Ward Priorities

- Improve the local environment
- Address social isolation and loneliness
- Increase participation within the local community.
- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Provide more facilities and activities for young people and families.

Environmental Improvements

Ward Councillors are committed to working towards improving the environment in their ward. Projects include wild flower planting on Pontefract Road, Lions Lodge and Hurley Croft.

The Wath, West Melton and Brampton litter picking group have come together as volunteers to tackle litter in both Hoober Ward and Wath Ward. Hoober Ward Councillors have funded litter picking equipment for the group. The group regularly carry out litter picks in the areas of Brampton, West Melton and Upper Haugh.

Councillors have funded a number of community skips for local residents, in areas such as West Melton, Brampton and Manor Farm. This has allowed residents to dispose of unwanted bulky items.
Reducing Crime and Anti social behaviour - Councillors have contributed towards the purchase of two electric bikes for the police to enable the areas PSCO's more movement around the Ward. The PSCO's are regularly using the bikes increasing their visible in the area.

Councillors have organised regular walkabouts with South Yorkshire Police in the Ward. The Councillors are in the process of producing a ‘Know Who to call’ leaflet to encourage reporting in the ward.

Activities for young people and families - Councillors contributed funding to support the Tin Pot Theatre who work with young people aged 8-18 who would not usually have access to drama. Funding allowed the group to update scenery, costumes and purchase a license. The group helps develop young peoples acting skills as well as improving confidence, team building and communication skills.

Social Isolation and Loneliness and improving facilities

Ward Councillors have supported local groups to address social isolation and loneliness. Cortonwood Senior Citizens lunch club is open to anyone over the age of 55, offering a warm welcome, affordable lunches and an opportunity to meet new people. Funding from the Ward Councillors contributed towards a Summer trip and Christmas lunch.

Harley Mission Rooms has recently been acquired and refurbished by a newly established Trust. Ward Councillors were keen to help and funded equipment and fixtures to enable them to set up a new community café which is open to all the community.

The Mission Rooms is now able to host a variety of community activities including film nights, fitness classes and toddler groups.