

# Your neighbourhood

## Tidying up in Port Clarence

The Billingham Environmental Link Project Horticulture Centre and community garden in Port Clarence has been spruced up thanks to staff from Thirteen and Travis Perkins.

The volunteer gardeners came along to clear, weed, dig and plant new plants in the outdoor areas including the children's wildlife garden and pond. Travis Perkins used the

event to launch its company-wide volunteering scheme.

It was fantastic to see volunteers from all corners of the country help out in one of our communities. The work has helped to transform parts of the site and will have an impact on people who use the allotment project for years to come.

## Neighbourhood walkabouts

Linda Deakin and Jo Hill are the neighbourhood officers for your area. They are regularly out and about in your neighbourhood and carrying out walkabouts on estates which you're welcome to join in with.

The walkabouts, also known as estate inspections, involve walking around the estates where Thirteen's homes are located, and identifying issues that might need to be tackled.

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

Area	Time	Meeting point	Dates
Clarences	10.30am	The Hub, Clarences Community Centre	Contact us for details

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 your neighbourhood officer using the details below.

## Tool lending scheme

Summer time is here and with this comes increased garden maintenance. We can help you with our tool-lending scheme, which is available for all our customers. In partnership with Billingham Environmental Link Project we are able to loan you a lawn mower and strimmer. If you're interested please contact your neighbourhood officer on 0300 111 1000.

If you're struggling to maintain your garden, we also have a garden scheme for a monthly fee, we will ensure your garden is cut by us regularly. To find out if you are eligible for this contact 0300 111 1000.

## We're here to help

Did you know, Thirteen offers services such as money advice or our New Directions team who work with young people aged 15 to 29 who are classed as NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). New Directions offers specialist support thanks to the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative funding. Contact 0300 111 1000 for further details.

## Get in touch

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

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