



COALFIELD

CLEAN IT, GREEN IT



Supported by
Coalfield Area Committee



- ▶ Springboard started the project in October 2022 and appointed Robin Baker as Project Manager, his base being HLCP.
- ▶ We have worked with a variety of different groups and volunteers across all wards to improve the Coalfield as a whole.
- ▶ Main Achievements so far : organised litter picks, fly tipping removal and reporting, thorough deep cleans of areas, graffiti removal. Engaging volunteers and small groups across our area. Strimming, pruning and grass cutting of unadopted and areas off the regular maintenance schedules.
- ▶ Our main delivery partner is Community Opportunities.

Collaborating Organisations

- ▶ Sunderland City Council Environmental Services
- ▶ Community Opportunities
- ▶ Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- ▶ The Prince's Trust
- ▶ Link Together - Durham Wildlife Trust
- ▶ 3 Together Big Local
- ▶ Houghton Blind Centre
- ▶ Old Rectory
- ▶ ELCAP
- ▶ HALO
- ▶ Schools : Easington Lane Primary, Hetton Lyons Primary.
- ▶ Gentoo
- ▶ Park Friends Groups

Challenges

- ▶ Poor Weather in February, March and April meant engaging volunteers was difficult and some planned clean ups were postponed.
- ▶ Community Opportunities had problems recruiting for their position within the project which has slowed down the community engagement side.
- ▶ New firewall to protect our children/learners in education has slowed functions on our IT systems.-Facebook page delayed.
- ▶ Explaining to unsure residents how to have their waste removed and anecdotally why fly tipping is a problem. Issues included those who don't drive, having to book a tip slot for those who aren't internet confident and the wait times for the free council pick up service.
- ▶ Time consuming to get permission to work on external landowner's land.



Plans for Summer/Autumn 2023

- ▶ Establish Councillor representatives on steering group.
- ▶ With the addition of a dedicated team member from Community Opportunities this month, we will have more links in more parts of the community.
- ▶ Create Facebook page to encourage collaboration and promote our work.
- ▶ Build on strong foundations so far and expand capacity.
- ▶ Promote use of the tool bank.
- ▶ Train volunteers to use more involved equipment to make a bigger impact.

Some of the Work so Far - Copt Hill



Some of the Work so Far - Houghton



Some of the Work so Far - Hetton



Some of the Work so Far - Shiney Row



Please get in touch if there are any projects within your ward that need attention, big or small.

We will be in touch about the steering group representatives and look forward to a successful Summer, Autumn and Winter.