

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL
Wednesday 6th December 2017

Events & Culture

1. Orange Pip Market

September's Orange Pip was a fairly sunny affair with only the briefest periods of rain and the headliner of the day, Rockaoke went down a storm with visitors braving the stage to become the stars of the show for one day only. With visitor numbers staying in the high 7,000's, all three streets were filled with the usual happy faces and tasty street food. Music came from the most eclectic of sources with a 20 strong big band from Egglecliffe School Music Society and a set by 5 Teesside brothers and folk music legends, The Wilsons.

The Orange Pip Art Collective gathered momentum and recruited a whole host of younger visitors and their families to participate in the big Orange Pip Treasure Hunt – which was free to join and came complete with a brand new red woollen beanie hat which kids can keep and wear to every market when joining in the art activities.



Unfortunately, the October market became a victim of strong forecasted winds and was cancelled on the Friday before due to safety concerns. Businesses were hand-delivered letters explaining the situation and traders and artists were notified before press releases and social media posts were sent out.

Despite the outpouring of disappointment from traders, businesses and visitors alike, it means that Orange Pip continues on with an unblemished safety record, which is certainly something to be proud of.

2. Town Hall Restoration Scheme

Works are progressing well within all the key spaces within the building and the project is taking form.

Carriageway – Internal stonework restoration is progressing well, with the main glazing entrance in situ. Underfloor heating is being installed this week, once this is complete the bar and flooring finishes can be applied.

Main Hall – High level decoration work is complete and works to reconstruct and refurbish the stage are underway with the front of the stage due to be complete. This will allow works to the rear of the stage and accessible lift works to commence.

Courtroom – Work in the Courtroom is the most advanced, the magnificent work to the Courtroom lantern is complete which has transformed the room and reinstated this significant piece of the building's heritage.

Cells – Walls in the cell area have had all previous unsympathetic paint removed to reveal the original stone and brickwork, this will enhance the heritage offer of the space allowing visitors to imagine what it was like to be imprisoned in the Victorian cells. Restoration work to the individual cells are due to commence.

Crypt – Stone repairs and refurbishment of the Crypt windows are progressing and are due to be complete prior to Christmas, the barrel vaulted ceiling has been fully restored with the bar due to be installed



Fire Station – Underfloor heating is currently being installed, following this the glazed doors looking on to the Courtyard will be installed, transforming the space in to a functional and multi-purpose area

Ancillary areas – works to the education room and toilets throughout the building are progressing well. The re-decoration of the dressing rooms are currently underway and are looking extremely impressive, allowing the spaces to complement the town hall for visiting performers.

Heritage engagement – there have been a series of works to engage the local community within the project including Discover Middlesbrough where the public had the opportunity to tour the building whilst works are progressing.

3. Public Poetry

Following the success of the first three pieces of Public Poetry on Baker Street, Bedford Street and King Edward's Square; the latest mural in the series was unveiled at Shepherdson Way, near the Riverside Stadium.

The mural, which is the largest yet, is a transcript from the 'Voice of the Boro', Alastair Brownlee. The now legendary final-whistle speech delivered by the late BBC Tees commentator has been immortalised as art work. Mr Brownlee's father and youngest daughter visited the final work after its completion: pictured below.



4. Tees pride 10K - Sunday 3rd September

Delivered by Everyone Active on behalf of the Authority, the Tees Pride 10K celebrated its 13th year. Ethiopian Paralympian Wondiye Indelbu was first across the line in a breathtaking time of 30.52. He was joined by thousands of competitors who walked, jogged, skipped and raced around the 10K Route. More than 2500 competitors took part in this year's event with just as many spectators lining the streets to cheer them along.



5. Teesside Hospice Colour Run - Sunday 17th September

The second annual Colour Run took place in Stewart Park on Sunday 17th September. The Authority supported the event by providing free use to the charity who managed to raise a whopping £60,000 from holding the event. Money raised will go towards the running of the Teesside hospice which is located in Linthopre and provides care and support to many of our residents. Runners of all ages and abilities took to the course, ending up covered head to toe in environmentally friendly powder paint.



6. Battle of Britain Parade - Sunday 17th September

Many gathered close to the South African War Memorial in Albert Park in Middlesbrough, with a march to the cenotaph for a service led by Reverend David Williams.

The Airmen's Hymn was sung followed by a reading by Flight Lieutenant Rachel Mason before wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by parties representing Middlesbrough Council, Cleveland Army Cadet Force, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade and the Green Howards Association.



