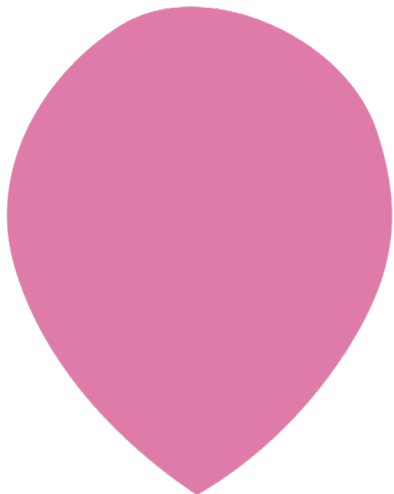
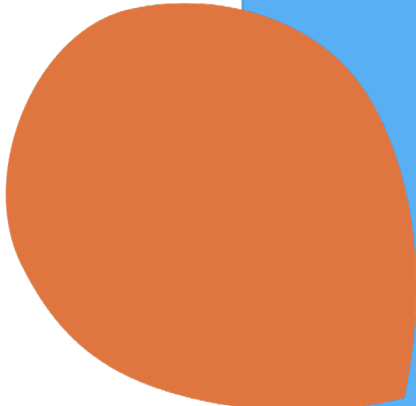

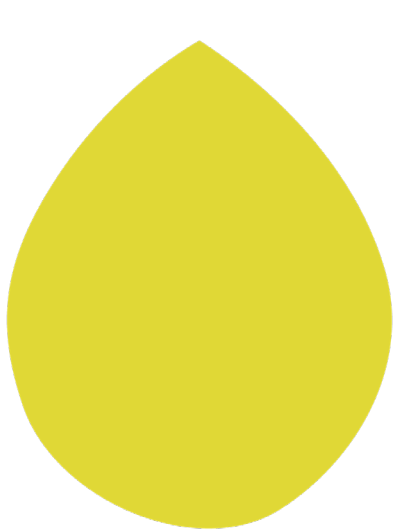




**Building
Self-Belief**

Youth Take Action to Change Consett

**Building Self-Belief Youth Manifesto
2024 - 2025**



What are Building Self-Belief's Aims?

To **equip** our young people with the skills to take an active role as future leaders in their community.

To **empower** young people by giving them the strategies to improve their self-belief and take **ownership** of their lives.

To **encourage** our young people to use their creativity and imagination to help improve their local area.

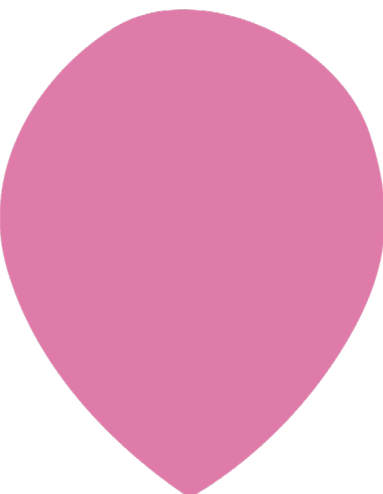

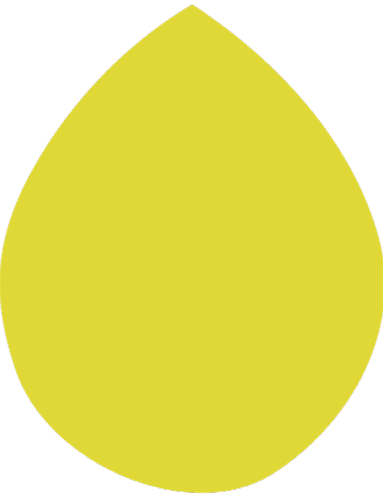
To make young people aware of their environment and their capabilities in **controlling** their own life and the lives of others as a **force** for good.

To encourage young people across the generations to **build** stronger communities.



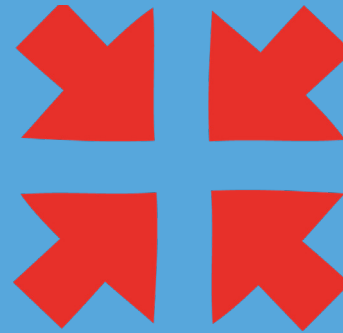
Who are the Building Self-Belief Youth Panel?

