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BOSTON CASTLE WARD—PRIORITIES AND RESPONSES

COVID 19 Boston Castle—A BIG THANK YOU

Covid-19 has changed life dramatically for everyone including in Rotherham. It has seen the whole community pull together to support one another in various ways.

Councillors would like to take this time to thank all volunteers, businesses, community groups and local residents who have taken time out of their daily lives to help their community.

Councillors continue to work closely with RMBC throughout the course of the year to keep constituents updated on local responses during this time.



Priority 1 - Ensure a co-ordinated response to crime and anti-social behaviour, with a particular focus on Wellgate House, Wharncliffe Flats, Herringthorpe Playing Fields and Boston Castle Grove

Boston Castle's Councillors have ensured a pro-active, co-ordinated response to such issues.

Wellgate House

- Ward Councillors have been working closely with South Yorkshire Police (SYP), Places for People, the council and local residents to target ASB around Wellgate House
- Numerous meetings have been held with youth services and local residents
- As a result, local residents now keep SYP and Councillors updated via a WhatsApp group.
- Ward funding has also been used to work in partnership with the local Mosque to look at the possibility of a developing a hub for community activities

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Herringthorpe Playing Fields

- Community concerns were raised regarding ASB on Herringthorpe Playing fields. In response to which Councillors called a meeting with RMBC and SYP to decipher what action can be taken to target this issue
- As a result, Councillors funded fencing to prohibit access to the field to decrease ASB. Changes have been made to the way the field is managed to improve its potential to attract wildlife

Wharncliffe Flats

- Various walkarounds of the flats and community meetings have taken place to develop a plan to address issues such as ASB
- Following on from this, SYP have made a significant number of arrests and executed numerous warrants
- As a result of these meetings, new CCTV has now been installed at Wharncliffe and with the support of RotherFed and local Councillors, RMBC will be producing a newsletter to keep residents up to date with ongoing work



Boston Castle Grove

- Concerns were raised by local residents involving speeding and ASB on and around Boston Castle Grove
- Councillors have been working closely with RMBC Traffic and SYP to combat these issues
- SYP have met with Thomas Rotherham College who now have agreed a plan to help further secure their site to restrict out of hours access
- As a result of these meetings, RMBC traffic and SYP have and continue to conduct patrols around the area and have issued numerous fines to illegally parked vehicles

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Priority 2 - Update and work with the community on specific local developments

Boston Castle ward includes very different neighbourhoods as well as the Town Centre. The Councillors hold ward networking events bringing people together to update and where possible and work with them on specific local developments. Progress reports have been provided in relation to; Boston / Clifton Parks, Rothwell Grange and the Town Centre; specifically the three housing developments sites. Councillors have also been working hard with RMBC on the Town Centre Master Plan.



Priority 3 - Celebrate achievements and bring communities together strengthening a sense of belonging

The Boston Castle Community Awards is a chance to say thank you to partners and residents. The Councillors have presented Community Awards in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Ward Budget – Dragons Den Event September 2019

Groups were invited to bid into the Ward Budget and pitch to the public at a Dragons Den event. Residents and Councillors agreed to fund 5 projects these were: Canklow Rainbow Kids Club, Lighthouse Homes, Friends of Clifton Park, Canklow Kidz and Solo Dance Fitness

The Boston Castle Ward Budget has also funded other projects including United Multicultural Centre (UMCC), Sangeet Choir, Friends Indeed and Rotherham Hospice.



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