

HOOBER WARD

Covering Brampton, Harley, Manvers,
Nether Haugh, Wentworth and West
Melton



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Report to Full Council

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Hoober Ward Priorities

1. Improving road safety
2. Addressing environmental issues and making good use of green spaces/community assets for everyone
3. Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour
4. Support opportunities for bringing people together, enhancing community spirit and support the communities and its groups to thrive

How these ward priorities were agreed

Priorities were agreed following consultation throughout the ward in numerous ways and locations to help us understand what matters most to Hoober residents and ensure that everyone within the ward had the opportunity to have their say. This was done via in person sessions at community groups, coffee mornings, drop-ins and Councillors' Surgeries alongside a digital questionnaire distributed through ward channels with a paper questionnaire delivered to those with no digital access. The data from this was then collected and analysed along with information from services, partners and ward data.

How these priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy

Our approach to neighbourhood working is rooted in the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy, with our community at the heart of everything we do. Our vision is for every neighbourhood to be a thriving place, where people are supported to work together to achieve a good quality of life, and where residents feel happy, safe and proud of where they live. We aim to encourage and enable residents to recognise and use their own assets - their strengths, knowledge, and skills - to help shape and improve the things that matter most to them. At the same time, we build on existing neighbourhood assets, including community buildings, green spaces and community, faith and voluntary groups, to create stronger, more resilient communities.

Partnership working

Partnership working underpins everything we do. We collaborate with a wide range of organisations across the community and voluntary sector, alongside council services and key strategic partners within the locality. We have strengthened existing relationships while also identifying and developing new partnerships to support projects and initiatives. By embedding partners into our core activities, we have been able to extend our reach, solve problems collaboratively, create new opportunities and co-deliver work that makes a meaningful difference to people's lives.

Progress so far

1. Improving Road Safety

- With joint funding from Wath Ward Councillors, we have partnered with Transportation to introduce a new vehicle activation sign around road safety issues on Melton Green, West Melton and continue to explore further traffic calming solutions for this area.
- Two successful community speed watch sessions in Harley in collaboration with South Yorkshire Police following the introduction of a new traffic calming scheme.
- Worked closely with Housing to install bollards on Coleridge Road, improving both parking and traffic flow for residents.
- Partnership approach continues - working with South Yorkshire Police, Community Protection Unit, Housing, Highways, local organisations and residents to tackle ongoing parking and congestion challenges in the Ward.



2. Addressing environmental issues and making good use of green spaces/community assets for everyone



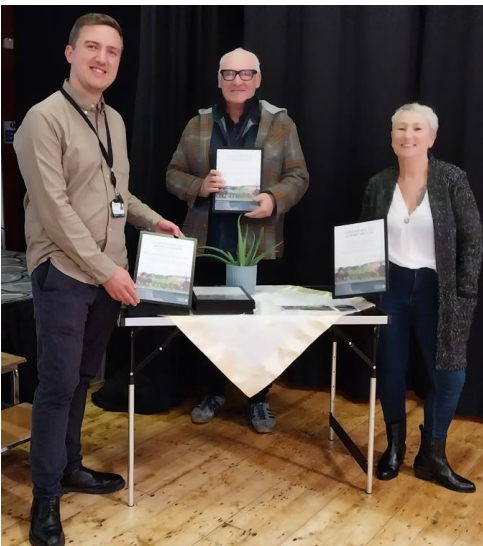
- Joint funding with Housing and Wentworth Parish Council enabled provision of community skips, helping residents clear waste and take pride in their neighbourhoods.
- Partnership with Manvers Residents Association and Street Scene to introduce "Pick Up Your Litter" signage in Manvers.
- Planned investment in improvements at West Melton Park to create inclusive, enhanced facilities.
- Exploring upgrades to Cortonwood Lions Lodge play area in Brampton Bierlow following resident feedback.
- New bench installed at Thorpe Hesley Recreation Ground to create a welcoming community space.
- Supported Brampton Bierlow Parish Council with their community garden.
- Ongoing multi-agency walkabouts with partners and residents to listen, respond to concerns and drive visible local improvements.

3. Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour remain a key priority discussed at every Community Action Plan Meeting.
- Ongoing partnership work - SYMCA, South Yorkshire Police, Green Spaces, Housing, Brampton Bierlow Parish Council and residents, to tackle off-road bike issues.
- Coordinated actions include:
 - ❖ Restricting access points
 - ❖ Installing CCTV
 - ❖ Clear legal signage
 - ❖ Increased patrols by South Yorkshire Police Off-Road Bike Squad
- Commitment to keeping residents informed on actions and progress.
- Continued multi-agency approach combining enforcement, education and prevention.
- Targeted awareness campaigns, clear reporting guidance and regular updates via social media and e-bulletins keeping communities informed and involved.



4. Support opportunities for bringing people together, enhancing community spirit and support the communities and its groups to thrive



- Promoted local services and opportunities via e-bulletins, social media, surgeries, Parish Councils, leaflets and targeted communications
- Supported community groups through attendance at events and securing funding for projects which align with Ward priorities.
- Backed projects including:
 - ❖ South Yorkshire Performance Academy (supporting ages 10 to 25 years)
 - ❖ Landscaping with Harley Mission Trust and Wentworth Village Community Association
- Delivered partner-led drop-in events - loneliness, wellbeing, cost of living, fuel poverty, cancer awareness and access to benefits.
- Hosted a Community Celebration Event, leading to the creation of the Hoover Community Group Networking Partnership.
- Organised annual Christmas activities, including trees and a festive light switch-on event in West Melton.
- Responded to 2024 riots by supporting Manvers through wellbeing drop-ins and community activities with the Residents Association, funded via Community Recovery Funding.