

DALTON AND THRYBERGH WARD

Covering East Herringthorpe, Dalton, Dalton Magna and Thrybergh



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Ward priorities

Ensure all citizens have access to help and support in relation to the cost-of-living crisis

1. Improve facilities and opportunities for children, young people, and families
2. Build strong, empowered neighbourhoods that value diversity
3. Ensure neighbourhoods are safe, clean, tidy, and celebrated
4. Contribute to the improvement of health and wellbeing of local citizens.

How these ward priorities were agreed

Priorities were agreed in a robust way using a range of methods, data and insights. We listened to and engaged with people, partners and communities we serve, ensuring everyone had the opportunity to be involved, were represented and heard.

We engaged in neighbourhoods, working with/through partners, and alongside community leaders, champions and organisations. We adopted a multi-method approach to ensure inclusivity and provide numerous mechanisms for feedback. Activities were targeted and included community events, drop-ins and focus sessions. Data was analysed alongside insights from services and profiles to identify the things that mattered most to people, as well as local need, ambitions and aspirations.



How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy

Ward priorities align to the Council's vision and support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy, by reflecting the guiding principles fundamental to Neighbourhood working and the framework in which they were developed. Priorities centre on 'working with' communities (listening, including, involving), and reframing how we engage with people, placing them at the centre of their own lives. Helping to empower people to act to achieve/improve outcomes and supporting the most vulnerable. Priorities aim to create opportunities for everyone, but especially the young, and leverage strengths/assets to build a local infrastructure that supports. Helping realise the shared ambition of healthier, happier communities that are safe and welcoming.

Partnership Working

Partnership working has been paramount. It underpins our role and has brought people together to solve problems, take community action and celebrate successes. We work with a diverse range of partners from

different sectors, as well as services across the Council and neighbouring ward. Relationships have been established, developed and strengthened, and partners are embedded in core activities such as Community Action Partnership meetings, clean-ups and walkabouts.

Partners include the Parish Councils, Police, schools, Titans Community Trust, Rotherfed, housing developers, Community Payback, Thrybergh Country Park, local businesses and community groups.



Progress so far

Good progress can be demonstrated across all priorities. Activities have been cross-cutting, increasing progress against plans, improving outcomes and widening the impact.

Improving, investing and increasing opportunities

This year saw two Capital projects successfully delivered in the ward. The first was a community garden, developed as part of the Towns and Villages Fund. The second were upgrades to the Multi Use Games Area and children's play area; both in East Herringthorpe.



The projects delivered much-needed improvements to the area, enhancing the appearance and creating community spaces where people can come together to enjoy activities in a safe and welcoming environment. Both projects have provided opportunities for activities aimed at children and young people, including multi sports and gardening.

Stronger, safer and celebrated

Our work has focused on bringing people together to create stronger, more empowered neighbourhoods. Through our Community Leadership Fund, we have funded groups to deliver social activities, such as cafes, sports and workshops, and supported local celebrations around the Platinum Jubilee, Coronation and cultural events.



We have also helped to provide equipment to schools and promoted the use of neighbourhood centres, to encourage usage and engage with tenants/residents. Making sure people have access to information, advice and support. Access to information has been vital in supporting people through the cost-of-living crisis, which has been an overarching priority.

Another key focus has been on community safety. We have worked closely with South Yorkshire Police and partners to tackle local issues, encourage reporting and make neighbourhoods safer. Activities have included community speed watches, pop-up street events, walkabouts, and the installation of new CCTV.

Cleaner, Greener and more welcoming

Ensuring the ward is clean and tidy is important to us. We have participated in regular community skips, clean-ups and litter picks, delivering environmental improvements and making the ward a nicer place to live.



We have funded and initiated a number of environmental projects, including wildflower and tree planting, the clean-up of Dalton Brook and bulb planting with school children at Ridgeway community garden. Another success has been the collaboration between Neighbourhoods and Thrybergh Country Park, who delivered 'Discovery Days' at the park. Children had the opportunity to make bat boxes, bird feeders and learn about nature. Initiatives like this have provided opportunities for community involvement and have connected more people to green spaces.