

HELLABY AND MALTBY WEST WARD

Covering Cliff Hills, Hellaby, Hooton Levitt and West Maltby



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Ward Priorities

- Protecting and improving the environment
- Support and develop initiatives to increase community and individuals' wellbeing
- Identify and support initiatives that improve Road safety

How these Ward Priorities were agreed

- **Listening to residents.** We know our residents are passionate about making their community a better place to live and we are here to work in partnership and make these improvements a reality
- **Consulting with council officers and partners.** Officers and organisations who work within the Ward and the community have years of experience. The information and intelligence they gain is vital.
- **Looking at Ward statistics and other data.** Information on the demography and geography of the area is important, so we can best support the needs of the Ward.

How these Ward Priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy

Supporting the Thriving Neighbourhood Strategy is embedded in work we do as Ward Councillors, when supporting communities and delivering on our Ward Priorities. Our Ward Priorities follow the same aim to **'Put communities at the heart of everything we do and to make people healthier, happier, safer and proud'**.

Working with communities on the things that matter to them: An example of this can be seen through our work in Hellaby Village. A rise in home burglaries raised community concerns and residents asked for our support. As Ward Councillors, we worked with partners to give residents information and supported them to form a Neighbourhood Watch. We also funded home security goods and arranged community meetings.

Listening and working together to make a difference: As Ward Councillors, we are constantly out and about in our Ward, listening to residents and visiting community groups, along with offering regular opportunities for residents to attend Ward surgeries.

Supporting people from different backgrounds to get on well together: The Covid pandemic and Lockdowns meant that many people felt isolated. We recognised that opportunities for communities coming together now, is even more important. Throughout our Ward, we support community groups so that they can thrive, through investing our time and using our Community Leadership Funding. We have supported family events and created opportunities for people from different backgrounds and ages to meet each other. Events have been made free for residents, thus taking away any financial barriers.

Progress so far

Ward Priority 1 - Protecting and improving the environment Hellaby Park Improvements

Hellaby Park is a fantastic green space. However, after consulting with young families, grandparents and childminders that used it, we identified some improvements needed including the drainage of spring water, seating, and new play equipment.

Over the past year, we have created a place to rest, with a new park bench. A place to play, by funding free family fun days and supporting new play equipment. A place to plan the next day, with a new community noticeboard.

We have also contributed Community Leadership Funds to relay a path through a Green Space off Lilly Hill Road. Over the years the path had degraded, which created a trip hazard and issues for those with prams, or wheelchairs.



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Cleaner Neighbourhood

Our urban environment is just as important, and we want residents to be proud of where they live. We have funded multiple community skips, supporting residents to dispose of unwanted household and garden items. We have spent time walking through the streets and parks litter picking. Walkabouts have taken place with partners such as the Police and Council officers to identify areas that need extra cleaning or improved resources. Countless reports to the Council have been submitted to help keep our street safe and clean. Reports included identifying fly-tipping, broken streetlights and raised manholes. Importantly, we follow up on our reports to ensure action has been taken.

Ward Priority 2 - Support and develop initiatives to increase community and individuals' wellbeing

Supporting people improve their health and social opportunities

Partnership events with Hellaby Parish Council such as the Queens Jubilee event, funding for the Memorial Tree and Hog Roast. First aid, 'bleed kits' have been purchased and placed in defibrillator cases across the Ward. We funded activities to support the delivery of events within 'Dementia Action Week' to help people living with Dementia. Falls and Fitness Prevention classes for those who mobility was affected by Covid Lockdowns were funded. Funding for Lost Chord Care home visits was provided, in addition to concerts and singalongs. Time has also been spent visiting and supporting community groups so that they can thrive.

Supporting Families with the cost of living and Wellbeing

Community Leadership Funding was given a range of projects. We provided a new fridge and food donation for Maltby Food Bank. Goods were purchased for Christmas Hampers to be distributed by Maltby Town Council. Refreshments for the Warm Hub at Maltby Library were paid for. A free family fun day at Hellaby Park was organised, which included a giant Bouncy Castle. We provided children Christmas gifts and a Reindeer visit at the Stepping Stones Early Help event. We have organised several wellbeing events that bring together organisations in local venues who offer financial, health and wellbeing support to residents.

Ward Priority 3 - Identify and support initiatives that improve Road Safety

Improving road safety and environment around Laburnum Parade

Ward Councillors were given the opportunity to bid for funding from the Towns and Villages Fund to improve the area around the Laburnum retail outlets. The limited parking for shoppers meant that vehicles often double parked on the narrow road or took up residential parking spaces. The grass and footpaths were becoming damaged, and residents were finding it hard to access the shopping area.



Now there are marked out parking spaces for shoppers, reducing the double parking and giving pedestrians a clear and safe crossing point to the shops. The damaged paths have been re-laid with textured crossing areas and additional safety bollards. The new path from the bus stop and green space leads into communal area, where benches and bedding plants have created a space to rest and chat. CCTV has been installed, providing security to businesses and the public. Cables for Electric Vehicle charging points were installed, trees will be planted, and Daffodil bulbs have already been planted, which will give the local area some spring colour.

School parking buddies

Using Capital Funding we invested in 6 new parking buddies to help Lilly Hall and Redwood Junior Schools with their campaign for better road safety. Both schools are pleased that the parking buddies are making people think about road and pedestrian safety. There has been a reduction in the number of parked cars causing difficulties for children to cross over the road safely to School. As Ward Councillors, we also campaign for safer and improved roads and by listening to your concerns we have been able to direct funds where you want them. Speeding vehicles is also an issue and by working with the Police, we have executed speed watches in the areas you have highlighted as a concern.

Working in partnership

We value and call on the experience and knowledge of teams in the Council, as well as other external organisations. This can be in the form of our regular monthly Community Action Partnership meetings, to share information and tackle issues jointly, with core stakeholders such as the Police, Schools, Fire service and Parish Councils.

Another form of joint working has involved multi-agency events to support the needs of residents. We brought together organisations on roadshows to showcase the support they provide. Organisations we have worked with include:

- Rotherham Federation, with projects and events aimed to support residents with financial worries 'Making Our Money Go Further and ' Energy Know How'
- Lost Chord and Age UK, with numerous community groups, events, concerts and singalongs
- Flux Rotherham and the Early Help Team to invest in youth activity and free family fun
- Rotherham United Community Sport Trust, Functional Fitness, South Yorkshire Sport and Places for People Leisure Centre to support health and wellbeing
- Maltby and Hellaby's Neighbourhood Police Team
- Council Officers including Lisa Morgan in Housing and Claire Moseley in Neighbourhoods