

Hurworth Parish Council Procedure P30

Community Relationship Policy

The council recognises that one of its paramount obligations, and hence objectives, is a constant and well defined method of communicating with the community.

This communication should be a two way dialogue, and frank sharing of views, and above all there must be complete transparency with regard to the council's policies, actions and expenditure.

Hurworth is a parish with 1650 residences, and the community is sustainable as it has all the basic necessities within its boundaries, including:-

- A doctors practice
- Dentist
- Pharmacy
- Spar shop and post office
- Two schools
- A community centre with bar facilities
- Three churches
- Two garages
- A children' playground
- An osteopath
- Two hairdressers
- Five public houses / restaurants
- A village hall
- Working men's club
- A large caravan park
- Several small commercial businesses
- Good communications and public transport.

The council has established sound foundations for a continuous interaction and two-way involvement with the community. This has been achieved in

the following manner, and this has become the council's policy for **Community Engagement.**

- **Council representation of Community Association Committees. Council Representatives are assigned.**
- Hurworth Community Association
- Hurworth Village Hall
- Hurworth Allotment Committee
- EPICH
- PACT
- **Attendance at meetings of associations with whom the parish has particular interests. Council Representatives are assigned.**
- Durham Tees Valley Airport
- CPRE
- Tees Valley & Vale of Mowbray LEADER Group
- Darlington Association of Local Parish Councils
- Durham Association of Medium and Smaller sized Councils
- **Participation**

The council endeavours to have some practical participation in community events and action initiatives. Examples include councillors working on committees for:-

- Hurworth Country Fair
- Hurworth Outdoor Concerts
- Neighbourhood Watch Committee
- Visits by HMS Hurworth officers and crew
- Police carousel events
- **Monthly Surgeries**

Two councillors are assigned to host the monthly surgeries held at the Community Centre, when residents can talk to councillors, make enquiries, air their views, make complaints and suggestions.

- **Regular Meetings with parish stakeholders.**

Regular meetings are conducted with:-

- Priory Hurworth House School
- Flood Contingency and Emergency Committee
- Hurworth and Neasham Burial Committee

- **Specific Interest Groups**

Meetings are convened, when appropriate with the following interested parties:-

- Tees River Trust
- Darlington Citizens Advice Bureau for community groups
- Rockliffe Hall Hotel and Country Club

- **Parish Council support for local community groups. Examples include:-**

- Two Over Sixties Clubs
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Hurworth Youth Club
- Friends of Rockliffe Court

Contributions are made under section 137, in accordance with our Procedure P4.