

ASTON AND TODWICK WARD

Covering Aston, East Swallowneast and
Todwick



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Report to Council

Ward Priorities

1. Develop and support initiatives around road safety and transportation.
2. Opportunities to engage, improve and support local businesses.
3. Develop and support initiatives around crime, community safety, particularly in hot spot areas.
4. Develop and support initiatives to improve the local environments e.g. community clean-up days or support for litter picking groups or improve green spaces
5. Support initiatives to help and improve mental health, wellbeing, loneliness and isolation of tenants/residents of all ages within the community.

How we agreed the priorities

We listened to and engaged with people, partners, and communities, ensuring everyone had the opportunity to be involved. We did this by using an online survey, workshops, focus groups and attending and organising events such as drop-ins at Aston Library, a Health and Wellbeing event and a community safety event at Todwick. We analysed the data alongside insights from services and profiles to identify the things that mattered most to people, as well as local need, ambitions and aspirations.

How the ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy

Priorities centre on 'working with' communities, placing them at the heart of all we do. We help to empower people, using strengths-based working to improve outcomes and support the most vulnerable. Our priorities aim to create opportunities for everyone, but especially the young and elderly and helps build a local infrastructure that supports them and helps to realise the shared ambition of healthier, happier communities that are safe and welcoming.

Partnership Working

Partnership working has been important in the Aston and Todwick ward, and with Aughton and Swallowneast ward we hold a quarterly thriving Network meeting. This gives us the opportunity to connect and to find out about other services and projects. We work with a diverse range of partners from different sectors, as well as services across the Council. Partners include the Parish Councils, Police, primary schools, Aston Academy, Rotherfed, Housing, Libraries, Aston Tara, VAR, local community groups and businesses.

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Progress so far

1. Develop and support initiatives around road safety and transportation.

What we've done:

- A57 – through the CAP we supported police and partner initiatives to mitigate car meets, racing and ASB. This includes police and partner operations, upgrading CCTV and signage and investigating feasibility of a PSPO.
- A57 Todwick Roundabout improvements – options study to improve congestion and safety.

2. Opportunities to engage, improve and support local businesses

What we've done:

- The Towns and Villages Fund upgraded the shopping area in Todwick as well as the entrance of the village which is accessed straight off the A57.
- Due to concerns raised about the lack of post office and banking facilities an application has been submitted for a Banking Hub at Todwick.

3. Develop and support initiatives around crime, community safety, particularly in hot spot areas.

What we've done;

- Promoted the reporting of crime and ASB through articles in our e-bulletin, leaflet drops and door knocking in hotspot areas such as the A57.
- Pop-up community safety events with neighbourhood watch.
- The installation of CCTV in hotspot areas, including working with Todwick Parish Council in supporting their plan for further CCTV in the village.

4. Develop and support initiatives to improve the local environments e.g. community clean-up days or support for litter picking groups or improve green spaces.

What we've done:

- Improved refuse collection and clean ups alongside the A57
- Delivered environmental improvements and workshops on the Florence Ave green space.
- Supported bulb and tree planting projects
- Children's workshop to make bird feeders and boxes.
- Woodcarving event.
- Repainting of the post-box in Aston.

5. Support initiatives to help and improve mental health, wellbeing, loneliness and isolation of tenants/residents of all ages within the community.

What we've done:

- Funded social activities, sports, workshops and local celebrations through CLF including the much-loved Aston Carnival and a Community Christmas tree at Todwick
- Promoted the use of neighbourhood centres to encourage usage, and engaged with tenants and residents through Aston Tara,
- Provided access to information, advice and support by holding events such the Loving Life event at Aston Library.
- Commissioned the Community Pantry Van' at Todwick and Hepworth Drive