

**North Somerset Partnership
Update from South Ward Neighbourhood Management Partnership
May 2008**

Key priorities over the period since October have been to continue to progress the work programme; develop our communication strategy and deliver our community engagement work.

1. Work Programme

- The Community Warden scheme has been established. Working in partnership with NSHousing we have recruited 2 wardens and 2 street cleaners. The area is looking much cleaner. We have stepped up the response to fly tipping, purchasing covert camera in conjunction with Environmental Protection team and we are working with Streets and Open Spaces to prevent dumping of black bags of domestic waste.
- Work has commenced on delivering the open spaces strategy including final plans for Jubilee Park, on the Coronation and Millennium Green, on the Potteries. Work will commence on both parks over the summer and be completed by December 2008. Plans are available to view at the Neighbourhood Management office in the HLC
- Working with the Environment Agency and Streets and Open Spaces we have cleaned a stretch of the Uphill Great Rhyne, removing 25 tonnes of waste material. The 4youth group is working with us to build wildlife areas and improve planting of native species
- Two detached youth workers started work in January and are out on the 4 estates in the evenings working with young people aged 13 - 19.
- A reparation worker has been employed through the Youth Offending Team. This post will develop community based projects with young offenders on South Ward.
- A domestic abuse worker started on 1st May This post is jointly funded with NSHousing and will work with the most high risk cases of domestic abuse

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2. Community Engagement

- The Youth Forum continues to meet every two weeks. A core group of young people have been involved in environmental projects including an inter generational gardening project with older residents
- Monthly meetings take place on each of the four estates bringing key service providers together with local residents. The newly formed Oldmixon Residents Association held its first meeting on 12th May.

3. Communication Strategy

- The summer edition of the Connect4 newsletter will be distributed to all households in South Ward in late July,
- The website is up and running and can be viewed at www.southward.org.uk