

BRAMLEY AND RAVENFIELD WARD

Covering Bramley, Hooten Roberts and Ravenfield



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Report to Full Council

Ward Priorities

1. Improving road safety and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour
2. Improving the environment and enhancing community facilities
3. Bringing people together and improving mental and physical wellbeing

How these ward priorities were agreed

We consulted with members of the public to assess their ward priorities, using online consultation, which was promoted via the monthly ward e-bulletin and out in the community. We visited community groups, coffee mornings and liaised with Parish Councils to ensure that we heard the voices of people across the ward. We also reached out to Rotherham Council and statutory colleagues to ensure that our priorities reflected their demands on service and the local need.

Ultimately, we wanted to identify the things that matter most to residents within the ward, as well as local ambitions and aspirations.

How these priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy

Our vision is for every neighbourhood in Rotherham to be a thriving neighbourhood, where people are able to work together to achieve a good quality of life. So that residents feel happy, safe and proud of where they live. We want to encourage and enable residents to use their own assets; their strengths, knowledge, and skills to contribute to improving the things that matter to them, whilst capitalising on existing neighbourhood assets, such as community buildings, green spaces and community, faith or voluntary groups.

The projects outlined below, demonstrate how neighbourhood working, even in particularly challenging economic times, have allowed us to support essential community initiatives, such as increasing social activities in our community centres, championing inclusivity through partner-led social activities, ward litter picks, and work to enhance community facilities like local allotments.

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Working in partnership

As Elected Members we work alongside many organisations to support people in our ward. This includes our Parish Councils – Bramley and Ravenfield, plus community groups and businesses, such as Lost Chord UK, Ravenfield Women's Friendship Circle, and our local schools; Bramley Grange Primary and Ravenfield Primary. Whilst dealing with residents' issues we've worked with key Council teams and organisations like Housing, Highways and South Yorkshire Police, whether via our Community Action Partnerships, where collectively we tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, or through surgeries, coffee mornings or site visits.

Our partnerships have allowed us to create opportunities for bringing people together, through song, socialising and activities to improve the neighbourhood. Dementia-friendly, inclusive singalong events with partners Lost Chord UK and support from Ravenfield Parish Council have improved mental health and wellbeing, whilst working with Bramley Parish Council and Bramley Grange School we've worked hard to keep the ward litter free, to improve the environment and increase residents' sense of pride in their neighbourhood. Listening to residents' concerns in Hooton Roberts has led to village gateway features and traffic calming being installed, improving road safety for both road users and residents.

1. Improving road safety and addressing crime and anti-social behaviour

We hold quarterly Community Action Partnership meetings with colleagues from Housing, the Community Protection Unit, Highways and South Yorkshire Police. We also invite our local Parish Councils, so that they can share issues and information within an appropriate forum. The CAPs allow us to address concerns with a collaborative approach, tackling issues such as fly-tipping and road safety.

In addition to traffic calming measures in Hooton Roberts, we are currently progressing a project on Braithwell Road in Ravenfield. Following concerns from residents, pedestrians and road users, we are working with the Council's Highways team to fund the installation of village approach bars, to improve driver behaviour, encouraging them to keep to the 30mph limit.

2. Improving the environment and enhancing community facilities

We have funded various projects that improve community facilities and the environment, not least the ever-growing Ravenfield Allotments. The community here have worked tirelessly to create a welcoming and functional community space from an overgrown patch of land. Security fencing was funded via our capital budget, improving the safety of the site and ensuring the allotments remain a quality community asset.

Bramley Parish Council have received funding to purchase year-round outdoor light projectors that will enhance annual events and celebrations, such as Christmas and Remembrance Sunday.

3. Bringing people together and improving mental and physical wellbeing

As well as the success of establishing monthly dementia friendly singalongs in Ravenfield, we have been able to fund additional community projects that bring people together. We are proud to support the annual mini pantomime in Ravenfield. Our support allows the Parish Council to make the event more affordable for families, increasing inclusivity of the event and bringing joy to those in the ward.

Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle host an annual well dressing event and gathering at the site. Together they involve the wider community and celebrate the heritage and traditions of the village.

Most recently, we have contributed towards an international residential trip for Bramley Girl Guides. The trip will provide them with an opportunity to increase their self-confidence, independence and life skills, whilst coming together with friends to build lasting relationships.