

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

Valley

Ward Plan

2019/20



1 Introduction

Your Valley 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 Valley 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.

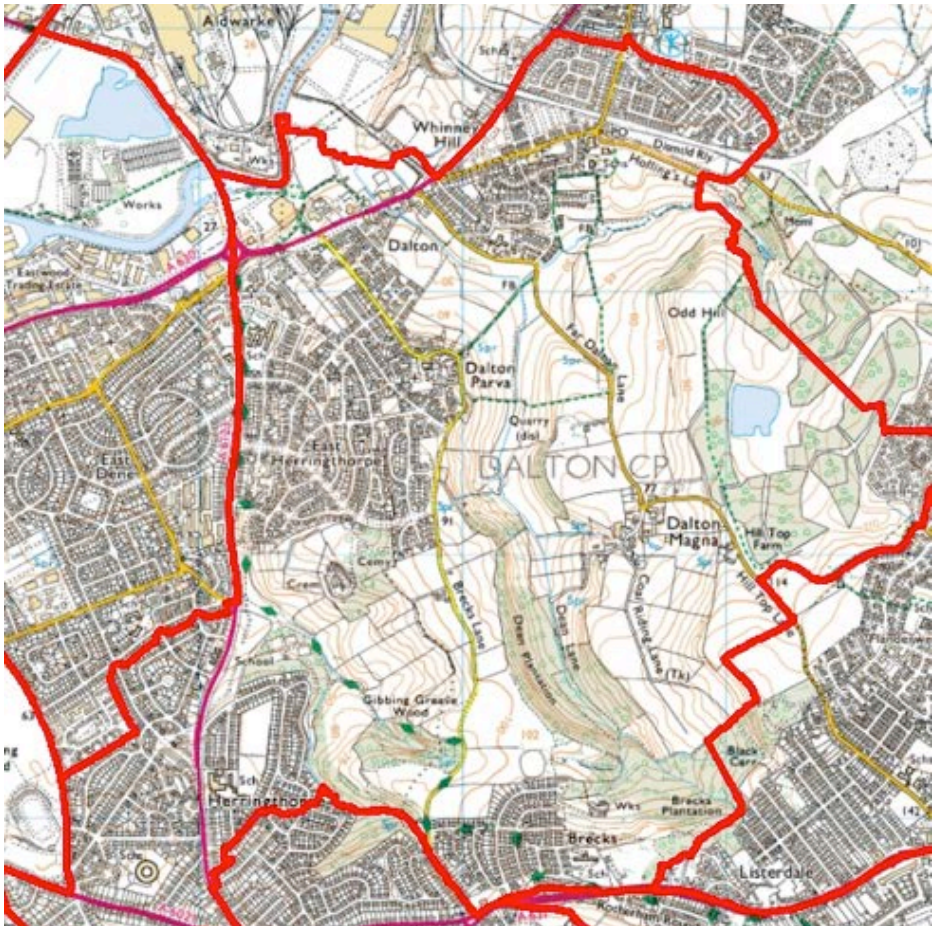
We’re now looking forward to working together to make these priorities come to life. The Ward plan will be updated regularly and placed on the Council website so everyone can see what’s being achieved in Valley Ward.

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 Kerry Albiston, Kathleen Reeder and Jayne Senior

2 Valley Ward today

Valley Ward is in the north of the borough. To ease understanding for the Place Profile, the Ward has been divided into four areas:



Households

- There are **13,210** residents and **5429** households – the population has remained unchanged since 2011 which reflects a small reduction in housing stock.
- Of these, **52%** are owner occupiers, **40%** live in social housing and **8%** rent privately
- **7.5%** of residents are from a BME community (2011), close to the Borough average of **8.1%**.

Deprivation

- Deprivation is much higher than the borough average. Most of East Herringthorpe is within the **2%** most deprived areas of England, and Dalton and south Thrybergh are within the top **4%**.

Health

- People describing themselves as being in 'bad' or 'very bad' health is **9.1%** (Rotherham **7.6%**, England **5.5%**)
- The figures for those having a limiting long term illness or disability is **23.3%** (Rotherham **22%**, England **17.6%**).

Education

- Primary attainment – i.e. at Key Stage 2/Year 6 in Reading, Writing and Maths – is slightly below the borough and national averages, the proportion attaining 5+ GCSEs including in English and Maths is close to average.
- The proportion of people with higher level qualifications is 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 ASB in the ward are slightly 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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Develop Neighbourhood Centres into successful community hubs

Make environmental improvements to improve community safety and wellbeing

Enhance facilities and activities for children, young people and families



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Surgeries	Cllr Kerry Albiston	Cllr Kathleen Reeder	Cllr Jayne Senior
Swinburne Place Neighbourhood Centre	1st Monday of the month, 6pm to 7pm	4th Monday of the month, 5pm to 6pm	1st Monday of the month, 6pm to 7pm
Vale Road/ Warreners Drive Neighbourhood Centre	2nd Wednesday of the month, 10am to 11am		2nd Wednesday of the month, 10am to 11am
High Greave Place Neighbourhood Centre	3rd Thursday of the month, 5pm to 6pm	1st Monday of the month, 5pm to 6pm	3rd Thursday of the month, 5pm to 6pm
Dorothy Taylor Neighbourhood Centre	4th Saturday of the month, 10am to 11am		4th Saturday of the month, 10am to 11am
Dalton Parish Hall		3rd Monday of the month, 5pm to 6pm	
Thrybergh Parish Hall		2nd Monday of the month, 5pm to 6pm	