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Report to Council

Rawmarsh West Ward Priorities

1. Improvements to the physical environment
2. Improvements to community facilities and expansion of activities for local residents
3. Explore opportunities to improve health and wellbeing of local residents
4. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
5. Celebrating local heritage

How these priorities were agreed - Priorities were agreed in June 2024 following the in-depth study of Rawmarsh West ward data profiles, community intelligence, and information from services and partners. The priorities were reviewed this summer and agreed jointly to remain the same. New data, intelligence and information was used to inform this decision including consultation results undertaken by the Rawmarsh High Street Centre verifying that the priorities were still appropriate to local residents' needs and aspirations.

How these ward priorities support the Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy - The priorities centre on 'working with' communities and placing them at the heart of all we do. We aim to empower people, using a strengths-based approach to improve outcomes and support the most vulnerable.

Partnership Working – Rawmarsh prides itself on its effective partnership working. We especially have a strong voluntary and community sector in Rawmarsh so work continues to link them into agencies to enable them to shape or deliver the services Rawmarsh residents need locally.

Progress so far –

1. Improvements to the physical environment

Free Compost Bins and Water Butts - As part of our ward work to tackle the impact of climate change, we have used the ward budgets to purchase compost bins and water butts for residents and allotment holders.



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2. Improvements to community facilities and expansion of activities for local residents

Refurbishment of Rosehill Park Bandstand - Thanks to volunteer staff hours made available by Mears we were able to get the wonderful bandstand in Rosehill Park refurbished. The team repainted all the metal railings, rendered the internal pillars of the band stand, repaired the internal roof woodwork and installed new facias and guttering. The materials needed to undertake the work were funded by the ward budgets but without the generous donation of staff time from Mears this project would not have been achievable.

3. Explore opportunities to improve health and wellbeing of local residents

Gym equipment for Rosehill Park - Following the setting of ward priorities in 2024 residents were invited to put forward project suggestions. The installation of gym equipment in Rosehill Park was raised several times. With the park already being the home to Rawmarsh Runners and the Junior Park Run it was felt an appropriate addition to the park. The equipment has been very well received by park users.

Chair Exercises for Tenants - Memo Fitness (a local fitness provider) has been working with tenants living around The Steadlands Neighbourhood Centre to undertake weekly chair exercise classes, funded by the ward budget, to support their health, wellbeing and fall prevention.

4. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Community Action Partnership Walkabouts - The Joint Rawmarsh Wards Community Action Partnership has adopted a delivery model that combines quarterly formal meetings with multi-agency walkabouts during the intervening months. The walkabouts have increased our visibility throughout the wards and have allowed residents to speak to agencies about issues that concern them face to face.

5. Celebrating local heritage

History Tour Leaflets - As part of their 25th Anniversary celebrations, the Rawmarsh and Parkgate Local History Group have developed a local history tour leaflet that residents can follow and learn more about their local area. With help from our

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Community Leadership fund the group were able to print the leaflets so they could be made available to residents in key community venues.

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