

# BOSTON CASTLE WARD

Covering Rotherham Town Centre, Canklow, Moorgate, Broom, Herringthorpe, Clifton, Wellgate and Wharncliffe.



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## Report to Full Council

### Ward Priorities

- Address **YOUR** concerns in relation to Crime / ASB (and deprivation)
- Support **YOUR** community
- Improve the environment **YOU** live in
- Working with **YOU** to improve Wellgate
- Address **YOUR** concerns in relation to road safety and traffic

**How these priorities were agreed** - Priorities were agreed using a range of methods. We engaged in neighbourhoods, talking to organisations / partners and community groups. Officers presented data providing both insights from services and community profiles. This wide-ranging approach helped us to identify the things that mattered most to people and local need, ambitions and aspirations.

**How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy** - The priorities centre on 'working with' communities and placing them at the heart of all we do – hence the emphasis on **YOU / YOUR**. We aim to empower people, using a strengths-based approach to improve outcomes and support the most vulnerable.

**Partnership Working** - Partnership working is paramount. It underpins our role and has brought people together to solve problems, take community action and celebrate successes. We work with a diverse range of partners from different sectors, as well as services across the Council and neighbouring wards.

**Progress so far** - Good progress can be demonstrated across all priorities. Activities have been cross-cutting, increasing progress, improving outcomes and widening the impact.



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## **Address YOUR concerns in relation to Crime / ASB (and deprivation)**

We work closely with South Yorkshire Police and partners to tackle local issues including; Carlton Park Hotel, Shaftsbury House / Beeversleigh Flats / Wharncliffe Flats and the Town Centre. Extra CCTV has been purchased and deployed at Wellgate, Moorgate and Boston Castle Grove. We have widened the priority to include deprivation in recognition of the proportions of children aged 0-15 and people aged 60+ experiencing deprivation in our Ward.

## **Support YOUR community**

We have supported numerous community groups and events. Funding was given to the Social Supermarket at Rotherham Minster for a new laptop to improve day to day running. We also provided funding to Rotherham Hindu Community and BME Young Carers for Diwali events which bring people together.



## **Improve the environment YOU live in**

We work closely with RMBC Green Spaces and partners to improve local sites:

- Herringthorpe Playing Fields - We have, in principle, allocated our CIL funding to this site to look at both accessibility and accessible play, but this is subject to the development of a Master Plan
- Clifton Park - Following representations, CCTV was purchased / deployed providing coverage of the RAF Memorial Bench
- Hollowgate mini park - We have, in principle, allocated some planning gain funding to improving this site. This is subject to a site visit in September.
- Boston Park - We supported The Friends Group on their Rediscovering the Dell project. This includes recreating an area of the park into a seating area and outdoor classroom.



## **Working with YOU to improve Wellgate**

Wellgate was the focus of our previous Towns / Villages work. We are keen to keep a focus on this area given the reports we receive from the local independent businesses. We will be holding a walkabout around this area in September

## **Address YOUR concerns in relation to road safety and traffic**

We work closely with RMBC Transportation & Infrastructure who regularly provide us with updates on work in our ward. These updates are very helpful. As well as committing in our Ward Plan to overseeing this work, we are also ensuring that the community voice is heard.