



? Where shall we spend ? ?



Welcome to Newcastle's second U decide Grand Voting Event. You are taking part in an exciting new venture for Newcastle. Along with other local residents, you will decide today how you want to spend £80,000 in your area, to make it cleaner, greener or safer.

The money has come from the Newcastle Partnership - an organisation that works with local people, organisations and businesses to make changes where they live. This U decide pilot is run by one of its members, Newcastle City Council.

What will happen today

You will hear 35 ideas that local residents have come up with to improve their area. there are 9 ideas from Woolsington, 11 from Lemington and 15 from Denton. Each idea gets a three-minute slot, and after you've heard it, you should use the electronic voting pad to give it a score from 1-9. Please don't give any of them zero points - they are all worth more than that! At the end of the day all the scores will be announced, so you'll be able to see which U decide ideas get the money to become reality.

Where the ideas came from

The U decide working group - which is made up of residents from Denton, Lemington and Woolsington - sent information to every resident of the three wards and asked for their ideas. We also offered to help them cost them and work out the practicalities. We got over 80 responses. The working group worked with council staff to check which met the criteria of making their areas cleaner, greener or safer.

This left us with the 35 inspiring ideas you will hear about today. Because we only have £80,000 to spend, not all of them can win U decide money. But we will help those that don't to see whether they can get funding from other sources.

So, sit back and prepare to be impressed by what the residents of Lemington, Woolsington and Denton can do!



Your U decide ideas at a glance

1 Garden for all

DENTON 24

West Denton Community Association wants to bring together community members of all ages to create a therapeutic garden with seats, wildlife feeding stations, flower and veg patches. They say it will have social and educational benefits - and be great for barbecues!

Cost

£8,600

2 Cheers!

LEMINGTON 22

Lemington's popular cheerleaders group, the Cheeky Monkeys, is in a bit of a fix. They have been doing well in national competitions, but they are having to share pompoms! They would like to buy some more, and some other equipment.

Cost

£450

3 Hardcore fun

LEMINGTON 24

Lemington's Hardcore Skate and Bike group wants to get mobile with portable skate and bike ramps it can take round the area for supervised sessions. It would also like a gazebo so youth workers can do other activities with young people using the equipment.

Cost

£440

4 Kindly light

LEMINGTON 21

Lemington's Church of the Holy Saviour is well used by the community. But it has a problem with vandalism, and it wants to install security lighting to reduce the risks.

Cost

£1,322

5 Dressed for action

WOOLSINGTON 23

Newbiggin Hall Junior Football Club like to play all winter - but there are limits to their endurance. They'd like tracksuits to keep the children safe and warm during winter training sessions.

Cost

£3,406

6 Outdoor challenge

WOOLSINGTON 2

Woolsington Scouts Group wants to boost young people's self-esteem, and show them something different, by taking them on educational adventure trips where they will face new challenges.

Cost

£3,300

7 Fit park DENTON 23

The Friends of Westerhope Park want to show the local community what the park has to offer, by building a fitness trail playground. They say it will give young people something to do, and encourage more people to get involved in regenerating the park.

Cost
£5,391

8 Time for a sit WOOLSINGTON 22

A resident of Woolsington's Teasdale House would like seating in the shopping centre at Newbiggin Hall. She says there are many elderly people in the area, who would benefit.

Cost
£1,980

9 A lovely view DENTON 12

Denton's Hill Top House, which has many disabled residents, would like a rockery and garden feature on the green outside. It would keep the area looking good, and prevent people using it for football.

Cost
£2,392

10 Pause for breath LEMINGTON 10

A Lemington resident would like a seat outside the nursery on Tyne View. She says this would help people walking up the village at the east end, especially if they are carrying shopping. It would also be a handy social spot for people living in nearby bungalows.

Cost
£1,500

11 Credit where it's due WOOLSINGTON 21

The young people in D2 Youth Zone are already stars in the garden and kitchen. They provide a garden tidy-up service and a lunch club for older people in Newbiggin Hall. Now they'd like funding so they can turn their skills into recognised qualifications in horticulture and food hygiene.

Cost
£2,100

12 Good impression DENTON 20

Denton Park House Tenants' Association wants to make its own environment more attractive, and to enhance the impression users of the new Morrisons will get when they come into Denton. They want gravel borders on either side of the Denton Park House entrance path.

Cost
£2,910

13 Alcohol-free zone

DENTON 29

Young people from Denton's All Saints College want to mount a PR campaign about the dangers of alcohol misuse. They will learn about the topic and produce Denton-branded bus stop posters and other materials in time for Christmas.

Cost**£5,000****14 Green fingers**

LEMINGTON 1

Lemington's Friends of St George's want to start a garden where children can grow flowers and veg. They say this will give them pride in their environment and a knowledge of healthy living. They can learn skills from local adults, and even sell what they produce.

Cost**£7,791****15 Paving the way**

DENTON 30

Denton's Brookfield Crescent residents want to reduce accidents and have a better-looking street by improving their pavements. They say another benefit will be to show what can be achieved when residents and council work together.

