

Nenthead Re-cycling Centre Update

Further to my meeting with an Officer of Eden District Council (EDC) at the site back in November 2019.

I've made contact again to ask for an update on several matters that were raised, including updated signage for the centre.

Most of the signage is obscured by the bins and the sign detailing the funds raised by the facility for the Village Hall dates to 2009/2010.

I was recently asked by a resident if we still received this funding. I have had this confirmed by EDC and they advise they will try and get some figures together for me, so we can feedback to the community on how much revenue has been raised from their re-cycling efforts.

Volunteers including myself & Cllr Laura Seaton are regularly keeping an eye on the site and will report incidents of fly tipping and overflowing bins.

Yesterday (Sunday) the site was in a very poor state with bins overflowing and non re-cyclable items just dumped. I understand Alston was in a very bad state as well. (This has been reported to EDC).

This is very disappointing as the site in Nenthead of late had been starting to be kept tidy after EDC arranged for a deep clean of the site and was much improved overall.

I was advised that further clean ups would be periodically undertaken. So I have requested another deep clean and have been advised this will be followed up.

Works to the adjacent garden areas had been planned with the support of EDC and a group of local volunteers, but this has been on hold due to The Covid 19 outbreak, but they have advised that this will be followed up possibly springtime.

I've been informed that where practically possible contractors are still dealing with fly tipping. Textiles remain a concern largely due to the possible risks from Covid 19 contamination.

Unfortunately due to the Covid situation, operations have needed to be altered.

I will continue to liaise with EDC and feedback again in the New Year. Hoping that the situation will change and that we can get back to some normality by next spring.

I would hope that Residents meanwhile, would help by using our re-cycling sites responsibly. Every little helps during these challenging times and hopefully with the co-operation of both the Community and EDC every effort can be made to try to keep these sites in a reasonable state.

Councillor Maxine Denoual

Nenthead Ward (Alston Parish Council)

7th December 2020.