

Your neighbourhood

Tenancy visits

Our customers and communities are at the heart of everything we do. To help us keep in touch with residents, we have a tenancy visit programme starting in June.

The tenancy visits will be a great opportunity for your neighbourhood officer to meet you face to face and find out what matters to you. They will also give you the chance to find out more about our services and how you can become involved with Thirteen.

The information we gather from these visits will help in future plans to tailor our services to suit you. Visits to homes will also help us to update our tenancy information, including details like who lives in the property, contact details and next of kin details.

It's important that this information is kept up-to-date as it can impact on tenants' lives in a number of ways, for example when it comes to benefit changes, over-crowded properties and under occupation of homes.

Neighbourhood walkabouts

Helen Wainwright, the neighbourhood officer for your area, is regularly out and about in your neighbourhood. Helen carries out walkabouts on your estate, and you're welcome to join them.

The walkabouts, also known as estate inspections, involve walking around the areas where our homes are located and identifying issues that might need to be addressed.

The dates, times and meeting places of walkabouts in your area are:

Area	Time	Meeting point	Dates
Newton Aycliffe	N/A	Contact Helen to attend	17 August 2017
Newton Aycliffe	N/A	Contact Helen to attend	9 November 2017
Blackhall, Peterlee, Easington, Seaham, Murton	N/A	Contact Helen to attend	12 September 2017

Please come along and tell us what you think about your neighbourhood. If you can't make it to one of the walkabouts and there's something you'd like us to look at, please contact Helen using the details below.

Tackling fly tipping

We are experiencing growing problems with fly tipping in areas of Durham. This causes frustration for residents and costs Thirteen money to remove.

Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of waste ranging from bin bags of household waste to large quantities of furniture building/garden waste.

If you need any advice on how to dispose of unwanted items, please contact Thirteen or the council to find a way to remove items responsibly.

Aspen House coffee morning

Thank you to all the residents at Aspen House in Brandon who attended our coffee morning for our meet and greet session recently. It was lovely to see so many friendly faces.

Aspen House has been open for about three years and consists of 20 flats to help people over the age of 55 the chance to live more independently for longer.

Residents are currently working with Thirteen's Customer Involvement Team to form a residents group, which will enable the group to apply for funding for a whole range of activities.

Get in touch

If you'd like more information about anything in this update or if you have any issues you'd like to discuss about your neighbourhood, please contact Helen Wainwright at:

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Alternatively, visit the website for information about Thirteen or the self-service site to contact us:

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