

# DINNINGTON WARD

Covering Brookhouse, Carr, Dinnington, Firbeck, Gildingwells, Laughton en le Morthen, Laughton Common, Slade Hooten and Throapham



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## Report to Full Council

January 2026

### Ward priorities

1. Develop and improve the local environment
2. Develop and support initiatives around crime and community safety, particularly in hotspot areas
3. Support initiatives to improve the town centre, markets and investment in the local economy
4. Support improvements to highway maintenance
5. Support and develop initiatives to improve wellbeing

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 including the Town/Parish Councils, Police, local schools, Community Payback, local businesses and community groups.

### Progress so far

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## **Develop and improve the local environment**

- Community Clean-Up Days: Delivered multiple clean-up events, particularly around Leicester Road, in partnership with Community Protection Unit (CPU) and Grounds Maintenance teams. These efforts have improved the visual appeal of the area and have received positive feedback from residents.
- Worked collaboratively with South Yorkshire Police (SYP) and CPU to tackle alcohol misuse in Coronation Park, reducing anti-social behaviour and improving safety for residents and visitors.

## **Develop and support initiatives around crime and community safety, particularly in hotspot areas**

- Strengthened partnership with SYP to encourage reporting of off-road vehicle activity. This has provided the evidence base required to secure support from the Off-Road Bike Team, helping to reduce nuisance and improve safety in affected areas.

## **Support initiatives to improve the town centre, markets and investment in the local economy**

- Continued support for the £12 million regeneration project aimed at transforming the town centre and markets, creating a more vibrant and attractive destination for residents and businesses. Construction is set to begin in 2026.
- Neighbourhood officers have facilitated and supported the launch of a new quarterly meeting for local businesses, improving communication and collaboration to drive economic growth.

## **Support improvements to highway maintenance**

- Worked closely with the Active Travel team to explore enhancements to walking, wheeling, and cycling routes, promoting sustainable travel options.
- Encouraged residents to report damaged roads, particularly potholes.

## **Support and develop initiatives to improve wellbeing**

- Continued support for the Open Arms initiative at Dinnington Library, providing a welcoming space for community engagement and wellbeing.
- Used Ward Budgets to support a range of groups.
- Worked with the 'Our Places' scheme to revitalise the area of 'old Dinnington' around the market cross.
- Supported the development of the new Selective Licensing scheme to improve private sector housing standards.

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