

# ANSTON AND WOODSETTS WARD

Covering North Anston, South Anston, Thorpe Salvin and Woodsetts



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## Report to Full Council

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### Ward Priorities

- Represent all areas of our community.
- Make people feel safe.
- Cleaner Streets, Lanes and Open Spaces and protect the environment.
- Improvements to our Public Transport and roads system
- Develop initiatives to support local businesses.
- To support local community and voluntary organisations.

### **Memorial bench – Greenland’s Park – (Cleaner Streets, Lanes and Open Spaces and protect the environment)**



On the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 a Covid memorial bench was installed next to the play area in Greenlands Park. This bench was fitted to remember the hard work that the medical centre gave during the Covid period and also to remember the people that were lost through the pandemic. With the help of Rebecca at Tree Services, two mature trees were also funded to be placed either side of the bench. The type of trees planted has particular significance. A Rowan tree which is the Celtic tree of life and the Silver Birch tree which is linked to health and healing.

### **Woodland Drive, shrub removal – (Cleaner Streets, Lanes and Open Spaces and protect the environment)**



A multi-agency project took place with regards to pruning/removing the shrubs from around the Woodland Drive estate. Ward Councillors, Housing and Neighbourhoods team conducted a number of walkabouts to identify which shrubs were problematic, overgrown and what needed completely removing. The Design Team assisted by creating an easier maintained area so it will keep future costs down. The first phase of this project is now complete with the area outside of the Neighbourhood Centre looking much cleaner. The feedback from the residents around the area has been very positive as young people used the cover of the overgrown shrubs to cause ASB. There is still a lot of shrubs that need removing around the rest of the estate so phase two is being designed using Ward Housing Hub funding.



Thornberry Animal Sanctuary approached Councillors to discuss creating an independent maker's retail quarter. Two wooden cabins were needed to realise this goal. The Councillors whole heartedly agreed to contribute towards this venture. The cabins were purchased and fitted on their popular site across from the cafe. In Jan 2023 a joint visit took place to see the cabins in use and they have already got small businesses renting a space within them. With a decent foot fall at the sanctuary, they are all doing very well in their venture. This will now bring in much needed funds for the animals in their care.

### **Community Safety Event – (Make people feel safe)**



On Thursday 27 July 2023 the Anston ward councillors hosted a community safety event at Woodsetts Village Hall. The event was aimed at promoting safety in the home and around the neighbourhood, with many partners attending to hand out free advice and safety resources. Those in attendance had the opportunity to speak to Councillors, the Police, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit, Rotherham Sight and Sound and RotherFed, to name just a few.

### **Anston Memorial Garden – (To support local community and voluntary organisations)**



Volunteers have started clearing and pruning the Memorial Garden in South Anston. The gardens have been closed for some time which has led to it becoming over grown and dilapidated, but thanks to a group of gardening enthusiasts who are dedicating their time the garden is being brought back to life. Councillors have provided funding for equipment which helps to dig over the weeds and prune a lot of the areas. Work continues to take place on the bigger projects such as the trees, summer house and bridge. After the major works are complete the Group wishes to open the garden up to the public once again.

### **Additional projects that represent all areas of our community**



**CCTV project in Woodsetts:** The Councillors part funded a scheme to purchase 9 brand new CCTV cameras to be fitted around the village. This will increase security and safety to residents after a spate of break ins.

**Thorpe Salvin Traffic Calming:** will hopefully include speed activated signs and reducing the speed in the village to 20mph.

**The Business Forum:** A project working with the Butterfly House and businesses from around the ward was established to identify what support they need after Covid. It was apparent that several businesses were started up during Covid and needed help finding training courses and advice on growth. The more established businesses in the area needed guidance after Covid nearly forced them to close down.