

Valley Ward

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PUTTING COMMUNITIES AT THE **HEART** OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Valley Ward Priorities 2019/20

- Develop Neighbourhood Centres into successful community hubs
- Make environmental improvements to improve community safety and wellbeing
- Enhance facilities and activities for children, young people and families

Projects supporting the Ward Priorities

Bringing New Life to Neighbourhood Centres

The **Swinburne Place** Neighbourhood Centre has recently received a much needed refresh. Valley Ward Councillors have paid for paint and equipment out of their Ward Budgets for the centre to be redecorated by Community Payback, who have done a fabulous job.



Valley Ward Councillors have also purchased a new cooker for the centre to enable the newly formed Swinburne Social Club to provide occasional Sunday Lunches for all residents wishing to attend.

The **Dorothy Taylor** Neighbourhood Centre was in danger of closing as it had not been used for a number of years. A group of residents were interested in setting up a new group and improve the centre. Valley Ward Councillors were keen to help by funding paint and equipment out of their Ward Budgets for the centre to be redecorated by Community Payback. Ward Councillors have also supported the centre and the group by purchasing a new cooker, bingo machine and a book shelf for the centre.

The Dorothy Taylor TARA celebrated their first year anniversary in Spring 2019 with a party which was opened by The Mayor of Rotherham, Councillor Alan Buckley. The TARA provide activities to suit all ages and abilities such as Film nights, pool and darts, exercise equipment, Tuesday Breakfast Club, Friday Lunch Club, Thursday evening meal, and special events throughout the year. This summer Fortem have kindly created a patio area at the Dorothy Taylor Centre and patio furniture has been funded with Community Leadership Funding. **The High Greave Centre** is currently being refurbished, with a further two Centres on the list.



Play Area Improvements

After consultation with park users and local residents Councillors are funding a new item of play equipment for the park on Laudsdales Road. There will also be two new picnic benches funded for Valley Park.



Summer Sports Activities

Valley Ward Councillors were proud to sponsor four sports coaches from SJD Sports Coaching over the summer holidays who delivered sports activities to children in Valley Park.

The organisers, Friends of Valley Park, say the event was very well attended, with over 47 children attending each day. Lunch and refreshments were provided, and all the parents have said how much their children enjoyed the event.



Community Safety

Following concerns from local residents, Valley Ward Councillors have purchased two Solar Powered Vehicle Activated Speed Signs from their ward funds to help reduce speeding traffic on Aldgate Lane and Broom Avenue. These speed signs can be moved around the Valley Ward to locations where speeding traffic is identified as being a problem.



Supporting Community Facilities

Valley Ward Councillors have used their ward budget to help Valley Park Combined Bowls club make vital repairs to their water irrigation tank which is necessary to allow watering of the bowling greens and ensure they are kept useable.

The bowling club maintain the bowling greens which provides a popular outlet for over 150 mainly elderly people to meet up and play social, or league bowling throughout the months of April to October.

Some of their members and guests have varying degrees of Dementia and this is a really beneficial amenity for them. The bowling club also provide bowling for the blind. The secretary of the club has since stated that without the funding from their local ward councillors they could not have continued.

Free Compost Bins

100 compost bins will shortly be available for Valley Ward Residents on a first come, first served basis. Advertising will be via leaflets and ward e- bulleting's.

Improving School Parking

All primary schools in the Valley Ward were given to opportunity to acquire "Parking Buddies" to help elevate parking on the zig-zags outside schools.

Trinity Croft's newly formed School Council were delighted to receive three parking buddies with their school colours and logo.



Listerdale Academy's

Young Road Safety Officers said that the parking buddies would make a huge difference to the problem of people parking outside the school.

