

# Prudhoe Town Survey : The Results Are In!



233 people completed the survey carried out by Prudhoe Community Partnership in May and June 2018. This represents 1 person in 50 living in Prudhoe. The survey was compiled and analysed independently by Community Action Northumberland.

## Prudhoe rated Good to Great

83% of people responding rated Prudhoe \*\*\* to \*\*\*\*\* - between good and great as a place to live. A small minority, about 17%, really didn't like living in Prudhoe.

## How the Partnership responded:

**You said:** Improving youth services was a high priority

**We did:** Set up a new voluntary youth project to increase provision for young people. This is a long term project that will take several years to mature

**You said:** More arts activities would be welcome and maybe an arts centre

**We did:** set up a new sub group to organise cultural activities and look at whether an arts centre is feasible in future

**You said:** services for older people were good but some people said more could be done for people with dementia.

**We did:** Plan to work with others to make Prudhoe a dementia friendly town, starting in 2019

**You said:** access to shops for people in wheelchairs and people with buggies could be improved.

**We did:** launch Purple Tuesday in Prudhoe to make shop keepers more aware of the needs of people with disabilities.

'Just to Say' – see below - won the prize for best dressed shop and the event was featured on Tyne Tees news.



**You said:** Prudhoe needs more social housing at affordable rents

**We did:** Following on from building new shops and flats on Front St, are working on another social housing scheme in the town.

**You said:** The town centre needs livening up and the shop fronts could be more attractive

**We did:** Set up a joint working party with Prudhoe Town Council to see what might be achieved.



*Thanks to Prudhoe Coop for letting us mount a display and approach customers*

**You said:** Public transport around the town could be improved.

**We will:** Look into setting up a volunteer driving scheme as soon as possible, probably in 2020

**You said:** You wanted to volunteer. One third of people responding offered to help in the community showing that Prudhoe is a friendly town.

**We will:** Try to set up a volunteer exchange, as soon as we can, hopefully by 2020.

**You said:** Pot holes must be filled after the winter snow and parking should be improved.

**We did:** take these issues up with Northumberland County Council

## **Read for yourself:**

There is lots more detail in the full report which can be read at [www.prudhoe.org](http://www.prudhoe.org).

Some of the issues are beyond our means to solve and then we have referred them on.

Others will take a little time as we have limited resources. But offers to help are always welcome, for example by joining one of the subgroups tackling specific issues.

The survey has given us tasks for the next two years at least and we feel that taken a steer from what local people want and will do our best to make it all happen.

Thank you for taking part in the survey and for supporting Prudhoe Community Partnership

And thanks to Julia Plinston from Community Action Northumberland for her analysis and report.

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**Lead Trustee, Town Survey group**



By the way, membership of the Partnership is open to anyone living or working in Prudhoe. There is no joining fee so please support us. Membership details can be found at [www.prudhoe.org/join-the-partnership/](http://www.prudhoe.org/join-the-partnership/)

