

BE BOLD

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**Ward Action Plan
2022 to 2026**

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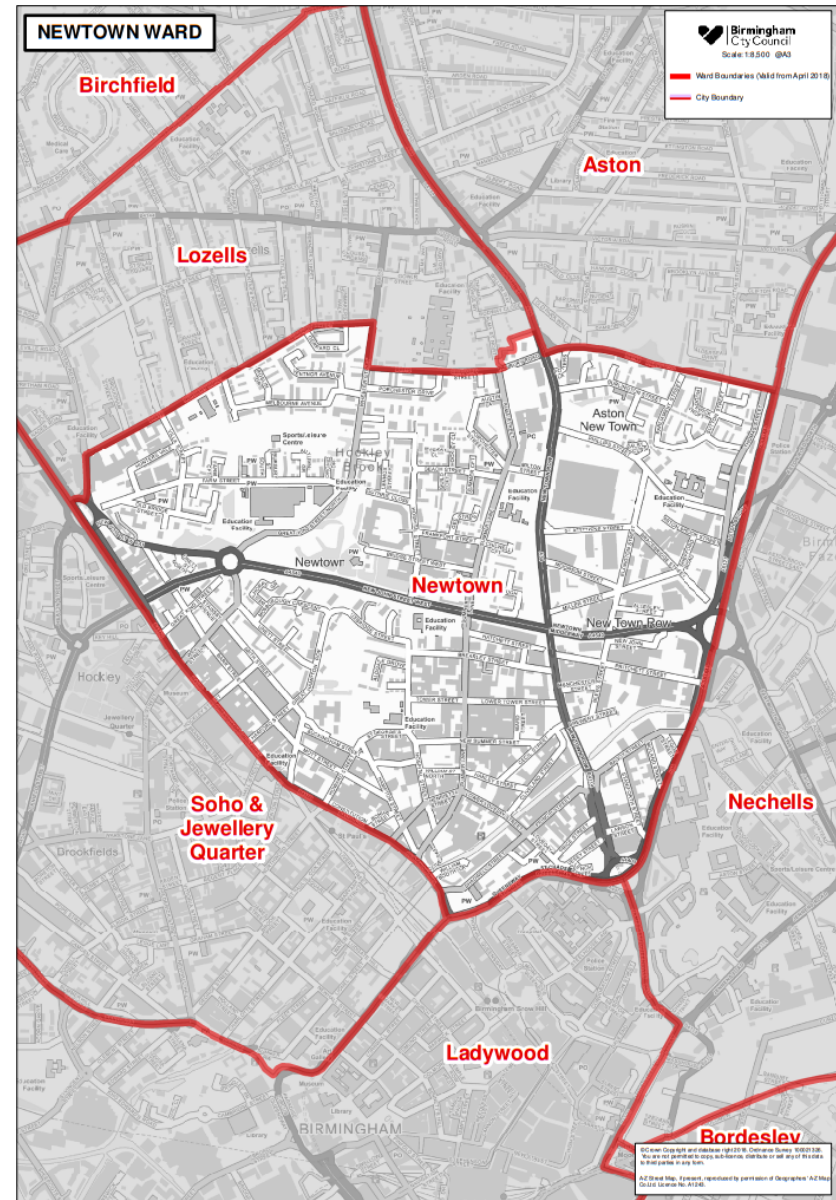
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1. A Bold Prosperous Newtown

Priority 1:	Work with local high street and local businesses, and young people. Localise grant funding opportunities. (CIL and SPF)
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	High area of unemployment/deprivation. Emphasis specifically amongst Young People NEAT. Raised expectation and education access to adults.
Who will own this priority?	Local traders, stakeholders, community groups
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Ward Councillor, Traders, stakeholders, schools, community groups, social enterprise, and other organisations
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Support creation of investment and job opportunities (apprenticeship & education). Skill training within the ward.

