help divert victims from being victims of DV	Womens Aid Integrated Services WAIS.	12 week course to be arranged for spring 2014	Funding available date to be set.	Crime and Community Safety.
repeat victimisation	We R here counselling service, working in Netherfield School supporting victims with 1-1 and group sessions	We R Here	Funding supplied to maintain sessions through the year.	Sessions ongoing with good feedback from victims supported.	Crime and Community Safety.

	Name – Description of Project	Lead Officer Partner Organisation	Project Duration	Comments/ Progress	Theme Group
Support victims of Anti- Social Behaviour to enable them to provide evidence against offenders	Fund Victim Support to provide ASB case worker 2 days a week	Victim Support	All of financial year 2013/14, with the intention that the post be mainstreamed 2014/15	Worker been in post for 2 years now, very positive feedback from victims.	Crime and Community Safety.
Measuring progr		ocality Group who	have funded these pieces c	f work.	•
Provide non- academic style training opportunities in Netherfield	Cycle maintenance training for NEET's aged 16-19yrs	Central college – Katrina Ferrand	To run through the 2013/14 academic year.	Poor take up from initial advertisement. Further tactics to be used to increase take- up.	Crime and Community Safety.

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Reduce unemployment / Improve local skills levels	To continue to provide and improve a local programme of employability training opportunities for adults in locality inc Literacy, Numeracy, Employability, Childcare, Teaching Assistant Training, Family Learning	Netherfield Primary School , Central College, Care Training, NCN, St Georges Centre	On-going 2013/14		Education and Employment
	ress - Outcomes to be se	· · ·			
Improve local skills levels	'Switch on 'reading programme helping to improve parents' low literacy skills.	Netherfield Primary School –	From September 2012, on-going in 2013/14		Education and Employment
Measuring prog	ress – Outcomes to be se	et by the Primary So	chool		
Improve health outcomes for local residents	An affordable local Parent's Weight Loss programme at the Primary School - Weekly	Netherfield Primary School – Parent Liaison L Balfe	From September 2013 - 2013/14		Health and Leisure
Measuring prog	ress - Outcomes to be se	t by the Primary Sc	hool		

	Name – Description of Project	Lead Officer Partner Organisation	Project Duration	Comments/ Progress	Theme Group
Improve local skills levels	CLW academy will continue to provide a programme of Careers Information, Advice and Guidance to the young people within the school, linking with other education providers in Nottingham	Dave Taylor Carlton Le Willows Academy	On-going 2013/14		Education and Employment
Measuring prog	ress - Outcomes to be set	by Carlton Le Wil	lows Academy		i
Reduce	Young people from	Carlton Le			Education and

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Re-vitalise local shopping centres/ Reduce unemployment / Improve local skills levels	Social Enterprise Project aiming to be open by Christmas 2013 – aimed to provide education and work experience opportunities to excluded single parents as well as benefitting the local community.	Exploring choices Netherfield Primary School Local Partners	On-going 2013/14		Education and Employment
Measuring prog	ress – Outcomes to be se	et by Exploring Cho	pices and the Primary So	hool	
Reduce unemployment / Improve local skills levels	Providing support and access to local volunteering opportunities for people wanting to improve or gain new skills	Dave Thomas - Gedling CVS Central College Nottingham Surestart Netherfield Primary School	On-going 2013/14		Education and Employment