

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

Wickersley

Ward Plan

2019/20



1 Introduction

Your Wickersley 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 Wickersley 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 Wickersley.

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.

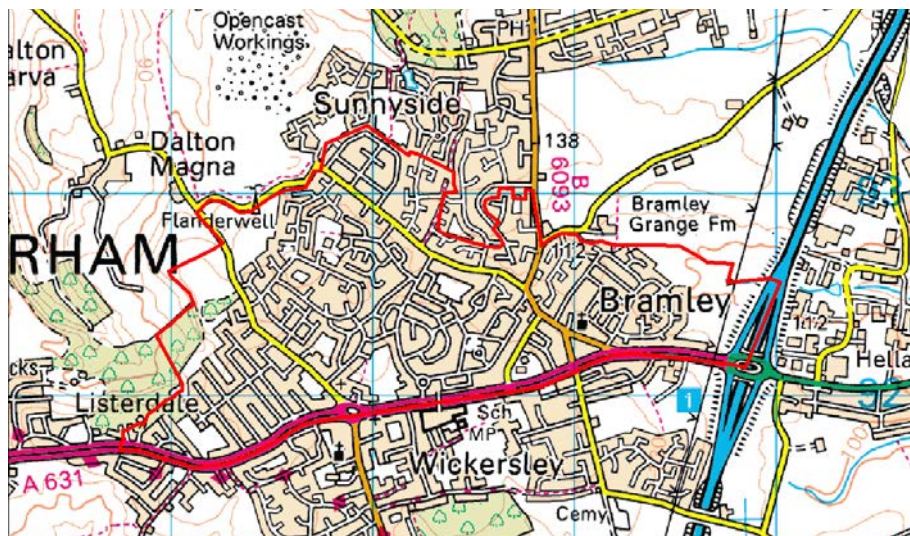
Councillors Sue Ellis, Emma Hoddinott and Chris Read

2 Wickersley Ward today

The Wickersley Ward covers the left side of Bawtry Road as you drive into Wickersley from Rotherham. The boundary finishes at the M18. Within the Wickersley Ward boundary is Wickersley, Flanderwell, Sunnyside and a part of Bramley.

The Wickersley Ward has an abundance of amenities within walking distance for all residents. The area has a number of parks and greenspaces including Wickersley Park, Flanderwell Park, Ruby Cook Recreational Ground, Bramley Park and Bill Hawes Recreational ground. The Ward has a Catholic church in Wickersley, Bramley has a Church of England and there is a Methodist church close by. The Ward has a number of primary schools including Northfield Lane Primary School, Flanderwell Primary School, Bramley

Sunnyside Infants School, Bramley Sunnyside Junior School and Bramley Grange Primary School. The primary schools feed into Wickersley School and Sports College which includes a sixth form. The 2013 OFSTED found Wickersley School and Sports College to be 'Outstanding in All Areas'. The Wickersley Ward has a number of entertainment establishments which have seen a significant amount of investment which has added to the desirability of living in the area although issues are being raised over noise nuisance from night time establishments. The area has convenient network links to the M18, M1 and A1. All the growth in the area is putting pressure on the local infrastructure including roads, and schools. The ward is also affected by the intended HS2.



Households

- There were **11,940** residents and **5,272** households (2014). The population of Wickersley has reduced since 2011 which reflects a lack of new housing in the ward.
- Of these, its estimated that **70%** are owner occupiers, **15%** live in social housing and **15%** rent privately

Deprivation

- In the Wickersley Ward deprivation is lower than most of Rotherham. The least deprived areas are in Bramley.
- Flanderwell is the most deprived part of the ward, within the **11%** most deprived areas in England.

Education and Employment

- Primary attainment at Key Stage 2 Year 6 in Reading, Writing & Maths (2014) was above the borough and national average.
- Achieving 5+ GCSE including English & Maths (2014) was well above the borough and national average.
- The percentage of people with a Highest Level of Qualification (2011 Census), Degree/diploma is above the borough and National average.

Crime And Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Recorded crime and ASB rates in Wickersley are **below** the Rotherham 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

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Improving the environment by empowering communities

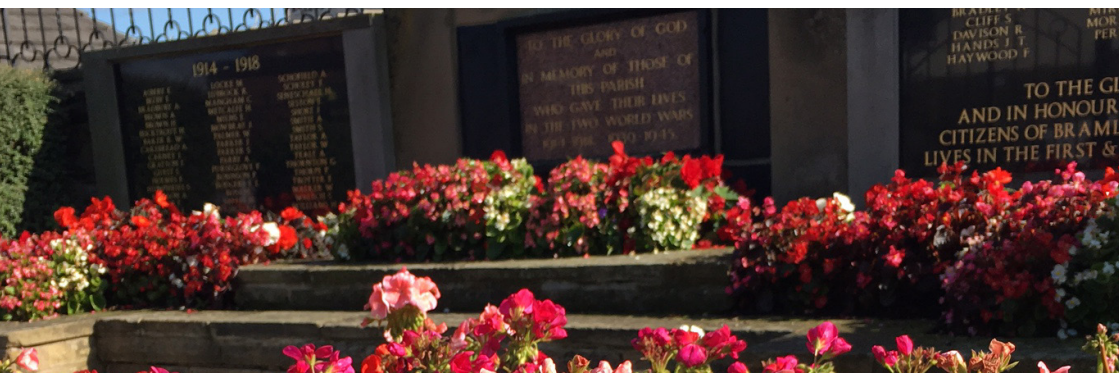
- Community clean up
- Installation of new litter bins
- Installation of a dog bin
- Community Walkabout
- Creating a community mural in Wickersley underpass

Building Stronger Communities

- Explore opportunities to support community groups and initiatives that tackle social isolation, loneliness and promoting wellbeing.
- Supporting the Flanderwell Door Knock

Tackling Crime and Anti-social behaviour

- Supporting residents with noise nuisance relating to entertainment establishments
- Exploring opportunities to improve road safety and parking in the area
- Community Speed Watch
- Installation of mobile speed activation sign
- Encouraging residents to report issues from their area.
- Tackling off road bikes through education and reporting



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Surgeries	Cllr Sue Ellis	Cllr Emma Hoddinott	Cllr Chris Read
Wickersley Community Centre/Library	1st Saturday of the month, 10am to 11am		
Bramley Parish Hall	2nd Friday of the month, 6pm to 7pm		
Sunnyside Community Centre	4th Monday of the month 6pm to 7pm		
Mark Grove Community Centre	For surgery dates and times please contact the Rotherham Town Hall 01709 382121		