

# Wath Ward

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## Ward Priorities for 2020 / 2021:

- Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improving the environment
- Improving community facilities and activities
- Enhancing children's play areas, parks and pitches
- Explore opportunities to enhance Wath Town Centre
- Support the Covid 19 Pandemic efforts

## Sensory Garden for Community Connect

Following the closure of the Oaks Day Centre an amazing social enterprise to support local people with mild to moderate learning disabilities has been set up in Wath. Community Connect run by former Oaks Day Centre staff are developing an amazing facility for its users. The most recent development being the transformation of a disused piece of land owned by the Wath Rugby Club next to Community Connects building into a sensory garden.



With the Rugby clubs approval, the land has been cleared and grass seeded by Streetpride thanks to funding from the Wath Ward Budget. With service users having a very keen interest in gardening and woodwork Community Connect came to Wath Ward Councillors to see if a shed could be located to support them working outside in all weathers. Shortly after this request along came the opportunity to give the Town Centre Santa's Grotto a new home, Community Connect thought the grotto was perfect and were successful in their request to give it a new home. After amazing support from local businesses the Grotto was moved from Rotherham to its new home in Wath.

## Facility Improvements at Manvers Lake

The facilities and activities at Manvers Lake are constantly developing as the usage of the site expands. The Wath Ward Budget has enabled financial support to be provided to help with developments. Match funding was provided to enable the purchase of the floating jetty facility on the lake. The lake also encounters issues with off road bikes so the ward budget enabled the purchase of metal 171 warning signs for installation at key entrances to the facility. These signs are helping the Police in their enforcement work.



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## Kings Bowls Club Improvements

Sadly the Kings Bowls Clubs facilities at Wath were severely damaged during the November 2019 flooding. Their club's kitchen facilities were left waist high in water so were totally ruined. The club turned to the Wath Ward Councillors and Neighbourhoods Team for help. Working with contractor Mears it was soon agreed that the club would be provided with new kitchen cabinets as part of Mears community work. As part of the renovations the club moved electrics to a height where if such flooding occurred again it wouldn't cause damage to them and the walls and floor coverings were to be changed to support an easier clean up in the future. The Wath Ward Budget was able to provide funding for the club to replace damaged kitchen electrical items and new crockery. A section of fencing was also funded by the Wath Ward Budget to make the site more secure and protect the club from any further incidents of anti-social behaviour.



## First Aid Training for Community Volunteers

The Wath Ward Budget has been able to fund places on a First Aid at Work course for community volunteers. Wath does like to arrange fabulous community events and it is a requirement to have a number of First Aid at Work qualified First Aiders at events. This investment in our wards volunteers means community events should have no problem obtaining the necessary first aid cover for the next few years.



## Street Signage Improvements

Residents in Wath are keen for their community to look at its best. Our street signage improvement project has enabled residents to get involved in nominating street signage that's ready for renewal to keep the area looking at its best.



## Skate Park and Play Area Improvements

The provision of good quality play provision for young people of all ages has been a ward priority that a lot of work has been undertaken on. The Wath Ward Budget has allowed new surfacing to be provided on the ramps to the Skate Park. Improvements to existing equipment or provision of new equipment at Strathmore Park, Avenue Road and Biscay Way Play Areas.

