



Longbenton Estate Area Plan Summary

	Agreed Priority Themes	Agreed Priority Activities
1a	Environmental issues	Patchwork Garden: Environmental Champions & Environmental Action Teams
1b	Unemployment / Youth Unemployment / training	Patchwork Garden: Create apprenticeships, training, employability support
1c	Access to fruit & veg.	Patchwork Garden: Fruit & veg. delivery service, social hub on garden site re growing, planting
1d	Support for vulnerable / older people	Patchwork Garden: Environmental Action Teams, Apprentices providing support re gardens etc.
2	Isolation of Older People	Increasing Connectivity Project: Activities in sheltered accommodation, wider social events
3	Lack of activities; children, young people, including disabled children, families	Longbenton Estate Community Fund: £20,000. Reps from local groups to form a grant panel
4	Community Cohesion	Longbenton Estate Community Fund: £20,000 pot to fund community wide events. As above.

A SNAPSHOT OF LOCAL CONVERSATION IN LONGBENTON ESTATE: NOVEMBER 2016

Local Conversations: A UK Wide Programme & Network

Local Conversation in Longbenton is part of a UK wide Local Conversation programme funded by People’s Health Trust.

Local Conversations aims to tackle health inequalities by increasing local peoples control in decision making and actions to improve their neighbourhood. The programme is being externally evaluated.

Local Conversation in Longbenton

Local Conversation in Longbenton was one of the first programmes to be funded in the UK and started in 2014.

In phase one, 1,157 local people were actively engaged in development of the Longbenton Estate Area Plan: Priority activities that local people identified and agreed would make their neighbourhood an even better place to live.

Delivery of the Area Plan / Priority Activities

- Delivery of the Area Plan was launched in February 2015 and marked the start of a dynamic development process!
- Local people are working collectively and taking active leadership roles in design, development and delivery of activities.
- Connections between individuals, groups and different sectors have increased and strengthened.
- Collective local control is making a real positive difference to the lives of local people and the neighbourhood.

Money raised by HealthRespect through the Health Lottery

Funded by People’s Health Trust with money raised by Health respect through the Health Lottery: 51 Community Interest Companies raising money to address health inequalities across England, Scotland and Wales through the Health Lottery.

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Young People's Steering Group

- Steering group of young people reps aged 12-15yrs
- Weekly meetings, activities & weekend residential
- 144hrs Capacity Building Training

Patchwork Garden: Unemployment / Youth Unemployment

- 2 apprentice posts: Horticulture & Community Development / Youth Work
- 1 Community Connector post
- 1 Administration post
- 145 Employability sessions
- £5,000 grant from The Banks Group: New IT equipment
- £150,000 funds from Big Lottery & ESF: Wise Steps Programme



Patchwork Garden: Access to Fruit & Vegetables

- Agreeing lease for community garden
- Modular building to go on garden site
- Grown & distributed produce
- Income generation activities
- 40 growing & planting activities with families & school

Local Conversations Steering Group

- Steering Group of local people reps
- Monthly management meetings
- 360hrs Capacity Building Training
- Actively engaged 547 people in project review



HEADLINES

- 61 New Volunteers / Activists
- 26,857 Recorded Volunteer hours
- 10 New Community Groups / Structures
- 1,700 Beneficiaries from all sectors of community
- £440,000 investment from People's Health Trust
- Levered in additional £158,842.00 funds from other sources
- 29 community grants awarded: £13,921



Patchwork Garden: Environmental Champions

- 61 Environmental Champions
- 3 established Environmental Action Teams (EATs)
- 70 meetings
- Transforming run down children's play area
- Redefining use of green space between flats
- £3,000 funds from North Tyneside Council: Play equipment disabled children
- Activities & Events eg: Planning for Real, Family Fun Days, Street Play, Parties, BBQs



Longbenton Estate Community Fund

- Grant Panel of local people reps
- 108 hrs Capacity Building Training
- Designed grant application process & procedure
- Decisions on grant awards
- 29 grants awarded: total value of £13,921
- Groups raised 10% match: £1,392.10
- Plus 9 Community Carnival grants awarded: Total £1,781.24
- Activities include; 2 trips to Eden Camp, trip to Scarborough, Fish & Chip supper, lunch & sing a long, Christmas lunch, Youth Residential, Youth activities, Play equipment for toddler groups, Panto, Christmas & Easter parties, Discos



Older People: Increasing Connectivity Project

- 103 weekly activities
- 8 community wide social events
- 6 new volunteer drivers / support workers
- Increased integration into other groups / activities



Patchwork Garden: Environmental Support to Older / Vulnerable People

- 35 gardening / maintenance jobs

