

NMP Achievements and Successes

The Pathfinder's cross-cutting work and wide ranging activities/interventions have allowed it to underpin and deliver against a broad basket of local and national targets. The Pathfinder continues to support the work of local service providers to address the following Performance Indicators from the Local Area Agreement 2008-2011.

The percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area (NI 1)

- Championed Community Cohesion issues locally and at a strategic level (now mainstreamed activity)
- Appointed Stockton's first ever dedicated Community Cohesion worker (mainstreamed)
- In conjunction with the IFC, the NMP established the Borough's first BME Introduced 'myth busting' activities
- Supported the organisational development of the four active residents associations and local umbrella residents group
- Promoted inter-faith and multi-cultural activities that celebrate the diversity of PML as a place to live
- Worked with the Police to support a campaign to publicise services in relation to honour-based violence
- Worked with men and women's groups to promote drug awareness within the local Muslim community, where substance misuse problems often go unidentified.
- GFK NOP research conducted for the NMP found that 12% of residents in Parkfield and Mill Lane considered racial harassment to be a 'serious problem' in 2003. By 2006 this had reduced to 4%.
- Similarly 7% of the population considered asylum seekers, refugees and immigration to be a problem in 2003, a figure which had reduced to just 1% by 2006.
- A further positive indication to suggest that community cohesion is improving in PML, is shown by the increase in the numbers of residents who say that 'this (PML) is a neighbourhood where neighbours look out for each other'. This again has increased from 52% in 2004 to 58% in 2006.
- The 2006/07 BVPI survey also indicated that 43.23% of NMP residents feel that PML is an area where people from different backgrounds get on well. This compares to only 31.18% in other Neighbourhood Renewal Areas, and 36.66% for all other areas.

Perception of Anti Social Behaviour as a Problem (NI 17)

- Supports the co-ordination of joint efforts to tackle and deal with ASB, through the work of the Town Centre Joint Action Group (which the NMP facilitates), and through the co-ordination of a number of multi-agency forums established to address local problems.
- Specific multi-agency forums have been developed to co-ordinate actions in response to problems related to the Birchtree Practice, Prostitution and local homeless hostels and supported housing schemes.
- Co-ordinates a local Community Safety Forum, where residents and agencies come together to discuss issues and agree courses of action.

- Established the 'Street Reps' scheme which has a membership of over 25 residents who regularly patrol their streets and back alleys to report ASB and environmental problems.

*** Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (NI 93)**

*** Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (NI 94)**

*** Young Peoples Participation in Positive Activities (NI 110)**

- Developed positive relationships with the two secondary schools and the four local primary schools on patch.
- Funded significant interventions to promote educational achievement, through breakfast clubs, the Stars project to increase attendance, and an initiative aimed at improving the primary and secondary curriculum for disadvantaged pupils.
- Worked with our local schools to secure new investment from the lottery and other external funding pots to enhance the curriculum by extending positive activities. For example; coached basketball sessions at Bowesfield School, a sensory garden at St Cuthbert's School, provision of revision materials and guides for GCSE students at Grangefield.
- Led the negotiations to transfer the management of Arlington Park from Tees Active to the Cornerhouse Youth Project
- In terms of achievement against local targets, school pupils within the Parkfield and Mill Lane area have also seen an improvement in educational attainment. A lifetime target of ensuring that pupils achieve at or above the borough average of estimated levels at Key Stage 2 has been achieved in Science, and is on track for achievement in both Maths and English.
- Similarly, GCSE attainment amongst local pupils has also improved, with 47% of pupils now achieving in line with their estimated grades in 2007/08, compared with only 27% in 2002/03.

Improved Street and Environmental Cleanliness (N1 195)

- Worked with CFYA to fund some large one-off capital purchases, such as the 'green machine' used to sweep and clean the back streets of Parkfield and Mill Lane
- Provided funds to employ dedicated Enforcement Support Officers.
- Developed a number of community focused projects which have also improved the visual appearance of the area, including the resident led Pride Campaign, involving a neighbourhood wide summer hanging basket scheme. Developed Street Reps initiative, with residents taking on responsibility for reporting and dealing with issues such as illegal dumped bulky waste, fly tipping, litter, graffiti and other environmental problems.

Overall/general satisfaction with local area (NI 5)

- Starting from a very low baseline in 2001 of only 22%, satisfaction with the area has improved year on year, increasing to 47.74% by 2006/07 (BVPI Survey)
- The last MORI survey also shows that satisfaction levels with PML as a place to live has improved between 2003 and 2006, and that the proportion of residents 'very satisfied' increased for a number of local services including rubbish collection, street cleaning, street lights and parks and open spaces.