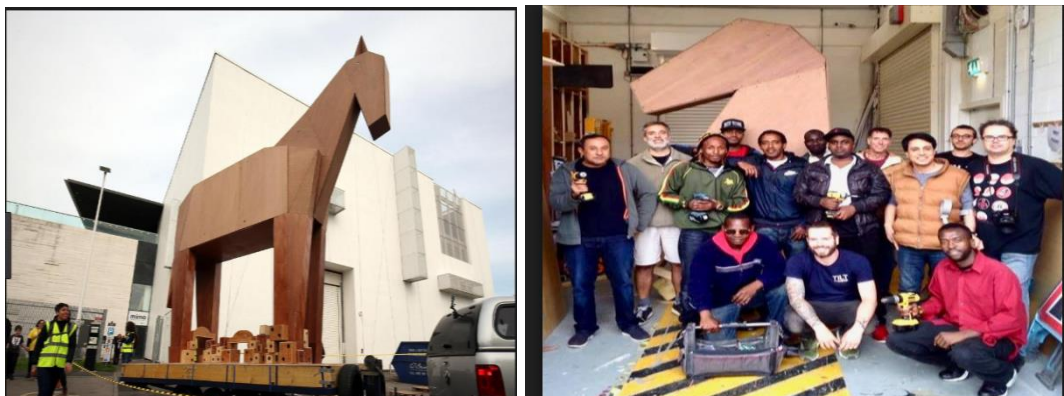
7. Gresham Horse - Saturday 24th September

Gresham’s Wooden Horse is a project by artist Isabel Lima that brings together people from communities living in Gresham, central Middlesbrough. The project is inspired by the ancient Greek myth of the Trojan horse, built by Greek soldiers as a means of infiltrating and taking control of the city of Troy. Lima uses this symbolism to stimulate a collaborative action among Gresham’s community.

Through a series of summer workshops led by Lima and her collaborators (including the artists TILT), a group of local people – Gresham residents from different cultural backgrounds – built a wooden horse using the Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art’s technical facilities.

Following completion the horse was processed from mima through the streets of Gresham to its current home at the Newport settlement.

Gresham’s Wooden Horse is commissioned by Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art. The project is supported by Arts Council England, Platforma Festival/Counterpoint Arts.



8. Everyone Eats Festival- 14th and 15th October

Everyone Eats is the only food & drink festival in the North East which focuses on ensuring that there is something to eat for everyone including vegan, halal, gluten free, organic, vegetarian or dairy free options! The event was organised by Yorkshire based company Eventsby3 who organise similar food based events around the country. Everyone eats Middlesbrough included a Theatre kitchen where festival goers enjoyed demonstrations from local restaurants; particular hits where the demonstrations from Middlesbrough College and newly opened Turtle Bay.



9. Oktoberfest Middlesbrough - 20th and 21st October

It would be hard to miss the 25m marquee that engulfed Centre Square for a full week in October. Huge infrastructure was needed to house the Oktoberfest event which was enjoyed by more than 7000 people. Bavarian breweries and traditional cuisine accompanied by Oompa music ensured the jubilations where unforgettable.

The event was organised by Maidstone based company Social Events worldwide. The social media feedback was hugely positive following the event and calls have been made to ensure the event returns next year.



10. Laying of the first Poppy -9th November

The laying of the First Poppy is an annual event organised by the Authority to mark the start of a period of remembrance in the Town. Year 4 and 5 children from local schools are invited to take part in the service to mark the occasion by laying a cross at the Cenotaph.

The event was attended by the Mayor David Budd, Elected members, Cleveland Police Chief inspector Ian Spittal and almost 500 Children and young people.

11. Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 12th November

The Remembrance Sunday event draws in the region of 5000 people each year. The people of the town join the rest of the country in taking few moments to silently reflect and pay tribute to those lost during conflict.

12. Magical Middlesbrough Markets on Centre Square-23rd November-17th December

Festive stalls selling scrumptious treats, Santa's Grotto, Fairground rides, Colourful characters and tonnes of Entertainment on our market square performance spot.

13. Magical Middlesbrough Christmas Lights switch on - 23rd November

Heart Radio presenter Tom Campbell, MFC players Grant Leadbitter, Ben Gibson and George friend, the Cleveland Police Interceptors and Cleveland Croc from the Cleveland Centre turned on Middlesbrough's Christmas Lights.

The show included performances from Flame Oz and finish with a fantastic Firework spectacular.

14. Magical Middlesbrough Parade: 26th November

The magical spectacle of Santa and his reindeer, hundreds of school children, community group members and professional performers as paraded through Middlesbrough. With stunning costumes, moving festive structures, dancers, musicians and walkabout acts

This year's parade commenced at 1pm from the Campus Heart, Teesside University, on Southfield Road and finished at Centre Square where spectators could enjoy the brand new traditional festive fairground with Christmas markets and Santa's grotto.

