

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

Dinnington

Ward Plan

2019/20



1 Introduction

Your Dinnington 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 Dinnington 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 Dinnington.

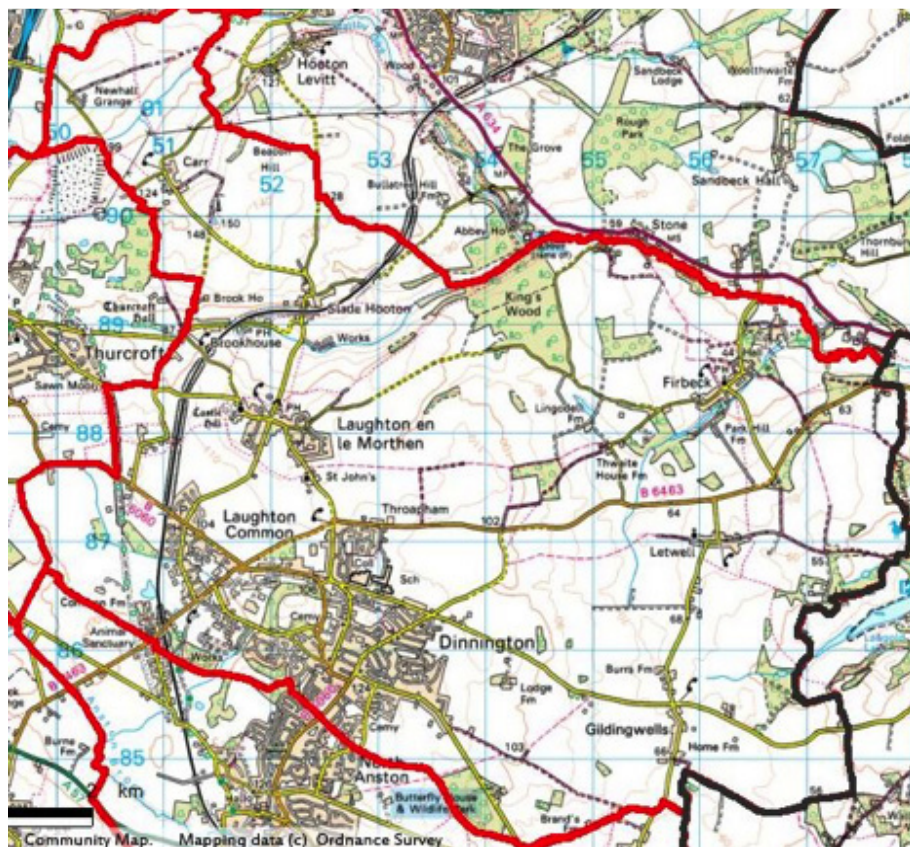
If you haven’t yet been involved but want to have your say, it’s not too late. Our contact details are included in this plan so get in touch and help develop and enhance our local community.

Councillors Jeanette Mallinder, Simon Tweed and John Vjestica

2 Dinnington Ward today

Dinnington is a town in the south east of the Borough and the Dinnington Ward includes the localities of Dinnington , Firbeck,

Laughton en Le Morthen, Laughton Common, Letwell, Brookhouse, Slade Hooton, Gildingwells and Carr.



Households

- There are **13,110** residents and **5,550** households

Of these, **70%** are owner occupiers, **17%** rent privately and **13%** live in social housing.

Deprivation

- Central Dinnington is **one of the most deprived parts of the Borough** and areas to both sides of Lordens Hill are within the most deprived **10%** of England. Most of Laughton and south Dinnington have deprivation well below the Borough average, most notably the modern private housing estates in South west Dinnington (around Limelands Road) which is the **least deprived area** in the ward

Health

- Across the ward in general, health issues are equal to or ranked better than the Borough average.

Life expectancy in the central Dinnington area is lower than the borough average for both men and women at around **70 for men** against a Borough average of **76 and 77 for women** against a Borough **average of 80**.

Education

- Key Stage 2 Level 4 in Reading, Writing & Maths 2014: **70%** (Rotherham 77 %, England 78 %)

5+ GCSE inc English & Maths 2014: **64%** (Rotherham 55 %, England 53.4 %)

Primary attainment in 2014 was **below the Rotherham and national averages** but secondary attainment was above average.

Highest Level of Qualification (2011 Census):

Degree or diploma **19.9%** (Rotherham 17.4 %, England 27.4 %)

No Qualifications **27.7%** (Rotherham 29.8 %, England 22.5 %)

Crime And Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Recorded Crime and ASB are **below the borough average**

However for residents living in the central Dinnington area the figures are **above the Borough average**. Particularly for burglary and ASB.



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

Dinnington

Support and develop initiatives to improve the local environment -

- Refurbishment of Davies Park
- Improve Meadow Street Play area
- Support the Victoria Street allotments group to deliver a facility accessible for all
- Support the volunteer community litter picking groups
- Provide community skips
- Provide 'Billy&Belinda' bollards at Laughton school.
- Provide a speed sign at Lordens Hill
- Work to address the empty homes issues through selective licensing

Support local community groups and partnership activities addressing loneliness/ isolation/health/leisure and engagement activity –

- Support JADE Youth Centre to deliver a quality service for our young people
- Provide the annual 'Reindeer' event
- Provide gentle exercise classes for the elderly
- Support coffee mornings
- Support RUFC Community Sports Foundation to continue to deliver services in Dinnington
- Work with Rotherfed to increase engagement with our community
- Take part in the pilot 'make every contact count' scheme
- Provide engagement activity across the ward

Promote Community Safety and address issues around Crime & Disorder -

- Hold community safety events in order to inform residents, provide home security items and help people feel safer
- Support crime prevention activity
- Target hot spots for partnership action and CCTV
- Support youth groups and provide diversionary activities for young people

Work with business and partners to improve economic growth and employment -

- Refurbishment of the Market
- Improve Laughton Road Shopping area
- Support training & education activity to enable residents be better prepared for work

Your Local Councillors

<http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/councillors/specificWard/16/dinnington>



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Dinnington Resource Centre: Room 4	First Saturday in month 11.45am - 12.45pm		
Dinnington Resource Centre: Library	2nd Monday in month 3pm - 4pm		
Dinnington Resource Centre: Room 4	2nd Monday in month 6.15pm - 6.45pm		
Laughton Parish Hall	Third Wednesday in month 6pm - 7pm		