The BSBCIO Youth Panel is a group of youth representatives between the ages of 13-24, who live or go to school in Consett. Their role is to be the 'voice' of young people living in Consett and work closely with BSBCIO to ensure we are meeting the needs of young people. They aim to guide and support the local people to take action to make Consett a more inviting place for our young people to live.



What are our Youth Panel's Aims?

Reduce



Increase

the communities awareness of waste regulations used to tackle waste crime.

Create

an outdoor/indoor market area to promote the community to shop local goods.

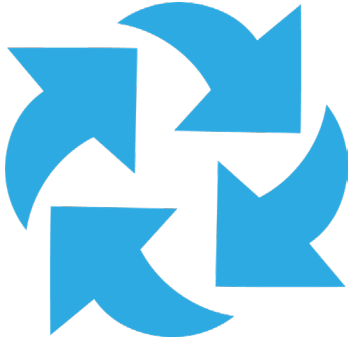
Reduce

the number of vacant shops on Middle Street

Organise

jumble sales and swap shops for the local community.

Reuse



Improve

the bus station to make it safer for everyone.

Increase

the number of recycling bins in Middle Street to promote recycling.

Improve

the arcade to make it more inviting to young people.

Invest

money into community buildings to create a venue for young people to use as a base in the town centre.

Recycle



Host

community clean ups which are accessible to everyone.

Organise

repair shops for the local community.

Focus

on educating children on the importance of recycling.

Increase

the participation in recycling by increasing their awareness of the location of recycling points.



YOUR AREA, YOUR FUTURE HAVE YOUR SAY.

-YOUTH CONSULTATION-

Ages 13-24



As young people, tell us how you would like the Consett Area to look by 2036.

What can we all do to improve on what we already have?
What ideas do you have to ensure the continued and positive growth of the Consett Area?

A group of Year 12 students from Consett Academy are leading our Youth Consultation in collaboration with the Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum, to help them prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the Consett Area.

Your area, your future, have your say!

Please complete the online consultation.

PRIZE DRAW for taking part - a £50 ASOS voucher.



Scan this QR code to complete the Youth Consultation and make sure to share the link with friends!



Building Self-Belief



Newcastle Building Society

Youth Consultation in Preparation of Consett Area Neighbourhood Plan

Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum was officially formed on January 14th 2024. Our main aim is to work together to create a Consett Area Neighbourhood Plan, to support the improvement of the area for the Consett community.

A group of Year 12 students from Consett Academy led our Youth Consultation to the Consett Area Neighbourhood Forum to help prepare the Consett Area Neighbourhood Plan.

Their aim is to engage the young people of the Consett Area, to get their input about how we can develop and improve our area.



Key Areas For Consultation:

