

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

Wales

Ward Plan

2019/20



1 Introduction

Your Wales 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 Wales 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 Wales Ward.

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 Dominic Beck, Gordon Watson and Jenny Whysall

2 Wales Ward today

Wales ward includes the localities of Kiveton Park, Wales, Todwick, Harthill, Thorpe Salvin and Woodall.



Households

- Estimated Tenure: **83%** owner occupied, **9%** social rented, **8%** private rented

The number of dwellings in Wales has increased by **82** (+1.7%) since 2011 and there are **96** more households (+2.0%).

Deprivation

- Deprivation in Wales Ward is **well below the Borough average** and in most of the ward is around or **below the national average**. The most deprived area is within the most deprived **27%** of England. The small size of settlements and awkward statistical boundaries make it difficult to differentiate deprivation levels elsewhere in the ward but generally Todwick and the eastern half of Kiveton Park are the least deprived areas.

Income deprivation is below average in Wales for all age groups. Whilst children are more likely to be affected by income deprivation than adults, the level is still well below the Borough average.

Health

- Wales had rates of poor health and disability below the Borough average in 2011 but higher than the national average, reflected also in DLA claims in 2015.

Education

- Key Stage 2 Level 4 in Reading, Writing & Maths 2014: **86%** (Rotherham 77%, England 78%)

5+ GCSE inc English & Maths 2014: **67.8%** (Rotherham 55%, England 53.4%)

Primary and secondary attainment in 2014 was well above the Rotherham and national averages.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Recorded Crime and ASB are **below the borough 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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To support and develop initiatives to improve the local environment -

- Encouraging people to love where they live by supporting and developing community litter picking groups in the ward
- Holding community clean up days in hot spot areas
- Working with local primary schools to educate young people on environmental issues with the clean and green presentation

To support and develop initiatives to improve road safety in the community by –

- Providing Billy and Bellinda bollards at Todwick Primary School to reduce speed
- Reducing and monitoring speed in Todwick and Harthill by the provision of 2 speed activated signs.
- Exploring options to address parking issues around Limetree Avenue.
- Holding community speed watch events across the ward

To support and develop initiatives around combating social isolation, loneliness and well-being such as -

- Increasing participation and use of Perigrine Way Neighbourhood Centre at Harthill

Support Wales ward to be a strong, well connect community by -

- Supporting community groups to be sustainable through the Community Leadership fund



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Surgeries	Cllr Dominic Beck	Cllr Gordon Watson	Cllr Jenny Whysall
Kiveton Park Library	2nd Saturday of the Month 10am – 11am	Last Tuesday of the Month 9am – 10am	1st Saturday of the Month 10am – 11am
Harthill Methodist Chapel	1st Saturday of the Month 10am – 11am		3rd Saturday of the Month 10am – 11am
Todwick Village Hall		Last Tuesday of the Month 6pm – 7pm	