

KILNHURST AND SWINTON EAST WARD



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Kilnhurst and Swinton East Ward Priorities

1. Clean and green and having pride in our place
2. Places to go and having things to do for all ages including activities for children and access to play
3. Supporting our vulnerable residents

(Priority areas: Fitzwilliam Estate and Kilnhurst Village)

How these ward priorities were agreed

Ward priorities were agreed in June 2024 following consultation with residents across Kilnhurst and Swinton East. Feedback from the community, together with information from council services, partner organisations and local data, was used to identify the issues that matter most to residents and inform the ward's priorities.

How these priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy

These priorities directly support the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy by helping to create communities where people feel safe, connected, supported and proud of where they live. At the heart of the strategy is a commitment to ensuring that every neighbourhood is a place where residents can thrive, particularly those who may be vulnerable, isolated or facing additional challenges. Our approach focuses on strengthening community resilience and preventing issues from escalating by working closely with residents, local organisations and partner agencies. We aim to support vulnerable individuals and families to access the help they need, while also empowering residents to play an active role in shaping the places where they live.

Partnership working

Partnership working is at the heart of everything we do. By working closely with community and voluntary organisations, council services, neighbouring wards and strategic partners, we have strengthened relationships, developed new opportunities and delivered projects that make a real difference. These partnerships have helped bring people together, tackle local issues, support community action and celebrate success across our neighbourhoods.

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Progress so far

1. Clean and green and having pride in our place

- Continued multi-agency walkabouts with partners and residents, providing opportunities to listen to local concerns, take action, and deliver improvements in our communities
- Hedgehog awareness signage has been funded from our ward budget to help protect local wildlife. The signs have been installed in locations where they are most needed.
- Working in partnership with Housing, we funded multiple community skips that enabled residents to clear waste, improve their surroundings, and take pride in where they live.
- Sponsorship for the Christmas tree is secured each year, ensuring it remains a valued feature at Kilnhurst Church, bringing the community together and fostering local pride
- Community Leadership Funding supported environmental improvements at The Brecks, with the Don Catchment Rivers Trust and community volunteers working together to clear debris from the stream, improve water flow, and create new wildlife habitats.

2. Places to go and things to do for all ages including activities for children and access to play

- Funding has been provided each year to support annual Christmas grottos for children in Kilnhurst and the Fitzwilliam Estate, helping local families enjoy festive activities within their community.
- Organised and funded Summer and easter activities for all to enjoy in the community
- Joint funded community events with Swinton Rockingham ward Cllrs such as VE Day, St Georges Day and school holiday activities.
- Funded library books for all junior and infant schools in the ward
- The ward provided funding to Swinton Academy to support the replacement and upgrade of library equipment, helping to improve resources available to students.

3. Supporting our vulnerable residents

- Promoted local services and opportunities via e-bulletins, social media, surgeries, leaflets and targeted communications
- Monthly coffee mornings take place at Charles Street, alongside the recent redecoration of the neighbourhood centre to improve the community space.
- Provided funding support for St Johns coffee mornings and uniform drive
- Led road safety initiatives at Brookfield School, including pencil bollards, road safety poster campaigns, and a successful Park and Stride Christmas event

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