

Wickersley Ward

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News from Wickersley, Bramley, Flanderwell and Sunnyside

Ward Priorities

To continue to work with partners on the Flanderwell Task and Finish

- Maximise community engagement and development opportunities
- Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and ensure residents feel safe where they live
- Deliver effective operational management of council homes and an excellent housing service to our customers
- Identify quality of place issues and key actions to create a safe and attractive neighbourhood environment
- Improving the environment by empowering communities
- Supporting Youth Provision in the area and encouraging diversionary activities on key dates in the year
- Exploring opportunities to improve road safety and parking in the area
- Ensure co-ordinated response to ASB hotspots in Monthly CIM meeting and set up specific task and finish groups as/when required.
- Supporting residents with noise nuisance relating to entertainment establishments.

Summary of Key Achievements 2017/18

Flanderwell Park - Engaging the community in a redeveloped local park to promote community spirit and community pride. Engaging the community was done at the very early stages of planning through consultation, particularly regarding the layout and the design of the park. The local Primary School children designed 30 plaques, funded by ward councillors, which were installed all around the park including the pathways. The local Comprehensive School WSSC pupils designed the rules for the park and residents as well as school children were invited to help sow wildflower seeds in the park. An opening event was organised for the park which included fun activities for all the community. Recently a notice board was installed and a newsletter was produced to keep residents updated with local activities, news and information.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/blog/wickersleyward/post/187/flanderwell-park-officially-open>

Diversionary Activities - Evening diversionary activities were funded during the summer holidays on Flanderwell Park. This involved youth workers engaging with young people on the park by playing a range of fun games which children of all ages could get involved in and continue to play in their own time. The focus of the work was to encourage young people to use the park to its full potential whilst encouraging community pride. Each session started off with a fun litter pick and discussions around the impact of litter on our environment. Over 59 young people including adults/parents engaged with the detached youth workers and positive feedback was received. Similar detached youth work was then funded during October half term (Fawkes period).

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/blog/wickersleyward/post/210/2018-summer-activities-in-the-wickersley-ward>

Maximising community engagement and development opportunities is one of the ward priorities with a particular focus on Flanderwell. Flanderwell doesn't have any active groups or Tara's and the only community building is the Mark Grove Neighbourhood Centre which is under used. We have helped improve the usage of this community asset by introducing a regular monthly coffee morning which has encouraged residents to set up their own weekly craft/card making session. A number of community projects have also developed by engaging the local primary school (Flanderwell Primary School). Examples include helping the school organise school council elections and working with the school council representatives with community projects such as speed watch, litter picking and designing a plaque which were placed on the railings and seating of their redeveloped local park. The school performed at the newly established coffee morning at Mark Grove with a Spring Sing, Stories and Poem reading and Christmas Carol Concert (intergenerational project).

Community Speed Watch - Several Community Speed Watch initiatives have been organised by Councillors with SYP in the Wickersley Ward. Councillors have invited residents and schools to take part in monitoring the speed of passing vehicles in areas where speeding concerns have been raised by the public. Brook Lane in Bramley has recently had improvements made to the layout of the road and councillors have funded a portable speed activation sign to further improve the safety of this road. A 20mph speed awareness sign was placed outside Sunnyside School on Flanderwell Lane this summer and the pupils took part in a speed watch.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/blog/wickersleyward/post/202/speed-watch>

ASB – An increasing number of reports of anti-social behaviour were being reported by residents about a well-used footpath which leads from Sunnyside to Flanderwell. The area was seeing an increase in fly-tipping and damage to resident's fence panels. Partners worked together on problem solving solutions and councillors consulted with residents to identify what would make them feel safer in their community. The results were to improve the lighting on the path. Wickersley Ward Councillors and RMBC Area Housing Panel jointly funded solar lighting on the path which was installed this year. The lighting has allowed the area to be more visible to residents overlooking the path. Know Who to Call leaflets were delivered in the area encouraging residents to report any further issues. The area has seen a drop in anti-social behaviour.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/blog/wickersleyward/post/196/solar-lighting-installed-on-local-footpath>

Wickersley Ward Blog link below

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/blog/wickersleyward>

Wickersley Ward Plan link below

https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/3702/wickersley_ward_plan