Settlement Boundaries

Employment Land

Consett Town Centre

Local Boundaries

Local Amenities and Tourism

Housing

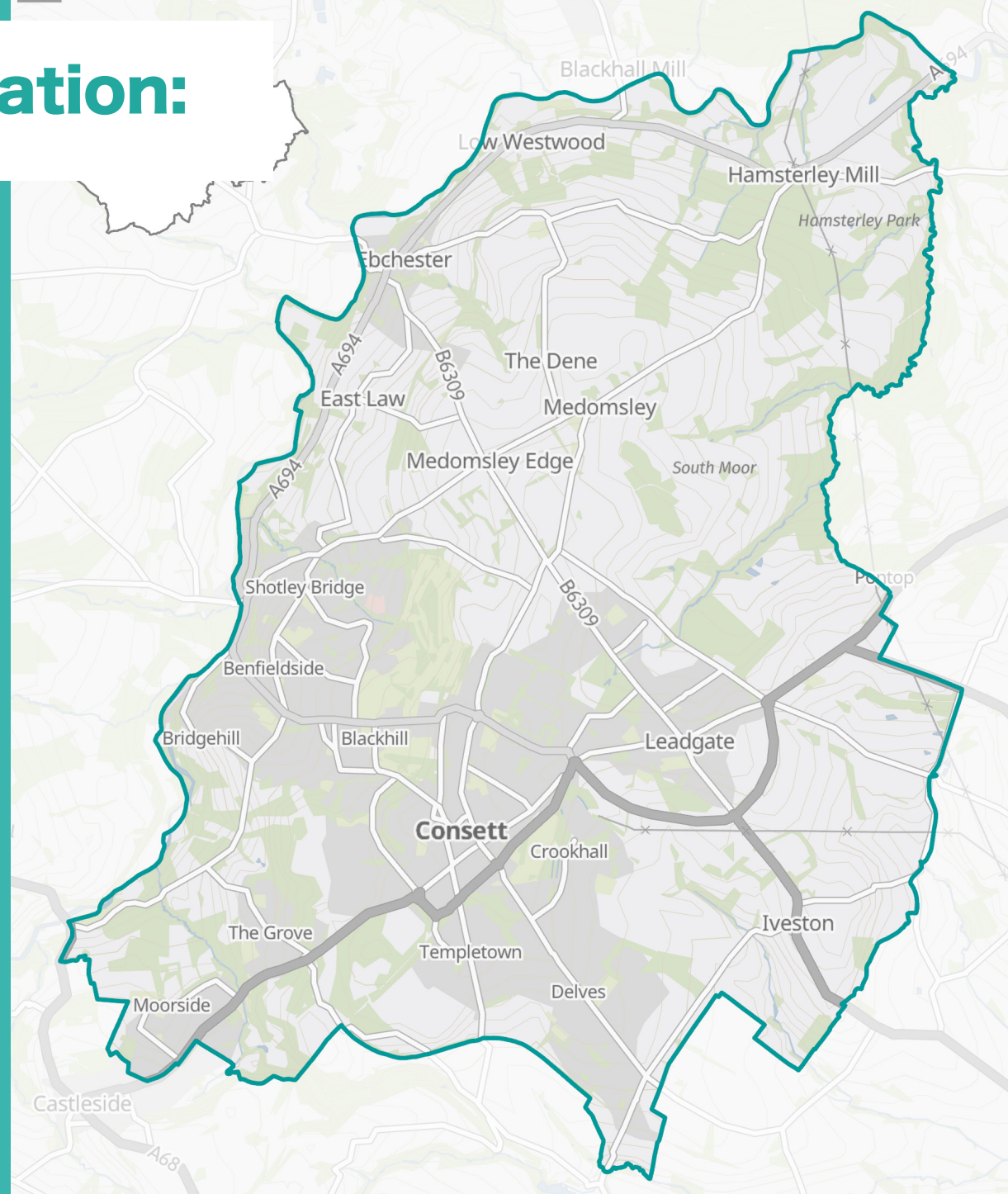
Community Facilities

Heritage Assets

Historic Buildings and Monuments

Biodiversity and Geological Assets

Transport



The Forum covers the Consett Neighbourhood Area, shown on the map. The Neighbourhood Area was designated by Durham County Council on 7th November 2023.

Youth Consultation in Preparation of Consett Area Neighbourhood Plan



The Consett Academy Employability Programme, delivered by Building Self-Belief and sponsored by Newcastle Building Society, focuses on developing students' employability skills by enhancing their CVs, LinkedIn profiles, and understanding of workplace marketing and social media. As part of the programme, students will visit Newcastle Building Society's head office for mock interviews. This initiative aligns with the Society's campaign to maintain high street services and complements our youth consultation on the Consett Area Neighbourhood Plan. Led by a group of Year 12 students from Consett Academy, the consultation aims to engage local youth in shaping the future development of the Consett Area, including the high street, by gathering their input and ideas.



Community Insights on Improving Consett

81.6% rate Consett town centre as fair-poor

“ I think any variety of shops would improve the town centre - I think simply filling the empty storefronts will be a huge improvement on the way it looks and operates.”

