

My Anston and Woodsetts

News from your Neighbourhood

Anston and Woodsetts Ward Priorities 2020/21

Support local Vol-com organisations that provide activities and services for older people, young people and families, particularly those that have been affected by the COVID 19 pandemic

To support initiatives that address the health and wellbeing of the ward.

- Support activities that promote good mental health,
- Promote initiatives that reduce social isolation

To support activities that will improve the environment.



Clean and Green at Anston Park Junior School

At the end of 2019 we visited Anston Park Junior School with the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to deliver a presentation on the Environment.

The children learnt all about how much rubbish the Council removes in a week, How much money it costs to clear up fly tipping each year and they also learnt a few fun facts about rats and how long it takes for a plastic bottle to decompose. After the presentation some of the children went outside to carry out a litter pick around the school grounds. After collecting a bag of rubbish the school grounds were looking much cleaner. This presentation is a wonderful way to introduce children to the consequences of littering and it is hoped that they will take this knowledge with them into adulthood.

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt

Early Help ran a pumpkin trail for Halloween this year in Anston Stones wood. Participants needed to collect letters from the pumpkins to be entered into a prize draw.

Community Chest

We decided that we would run a Community Chest for the Capital Budget again this year. It was very successful last year as we supported many community groups. This year has been no different only the community groups have all suffered through out this pandemic and have needed a lot of extra support which we have happily given.

Speed Watch in Woodsetts

After a number of complaints regarding the speed throughout the villages of Anston and Woodsetts a number of Speed watch events have taken place around various locations. One of which was at Woodsetts.

We were joined by South Yorkshire Police, Neighbourhoods and Parish Councillor Richard Swann attended Dinnington Road and Worksop Road to check the speeds.

5 vehicles were caught speeding over 35mph on Dinnington Road and 7 vehicles were caught on Worksop Road, all of which will receive warning letters from South Yorkshire Police.

Woodland Drive and it's Community Centre

Woodland Drive is one of Anston's more deprived areas which consists of the majority of it's Council housing. Due to ASB and other issues around the Community Centre we felt that the residents needed the time to come forward with any issues.

- **CCTV**

CCTV was installed to help deter any ASB in the area. This helped with the drug issues that the residents reported

- **Play Park**

After a lot of consultation the residents asked if the Play park could be upgraded so that the young people had something to do. After discussing this with Greenspaces it was agreed that it was well over due an upgrade. The park now looks amazing and the young people have been using it all through the summer with parents able to sit on the new benches that were also installed.

An open event was planned with the Mayor of Rotherham and the residents however this fell during the lockdown period so had to be cancelled.

- **Defib**

A lot of our residents around Woodland Drive are older people that live in bungalows we supported the instillation of a Defib on the side of the Woodland Drive Community Centre. With Woodland Drive being in a unique situation in that the Council runs the centre there is no TARA or User group or TARA who could take ownership of checking on the Defib. Thanks to Housing and the Neighbourhoods team jointly checking on the defib weekly this has been a wonderful partnership project. The Defib has already been used a few times and replacement defib pads have been funded through our CLF.

- **Woodland Drive Community Centre Make Over**

The Probation service started work on the centre back in February 2020 and managed to get rid of the miss-matched wallpaper that was on the walls. As lockdown hit progress has been slow on finishing the decorating however the Probation service has been brilliant by tackling it as and when they can. Adhering to the distancing rules the managers have been going into the centre to do what they can. The decorating isn't complete yet but as the Community Centres borough wide are still closed it gives the Probation Service plenty of time to finish the work. The refresh includes a new trendier colour scheme of light grey on the walls and darker grey to all of the doors. The woodwork will be painted back to a fresh white throughout the building and new blinds have been purchased for the finishing touch.

The facelift is part of a wider scheme to get more users into the centre. It is a great space which includes a Kitchen area, office and large main room for events.

Free Benches to Primary Schools

At the Rackford Meadows event and Anston Stones event last year the Park Rangers team accumulated a number of bench tops that were cut from the trees that were felled in Anston stones wood. This felling work was a scheduled piece of work to make the woods safer from dangerous and dying trees. We felt it would be a shame to waste the wood therefore young people from the local schools were invited along to carve patterns into some wood that was to remain at Anston Stones but also some students got the chance to see some of the wood being cut into the bench tops.

As a result of these two projects it was decided to offer the now rustic looking benches out to the Primary Schools within the ward. Each school will receive 4 benches to create a reading circle in their outdoor space.

With the help of Kevin Burke from the Park Rangers these benches were fitted during the summer holidays.

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