

DALTON AND THRYBERGH WARD

Covering East Herringthorpe, Dalton,
Dalton Magna and Thrybergh



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Ward Priorities

Ensure residents have the support they need in relation to the cost-of-living, particularly those most impacted or disproportionately affected.

1. Give young people and their families the support they need so they have the best start in life.
2. Tackle inequalities that lead to poorer health and quality of life; ensuring people can access services and support that will enable them to improve their health.
3. Build safer neighbourhoods that are clean and celebrated, where people are empowered to control their own lives.

How these priorities were agreed

Priorities were agreed following consultation in three geographical areas. In person sessions took place in six community settings including consultation in neighbourhood centres and visits to community groups. A digital questionnaire was distributed through ward channels, ensuring everyone had the opportunity to have their say. Data collected was analysed along with information from services, partners and ward data. Engaging and listening to people in a meaningful way, through conversations as well as traditional methods, helped us to understand what mattered most to residents.

How these priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy

Ward priorities reflect and support the strategy and what it sets out to achieve. We share the ambition of healthier, happier communities where people feel safe and welcome. Ward priorities focus on supporting the most vulnerable/disadvantaged and improving outcomes and quality of life.

Ensuring people of all ages have opportunities and can access appropriate mechanisms of support is fundamental. Awareness of services, social activities and community assets is helping to strengthen and build local infrastructure and capacity.



Partnership working

Partnership working has underpinned work to date. We work with a wide range of organisations from the community/voluntary sector, council services and strategic partners in the locality.

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We have strengthened existing relationships and identified new partners to collaborate with on projects and initiatives. Partners are embedded in core activities and together we have been able to reach more people, solve problems, provide new opportunities, and co-deliver projects that improve people's lives.

Progress so far

Progress across priorities is encouraging. We have achieved some positive outcomes and continue to deliver against plans, investing in improvements and community support. Activities have been cross-cutting.

Supporting, enabling and empowering

Providing information and support to residents remains an overarching priority. We use a range of ways to reach people and provide advice, including surgeries, walkabouts and events. We work collaboratively with services and partners, taking a targeted and compassionate approach.

Activities have included drop-ins and leafleting on issues such as housing, the cost of living, energy, benefits, and food support. We also work with health providers, hubs and schools to identify the most vulnerable, to ensure people have the right support at the point of need. Future work will focus more on prevention and building resilience.

Investing and improving outcomes

Our Capital budget will contribute to the refurbishment of the Bill Winder play area, delivering improvements for play and socialisation. We have funded equipment and activities for young people, building on previous projects/assets and addressing gaps in provision. We are committed to supporting children and their families, tackling disadvantages/indicators and improving outcomes around health and education.



Bringing people together in social settings/activities is also important for adults, particularly older people. Via ward budgets we have funded projects around Be-friending, crafting and music. Exercise classes in neighbourhood centres are helping to reduce isolation, loneliness and improve mental/physical wellbeing. To address access to green spaces, we have funded planting in housing areas, supported volunteering at Dalton Brook and championed the country park as an accessible space.

Creating safer and celebrated neighbourhoods

Addressing concerns around community safety has been a key focus. Working closely with South Yorkshire Police and partners, we meet monthly to tackle local issues identified. Activities such as pop-up events, which provide information to residents, has increased confidence in reporting and identified hotspot areas for interventions. This has helped to reduce ASB, off-road bike activity and fly tipping. Joint work around road safety has led to solutions such as speed signage, road markings and a new crossing planned for this year.

Celebrating the people, places and heritage that make the ward great has been equally important. We have attended community events marking occasions such as VE Day, Remembrance, religious celebrations and the Centenary of the Cenotaph. We continue to shine a light on the work of local volunteers, paying recognition to them as 'community champions' in the monthly ward e-bulletin.