45.8%

rate the leisure facilities within Consett as fair-poor

Demand for more sports facilities, youth clubs, and mental health support for ages 14+.

77.6%

want better and more regular bus routes to other towns and cities.

49%

agree with Newcastle Building Society's policy of keeping their premises on the High Street rather than just having online support and banking apps.

“ It is much more beneficial to have face to face interaction when trying to solve a problem you may have, it also keeps society social and communicating which will not happen if people don't have interactions”

“ Having to go to Newcastle/Durham etc for services is not feasible for everyone, plus it gives people a reason to go into the town centre and then, if there is the offer, they may choose to stay have a coffee, do some shopping etc.”

77.6%

want a better mix of different types of housing, including housing for starter homes, young people to live independently and for pensioners.

Demographics

51%



49%



22.4% 19-24 years

77.6% 13-18 years



“

More banks, more shops, hotels, pubs, things that will grow the economy - the choice of two secondary schools alone also means that more students have to travel out of the area if they aren't suited to either one”

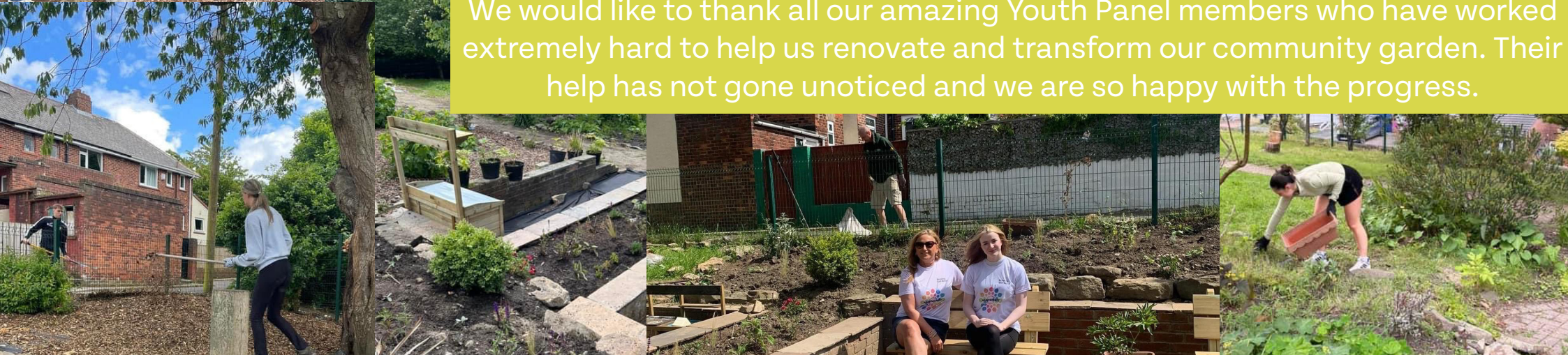
51%

believe more tourism should be encouraged to Consett town centre

Our Benfieldside Community Garden



We would like to thank all our amazing Youth Panel members who have worked extremely hard to help us renovate and transform our community garden. Their help has not gone unnoticed and we are so happy with the progress.



Our Youth Groups



Without the dedication of our incredible youth panel members, who volunteer their evenings, our youth groups around Consett would not be possible.



Celebrating Success



Archie & Tommy



Congratulations to our young superstars Archie & Tommy who won the County Durham Youth Council Award 2024 for their amazing volunteering at Benfieldside Community Garden.

Maya



Congratulations to Maya who won the County Durham Youth Council Youth Award 2024 for her amazing volunteering across our youth & community programmes!

As a charity we are always looking for opportunities to support our young people. Eddie regularly volunteers for the charity at our youth clubs and he has also done a great deal of work at our community garden. What better way to support him than to sponsor him as part of his football team as a player at Ashington FC.



“

Thank you to Building Self-Belief for my sponsorship at Ashington FC. It means a lot to me to get so much support from the charity and the community”



We look forward to seeing him play over the coming season!

If you would like to join our panel, contact us on...



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Youth Continue to Call for Change in Consett



Youth Manifesto

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A huge thank you to Karbon Homes for their continued support.