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1	Encourage job and training opportunities and possibilities by working with nearby wards, local employers, and local businesses.	Measurable – number of people who work local to the ward. Take up of job opportunities created locally.	Yes	Yes	Ongoing
2	Support and guidance for young people with business/entrepreneurial skills and aspirations.	Raising the education aspiration within schools. (Vocational and exam results) Annual review	Yes	Yes	Ongoing
3	Social entrepreneurial	Applications and success delivery on initiatives of CIL and Social Prosperity Fund locally.	Yes	Yes	On going

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1a	Improved connection with Newtown Shopping Centre and the two shopping areas in the ward.	Newtown Shopping Centre. Wheelers Street Shopping Centre. Uxbridge Street (St Georges)	BCC/ Councillor/Traders and business/local groups and Organisations.	Yes -External investment.	Ongoing	yes
1b	Create a form of a business improvement area (BIA) to help with improvements.	Newtown Shopping centre Wheelers St & Uxbridge Shopping area	Traders/ward councillor/MP/ community groups. West Midlands Combine Authority	yes	ongoing	yes
2a	Encourage employment / training opportunities. Establish local links with schools' colleges business encouraging various careers choices and advise for young people.	Whole ward – Aston Manor, Holte Academy and Nishkam.	Collective responsibility Schools / Places of worship / community groups / traders	Yes	Ongoing	Yes
2b	Hold an Employment and Training Fair(local).	Primarily Central Newtown area.		Yes - Social Prosperity Fund (SPF). Community Initiative Leverage (CIL)	Annual/six-month cycle	Six Month

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3a	Encourage, direct and support Community groups and organisation to localised (ward specific funding and grants).	Whole ward	Councillor Community Forums, Residents. Community Initiative Company/Organisation (CIC/CIO)			

2. A Bold Safe Newtown

Priority 2:	Road Safety. Community Safety. Crime and Anti-social behaviour
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Constants concerned and issued raised by residents' community forums. High level of crime including drug dealing in specific areas of the ward
Who will own this priority?	Police/street watch/ Resident Groups / Councillors / Community Safety team
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Police/street watch/ Resident Groups / Councillors/Local schools
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Noticeable change, positive response from residents and community groups - less complaints from residence due to poor road safety

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1	Regular Speed watch patrols throughout the ward.	Speed limit (reduction)	Yes	Yes	Ongoing - Every 3 months
2	Focus required on irregular/inconsiderate parking/double parking.	Enforcements / BCC	Yes	Yes	Ongoing

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3	Misuse of disabled parking spaces/pavements	Appropriate and respond from both Birmingham and WM Neighbourhood Police Team	Yes	Yes	Ongoing

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1a	To identify the roads where there is high level of speeding and to introduce road traffic calming measures and speed cameras	Main arterial routes through Newtown A34, Wheeler Street. Great Hampton Row. Street used as 'rat run' e.g., Melbourne Avenue. Porchester Drive, Hospital Street, Uxbridge Street.	Collective responsibility police/elected member/BCC/ residents	Yes	Ongoing	Yes
1b	Commitment from police to facilitate. Pedestrians' crossings.	Various locations	BCC/Police/residents elected members	Yes	Ongoing	Yes

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2a	Enforcement action against inconsiderate drivers who are double parking, blocking pedestrians, access, parking on top of pavements. Reduce speeding signages in density area of the ward.	Main roads Side roads Outside schools Outside places of worship	Collective responsibility form elected members/ residents/schools/places of worship/ West Midlands Police/West Midlands Fire Service.	No	Ongoing	Yes
2b	Increased visibility of Traffic Warden patrols; zero tolerance policy for parking on double yellow lines.	Whole ward issue	Collective responsibility from residents/ BCC / Police/ Schools	No	Ongoing	Yes
2c	At intersections, and other poor or reckless driving behaviours	Main roads Outside schools	Collective responsibility enforcements/ Police Residents	No Schools maybe employing Street Marshalls	Ongoing	Yes
3a	Removal of redundant disabled bays.	Various locations	Collective responsibility	No	Ongoing	Yes
3b	Potholes/damaged pavements should be repaired as quickly as possible a particular on arterial routes.	Various locations	Elected members	No	Ongoing	Yes

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3. A Bold Inclusive Newtown

Priority 3:	Crime / Anti-social behaviour
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	High levels of crime, drug abusing and dealings causing ASBs (nuisance within the community resulting in losing faith in authority).
Who will own this priority?	Councillors / West Midlands police / Residents / Street watch
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Police / Street watch group / Residents / Councillors
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Noticeable change, feedback from residents and reduction in crime rate regarding anti-social behaviour

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1	Regular street watch patrols in conjunction with the police around the hotspot areas	Street watch, constant data from police authorities	Yes	Yes – if local police and local community group work together to reduce crime.	Ongoing
2	More visible police on the streets in designated areas	Data and Community response - less crime and obtaining data frequently	Yes	Yes	Ongoing
3	Police attendance at Ward forums to work alongside residents and councillors, to address issues	Police updates on crime issues reported and how it was dealt with.	Yes	Yes	Bi – monthly Ward forums and resident group meetings

