

MIDDLEPORT
FENTON
PORTLAND
NORMACOT
SHELTON



The map above indicates the resident led community partnerships who are supported by My Community Matters Connecting Communities. (C2) These groups all use asset based community development approaches to help them to achieve their vision for their neighbourhoods.

MIDDLEPORT MATTERS

Our vision is 'To make Middleport a safe and welcoming place to live, through strong community cohesion.' We are a community-based group that operates for the benefit of those who live, work and visit the area. We aim to empower local people and bring about a significant improvement to our neighbourhood and our quality of life.

Amelia Bilson *Middleport Matters*















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EAST FENTON DOES MATTER

East Fenton is a neighbourhood which has some local issues, still faces challenges and in the past had been referred to as the forgotten town with nothing going on in the local area. In July 2015 Community members decided to do something about this situation, took control and formed East Fenton Does Matter Partnership working alongside statutory organisations and service providers to bring about some positive changes.

The group were successful in obtaining funding to provide activity sessions for young people. A local Boxing Gym owner agreed the group could use the gym as a community venue, to host community meetings, fun days and community events.

Community members are taking action to bring residents together, to help build community pride, seek and action solutions for the improvements for the area which will help them create a better neighbourhood where they want to live.

The commitment, effort and motivation of the group is shown by all of the achievements in such a short amount of time and future plans for East Fenton.

























PORTLAND STREET COMMUNITY GROUP

Portland Street is an area, which has experienced many difficulties and issues over the years. The resilience and strength the residents in this community have shown throughout this period is commendable. The resident led Portland Street Community Group has now emerged and its strong network of residents, stakeholders and service providers are at the forefront of many positive plans and improvements for this area.

Significant progress has been made in this area during the past 18 months, particularly with the community clean up and the redeveloped park and green space. My Community Matters firmly believe there will be many more positive days ahead for the people of this neighbourhood and we are committed to ensuring this happens.



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NORMACOT UNITED

Normacot is a community of which there are over 40 different languages spoken. Engaging with the non-English speaking families in Normacot has always been an issue for local services. Policing incidents and community ASB issues were increasing and the health inequalities experienced by this community were becoming more visible.

There was a substantial need within Normacot to reach the Eastern European families due to these issues. My Community Matters worked closely with the Police to tackle these issues. This work and partnership approach helped to bring Nash Dom CIC on to the Normacot United partnership to intervene.



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NORTH SHELTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

North Shelton Community Partnership has been established since 2011. The partnership is led by a group of dedicated local residents working alongside other groups and service providers to bring about positive change and community engagement in North Shelton. The groups main aim is to help towards creating a healthy neighbourhood for community members to live and enjoy. By listening to local people the group help to tackle local issues, get involved in community action with the support of a well connected network around them.

Through the commitment, drive, determination and work of group members plus the challenges and learning during this journey here are some of the life changing achievements, cook and eat sessions, regular coffee morning, community walkabouts with partners, community consultation and installation of dropped crossings to aid members getting around in their community more easily and accessing services, themed community events, sessions for young people, sewing classes, gardening club, fund raising and lots more.

The group are now embarking on a new initiative funded by the Local Ward Councillor working with NASH DOM to host and deliver the new Community drop in advisory service to start in June to support and address the needs of the local people.



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Let's get cooking
Chocolate Brownies

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup salt
- 1/4 cup baking powder

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Melt butter in a large bowl.
3. Add white sugar and brown sugar to the melted butter.
4. Beat the mixture until smooth.
5. Add eggs one at a time, beating well.
6. Add flour, cocoa powder, salt, and baking powder.
7. Mix until just combined.
8. Pour the batter into a greased 8x8 inch pan.
9. Bake for 25-30 minutes.
10. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.



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