

Wath Ward

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

Ward Priorities:

- Police presence / crime / ASB
- Litter / Street Cleansing / Fly-tipping / Graffiti
- Roads and pavement improvements
- Community facilities / community activities
- Children's play area / parks / pitches

Key Achievements

Community Facility Improvements

We have used our Ward Capital Budget to assist making improvements to community facilities. We have provided match funding to enable Montgomery Hall to purchase new front doors making the facility more secure and accessible to all. We have invested over a number of years in the stage facilities at Montgomery Hall with results we couldn't have dreamt of. With a little investment in new modern LED stage lighting, PA equipment and stage drapes the facility is now hosting National Dance Championships bringing people to Wath Town Centre from all over the county.

Supporting our Local Economy to Thrive

Following the closure of the remaining banks in Wath concerns were raised by local business's regarding the future of Wath. We took the opportunity to get outside thoughts on the way forward for Wath by inviting an LGA Peer with a Town Center Regeneration background to visit and give their recommendations.

We are now working with our MP John Healey and the newly formed Wath Traders Group to enable improvements to be made to Wath Town Centre to support the businesses to thrive. Christmas is a big event in our wards calendar, to help bring custom into Wath we work with the Wath Events Team to put on an amazing Christmas event. This year over £2,000 in business sponsorship was obtained to enable the towns Christmas lights and tree to be provided and bringing back a community spirit to Wath. Our Ward budget has enabled us to help the volunteers on the Wath Events Team with the purchase of additional Christmas lights and a new Christmas tree bracket. We also pay for the support of a Streetpride lengths man following the event to ensure litter bins are emptied ready for use by Wath's Saturday shoppers.



Involving Young People in Local Democracy

For a number of years we have visited our Comprehensive School during Local Democracy Week encouraging their involvement in local democracy and answering local democracy questions. This year we stepped up our offer to Primary Schools and attended a meeting of Wath Victoria Primary Schools School Council. There was one particular question regarding a play area in our ward which we knew we needed to investigate further so the School Council are attending a site visit with us and Green Spaces officers to look at what improvements can be made and agree a way forward with them making use of our ward capital budget if needed.

Celebrating and Remembering Community Volunteers

We have used our ward budget to remember the dedication of community volunteer Dorothy Logan who for many years campaigned to get the Manvers Cenotaph and its grounds refurbished. With Dorothy's assistance we did achieve the refurbishment of the site and we now have community buy in who take care of the grounds alongside the new land owner. We have sited a memorial bench in Dorothy's memory at the Manvers Cenotaph and dedicated it to her on Remembrance Sunday 2018.

Cross Border Working

We work with fellow colleagues in neighbouring wards of Swinton and Hooper to deliver projects that are important to our residents such as the provision of the Woodman Christmas tree also funded solely by business sponsorship, speed activated signs and purchasing litter picking equipment for the Wath, West Melton and Brampton Litter Picking Group.

Community Leadership

We put our role as community leaders at the heart of everything we do and we like to empower and upskill our community volunteers. The ward revenue budget has allowed us to train community volunteers in first aid and in turn these volunteers have assisted us to put on community events by being our first aid cover. This has been so successful we intend to train more first aiders in 2019. We also roll our sleeves up and get involved in the planning and delivery of the Wath Summer Gala and Christmas Lights Switch on Event. We take the time to support new groups like the Friends of Wath Woods in their work and gladly use our ward budget to support their work where possible. We have undertaken community engagement work in our most hard to reach communities running family fun days and consulting residents on what improvements they would like to see in their area. We support the Princes Trust in their work to empower and upskill local young people giving project suggestions and celebrate their achievements when projects are delivered in our ward.

Partnership Working Successes

We have worked with the Community Protection Unit to purchase fly-tipping signage via our ward budget to support their work in capturing and prosecuting those who fly-tip in our ward. Following community requests we have worked with the Housing Department to provide a community skip in the Newhill area of Wath. We are working with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service to obtain buy in from the Manvers Lake owner to install lifesaving throw lines around the Manvers Lake.

