

Aspley Ward Annual Report 2015-16



Small Steps Big changes, helping tens of families
In Aspley and Broxtowe



Traffic calming and cameras on Broxtowe Lane
has led to a reduction in Speeding. Graham with two of the
Bell's Lane residents



Broxtowe Community Club win grant to create pocket park on Lindfield Road



Pump Track on Broxtowe Park opened 2014 and now due to be repaired thanks to Councillor pressure.



Councillor leafleting to advertise consultation on improvements to Wood field Park



Broxtowe Carnival started with support from Councillors



New Walls on Lindfield Road using bricklayers who work locally



Last day of the Apsley Library and Stepney Court flats before demolitio



Holiday Play Scheme at the Minver Sports Centre
Supported by local Councillors and MP Graham Allen



Aspley Christmas Light- up



Proposed new Aldi and Green King Diner on the vacant land on Woodhouse Way in Strelley
which has received planning permission supported by Councillors



The proposed new Library Flats and Contact Centre to be open 2017 on Strelley Road

Achievements

- Our biggest achievement is to contribute through a number of the scheme we support to the reduction of unemployment in the area, faster than the city average. The levels of education have improved also for the ward, again faster than the city average. Obviously we play only a party in this but we like to think we are making a difference.

Investments

- We have helped get a number of investments off the ground
 - Walling on Lindfield Road using local bricklayers
 - Parking Spaces on Broxtowe Lane
 - The proposed new Library Flats and Contact Centre to be open 2017 on Strelley Road
 - Improvements to the garden and surroundings of Aspley Library
 - the proposed development of bungalows on the derelict space on Oakford Close
 - Investment in the Basford Hall College site to improve skills training for local young people– obtained European funding
 - New wall insulation for tens of council houses in Aspley without cavity walls
 - Improved traffic management
 - Upgrading of parking access on Ainsdale Crescent, Bell's Lane
 - Upgrading of garden boundaries of flats on Wendover Drive
 - Encouraged renewal of the boundary fencing between the school and the housing on Minver Crescent

Campaigns

- Campaigns we have been involved in:
 - Encouraging the take-up of home insulation schemes by owner occupiers
 - Encouraging the take-up of the £140 fuel rebate for low income families and pensioners
 - Encouraging the young people into training and work. Over 20 young people supported

- and found jobs –Support for the Strelley Boxing Club development
- The development of the Broxtowe Community Club
- Encouraging people especially those with prepayment meters to save money by joining Robin Hood Energy

As a result of efforts by councillors and the council Aspley has gone up the city league table in terms of fuel poverty

Events

- We strongly believe that events bring the community together. This is why we have supported
 - the Aspley Christmas light up
 - the Broxtowe Easter Parade
 - the Halloween event on Broxtowe
 - two World Food days – Aspley and Broxtowe
 - the Broxtowe and Strelley Carnival
 - Summer play schemes and events at Bells Lane Community Centre and Minver Sports Centre

Welfare and Finance Advice

- As well as the regular sessions on the estate we have supported additional regular support in the Broxtowe Estate to help people with their finances
- **We, ourselves as Councillors, have provided advice and dealt with cases from over 500 people in the last year**

Challenges

Still a 5% unemployment

Still a serious skills gap

Pressure on parking and a small budget

Ensuring we support a community of all people who live in Aspley no matter where people come from