Stronger Communities

15. Rough Sleepers Count

The annual rough sleeper's count took place in Middlesbrough on 9th November between the hours of 4am and 6am. A rough sleepers count is a snapshot of the number of people sleeping rough in any given area on a particular night and although it will not record everyone in the area, it can be an effective means of gauging the scale of the problem and monitoring progress over time. The Community Support Team felt a count was essential for the Middlesbrough area and identified 6 individuals that were sleeping rough, predominantly in the town centre area. All 6 individuals were known to the team and have recently been referred into specialist support and outreach services. None of the individuals that were spoken to accepted assistance in regards to their accommodation needs.

16. In Out of the Cold Event

In Out of the Cold, a Christmas event aimed to bring warmth and cheer to homeless people is returning to Middlesbrough for yet another year on Monday 18th December at Newport Community Hub, Middlesbrough. This annual event has been going since 2010 and is coordinated by Middlesbrough Council but is also made possible by the donations and volunteering from a range of statutory, private and voluntary sector organisations. The event aims to raise awareness about homelessness and hardship issues in the town as well as providing advice and support to people affected by housing and poverty issues, in a relaxed and friendly environment.

17. Town Centre Team

A pilot multi-agency team has been established to tackle street begging in the town centre. A dedicated team of Police and Council Officers are now co-located at Middlesbrough Police Station.

The strategy to tackle street begging and street drinking builds firmly on the work undertaken and the principals of a dual approach of police enforcement together with provision of outreach services to engage people into services. On the one hand the access to support services is seen as key to tackle the problems of substance misuse, including accommodation needs as well as health services. On the other hand, we must also deliver a clear message to the public, beggars and street drinkers alike, that we are actively

tackling the issue by using a range of enforcement and voluntary powers available to the agencies involved in a co-ordinated, coherent, focused and targeted approach.

Work so far has revealed a total of 30 prolific beggars with a further 32 occasional or transient individuals. At the beginning of the project, a total of 10 known beggars had no fixed address. This number has since reduced to 5 following interventions and work is ongoing to ensure appropriate accommodation is sought for the remaining individuals. This can only be achieved when they are ready to engage with services.

A 12 page operational delivery plan has also been produced to ensure both the Town Centre Team and relevant partners are aware of the range of actions that will be delivered in order to achieve outcomes. The plan has been split into 4 sections to include; intelligence gathering, preventative measures, enforcement and communication.

Early indications have identified a significant reduction in town centre begging, which has been confirmed by Street Wardens, CCTV and 29 town centre businesses who have completed a before and after survey.

18. Domestic Abuse

The Domestic Abuse Operational Coordinator has prepared first draft of Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment which has been completed between August and October 2017. It is currently being reviewed and draft proofed to ensure accuracy of information. This needs assessment will help identify progress, challenges and recommendations to help reduce and prevent Domestic Abuse in Middlesbrough. It has involved extensive consultation with specialist services, stakeholders and victims perpetrators and children.

19. Middlesbrough Welfare Rights

Middlesbrough Council Welfare Rights Unit - Summary of Activity Quarter 2 – 2017/18

- Directly assisted 729 Families
- Provided 524 advice line appointments
- Provided 500 surgery appointments
- Provided 67 Home Visits to housebound Residents
- Made over 320 physical claims for benefit
- Represented at 112 Appeal Tribunals achieving a 90% success rate
- Successfully challenged and changed over 142 incorrect decisions negating the need for Tribunal representation
- Customer Feedback shows 99.0% Very Satisfied

20. Hate Crime Week – 14th – 21st October

The Community Safety Officer arranged for volunteers to speak to students at Teesside University throughout the week to help raise awareness about Hate Crime and promoting Teesside University's YES to RESPECT programme, offering information, promoting reporting and signposting to support services.

A Public Lecture held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 saw Cleveland Police Crime Commissioner and Professor Matthew Feldman deliver a keynote lecture "On countering hate incidents, anti-Muslim attacks and 'mainstreamed' bigotry". Craig Duerden, from Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency, also presented about his personal experience of hate crime and how hate crime is influenced by the media.

The Community Coordinator prepared a presentation to be shown in all of the community hubs. The focus of the presentation was on the 5 strands of hate crime (race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity). The presentation also provided information on how and where to report hate crime.

A presentation was also delivered at Thorntree Primary School for the Key Stage 2 Assembly, which was attended by 200 children. The presentation was age appropriate, and focused on the behaviours that lead to hate crime. The assembly was interactive, and the children contributed well, correctly identifying the behaviours that lead to hate crime. He ensured the presentation linked strongly to the school's ethos as a "rights and responsibilities" school thus giving it a readily identifiable context for the children.

21. Antisocial behaviour in Hemlington

Antisocial behaviour at the Viewley Shops and Cass House Road in Hemlington has seen the Neighbourhood Safety Officer for the area carrying out a number of actions in partnership with police and other partners, including joint interviews alongside PCSOs. The Neighbourhood Safety Officer is also liaising with a variety of other professionals including YOS workers and social workers as well as attending a multi-agency group led by social care to try to manage the most challenging young people.

