

## PRESS RELEASE

### Local Pub Signs up to Responsible Retailers Scheme

A 'Responsible Retailers' scheme is being pioneered in Hathershaw and Fitton Hill to ensure local shops and businesses pledge to keep their premises clean and tidy and dispose of their waste properly.

The Neighbourhood Team together with the Council's Environmental Services Team have developed the new scheme on the back of the Neighbourhoods Together Agreements which residents signed up to at the end of February.

The aim is to get local shops, pubs and businesses to comply with the law, take responsibility for the litter they generate and to keep the fronts and rear areas of their premises clean and tidy.

To kickstart the process the rear of the Colliers Arms pub will be cleaned up and overgrown trees and shrubs cut back with the help of the Neighbourhood Solutions Street Scene Team.

This premises was highlighted because of its high profile visibility from Ashton Road. It had also been left empty for some time and the new landlady was eager to do something with it.

The Colliers Arms landlady has already signed up to the Responsible Retailers scheme and Street Scene will be finishing off the clean up on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 9:00 am.

David Patterson Chair of the TNT Group said  
"The group is really pleased with the clean up of the Colliers Arms land and when Street Scene have been in it will look really good. We hope that other businesses, shops and pubs will see the clean up and run with the challenge so that everyone in the area is doing their bit for the environment and enforcing the Neighbourhoods Together Agreement"

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**You are invited to take photographs of the work in progress on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am, at the rear of the Colliers Arms**