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Co-operation at the Grass Roots in Sunderland: Let's Talk Elemore

Since 2019, councils in Burntwood, North Hertfordshire, Stevenage & Sunderland have been working together on a policy lab to explore ways in which co-operation can be facilitated by councils in their interactions with residents and communities at a very localised level.

The policy lab has identified the value this brings, not just to more effective delivery of services, but also to wider social and economic benefits for places.

Through extensive consultation within the Elemore and Easington Lane areas of Sunderland, Sunderland City Council and community organisations worked together to identify areas which were considered a priority for local residents. At the forefront of this was the recently closed Elemore Golf Club, a large facility consisting of a building and golf course that had, since its closure been left to go back to nature. The partnership of both council and community was able to secure funding and permission to turn the site into a community park, garden centre and café, run by a local CIC that has experience as well as the local community, the Elemore site will provide a focal point for the local community bringing both wellbeing and employment opportunities to the area.

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