

# FACELIFT SCHEME

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## FACELIFTS FOR FREE

As part of our plans for older housing in central Middlesbrough, we're starting a facelift programme to improve the external appearance of your properties. This could include:

- brick cleaning at the front of your house;
- re-pointing;
- external painting;
- new boundary wall and gate; and,
- new front doors.

The facelifts are **FREE** of charge and can make a real difference to the look of your home and

neighbourhood – as the photos below show.

Facelift programmes have been previously undertaken in the Clarendon and Westbourne Renewal Areas including recent work in Southfield and Abingdon Road.

Part or all of the following streets will be in the programme to start this financial year: Ayresome Street, Woodlands Road, and Princes Road (properties which are not affected by the clearance proposals).

### Facelift improvements on Laurel Street

The facelifts involved brick cleaning at the front of the house, re-pointing and external painting.



### Facelift improvements on Southfield Road

The work involved the provision of a new boundary wall and gate.



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All property owners in the selected streets and roads are eligible, regardless of how long you have lived there. There is a simple owner's agreement form to fill in that you have to send back to us by a specified date. If you don't do this, we can't do the work.

Private landlords and housing associations will also be eligible to take part in the scheme.

We hope everyone who is eligible takes up the offer in order to maximise the visual impact on the neighbourhood.

# "DECENT HOMES" STANDARD

Middlesbrough Council is committed to reducing the number of privately owned properties that do not meet the Decent Homes standard set by the Government.

To be a decent home a house must meet these standards:

- it meets the current legal minimum standard for housing;
- it is in a reasonable state of repair;
- it has reasonably modern facilities and services; and,
- it is reasonably warm and energy-efficient.

If you are an **owner-occupier** and your home does not meet the Decent Homes standard you might be eligible for an improvement package being developed by the Council.

If you want to be considered for an improvement package we can do an initial survey to decide what work needs to be done to bring your home up to the Decent Homes standard.

The improvement package will be made up of a grant and a loan and you will have to apply for this. **Please remember this package is only available to owner-occupiers. Landlords or tenants are not eligible.**

To log your interest and find out more please ring: Joyce McLean on 01642 729527.

Financial assistance is currently available to undertake emergency works or to undertake items of repair for older people.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

By September we will send out a letter and information leaflet to all eligible property owners about the scheme.

There will also be an owner agreement form asking the owner of the property to agree to the works and the conditions detailed on it.

It is extremely important that this form is filled in by the owner of the property (not the tenant) and returned to the Council in the pre-paid envelope provided.

If you are a tenant, please pass this form on to your landlord as soon as you receive it.

We must have their consent for the work to be done before the contractor starts the work. We will give you a deadline date for when we need your forms returned. If you miss the deadline, your property will miss out on these works.

After we get your returned owners agreement form, we will notify you of the date when the work is expected to start.

## Selected Areas

The streets and roads have been selected to blend in with past and present regeneration schemes in the Gresham/Middlehaven University ward areas and reflect the new vision the Council wants to achieve for the area.

The programme aims to target key gateways into the area and prominent house frontages as part of a comprehensive programme of housing renewal.

**Need to know more?** Call us free on 0800 7832874 or visit the Council's website at [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk) or you can contact us by email at the following address [newvision@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:newvision@middlesbrough.gov.uk). We will try to make a summary of this document available in other languages, braille or large print on request.

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