

RAWMARSH WEST WARD

Covering Upper Haugh and West Rawmarsh and Parkgate



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Report to Full Council

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Ward priorities

- Improvements to the local community
 - Tackle Hotspot Areas suffering from fly-tipping and littering
 - Improving Open Spaces
 - Clean Air Zone – Rawmarsh Hill
- Facilities and Activities for Local People
 - Support Pops Outdoor Activities
 - Engage with Voluntary and Charitable Organisations
 - Support RotherFed in 'Making Our Money Go Further'
- Ensure Rosehill Park is a well-used resource and is accessible to all ages and abilities
 - Development of plan of events and activities in Rosehill Park
- Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Support partnership working initiatives that make people feel safe where they live or work
 - Create initiatives that address issues in hotspot areas
 - Identify common themes across Rawmarsh and address as a whole

How these ward priorities were agreed

We used a range of information to inform our Ward Plan priorities for the Rawmarsh West Ward:-

- The new Ward boundaries and Ward profile.
- Feedback from residents and stakeholders
- Speaking to local organisations and individuals, and partners working and/or living within the Ward
- Existing local knowledge
- Community Events



How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy

Our approach has been and remains centred on the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy by putting our community at the heart of everything we do. To work to improve the health of our community, to make them feel safe and proud of where they live, by:-

- Working with communities on the things that matter to them
- Listening and working together to make a difference

Working in partnership

We have worked with colleagues within the Council and also:-

Friends of Rawmarsh and Parkgate Greenspaces
 Friends of Rosehill Park
 Rawmarsh Runners
 Friends of Rawmarsh Cemeteries
 High Street Centre
 Pops Summer Camp
 Harding Avenue Drop-in Centre
 Steadlands Community Group
 RMBC Partners, South Yorkshire Police
 St. Joseph's Junior Football Club
 Parkgate 200 Year Commemoration Group
 Rawmarsh and Parkgate History Group
 RotherFed



Progress so far

A new group has been formed with the assistance of Chris Willis, Bereavement Services - Friends of Rawmarsh Cemeteries. The Group includes representatives of Rawmarsh and Parkgate History Group, local residents and residents from as far afield as Blackpool who have family ties to Rawmarsh and Parkgate.

There are three cemeteries in the Rawmarsh area, all have a wealth of local history. It is hoped in future that local school children will be able to access the sites and from the memorials learn about World War I, World War II and industrial past of the area. A new bench is to be installed in Haugh Road Cemetery to provide a quiet space for visitors to sit and reflect.

Our priority is to ensure Rosehill Park is a well-used resource and is accessible to all ages and abilities. We have worked with Friends of Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh Runners, Greenspaces RotherFed and Yorkshire Sports Foundation to organise community events in the school summer and Easter holidays. The events were very well attended and positive feedback was received from those attending. Fencing has been installed to create an area for use for community events which has already been used for the Egg and Spoon Race. Two of the tennis courts have been earmarked for refurbishment by the Lawn Tennis Association. The car park lines have been re-marked. SRP funding was secured to install additional lighting and a new CCTV system. We are exploring opportunities to make improvements including the automated bollard and lighting on the skate park.

Our local Housing Officers have arranged walkabouts with local residents who have shared their knowledge of the local area and pointed out issues and areas of concern that may not otherwise have come to our attention – gennels that need tidying and cutting back, steps that are in a dangerous condition.

Valuing the environment has been a key priority in the area. Friends of Rawmarsh and Parkgate Greenspaces carry out weekly litter picks and we have had blitz, skip and clean up days.