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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS FROM ASTON, AUGHTON AND SWALLOWNEST

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

Things we've done in the last 12 months

We carried out 14 Roadshows at community venues where we listened to residents and heard what was important to them.



Some of the issues raised related to access and provision at our neighbourhood centres. To improve access and safety we have been able to fund resident only parking signs at some of the centres and provide 'H' parking markings.



Some residents at Windy Ridge expressed a feeling of isolation but the neighbourhood centre was rarely used. We developed monthly social meetings which became the catalyst for further resident interest groups and the centre is now well used.

To further encourage use of the centre we utilised the Ward Budget and worked in partnership with South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company to enable the redecoration of neighbourhood centres at Heighton View and Hepworth Drive



Health

We have worked in partnership with Aston TARA to provide funding for a community defibrillator which has been placed outside Aston Parish Hall. Supported the introduction of No Smoking signs. Posters designed by school children were made into signs which have been placed in local parks as part of the borough wide Healthy Parks initiative.



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Road Safety

We have supported a number of road safety initiatives to improve pedestrian safety around schools and public buildings. These include:

- Providing hazard warning markings outside Springwood Academy which make motorists aware of children crossing the road
- Installing bollards on Aughton Road, near Aston Academy, to prevent vehicles driving onto the pedestrian footpath
- Organising a community speed watch with SYP on Worksop Road and a vehicle speed survey on Nickerwood Drive. In acknowledging the concerns raised by our residents, next year we will be purchasing a mobile speed activation sign.

Community Safety

We purchased 2 surveillance cameras that were deployed in known hotspot areas. These cameras were used to gather information for offences linked to fly tipping and led to successful offender prosecutions and seizure of vehicles.

We also provided safety items to vulnerable persons in our community, including window, shed and scooter alarms, card defender wallets, property marking kits, purse bells and torches.



To reduce anti-social behaviour on Alison Drive we, together with partners, have instigated engineered solutions to the problem including fencing and footway modification. This work will continue next year with the provision of K Frames to deter motorcycle nuisance.

We were proud to support our partners with a community clean-up day on Arcubus Avenue. We funded the provision of crime prevention products which were fitted free of charge to homes by Stay Put.



What we want to do next

Continue to get out and about in our community to build on relationships already made and establish many more new ones. We're particularly keen and have already started to develop our engagement with children. We'll work hard next year to develop initiatives and incentives for the Health and Well Being of our community. Most importantly we'll continue to listen and act where we can to improve our community and our residents pride in it.