

Middleton Update

1. Quick Wins

Please find below a small selection of the Quick Wins schemes completed in the Middleton Area.

- **Fencing at Lonsdale Court, Middleton Junction**

Lonsdale Court had very little defensible space and suffered from issues of security and youth nuisance with residents reporting youths playing football on the large grassed areas and kicking footballs against the windows. A 1 metre high steel fence and new gates have now been installed and the situation is much improved

Before



After



- **Alleygating to the rear of Nowell Road shops**

The residents in the flats above Nowell Road shops and the occupants of Nowell Road shops and Hollin EMB had suffered continued and persistent security problems with youths congregating to the rear and alleged drug dealing. Premises had also been the subject of vandalism and attempted break-ins. Following the Middleton Area Panel's approval of a contribution towards costs, the rear alley has now been alleygated and a very significant reduction in problems has been reported.

Before



After



- **Baytree and Moorclose community noticeboards**

On the Baytree Estate Walkabout, the Baytree TRA made a request for 2 community noticeboards. As the window for the base where community events are advertised is not in a prominent place or a natural passing place, the Group were having difficulty publicising their events. Two noticeboards have now been installed: one outside the Baytree base and one on Kenyon Lane and the Baytree TRA were already making good use of them the day after they were installed! (See Photo)



- **Fencing at Norman Weall Court**

The timber rear fencing of Norman Weall Court was structurally very weak and was suffering from severe wet rot. Its design also made it easy to gain a foothold, and youths were therefore accessing the rear garden area, trying windows of groundfloor flats and stealing items from the garden. A 1.8 metre high steel fence with gates has now been installed and an external magnet also installed to one of the rear gates which is linked into the fire alarm system to provide both security and an emergency exit.

Before



After



2. Priority Estates

Hollin

- The quality of fencing around houses in some areas of the Hollin Estate was a concern. A scheme to replace and repair fencing in the areas where fencing was in the poorest condition is now underway.
- The remnants of fencing around some flats was unsightly and a scheme to defence these areas has now taken place.
- To address anti-social behaviour and improve security, it has been proposed that 2 footpaths running through Hopwood Court and Woodvale flats should be closed. Consultation with tenants and residents has taken place, planning permission has been granted and an application for closure of footpaths is being progressed by the Council's Legal Department.
- A fencing scheme to provide defensible space to blocks of flats at Hopwood Court and Woodvale, which were open plan, is now being implemented.
- Parking is a major concern throughout Hollin and the Easby Road parking scheme is now complete. It has been very well received by tenants and residents and has done much to alleviate parking congestion in this area.
- The garages and compound at Hopwood Court and Woodvale flats were structurally unsound and were also discouraging people from parking as they hampered visibility. The garages and compound have now been demolished and a parking area created in their place.

Baytree Estate

Consultation has taken place with tenants and residents regarding various proposals for works on Baytree Estate. The following works have been identified as priorities and it is anticipated that they will be carried out over the next six months:

- Fencing to the bungalows on Baytree Lane and around the flats on Cheviot Close.
- Replacement of bin store doors on 5 blocks of flats with steel doors.
- Landscaping works across the estate to improve visual amenity and provide outdoor recreational areas.
- Resurfacing and landscaping improvements to car park between Fern Close and Baytree Lane.
- Security door entry refurbishment including security lighting to all 5 blocks of flats.
- New signage.



Brookside Estate

Initial survey works and consultation with affected tenants and residents have already been undertaken. The work will now shortly be tendered out.

Middleton Junction

Some preliminary proposals relating to upgrading areas around the flats and improving parking have been agreed with the local housing team, the estate's Tenants and Residents Group and some costed up designs will shortly be put together.

This will be followed by a detailed consultation exercise with all stakeholders.