

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

Rotherham West

Ward Plan

2019/20



1 Introduction

Your Rotherham West 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 Rotherham West 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 Rotherham West.

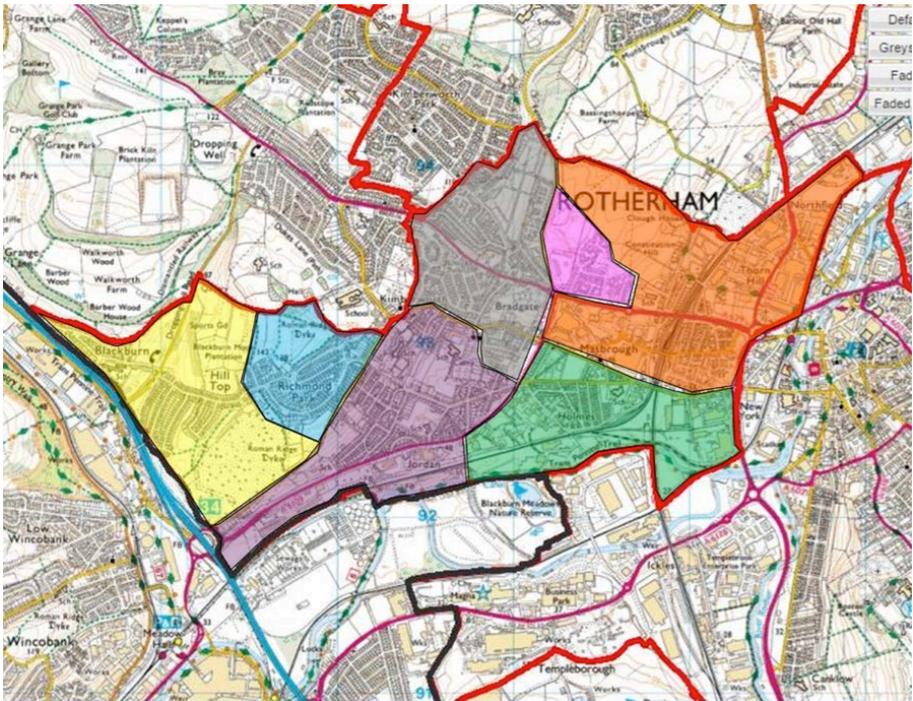
If you haven’t yet been involved but want to have your say, it’s not too late. Our contact details are included in this plan so get in touch and help develop and enhance our local community.

Councillors Pat Jarvis, Eve Rose Keenan and Ian Jones

Rotherham West Ward today

Rotherham West Ward is in the north of the borough. To ease understanding for the Place Profile,

the Ward has been divided into seven zones:



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|  | Ferham/Holmes |  | Blackburn
(separate from West Hill) |
|  | Masbrough/Thornhill |  | Richmond Park |
|  | Henley |  | Meadowbank |
| | |  | Kimberworth |

Households

- There are **13,560** residents and **5775** households – the population has increased by **2.2%** since 2011, higher than the borough average
- Of these, **59%** are owner occupiers, **25%** live in social housing and 16 % rent privately
- **21.7%** of residents are from a BME community (2011), the 3rd highest of the 21 Wards in Rotherham

Deprivation

- Deprivation is much higher than the borough average but there are significant differences within the ward
- Ferham is the most deprived area in the ward and in Rotherham – neighbouring Masbrough is almost as deprived and the eastern quarter of the ward is all within the most deprived **2%** nationally. Deprivation is also very high in Meadowbank, Bradgate and Richmond Park
- The west of the ward is generally less deprived, with North East Kimberworth being below the national average

Health

- People describing themselves as being in ‘bad’ or ‘very bad’ health is in line with the borough average but above the national average
- The figures for those having a limiting long term illness or disability is below the borough average but above the national average

Education

- Primary attainment – i.e. at Key Stage 2/Year 6 in Reading, Writing and Maths – is below the borough and national averages, as is the proportion attaining 5+ GCSEs including in English and Maths
- The proportion of people with higher level qualifications is well below the borough average – similarly the proportion of those with no qualifications is above the borough and national averages

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Recorded Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the ward are well above the borough average, in particular in the more deprived inner eastern areas of the ward

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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Ensure a co-ordinated response to Crime and ASB (incl environmental issues) with a particular focus on Ferham

Support Community Asset Transfers and celebrate local heritage

Work with our local schools on issues important to them

Support initiatives which bring communities together, celebrating the diversity in our ward



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Surgeries	Cllr Ian Jones	Cllr Pat Jarvis	Cllr Eve Rose
Masbrough Community Centre	Every Thurs, 5.30pm - 6pm	Every Thurs, 5.30pm - 6pm	Every Thurs, 5.30pm - 6pm
Richmond Park Community Centre	3rd Sat of month, 12 - 12.30pm	3rd Sat of month, 12 - 12.30pm	3rd Sat of month, 12 - 12.30pm
Bradgate Working Mens Club			1st Sat of month, 11am - 12noon
Henley Community Centre			1st Wed of month, 10am - 11am