

KILNHURST AND SWINTON EAST WARD



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Report to Full Council

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Ward priorities

- Every child making the best start in life
- Every adult secure, responsible and empowered
- A strong community in a clean, safe environment
- Extending opportunity, prosperity and planning for the future
- Support for the cost-of-living crisis

How these ward priorities were agreed

We used a range of information to inform our Ward Plan priorities for the Kilnhurst and Swinton East Ward: -

- The new Ward boundaries and Ward profile.
- Feedback from residents and stakeholders
- Speaking to local organisations and individuals, and partners working and/or living within the Ward
- Existing local knowledge

How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy

Our approach to ward working has been centred on the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy by putting our community at the heart of everything we do by: -

- Working with communities on the things that matter to them
- Listening and working together to make a difference

Working in partnership

We have worked with colleagues within the Council and also: -

- South Yorkshire Police
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Kilnhurst Church
- Kilnhurst Resource Centre
- Schools throughout the ward

Progress so far

Every child making the best start in life – Our ward has two areas with higher levels of deprivation than the rest of our ward, so we have concentrated our efforts and resources to provide free activities for children. This started in 2021 with a Santa's Grotto for the children of the Fitzwilliam Estate. It was a great success and enabled the Council's Early Help Team the opportunity to promote their service to families as they waited to see Santa. Following the success of the event we are looking to repeat it on the Fitzwilliam Estate and roll out to Kilnhurst Village too.

Every adult secure, responsible and empowered – We have just one Council Neighbourhood Centre in our ward. We have been working with tenants to empower them to come together, enjoy one another's company and make best use of the community facility that they have on their road. This started with a free monthly coffee morning then included a trip to the Tenants Conference together. Next, we are looking at supporting them to run a lunch club and take trips out to other locations as a group.

A strong community in a clean, safe environment – To support our ward being a clean and safe environment for residents to live we fully support the provision of community skips working in partnership with the Council's Housing Team and contractors Mears. Where appropriate we have provided match funding for the skips to enable residents to attend as well as Council tenants. We continue to support the work of the Kilnhurst Grafters a group of volunteers who tirelessly litter pick regularly throughout the ward.

Extending opportunity, prosperity and planning for the future - An information roadshow was arranged giving residents of Kilnhurst the opportunity to call in and receive information and advice from the Environment Agency about flood defence works, energy efficiency and money matters advice from Rotherfed, employment advice and training opportunities from the Council's Inspire project, safety advice from partners such as South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Information on what the Council's Early Help Team have to offer local families.

Support for the cost-of-living crisis – We are keen to help any projects supporting the cost of living crisis for local families. We are also inviting agencies to join us to give out useful information to residents attending Christmas events in 2022

