

Area Priority	Actions	Progress
Supporting and developing traders groups and initiatives to increase footfall in local shopping centres.	Continue to support Traders groups in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row (and other areas where appropriate) via the Retail Support project	<p>The Coalfield Retail Support project continues to support trader groups in all three areas. AGM meetings were held in September and officers elected to the committee of each group. Houghton Traders Association and Shiney Row Trader Forum are more longer established and proactive in developing initiatives. Hetton Trader Association is being given additional support to formalise arrangements to include Market Street.</p> <p>A total of 83 individual businesses have been supported. It is proposed that the project is refocused and extended. Further information is presented to November Area Committee for consideration.</p> <p>As part of a programme of works to improve the visual appeal of local shopping areas, painting of bollards, bike rails, pedestrian railings, seats and planters will take place throughout September/October 2018. The works will be funded by a combination of the previously approved SIB Neglected Land project, and Houghton ward budget.</p> <p>Traders in Houghton, Hetton and Shiney Row are taking part in environmental improvements such as planting up tubs and baskets, and have pledged to take on certain aspects of maintenance going forward.</p>
	Monitor Houghton le Spring town centre review (Highways)	Consultation carried out in 2017 resulted in a number of issues being raised. Plans have been revised where appropriate and objectors have been contacted directly. The proposals have now been finalised and public notices will be displayed in the area during September/October. Physical works will commence in the new year.
Deliver environmental improvement and education projects to encourage communities to get involved in, and take pride in, their local area.	Support 'Friends of' groups and community groups to encourage local residents to get more involved in their local environment	<p>The SIB funded My Space, Our Place project is working with Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park, Friends of Herrington Country Park and Friends of Houghton Rectory Park to support social and environmental activities in the parks.</p> <p>A 'party in the park' has been held at Herrington and Hetton Lyons Country parks as a finale to SIB funded summer holiday youth provision in the area. SNCBC worked with the Friends groups to develop and deliver the events.</p> <p>Further information was presented to the September Place Board. Members considered what additional support could be offered to Friends groups via a small call for projects and a proposal is</p>

		presented to the November Area Committee.
	Make better use of land and greenspace by encouraging local groups and schools to take care of, and use, green spaces within their own community (including My Space, Our Place project)	During the school summer holidays a series of outdoor activity sessions were delivered on local greenspaces including Kirklea Field, Barnwell Green, Claremont Drive, Hetton Lyons Country Park, Herrington Country Park and other local greenspaces.
	Encourage local residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and continue to deliver 'Love Where You Live' activity	My Place, Our Space, funded by SIB is working with all 15 primary, and two secondary schools, traders, shoppers, residents, Friends Groups, community organisations and key partners to make physical improvements and deliver educational messages across the area. A total of 56 volunteers have taken part in the project during the quarter to September 2018. The project is working with the Retail Support project, Step Up project and the Area VCS Network to ensure SIB supported projects are working together to avoid duplication.
Celebrate and support long standing and historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities	Explore and deliver community projects with the VCS Network to engage local residents in cultural activity	Working with Sunderland Culture and voluntary sector organisations, a number of activities and events are taking place in the Coalfield area throughout 2018/19. Tall Ships art and drama workshops took place in local schools and VCS organisations during May and June. Schools and groups have been involved in Houghton Feast.
	Continue to support Houghton Feast	£10,000 SIB was awarded by Area Committee in June 2018 to provide events and activities to engage the local community in the Friday opening ceremony and Saturday parade. A series of singing workshops was delivered to 9 local primary schools from across the area. Over 100 pupils took part in the opening ceremony. The budget was also used to engage local groups and bands including Houghton Pipe Band, Houghton Area Youth Band and Zazz Dance. and groups will be offered the opportunity to take Face painters, stilt walkers and a balloon artist will also be provided on Friday 5 October. One elected member from each of the 4 Coalfield wards sit on the Houghton Feast Steering Group and support the development and planning of activities.