Cost**£3,253****16 Safety first**

DENTON 26

Denton Mature Action Group wants to reduce fear of crime by giving people the means to protect their personal safety. They want 24 members to have training from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, and one to train as a tutor to pass on the knowledge to community groups. They will also produce a guide for all Denton households.

Cost**£5,867****17 Green and pleasant**

DENTON 28

Denton's Griffin Explorer Scouts want to tackle a local eyesore by creating a low-maintenance garden between the House on the Hill scout headquarters and Hillhead Road. A new fence would be needed, and the scouts would clear the site and create the garden.

Cost**£3,931****18 Dancing on**

DENTON 25

Denton's Burnside Youth Drop-In Centre wants to build on the success of its tea-dance for older residents last year, by holding a barn dance. The young people believe events like this help the generations bond and make Denton a safer place to live.

Cost**£1,270**

19 Loud and clear

WOOLSINGTON 13

Woolsington Parish Council wants to help residents hear what's going on at community meetings and events. A portable address system, speakers, amp and microphones would mean discussions about crime, safety and the environment could be heard by all.

Cost**£550****20 Smarter parking**

WOOLSINGTON 1

Kenton Bank Foot Residents' Association wants to make things better for drivers, and make the place look neater too. It wants a parking scheme for residents and a fence around a small grassy area.

Cost**£3,300****21 Pond lifeline**

WOOLSINGTON 20

Woolsington Residents Association says the Ouseburn Ponds are a fantastic amenity and wildlife haven. They are home to marsh orchids, lilies, kingfishers, geese, frogs, deer and even otters, but need some work to fix the weir and prevent them drying out.

Cost**£2,800****22 Caring for wildlife**

LEMINGTON 18

Lemington Centre wants to enhance the sensory and educational nature of its developing community garden project with bird and bat boxes, feeding tables and wind chimes, so users of all ages can learn about and care for local wildlife.

Cost**£390****23 Waste not, want not**

DENTON 1

West Denton Allotment Association wants to recycle organic waste and provide a much-needed facility by installing a composting toilet. The loo will complete the regeneration of the allotment site, which attracts educational visits from schools, and customers to its shop.

Cost**£8,600****24 Play space**

DENTON 4

Denton's C, D and E Roads Tenants and Residents Association wants to smarten up a vacant plot of land and create a safe play area for 3 to 12 year olds.

Cost**£5,351**

25 Sloppy slippers

LEMINGTON 19

Lemington's Happy Chicks want to revive the Sloppy Slippers campaign, and invite older residents to exchange old, ill-fitting slippers for a free new pair. This will significantly reduce the risk of falls in the home.

Cost

£3,000

26 Playing safe

LEMINGTON 7

A Lemington resident would like to reduce the risk of children having a serious accident by putting fencing around a green area where they play. They frequently run after balls onto the road, and the fence would stop them doing this.

Cost

£3,411

27 In the swim

DENTON 13

Newburn Amateur Swimming Club wants to encourage more children to keep fit through swimming. It would like better equipment, to encourage more young people to join the club, so they will have something interesting to do in the evenings.

Cost

£3,938

28 Light idea

LEMINGTON 20

Anti-social behaviour in Lemington's Waverley Park has prompted the Friends of Waverley Park to ask for money to install street lights along the footpath.

Cost

£8,000

29 Safe and secure

DENTON 17

Denton's Westerhope Bowling Club wants to deter anti-social behaviour and meet fire and safety requirements by installing safety roller shutters over its clubhouse windows and door.

Cost

£4,277

30 Wildlife corridor

WOOLSINGTON 11

Woolsington's Whorlton Grange Residents Association wants to create a wildlife corridor between Westerhope Golf Club and the Gala Field. It would provide nesting areas for birds, planted areas for mammals and insects, and seating for wildlife watchers.

Cost

£3,000

31 Rest assured

DENTON 18

Denton Community Partnership would like seating in the foyer of the Outer West Customer Service Centre. It would give people a chance to rest, but also make people waiting for taxis or lifts feel safer.

Cost**£859****32 Neater seats**

LEMINGTON 5

A Lemington resident wants old and broken seats on Union Hall Road to be replaced, and bins to be added. It would help people who now have to walk on this road since the 48 bus route has been withdrawn.

Cost**£3,167****33 Off the verge**

LEMINGTON 6

Two Lemington residents would like to stop people parking on the grass verge at the bottom of Dene Gardens and churning it up. They would like to have bollards put up.

Cost**£1,321****34 Sports camp**

DENTON 27

Denton's All Saints College wants to keep young people occupied and active during school holidays, by organising a sports camp. Sixth-form students will be trained to run the camps and provide younger children with a safe place to go and fun things to do.

Cost**£4,000****35 Shine on**

WOOLSINGTON 4

Lighting up the darkness is the aim of St Wilfred's Church in Woolsington. It wants security lights over the car park, to prevent vandalism, and spotlights on the crucifix, to improve the look of the area.

Cost**£245**

