

Brinsworth and Catcliffe Ward

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PUTTING COMMUNITIES AT THE **HEART** OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Brinsworth and Catcliffe Ward Report 2020/21

Our ward has a set of priorities that are important to the people within it. By aligning our funding to these priorities we have supported the delivery of 20 projects across 12 organisations; all of which have made a real difference. This has been a difficult year for us all and we have embraced the challenges of finding new ways of working during the pandemic. We launched our second round of Community Chest funding in 2020, which combined with our Community Leadership funding has helped us to stay connected to our ward and offer support where and when it was needed. We have worked closely with our partners on a number of projects, and joined our resources with Parish Councils, Housing hubs and community groups to provide match funding to deliver projects that have the most impact.

Priority 1 - Rebuilding and connecting communities

- ♦ The Centre at Brinsworth received funding to run the Hot food Projects that serves two course meals twice a week to elderly and vulnerable residents. They also purchased a canopy for their outdoor café area.
- ♦ Brinsworth Arts Group purchased gazebos and portable equipment to allow the group to meet outside safely.
- ♦ Christmas was different this year, so it was important to support the community with 'Brighten up Brinsworth', providing funding to install Christmas lights, hold virtual Christmas events, donate prizes and support the illumination of the life-size nativity scene in Catcliffe Kiln.



Priority 2 - Addressing crime and community safety

- ♦ Working with the Housing hub we provided funding to install security lighting outside several ground floor flats at Fortway Road and Roman crescent. This lighting will ensure residents feel safe where they live, particularly on dark evenings.
- ♦ Replacing a fence panel on Victoria Street has helped to reduce incidents of Anti-social behaviour.
- ♦ Waverley Junior Academy, provided parking buddies to help promote road safety outside schools

Priority 3 - Nurturing clean and green environments

- ◆ We have worked in partnership with Catcliffe Parish Council to match fund a fly-tipping camera, which will stay in the Catcliffe area. It will be monitored by RMBC but the decision on where the camera is deployed will be decided by Catcliffe Parish Council and local residents.
- ◆ We have commissioned Casting Innovations to work with neighbourhood staff and local schools to provide 30 bird boxes and 20 bat boxes. These will be distributed in suitable locations across the ward to encourage wildlife.



- ◆ We will be planting 2 apple trees near a park in Catcliffe which we hope will be the start of a planting programme across the ward, this will enhance the environment and give local children healthy treats once the trees start to produce fruit.
- ◆ Friends of St Georges received funding to clean and clear the grave yard and cut back dangerous branches to make it a safe place for people to visit and enjoy the peace and quite.



Priority 4 - Stimulating active minds and body for all ages

- ◆ We provided Community Chest grants to Catcliffe Parish Council and Brinsworth Parish Council to help refurbish their play areas. This funding enabled them to purchase an inclusive swing and a Cobra swing.
- ◆ Catcliffe Bowling Club and Brinsworth Bowling Club, have received Community Chest funding for new outdoor shelters and equipment to maintain the green.



- ◆ Friends of Howarth were supported with an outdoor classroom and play equipment that has provided additional space to allow pupils to safely learn and play outside, it gives plenty of shelter from the rain or sun so they can use it any time of the year.
- ◆ We funded Crafty Talk to make 70 'craftolation' packs that were given to people shielding or isolating during lockdown, which helped with mental health and well being
- ◆ RUCST, misconception of youth is a virtual Journalism programme that will teach young people skills and equip them with the tools to become keen journalists
- ◆ Friends of Brinsworth Manor purchased two outdoor clocks for the playground to help with outdoor play and education