

PUTTING COMMUNITIES AT THE **HEART** OF EVERYTHING WE DO

# Rother Vale

## Ward Plan

2019/20



# 1 Introduction

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## **Your Rother Vale Ward**

Providing vibrant, connected and safe neighbourhoods is a priority for Rotherham Council and communities are at the heart of everything we do.

We were elected as your Rother Vale Ward Councillors to listen to your views and work with you to make a difference in the local community. We know many of our residents are passionate about making their community a better place to live and we are here to work in partnership and make these improvements a reality.

In order to develop this Ward plan we spoke to you to find out what matters the most. We did this through a number of events and just by speaking to you whilst out and about in the community.



The priorities laid out in this plan will contribute to three key outcomes which are set out in ‘Thriving Neighbourhoods’, our neighbourhood strategy for 2018-2025:

- Neighbourhoods are safe and welcoming with good community spirit
- Residents are happy, healthy and love where they live
- Residents use their skills and assets to contribute to the outcomes that matter to them.

We’re now looking forward to working together to make these priorities come to life. The Ward plan will be updated regularly and placed on the Council website so everyone can see what’s being achieved in Rother Vale.

If you haven’t yet been involved but want to have your say, it’s not too late. Our contact details are included in this plan so get in touch and help develop and enhance our local community.

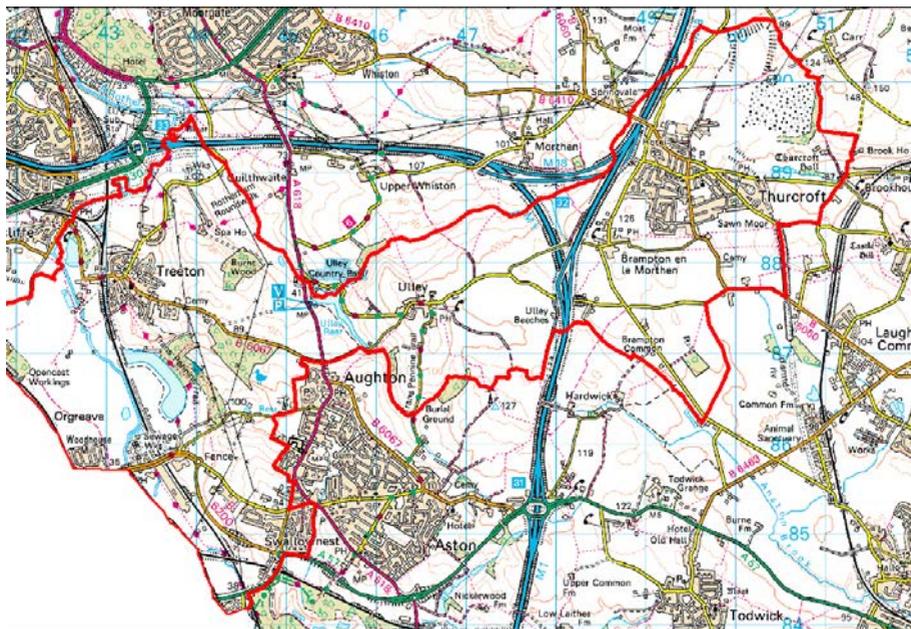
**Councillors Leon Allcock, Amy Brookes and Bob Walsh**

## Rother Vale Ward today

The Rother Vale Ward is largely rural with most of the population living in the former pit villages of Thurcroft, Treeton, Swallownest and Orgreave.

The rural areas of the ward include the small villages of Ulley and Brampton-en-le-Morthern and the hamlet of Fence. Part of the new development Waverley sits in west of the ward.

The population of Rother Vale has increased since 2011 reflecting new housing development at Waverley. The age structure is fairly typical of Rotherham, although the percentage of children and older people are both above average. Rother Vale has lower deprivation than the Rotherham average although still above the national average, and there are large differences within the Ward. A detailed Ward profile is available on the Website.



## Population change

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## Health

Generally, Rother Vale ward is worse than average for health and lifestyle indicators in terms of numbers of indicators better and worse. It has significantly better rates for A&E attendances and emergency hospital admissions in the under 5s but significantly worse rates for deaths from all causes, particularly coronary heart disease and circulatory diseases.

## Households claiming Housing or Council Tax Benefit

The proportion of working age people claiming benefits in Rother Vale is slightly below the Rotherham average; the rate of pension credit is slightly above average.

## Crime and Anti-social behaviour

Recorded crime in Rother Vale is below the Rotherham average but ASB is slightly above average

## Deprivation in Rother Vale

Rother Vale has lower deprivation than the Rotherham average although still above the national average and there are large differences within the ward. Thurcroft is the more deprived part, especially the west and central part of the village, both within the 20% most deprived areas of England. By contrast, areas with modern housing estates at Treeton, Swallownest, Waverley and Orgreave are less deprived than the national average.



## 3 Ward priorities

For the municipal year 2019/20 your ward councillors have taken a look at refreshing the local priorities to help meet the needs of the community.

After consulting with partners, internal colleagues and, most importantly, the community, the following priorities have been agreed

### Rother Vale

Build community capacity by supporting community groups and voluntary sector organisations to develop and deliver a wide range of community based services and activities across the ward

Support and develop community safety initiatives in response to emerging hotspots and areas of concern

Champion initiatives to decrease loneliness and social isolation and improve physical and mental health and wellbeing

Support and develop community based initiatives that tackle environmental issues and aim to improve the general appearance of the neighbourhood

Explore opportunities to promote lifelong learning and community education



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