

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

Boston Castle

Ward Plan

2019/20



1 Introduction

Your Boston Castle 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 Boston Castle 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.

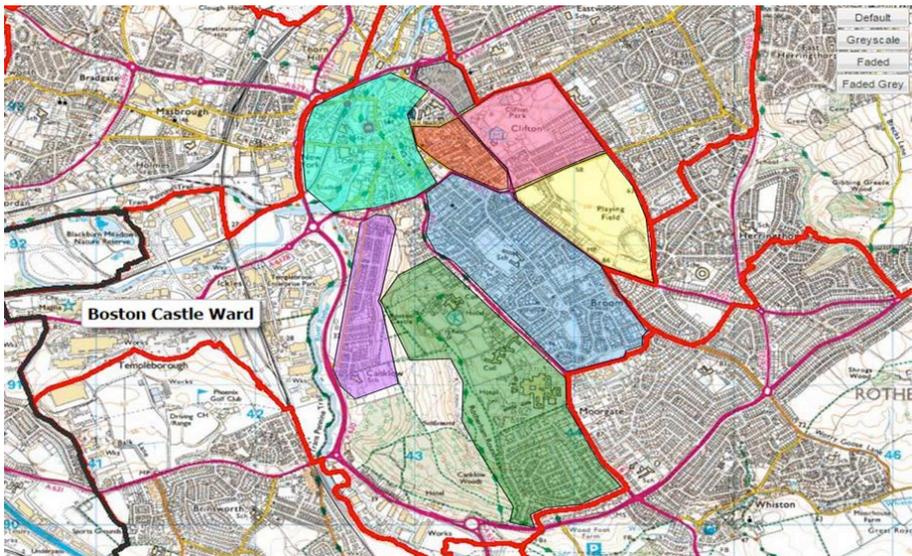
We're now looking forward to working together to make these priorities come to life. The Ward plan will be updated regularly and placed on the Council website so everyone can see what's being achieved in Boston Castle.

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 Saghir Alam, Rose McNeely and Taiba Yasseen

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To ease understanding for the Place Profile, the Ward has been divided into eight zones:



Central Area (Alma Rd to Centenary Way to Wellgate, including All Saints Square)

Canklow

Moorgate (including RDGH, Oakwood High, TRC & Boston Castle)

Broom (Broom Road to Moorgate)

Herringthorpe (including playing fields & surrounding housing)

Clifton (including park and surrounding housing)

Wellgate (including area to Clifton Lane)

Wharnccliffe (including Tesco and surrounding housing)

Households

- There are **13,910** residents and **5,818** households - the population has increased by **3.5%** since 2011 reflecting an increase in housing stock
- Of these, **20%** rent privately, 55% are owner occupiers and **25%** live in council social housing

Deprivation

- Deprivation is above the borough average but there are large differences within the ward
- Canklow and the areas around the Town Centre - inner Wellgate and Wharnccliffe – are the more deprived parts and amongst the **3%** most deprived nationally
- Deprivation in the rest of the ward varies from high in Clifton to moderate in Broom Valley. By contrast, Moorgate is less deprived than the national average

Health

- People describing themselves as being in 'bad' or 'very bad' health is above the borough average, along with the figures for those having a limiting long term illness or disability
- Life expectancy at birth is 2.5 years lower for men and 3 years lower for women when compared with the borough average

Education

- Primary attainment – i.e. at Key Stage 2/Year 6 in Reading, Writing and Maths – is **well above** both the borough and national averages but GCSE attainment is slightly below both averages
- The proportions with higher qualifications/no qualifications are both above borough average which suggests social polarisation within the ward

Crime And Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Recorded crime and ASB are **well above** the borough average but the figures are skewed by the Town Centre



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

Boston Castle

Ensure a co-ordinated response to crime and anti-social behaviour, with a particular focus on Wellgate House, Wharncliffe Flats, Herringthorpe Playing Fields and Boston Castle Grove

Update and work with the community on specific local developments

Celebrate achievements and bring communities together, strengthening a sense of belonging



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Surgeries	Cllr Saghir Alam	Cllr Rose McNeely	Cllr Taiba Yasseen
Clifton Methodist Church	1st Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm	1st Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm	1st Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm
Broom Valley Community Centre	2nd Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm	2nd Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm	2nd Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm
White Rose House, The Maltings	3rd Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm	3rd Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm	3rd Wed of month, 6.00-7.00pm
Wellgate House		See Website for details	
Beeversleigh & Shaftsbury House		See Website for details	
171 Wellgate S60 2NZ	Community and business surgery Every Friday, 3.00-4.00pm		
Street surgery	1st and 4th Friday of month, 4.15-5.15pm		