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SITWELL WARD—PRIORITIES AND RESPONSES

Previous priorities for Sitwell in 2018/19 included

Priority 1 - Work with statutory and voluntary partners to develop a response to Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), especially 'Nuisance Youths'

Duke of Norfolk estate

- Sitwell and Boston Castle Councillors worked together on a tasking group involving residents, Police, Community Safety and Neighbourhoods services in response to community concerns regarding the high number of burglaries
- As a result, ward budget funded CCTV and barriers on the estate



Duke of Norfolk residents were given a special award by the Police Crime Commissioner for the pro-active work they did including establishing a WhatsApp group with over 150 residents

Cowrakes Lane bus shelter

- Following community concerns & site visits with Councillors, Neighbourhoods and South Yorkshire Police, ward budget funding was used to remove a disused bus shelter on Cowrakes Lane which had become an anti-social behaviour hot-spot
- Positive feedback has been received from the local community as a result of this

Priority 2- Work with partners to address environmental issues, including supporting litter picks

Fly tipping on Doles Lane

- Doles Lane was a prime spot for fly-tipping. Councillors worked with the Council, local residents, and the Parish Council to get the lane re-classified to restrict vehicle access
- Ward budget contributed to the re-classification costs and steel barriers have now been installed at both ends of the lane
- As a result, there has been no reports of fly tipping since



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Priority 3 - Work with partners to develop a response to speeding cars

- Councillors worked with the Council and South Yorkshire Police to conduct a Speed Survey and to re-deploy illuminated speed signs around the ward
- Ward budget allocated to purchase 1 new Illuminated Speed sign to be placed in Sitwell ward



Sitwell Ward priorities 2019/20

Priority 1 –Address isolation and loneliness, especially amongst those aged 65+ years

The Bird Box project



- Ward budget funded social enterprise Casting Innovations to create and construct 150 bird boxes with Newman School for the residents of Sitwell ward
- Casting Innovations will be installing these at chosen properties throughout the ward and the rest will be available for local residents to collect at a small celebration event

Shopping project

- Councillors have met with Newman School to look at the possibility of running an inter-generational shopping project where students will assist local residents who need support with collecting their food shopping

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Supporting local groups

- Councillors are supporting local coffee mornings and Knit & Natter groups to promote the importance of socialising with local communities.

Priority 3 - Work with Yorkshire Water, the Environment Agency and the Council's Streetpride service to reduce the number of and mitigate the impact of flooding incidents

- Local Councillors are working closely with the Council, Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency following concerns raised by residents about the cleanliness of the water flowing through Whiston Brook
- Discussions and visits to the brook are focusing on the capacity of the current public sewerage system in the area, and the maintenance schedule for the station



Priority 4 - Support new and existing groups

Work with local schools

- Ward budget provided funding to Whiston Worrygoose School for a fence to stop litter being thrown into the schools wildlife area
- Donated 400 spring bulbs to local schools to be planted with the support of Councillors and Sitwell Rotary Club

Whiston Cricket Club nets

- Ward budget funded new nets for Whiston Cricket Club to enable more community members to be able to join and to replace current nets

Broom Lane Methodist Church Parent & Toddler group

- New tables, chairs and play equipment were able to be purchased as a result of funding from the Sitwell ward budget
- As a result of this, more parents & toddlers can join the group and there are more equipment to enable toddlers to learn and play

