

Rotherham North

Area Plan 2009



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I am Councillor Lindsay Johnston, Chair of Rotherham North Area Assembly and elected member for Wingfield.

Welcome to the Rotherham North Area Plan for 2009/2010. This Area Plan identifies some of our achievements over the last twelve months as well as setting out our priorities for the next twelve months to make Rotherham North a better place to live and work.

Rotherham North covers the three wards of Keppel, Rotherham West and Wingfield with a population of 37,118.

I would like to thank all the partners who have worked with us and everyone who has attended the Area Assembly Meetings in the last twelve months, particularly those of you who have given up your time voluntarily to undertake work within your communities either individually or as part of a group.

If you feel passionate about your community and want to get involved in improving the quality of life for those who live and work in Rotherham North then the Area Assembly is your meeting and an arena for you to voice your concerns; bring forward issues and find out what is happening.

I look forward to meeting you there.

Regards

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The Rotherham North Area Plan provides an overview of the area, the key priorities for the current year and details of our achievements from the past year

What is an Area Assembly?

The Area Assemblies are an innovative way to bring people together who live and work in an area to make a difference. It is a partnership of individuals, agencies and organisations which work together to tackle local issues and to listen to local people.

Who are the members of an Area Assembly?

Anyone from the local area who wants to make a difference and can contribute time, money, advice or expertise to a partnership. Area Assemblies bring together local councillors, council services, businesses, colleges, health, police, churches, community groups and anybody else who can help to make their local area a better place to live and work.



What does an Area Assembly do?

Each Area Assembly is different and has grown in response to local needs and local issues, but they all have the same aims:

- To work with local people to improve their quality of life
- To take action to tackle local issues
- To influence plans and services for the area and make sure they are what people want
- To raise money for local projects
- To bring together all those who live and work in an area in a positive and active partnership
- To work with communities to celebrate their areas so that people feel they belong to the community and get on well together
- This year Rotherham Council has devolved £1.4 million over a two year period to be spent on local priorities identified by local people. Projects have been delivered by a range of partners including NHS Rotherham, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and the voluntary and community sector



What we did during 2008/09

Last year you told us to:

- › Provide more activities for children and young people
- › Improve the standards of roads, pavements and have cleaner streets
- › Reduce the level and fear of crime
- › You wanted more information on affordable decent housing
- › Increase community activity

So in 2008 we:

Provided more activities for children and Young People

- › We developed a programme of youth engagement and diversionary activity at St John's Green
- › Developed a seating area at Barkers Park in response to consultation with young people
- › Supported the development and delivery of Performing Arts/Media/ at a Film Transitional Summer School

Improved the standards of roads, pavements and have cleaner streets

- › We delivered several schemes utilising the Rotherham North Streetpride Devolved Budget which promoted initiatives in the community enabling them to get involved in improving their street scene such as "Living Streets" and "Fix My Street"

Reduced the Level and Fear of Crime

- › We worked with partners to increase the effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) process
- › We used the Neighbourhood Action Group process to identify hot spots within each neighbourhood using a range of methods and produced action plans to address the issues
- › Conducted a crime survey at community events to evaluate perception of crime and impact of previous activity

Affordable Decent Housing

- Following up an Affordable Housing Presentation from the February 2008 Area Assembly Meeting, that included further developments such as “Own Home” and promoted “Decent Homes” events and publicised information

Increased Community Activity

- The team worked with isolated and vulnerable older people to ensure they felt included. Easier access to services were introduced along with inter-generational activities
- The team supported a Parent and Toddler Group at Blackburn offering community learning opportunities to parents
- We hosted Rotherham North Community Awards at the December Area Assembly Meeting
- The Area Assembly team supported the Steering Group to build on 2008’s Ferham Sports Fest and deliver another event

Identifying your priorities

In the autumn of 2008 the Rotherham North Area Assembly team consulted with communities in Keppel, Wingfield and Rotherham West Wards to identify our community priorities for the area. We will use this information to work in partnership with locally based services to change the way they work, make improvements to the area and deliver projects so Rotherham North is a better place to live. The team used many different ways of doing this which included:

- Area Assembly meetings
- Sending out questionnaires by post
- Attending community events e.g. Winterhill Community Day, Ferham Fest
- Door knocking
- Holding consultation events in public venues e.g. Greasbrough and Kimberworth Libraries and Wingfield School
- Visiting Community Groups e.g. Blackburn Community Partnership; Kimberworth Park Community Partnership; Meadows Community Partnership

What we will be doing in 2009/2010

Community Priority: Activities for Teenagers and Children and Young People

Through the Area Assembly Devolved Budget we will ensure that funding is prioritised for the following projects:

- The employment of a Community Sports Coach for the area
- Support a programme of Basketball delivery
- The On 4 Wheels Drive Project promoting road safety and responsible driving
- The Unique project working to raise the self-esteem and aspirations of young people
- Development of a Young People's Community Leadership Project
- Seating area for young people in Bradgate Park
- The employment of a detached youth worker for St John's Green
- A programme of gym instructor training
- A Rotherham BMX club

Community Priority: Reduce the Level and Fear of Crime and Increase Community Safety

- Anti social behaviour (ASB), causes a 'fear of crime' generally amongst parents, young people and the elderly remains a key community priority. This is a particular priority in the following locations:
 - St Johns Green
 - Ferham
- Use the Neighbourhood Action Group process to identify hot spots within each neighbourhood using a range of methods and action plans to address issues raised
- Put in place monthly PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings
- Support South Yorkshire Police to deliver "Operation Staysafe" across the area to deter young people from underage drinking in public areas
- Support South Yorkshire Police to develop a Playstation club for young people across the area

Community Priority: Improve Standards of Roads and Pavements, Improve Facilities in Parks and Open Spaces and Cleaner Streets

- Deliver schemes utilising the Rotherham North Streetpride Devolved Budget
- Utilise “Grot Spot” Funding to clean areas of concern in Rotherham North
- Support Wingfield Horticulture Project to enhance their facilities and engage in projects in the wider community
- Develop stronger links with Greenspaces to provide up to date information for the residents of Rotherham North

Community Priority: Increase Community Activity

- The Area Assembly team will support a steering group responsible for organisation of Rotherham North Sports Festival and assist with delivery
- Support the development of Community groups via the Rotherham North Community Chest
- Host Rotherham North Community Achievement Awards



How you can get involved with your Area Assembly

There are a number of ways that you can get involved in the Area Assembly process whether it be simply attending a meeting or filling in one of our consultation questionnaires.

Below is a list of ways in which you can get involved, if you are unsure as to the best method for you to be involved just contact Your Local Area Assembly Team. If you do not know the Area Assembly in which you are based please use the 'What Area Assembly are you in' page on the website to help.

The Area Assembly teams engage with the public in a number of ways, these include:

- Regular themed Area Assembly meetings in each of the seven areas
- Regular consultation events
- Roadshows
- Sending out questionnaires
- Via 'Impact' days and weeks by working with our partners

You can also join your local Area Assembly online and receive regular emails regarding the next Area Assembly meeting in your area.

If you have any queries about how you can become involved please contact us using the details given below, or come along to the next public meeting.

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Area Assembly Meeting Dates

The Rotherham North Area Assembly meetings are held every two months at the Rotherham Town Hall starting at 6.00pm.

Dates for 2009

Tuesday, 20th October, 6.00pm **Rotherham Town Hall**

Tuesday, 15th December, 6.00pm **Rotherham Town Hall**

Details of future meetings, up-to-date information and reports to enable you to keep in touch with what is going on in your community can be found on the website at www.rotherhamareaassemblies.gov.uk or contact the team using the contact details below.

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