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1a	Willingness for the police to commit and facilitate and accommodate.	Most locations within the ward – particularly all hot spot areas of Newtown	Collective responsibility police/ residents/Councillor's	No	Ongoing	Yes
1b	Stop and ban beggars from entering businesses and public spaces.	Newtown Shopping Centre.	Police, Enforcement	No	Ongoing	Yes
1c	To offer help and support to those who need it due to alcohol or drug addiction or mental health difficulties.	Most locations within the ward	WM Police, BCC Outreach Teams, Councillors/Housing/ Schools/places of worship.	Yes	Ongoing	Yes
1b	Residents must be vigilant and aware of any crime that are occurring and to report it	Most locations within Newtown	Street watch and Police	No	Ongoing	Yes
2a	Tackle drug dealing – To prevent drug suppliers from operating	Whole ward	BCC/ WMP/ Partner agencies	No	Ongoing	Yes
2b	Tackling issues with shops/premises selling gas cannisters to young people and tackling drug abuse	Mainly Great Hampton Row	BCC/WMP/Residents/Schools/places of worship. All to create awareness and highlight issues	No	Ongoing	Yes

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3a	Commitment from police to attend	Various locations across the ward where necessary	Collective responsibility police / elected members / residents	No	Ongoing	Yes
3b	Work harder at improving relationship with local community – currently residents have little or no confidence in the police.	Various locations	Work in collaboration to build trust police /BCC/ community groups/ street watch	No	Ongoing	Yes

4. A Bold Healthy Newtown

Priority 4:	Healthy Lifestyle / Use parks and green spaces
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	To improve the health inequalities suffered by residents of the ward. Level of air pollution and the desire to get people active.
Who will own this priority?	Public Health/ Residents/Local community groups/residents/Councillor
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Local GPs/ Community groups/ local schools/residents /Places of Worship (faith groups). ExtraCare – Pannel Croft
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Decreased levels of obesity/ heart disease/ improved levels of mental health/ reduces rates of diabetes in the ward overall.

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1	Reduce (decrease) levels of obesity/diabetes through combined fitness and well-being programme.	Public Health and General Practice groups (Health Centre – Wheeler St).	Yes	Yes	Ongoing
2	Improved Mental Health and isolation for residents and support the (vulnerable)	Health Practitioners. Registered Support groups and supporting organisations e.g., Dementia and MIND.	Yes	Yes	Ongoing
3	Maximise the use of our parks and green spaces	Annual review	Yes	Yes	Ongoing

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1a	More activities and facilities to improve fitness, mental health and reduce loneliness/isolation	Green space/parks	Elected members / locals/ community groups	Yes	Ongoing	Yes
1b	Establish more walking/ running groups to combat health issues	Green space/ Parks	Residents/Community groups/ Schools/places of worship (faith groups).	No	Ongoing	Yes

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1c	Install a Multi-use games area/ exercise equipment to encourage more activities.	Philip Street, Burbury Park	BCC – Parks	YES	Ongoing	
2a	Work with partners, stakeholders, parents, and local schools to determine the value of green spaces and the positive effects on people's physical and mental health.	Green spaces, parks	Collective responsibility from community groups/ school PTAs/ parental groups/ elected members	Yes	Ongoing	Yes
3a	Establish more active well-being groups. Walking group e.g., Daily Mile	Parks / Green Space	Collective responsibility from community groups/ School PTAs / Parental groups / Elected members	No	Ongoing	Yes
3b	Improve facilities in the park, for families and young people, and elderly to feel safe.	Parks	BCC – Parks and ward councillor.	Yes	Ongoing	Yes
3c	Introduce Park Run events and other organised activities (Park Fun days)	Parks / Birmingham Open Spaces Forum /Friends of Groups. Burbury, Philip and St Georges Park.	Collective responsibility from Community groups/ forums/School PTAs/ Parental groups/ ward councillor.	No	Ongoing	Yes

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3d	Use 'Brum Breathes' Fund to support of locality-based schemes and project	Whole of Newtown	BCC Councillor Community Forums Faith Groups and residents			

5. A Bold Green Newtown

Priority 1:	Street Cleaning / Fly tipping/Clear Alleyways
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	Fly tipping has caused nuisance and annoyance to residents and businesses.
Who will own this priority?	Waste Management/ Environment Health/Housing Services and social landlords/Elected member/Local resident groups/forums.
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Waste Management /Resident groups / Councillors
What does good look like? How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	Cleaner streets/roads/Alleyway of Newtown. Create a level 'Pride'.

