

ROTHERHAM WEST WARD

Covering Blackburn, Ferham, Henley, Holmes, Kimberworth, Masbrough, Meadowbank, Richmond Park and Thornhill



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Ward priorities

- Work with our communities to protect the local environment
- Work with our communities to improve the local environment; this could include tree planting and supporting the development of friends' groups to look after our parks and green spaces
- Support the development of projects and initiatives focusing on arts and culture.
- Continue to support our communities as they emerge from Covid 19 with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing.

How these ward priorities were agreed

We used a range of information to inform our Ward Plan priorities for the Rotherham West Ward i.e.

- The new Ward boundaries
- The new Ward profile
- The previous Rotherham Ward Plan's priorities and the actions taken to address them
- Feedback from residents and stakeholders
 - We included an article in our ward e-bulletin asking for feedback on the priorities and what we could do in response
 - We spoke to a number of organisations, agencies and individuals working and/or living within the ward



How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy

Our aim is to put communities at the heart of everything we do and to make people healthier, happier, safer and proud by:

- Working with communities on the things that matter to them
- Listening and working together to make a difference
- Supporting people from different backgrounds to get on well together

Overleaf are just some of those who care about the Rotherham West Ward, and examples of what we have done together to try and make a positive difference.



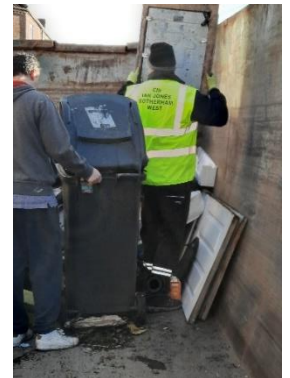
Working in partnership

- Rotherham West Community Action Partnership / Ward Briefing involving a large number of statutory partners from e.g. RMBC, SYP etc
- Rotherfed
- REMA
- Rotherham United Community Sports Trust
- Artful
- South Yorkshire Housing Association
- Rotherham Timebuilders
- Winterhill BMX Track
- Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust
- Local Primary Schools
- Ferham Community Group
- Liberty Church
- Rotherham Sea Cadets
- Rother Phoenix football Club

Progress so far

Work with our communities to protect the local environment

- We have worked particularly hard in the Ferham area.
- A bin amnesty took place last year with the aim of educating residents around recycling and how to use their bins correctly. We made sure that all bins were emptied, including those that were contaminated and identified households that did not have the correct bins so that new ones could be delivered. Due to the nature of the area, all information had to be translated. We undertook a door knocking exercise with a number of partners and a translator to ensure that everyone had the correct information and how to take part.
- We followed this up with a community skip day in February, where residents filled two skips and Waste Management took a number of other items away. The skips were very well received by local residents and we had a very busy morning.



Work with our communities to improve the local environment; this could include tree planting and supporting the development of friends' groups to look after our parks and green spaces

- We have been working alongside several partners to make improvements on the Winterhill site. This has included; Clearance of the Engine Ponds and funding for a throw line, Extensive tree planting and Refurbishment of the BMX track
- A Friends of Masbrough Cemetery group was set up and have been busy tidying up the cemetery at Kimberworth
- There is a MUGA in Ferham Park and we have been looking at funding options to try and install lighting so that it can be used by young people during the winter months
- A number of incidents took place in Bradgate Park and we are working with Police and other partners around the possibility of installing CCTV as well as other measures to ensure local people can feel safe and be safe when using the park.



Support the development of projects and initiatives focusing on arts and culture.



- This year we have funded a number of events/activities that have focused on arts and culture, the most memorable being Light Up the night – an evening event which took place in Ferham Park giving the whole community an opportunity to come together during the winter and enjoy music / dancing alongside arts and craft activities. Children from local schools and clubs took part in lantern making workshops on the run up to the event, on the night the lanterns were used to light the park and a lantern parade took place

- Spring forward – an event which again took place in the park, celebrating all things spring. Families were able to take part in a number of activities including crafts, planting and we were lucky enough to secure Colourscape for the event.

- Ian McKay VC Memorial Bench – We used some of our ward budget to purchase a memorial bench to celebrate the sacrifice of Ian McKay who was killed during the Falklands conflict. Ian was a resident of Rotherham West and was awarded the Victoria Cross. The bench was installed in Clifton Park behind the Cenotaph



- Jubilee Mugs – we funded and handed these out to every Primary School pupil in the Rotherham West area as a memento of the historic occasion.

Continue to support our communities as they emerge from Covid 19 with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing.

- Rother Phoenix FC – We recognise the impact the pandemic has had on our communities, in particular the mental health and wellbeing of young people, we decided to fund the set up and first year running costs of a new football club. The club train on Ferham Park every Saturday morning and around 50 children/young people attend. Local volunteers deliver the activity and we funded the purchase of goal posts and a years pitch hire so that this could go ahead.
- Christmas trip to York – we gave money to Henley Residents Group which is made up mainly of older residents so that they could take a trip to York Christmas Market, this was the first opportunity they had to get together after the pandemic.
- Christmas Tree – After the pandemic we felt that it would be good to give our community something to heighten their spirits

