# **Hellaby Ward**

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BRAMLEY (SOUTH), HELLABY, WICKERSLEY (SOUTH) AND MALTBY (WEST)

## **Ward Priorities**

- Exploring opportunities to improve road safety in all areas of Hellaby Ward including Flash Lane, Morthen Road, Rotherham Road and Addison Road Maltby
- Explore opportunities to work with school and the community to improve parking issues around schools
- Improve the environment by empowering our communities
- To consult with residents around Lyme Tree park to see what improvements they would like to see on the recreational ground
- To work with young people and partners to look at providing diversionary activities for young people during key dates in the year
- Working with local groups in the area to help with social isolation particularly around older people
- Helping residents feel safe in Hellaby Ward through community crime prevention projects

### Key Achievements so far

A number of walkabouts have been carried out to find out what is important to local people and businesses which means we have been able to:



Support the proposal for a pedestrian controlled crossing on Morthen Road, Wickersley.

Support Bramley Parish Council with the purchase of a time lapse camera to monitor traffic flow on Flash Lane, Bramley.

Support the introduction of 20 mph speed advisory signs outside St Albans School, Wickersley.

### Improving the Environment

We have supported the residents of Hellaby who want to keep their neighbourhood clean and tidy by providing resources such as a handi-cart for the Hellaby Litter pickers and arranging a community skip and clean up day in partnership with Hellaby Parish Council.



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### Lyme Tree Park, Maltby

Community concerns had been raised about the condition of the play area and residents were asked what they would like to see in the park. New play equipment including a multi play unit, cradle swing, junior swings and spring rockers were funded by Rotherham Council and the Area Housing Panel. The park has been transformed into a safe play area for local children. School children from Maltby Redwood Academy designed the rules of the park. An open event and fun day was organised which was enjoyed by the whole community. A notice board has been installed and a newsletter has been produced keeping residents up to date with news and information. This has been distributed to local businesses and community buildings. More recently we have joined children from Maltby Redwood Academy Redwood Academy who carried out a litter pick on the park.



# Working with local groups in the area to help with social isolation particularly around older people

We have supported local groups with the Ward Budget by offering groups the opportunity to apply for a community chest grant . 6 groups were successful and used the funding to improve the lives of people of all ages. These include The Dodgers, The Lings Monday Group and Forget -Me-Not, who all support older people to tackle social isolation. We have also funded projects supporting young people including the 10th Brownies and the Wickersley Theatre Group.

Working with the Lings Monday group and Bramley Parish Council, we have organised a community lantern walk. This was an intergenerational project aimed at all ages. Families and young children created colourful lanterns which helped light up the evening sky as they walked to the local neighbourhood centre where the Lings Monday group provided a hot meal for everyone taking part. The event was a great success enjoyed by everyone.



#### **Suicide Prevention**

To help raise awareness we have placed suicide prevention signs on Sandy

Lane bridge, Bramley over the M18 (near Junction 1), distributed coasters and posters to over 30 businesses including restaurants, gyms, pubs, cafes, doctors surgeries and local businesses.

#### What happens next

- Continuing on the theme of social isolation and the safety of residents we have agreed to fund the provision of 8 solar lights on a footpath that connects residents from an estate to the local shops.
- We are developing projects to improve parking issues around schools.
- We will work with South Yorkshire Police and other partners to develop safety events where we will distribute security items we have purchased.