## TIMELINE OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

August to November 2021

Rotherham Metropolitan **Borough Council** 

KEY

Government Announcements

Thriving Neighbourhoods

Better Health and Wellbeing

**Economic Recovery** 

New Ways of Working

Hope and Confidence

Cross-cutting

Council set to almost double its annual Domestic Abuse budget and provide more services to victims and survivors.

Garden waste collection service resumed.

44 new apartments completed at **Broom Valley** as part of the plans to build a thousand new Council homes.

Almost three and a half miles of wildflower verges planted in 12 trial areas across the borough includina Herringthorpe, Swinton, Harthill

and Maltby.

Consultation on the new Council Plan 2022-2025 opened.

> Garden waste collections resumed.

New Hybrid Working Policy agreed to enable employees to maximise performance and productivity, whilst maintaining a good work life balance.

Completion of ten bungalows spread across four sites: Chestnut Close, Craig Walk, Greenwood Close, Hornbeam Road.

Council accredited as a Real Living Wage employer.

Announced that Travelodge exchanged long term-deal to become the next anchor tenant at Forge Island.

Rotherham Show took place with an estimated audience of 90,000. Included new site layout to accommodate COVID-19 measures and covid vaccination bus.

> South Yorkshire LA's joined forces with national recycling campaign 'Recycle Now' to promote the message locally.

> > Refresh programme for all street litter bins commenced

> > > Rotherham named as one of 54 priority areas by Arts Council England.

Rother Valley Country Park, Clifton, Greasbrough and Ulley parks received Green Flag Awards.

Attractions from across South Yorkshire joined together to showcase the best of the region.

Transition to hybrid working microsite went live.

Families encouraged to take lateral flow tests before pupils return to school.

> Kiveton Park Library relaunch event following extensive refurbishment of the building and it's facilities.

Two out of three

funding bids from

the Levelling Up Fund

approved by government,

with almost £40million

to help improve leisure

economy and skills in the

borough and Rotherham

town centre.

Work started on the restoration of Keppel's Column.

Christmas Lights Switch-On event and entertainment in the town centre.

Reclaim the Night event, to stand against violence towards women and girls, making streets and public spaces safe for and everyone.

Hospital Hub for 12-15 year olds who did not receive their COVID vaccines in schools opened at Rotherham Hospital.

Homes at The Lanes made cheaper to heat and energy efficient by fitting new triple glazing, external doors, improving insulation and replacing old boilers.

Residents reminded to take Lateral Flow Tests before attending festive events.

> College Street public realm scheme completed.

Big Hearts Big Changes virtual awards ceremony took place, to recognise the hard work of staff within the Council.

> New Housing Management System went live.

## **AUGUST**

## **SEPTEMBER**

## **OCTOBER**

Residents

encouraged

to get winter

vaccination.

**NOVEMBER** 

Free digital

counselling

and support

service for

children

and young

people

launched.

All young people aged 16 to 17 in England offered a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by Monday 23 August.

2021

Antibody tests offered to public for first time.

Changes to self-isolation came into effect – double vaccinated people and children no longer needed to self-isolate if they are in close contact of someone who has tested positive.

New relocated mobile Covid test site opened at Constable Lane car park in

Dinnington.

Rotherham United offered free tickets to those who jot a jab before Saturday's match.

Covid Winter Plan announced.

Vaccine invitations for those aged 12 to 15 and those eligible for a booster jab began.

Online event took place to encourage women to talk about suicide as part of World Suicide Prevention Day.

Staff and residents informed about useful donations to Afghan people, who are housed at a 'bridging hotel' as part of the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy

Refurbished Rotherham Civic Theatre reopened.

Vaccinations for 12-15-year-olds and boosters for those eligible underway.

Implementation of team around the School starts, a mental health and wellbeing support programme for pupils and their families with their.

Agreed to end the requirement for shielding guidance for people previously considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable

New PCR testing site opened on Constable Lane car park, Dinnington.

Sheffield Hallam University and South Yorkshire's four LA's created a new regional strategy to improve speech, language and communication (SLC) for children under five.

SY Police and Crime Commissioner successful in securing £550,000 of funding to help make women and girls feel safer in public spaces, installing innovative lighting and CCTV in Clifton Park.

Work began on multimillionpound canal barrier as part of Forge Island flood defence and enabling scheme.

Community Champions video on the benefits of physical activity on mental health shared on RMBC twitter for World Mental Health Day.

Issued over 11.000 supermarket vouchers to children eligible for free school meals during half term.

Partnership of organisations which deliver services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) committed to

make further

improvement

**Employee** opinion survey 2021 went live.

Hospital

Hub for 12-15 year olds who did not receive their COVID vaccines in schools opened at Rotherham Hospital.

Quarry House Children's home opened.

date for requesting bulky waste online.

Health and social care providers in England required to ensure all frontline workers are fully vaccinated.

Face coverings made mandatory in shops and on public transport to stop the spread of Omicron variant and all travellers returning to the UK require PCR testing.

across South Yorkshire came together to discuss how to keep adults and children in the region safe.

Customers now able

to choose a collection

Safeguarding

Awareness Week

leaders from