

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

Sitwell

Ward Plan

2019/20



1 Introduction

Your Sitwell 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 Sitwell 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 Sitwell.

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.

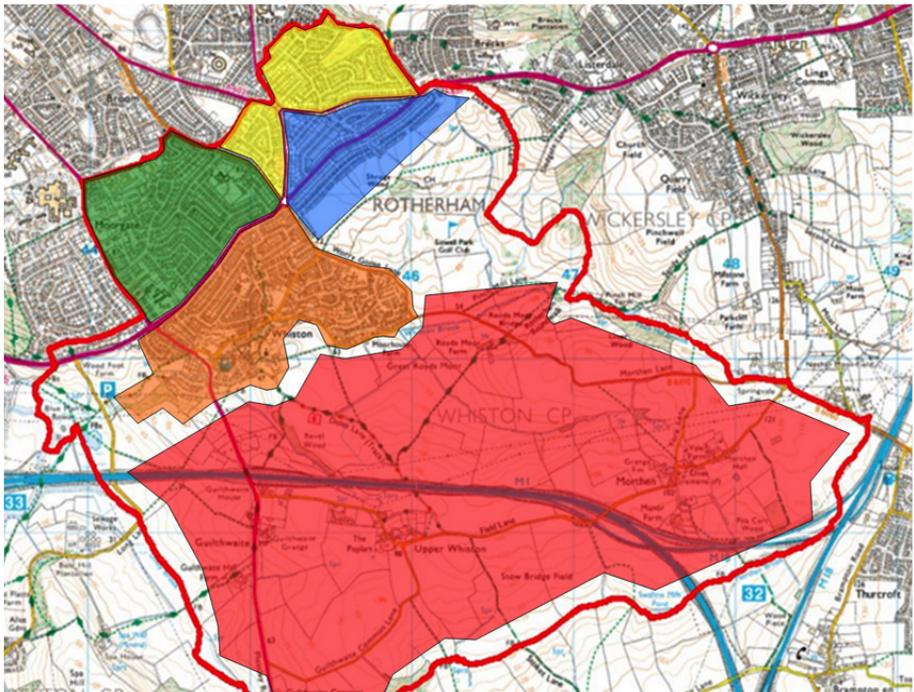
Councillors Allen Cowles, Peter Short and Julie Turner

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



Whiston Parish Council boundary



 Upper Whiston/Morthen

 Stag

 Grange Estate

 Broom/Brecks

 Whiston

Households

- There are **11,908 residents** and **4,970 households** - the population of Sitwell has reduced since 2011 reflecting the low amount of new housing
- The ward has a significantly older age profile than Rotherham as a whole with **25%** of residents aged over 65 years compared with the average of **19%**.
- **11.5%** of Sitwell residents were from a BME community in 2011, above the Borough average of **8.1%**.

Deprivation

- Sitwell is the least deprived ward in the borough and has only one significant pocket of deprivation at Whiston East i.e. the area around Greystones Road, which has a high proportion of council housing.
- The proportion of working age people claiming benefits in Sitwell is well below the Rotherham average, particularly the rate claiming due to worklessness which is half the average.

Health

- Generally, Sitwell ward is **much better than average** for health and lifestyle indicators in terms of numbers of indicators better and worse. No indicators are significantly worse with nearly **15%** significantly better.

- Sitwell is **slightly higher than the borough average** for low birth weight births; children obese and overweight in Reception year (aged 4-5); and death rates from stroke

Education

- **Primary and GCSE** attainment in 2014 were well above the Rotherham and national averages.
- The proportion with **higher level qualifications** is well above the Rotherham average but just below the national average.

Crime And Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Recorded crime and ASB in Sitwell are **well below the Rotherham average** with ASB being less than half the 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

Sitwell

Work with partners to address isolation and loneliness, especially amongst those aged 65+ years

Work with partners to explore the possible removal of the multi-use games area from Greystones Road to an alternative site and / or to develop extra youth provision

Work with Yorkshire Water, the Environment Agency and the Council's Streetpride service to reduce the number of and mitigate the impact of flooding incidents

Support new and existing groups, and are particularly keen to work with local schools and community associations



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Whiston Parish Hall	Second and fourth Monday of the month, 6pm to 7pm		
Broom Lane Methodist Church	First and third Monday of the month, 6pm to 7pm		