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1	Manual and mechanical sweepers to clean roads in and around Newtown	Monthly Reviews	Yes, achievable	Yes	Ongoing routine monthly
2	Deep cleaning of streets	Reviews / walk around	Yes	Yes	Ongoing
3	Dumping / Fly tipping	When less complaints from residents' groups	Yes	Yes	Ongoing

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1a	Identify the hot spots of fly tipping, alley ways and general rubbish	Various Locations of Newtown	Waste management/ councillor/ residents' group/WMFS	Yes	Ongoing	Yes
1b	Make aware of waste management to be active	Based on statistics on the amount of rubbish/Fly tipping collections	Councillors Friends of group	External – Potential, Veolia, Keep Britain Tidy.	Ongoing	Yes
1c	Create waste management sub-station inc equipment storage	Wheeler Street, Uxbridge Street and Newtown shopping area.	Birmingham City Council (Waste and Housing) Community Forums and residents.lr	BCC and Ward funding e.g., Be Bold CIL (ward funding)	Ongoing	
1d	More availability on cleaning schedules	Newtown hot spots for rubbish and fly tipping	Councillors Waste Management and Resident's group	BCC	Ongoing	
2a	Encourage more active community groups to take part in LYS schemes	Target areas, identified by residents	Combined efforts from residents and Council ...	No	Ongoing	Yes
2b	More litter bins and regular emptying	Main roads/parks	BCC/ residents	No	Ongoing	Yes
2c	Pilot area to monitor clean-ups, bin collection, new bins etc	St Georges area	BCC – Housing St Georges Community forum / residents/councillor.			
3a	All roads to have a street watch group to tackle illegal dumping	Various locations & identified hot spots	Councillor/Residents	Yes	Ongoing	Yes

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3b	Tackle fly-tipping more community intelligence	Whole ward	Residents	Yes (CCTV)	Ongoing	Yes
3c	BCC to be tougher on enforcement	Whole ward	BCC	No	Ongoing	Yes

6. A Bold Local Newtown

Priority 6:	Making our community an inclusive place to live
Why has this been chosen as a priority?	We live in a diverse community and want everyone to have a part to play in our neighbourhood. Create and build a stronger community links and foster good working relationship with community, residents, and services within the ward.
Who will own this priority?	Residents, Businesses, and other local stakeholders (including early intervention, age concerns and supporting agencies NNS), local schools and Ward Councillor.
Which organisations and groups do we need to engage and/or work with?	Ladywood NNS, Early Interventions Community groups, resident groups/ social housing, and council tenants
What does good look like?	Everyone feels like they are a part of the community. MOTTO 'Newtown is everyone's TOWN'
How will we know we have achieved our ambition?	

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1	St Georges Park, Clifford (Yellow) Park, Burbury and Phillips Park	Organisations in receipt of external funding and small grants	Increasing to access to funding streams for local organisations.	Yes	End of term
2	Newtown Annual (Funday) Street party		Bring forward an event that celebrates collaborative work locally		Mid-term - 2024

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3	Newtown Forums: Faith, Schools	Create a platform forum for young people's voice and input.	Yes	Yes	Mid-term- 2024

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1a	Agree Partnerships	Ward wide	Councillor/community groups and other partners	No	April 2024	
1b	Identify and map trail locations	Ward wide		No	Jan 2024	
1c	Seek funding for a webpage and leaflets. Design literature and take photos. Create social media channels	Ward wide		Yes	Feb – June 2024	
2a	Negotiate date with Birmingham City Council	Ward wide		No	Jan 2024	
2b	Agree Street Closure terms with Birmingham City Council	Ward wide		No	Jan 2024	

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2c	Promote and encourage planning participation – Street celebration.	Ward wide	Councillor/Community forums	Yes	Feb – June 2024	
3a	Arrange an annual Newtown Schools Council Summit	Ward wide		No	Summer 2024	
3b	Community Mapping: Religious institutions, schools, community groups	Ward wide		No	August 2024	
3c	Arrange designated forum dates	Ward wide		No	August 2024	