22. Antisocial Behaviour and Motorbike Nuisance Kimberley Drive and Kelbrook Walk, Pallister Park.

Multi-agency work is continuing in the area to tackle antisocial behaviour and motor bike nuisance and there has been a noticeable reduction in calls over the past 2 month.

23. Antisocial Behaviour Morrisons - Berwick Hills.

Security and management team at Morrisons Store had been reporting a large increase in antisocial behaviour from youths on the surrounding estate. The Neighbourhood Safety Officer worked closely with Police to ensure there was a co-ordinated response to the problems and Morrisons have since reported a significant reduction in antisocial behaviour since this work was completed.

24. Operation Autumnus

Operation Autumnus is the name for the multi-agency work that occurs between 30/10/17 and 05/11/17, a time of year where historically young people commit incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour. The Community Safety Team coordinate a multi-agency plan to reduce incidents and prevent young people becoming involved in crime and antisocial behaviour.

On the night of 30/10/17, the Neighbourhood Safety Officer worked with Police in Newport ward supporting Safe in Tees Valley (SITV) youth work delivery in Ayresome Gardens. After their delivery in Ayresome Gardens SITV went to Pallister Park and reported that it was a good well attended session without any issues. In South Middlesbrough, the Neighbourhood Safety Officer was on foot patrol in Hemlington with Police, PCSOs and staff from the Habinteg RSL. They came across very little in terms of antisocial behaviour.

On Bonfire night Neighbourhood Safety Officers went out with Street Wardens on mobile patrols. They patrolled East Middlesbrough and met up with SITV outreach workers. It was a positive night and there were a lot of bonfires with a lot of people out. The team attended around 20 bonfires but all were safe and had adults in attendance. Wardens also had a patrol car out covering Newport, Easterside and Hemlington Way.

25. Community Hubs

Harry Potter: A History of Magic exhibition at Central Library

Over 1,800 people visited the exhibition featuring panels created by the British Library and items curated by Dorman Museum to tell the stories behind the magic that inspired the Harry Potter books. Events have included children's magic shows, fantasy illustration workshops, a talk by BBC presenter Bob Fischer and a live streamed talk from the British Library, London. Further lectures will be livestreamed from London throughout the exhibition period.

The Middlesbrough: My Town My Future project continues to grow.

The website (www.mytownmyfuture.co.uk) was launched on 13th

October with an event attended by almost fifty people who'd been involved in the project. On the day of the launch the website received 1,253 views and to date has received 6,785 views. New content is being added daily by the team of volunteers busily working with the collection of photographs held in the Reference Library. The website also features work by groups who have been taking photographs of Middlesbrough throughout autumn and written creatively about them.



Libraries participated in a book giveaway as part of Read North East, which is a campaign from the North East Literacy Forum, led by the National Literacy Trust. The initiative inspires children and families across the region to share stories together and aims to improve literacy levels. As Middlesbrough FC took on local rivals Sunderland FC in the North East derby on Sunday 5 November, families at the game were

able to choose from a selection of children's books to take home and keep. 500 books donated by Read North East partner, Penguin Random House were given out to children by library staff and volunteers.

On Halloween night Teesside Archives hosted Halloween Curiosities by Torchlight tours providing a chance to view documents and spooky stories. The event was well received by those taking part *"Seeing behind the scenes. I particularly enjoyed learning about the Workhouse and seeing the restoration room; fascinating"*.

26. Marton Library and Community Hub

The Hub closed on Monday 6th November to start a programme of major refurbishment work that will enhance community facilities. The work will include the addition of a new meeting space and room for one to one advice and information surgeries. Redecoration will take place throughout the building incorporating dementia friendly principles alongside new lighting, heating and accessible toilet facilities. External works will include improvements to the roof and some landscaping of the exterior spaces. The Hub is scheduled to reopen in April 2018.

27. Acklam Library and Community Hub

The Hub will undergo a programme of refurbishment work that will start on Monday 27th November. The works will see improved meeting room spaces and the addition of accessible toilet facilities. The Hub will close from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th November, whilst work commences, however following this closure, the building will

remain open during the rest of the refurbishment which is scheduled for completion in February 2018.

28. North Ormesby and Grove Hill Library and Community Hub

Community Halloween events were held at North Ormesby and Grove Hill Hubs and attended by over 70 young children and families, taking place on mischief night and aimed at encouraging local children to take part in positive activities and deter them from potential involvement in anti- social behaviour.

The family event held on Monday 30th October for Mischief Night saw more than 100 families join together to create a vibrant atmosphere in North Ormesby. Lots of new families who moved into the area recently commented on how much they appreciated being able to bring all of the family along including Grandmas.