

KEPPEL WARD

Covering Grange Park, Kimberworth,
Kimberworth Park, Scholes and Thorpe
Hesley



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Report to Full Council

Ward Priorities

1. Address YOUR concerns in relation to road safety and traffic
2. Address YOUR concerns in relation to Crime / ASB
3. Improve facilities for OUR young people
4. Support events bringing people / communities together
5. Improve the environment YOU live in

How these priorities were agreed - Priorities were agreed in June 2024 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 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 -

1. Address Concerns in relation to Road Safety/Traffic

We work closely with RMBC Transportation Team who regularly provide us with updates on work in our Ward. Here are some examples: -

- Funded 4 parking buddies to Redscope School entrances to advise 'No Parking'.
- Worked alongside Local Policing team re. parking around Thorpe Hesley School.
- Met with Thorpe Hesley School Council to discuss issues that are important to them - one concern was speed of vehicles and a speed gun survey was carried out.
- Scholes Village to have Vehicle Activated Sign, Gateway features and Signage.
- Brook Hill has been resurfaced and relevant markings re-instated inc. 20mph

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2. Improve Facilities for young people

- Engaged with Thorpe Hesley Primary School as part of a wider consultation to install play equipment on Lodge Lane, along with a bench in memory of a local young woman, Kimberly Fuller.
- Two other play areas have been upgraded with additional pieces of equipment.
- Council Elections at Redscope school - the children followed election procedures and count before announcing which children had been elected.

3. Address concerns in relation to crime and ASB

We work closely with South Yorkshire Police and partners to tackle local issues -

- Installation of additional knee-high fencing on St Johns Green to prevent young people using wildflower mounds as an unofficial BMX track.
- Removal of N20 oxide cannisters - hot spot areas are being patrolled by the local policing team.

4. Improve the environment

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

- 3 Christmas tree locations - last year these were sponsored by local businesses rather than funding through ward budgets.
- Wildflower planting Chislett Centre driveway - seeded by Redscope School pupils.
- Grange Lane - preventative measures to stop fly tipping.
- Screen installed around bin store at St. John's Green.
- S61 litter Picking Group - helping keep the ward litter free.

5. Support your community

We have supported numerous community groups and events. These include: -

- Lamppost poppies erected in both Thorpe Hesley and Kimberworth Park.
- Chislett Christmas hampers for users of Charlies Pantry.
- Noticeboard at St Johns Green to promote activities.
- Artworks Santa Grotto – an annual event since 2019. Councillors attend as elves and help out at the workshops, along with funding the activities.
- St Johns Church - VJ Day celebrations and Christmas events.
- Thorpe Hesley / Scholes – Spring, September and Christmas Tree festivals.

And a final word on working in partnership

Without involvement from local community groups and individuals as well as local partners we would not have made the achievements we have, so a big THANK YOU to everyone.

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