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Cllr Simon Ball
Elected Member

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

What more can be done by the council to engage with local community groups, such as Maltby Happy Gardeners, to develop sustainable, cost-effective solutions for maintaining green spaces?

The Green Spaces service is already making significant progress in engaging with local community groups, through various successful initiatives. The service has established partnerships with organisations like the Rotherham Metro Ramblers and active Friends' groups, resulting in over 8,000 hours of volunteer work valued at approximately £91,000 per annum. This effort has greatly enhanced various parks and green spaces, fostering community involvement and stewardship and the service is always looking at ways to work with local communities.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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