

Swinton Ward

Councillor Victoria Cusworth (01709 208688 - 07885 544781)

Councillor Stuart Sansome (01709 875335 - 07917 641666)

Councillor Ken Wyatt (01709 583073 - 07951 786561)



Councillor Cusworth



Councillor Sansome



Councillor Wyatt

PUTTING COMMUNITIES AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Swinton Ward Report

Defibrillators

The Swinton Ward has supported the expansion in the number of defibrillators available. As a result defibrillators are now available at Brookfield Academy, Swinton Lock Activity Centre, Swinton Community Sports Ground Trust and Train Station Interchange in addition to the one at Swinton Library.



Community Skips and Litter Picking



In the Swinton Ward we have worked very closely with our Housing Officers to support Community Skip Days in a number of locations throughout our ward. Match funding from the Swinton Ward budget has enabled skips to be provided in new areas which has been greatly welcomed by local residents. We also undertake community litter picks alongside community groups and volunteers.

VC Centenary

September 2018 was a special time for Swinton being 100 years since Lance Corporal Thomas Jackson of the Coldstream Guards was awarded the Victoria Cross. The Ward budget enabled a variety of enhancement works at the Swinton War Memorial site ahead of an event to remember in Swinton's history. Led by South Yorkshire Polices Horses the parade included around 12 standards from the British Legion and other veteran's organisations. Representatives of the Coldstream Guards from Windsor Barracks, many former service personnel, Swinton Queen Primary School pupils and local residents all attended. The Parade started at Queen Street car park and concluded at St Margaret's Church where a service was led by Bishop Pete of Sheffield. The attendees then assembled at the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths



Resident Engagement

Swinton Ward outreach surgeries have been arranged at Charles Street Community Centre, Potteries Court and Highfield Court. Councillor Cusworth also visits local residents with her dog Polly as part of her befriending work. Schools in the ward are visited for regular question and answer sessions including the Debating Society at Swinton Academy.

Road Safety Work With Schools

A lot of work has been undertaken with schools throughout the Swinton Ward regarding road safety which the ward budget has assisted with. Six signs have been purchased for schools placed at school entrances to remind drivers to be cautious where they park their vehicles. Match funding has been provided from the ward capital budget to enable 20mph signs to be placed on Lime Grove, Swinton near Brookfield Academy. The ward budget has also supported the Active Travel project to



encourage children to get to school by other means than by car. Scooters have been purchased for the schools on receipt of their bronze and silver awards. Banners have also been purchased for the Park and Stride schemes.

Swinton Library



Councillors work very closely with our library staff to help provide extra activities for the residents of the Swinton Ward. The ward budget supports the provision of free dog poo bags from the library as dog fouling is an often reported problem. We have provided funding to enable a visit from the English Touring Opera and support the annual Summer Reading Challenge. Swinton has also taken up an offer to house some museum cases so hosts the Swinton Mini Museum.

Neighbourhood Policing

Partnership working with the Neighbourhood Policing Team has been a major priority for the Swinton Ward. The ward budget has enabled us to support the Neighbourhood Team with the purchase of electric bicycles to enable PCSOs to be more visible to residents. We hold quarterly public Neighbourhood Policing meetings enabling residents to receive an update on policing in the area and have the opportunity to ask questions. Swinton has also been the first area in Rotherham to take part in Operation Shield. Eight hundred properties in a targeted area have received free Smart Water kits to mark valuables within their properties. The operation is designed to reduce incidences of domestic burglaries.



Bus Service Improvements

Swinton Ward Councillors met with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport to ensure the retention of the 107 bus service for the residents of the Lime Grove and Piccadilly Estate.

Another public transport success for Swinton is the 218 service through the Wentworth Parks Estate which has increased from two buses per day, five days a week to an hourly service running between 7am and 7pm for six days per week.