

Wentworth North

Area Plan 2009



Hooper Stand



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I am Councillor Alan Atkin, Chair of Wentworth North Area Assembly and elected member for Wath.

The Wentworth North area covers a picturesque part of the Rotherham Borough with idyllic rural villages and many beautiful assets to visit throughout the area for example Hooper Stand, Manvers Lake, Swinton Peace Gardens and the historic town of Wath-upon-Dearne to name but a few. The area does however face a few issues, for example isolation from key services within the remote rural villages of Wentworth and Harley due to poor transport links from rural villages to main service providers.

Most of the area's **34,145** residents are concentrated on the eastern side, in the towns of **Wath** and **Swinton** and in the parish of **Brampton Bierlow**. Much of the area is rural and includes the villages of **Wentworth, Harley, West Melton** and **Upper Haugh**.

An Area Plan is produced for Wentworth North each year setting out priorities for improving the area.

This leaflet has more information about our work, meetings and members.

Regards

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The Wentworth 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.



Wentworth Village

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
- 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



Swinton Civic Planting Project
and Cook and Eat Project



What we did during 2008/09

Last year you told us to:

- Work with young people to identify opportunities to improve facilities and activities provided for them, including better publicity for existing activity.
- Working to improve the street scene environment to make it look more attractive and feel safer
- Work with partners to tackle crime and community safety hotspots and give publicity to our successes

So in 2008 we:

- Started a three year programme of work in the Montgomery Square in Wath, funded by the Housing Market Renewal Programme, which will improve the working of CCTV cameras, open up the footpath between the town centre and Tesco and provide better lights, seats, signage and bins
- Used Area Assembly Devolved Budgets to improve street lighting to identified locations throughout the area, including the shoppers' car park next to the Robin Hood in Swinton and the skate park in Wath
- Set up a project group with partners and the community to tackle residents concerns about untidiness, litter and poor design on the Fitzwilliam Estate at Swinton
- Held a second Community Awards Celebration, where residents nominate volunteers for exceptional contribution to community life
- Worked in partnership with the probation service to support community projects in Wath and Wentworth
- Used the Area Assembly Devolved Budget Programme to tackle community priorities including a pilot cook and eat project in primary schools; sponsoring the Wath Music Festival; festive lights in Swinton and Wath; repairs to a sheltered seating area in Brampton and a detached youth residential project.

Identifying your priorities

In the Autumn of 2008 Wentworth North Area Assembly team consulted with residents in Hooper, Swinton and Wath wards, to identify the community priorities for the area. We will use this information to work in partnership with locally based services so they can work more effectively together to make improvements to the area and deliver projects so Wentworth North is a better place to live.

The Area Assembly team used many different ways of consulting with people, including:

- Handing out questionnaires
- Attending community events e.g. Wath Gala, Wentworth Gala and Harley Gala
- Door knocking and street surgeries e.g. Wath Montgomery Square
- Holding consultation events in public venues e.g. libraries
- Area Assembly meetings
- Visiting Community Groups e.g. community transport users in Brampton
- Taking note of the research done by our partners in health or the Police “Your Voice” survey for example

This year the Area Assembly made good use of its website to reach some sections of the community, with a link to our questionnaire being posted on the web site and advertised in schools. This gave over one thousand responses in Wentworth North to base this years priorities on.



Left: Wentworth North Community Safety Bikes
Below: Walkabout at Swinton's Fitzwilliam Estate



What we will be doing in 2009/2010

Community Priority: Regeneration and Environment

- Promote the development of and provide information to the community about new and planned affordable housing
- Providing information to the community about the progress of the decent homes programme
- Receiving regular reports from the Neighbourhood Investment Service to promote public engagement and influence the work of the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder process
- Supporting the consultation process and provide information about the Play Pathfinder Strategy in the communities around Strathmore Gardens, West Melton Park, Dunn Street, Horsefair Park and Brampton leisure centre site
- Representing the communities views about Swinton Community School
- Working in partnership with employers to provide opportunities and enhance skills to enable people to return to work
- Promoting projects and opportunities which improve skills and increase employability
- Supporting the development of healthy eating and food for free projects



2009 Community
Celebration Awards

Community Priority: Crime and Community Safety

This will result in key actions around the following priorities:

- Working with partners to hold street surgeries in priority areas which promote confidence, reduce fear of crime and support the management of estates
- Promoting the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and continue the work of the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)
- Put in place monthly PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings

Community Priority: Facilities and Activities for Children and Young People

- Work with Youth Services to engage young people about their involvement in future planning and signpost to existing activity
- Work with Children and Young Peoples Service to support services for families and young people
- Promote the work of the Extended Schools Service
- Work with partners to draw up action plans to tackle hot spots, address community concerns and plan for future development.



Manvers Bridge

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.

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
- By working with our partners on impact days and weeks

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.

Email Address:

wentworth.north@rotherham.gov.uk

Website:

www.rotherhamareaassemblies.gov.uk



Area Assembly Meeting Dates

The Wentworth North Area Assembly usually meets on the second Monday of every odd month.

Dates for 2009

Monday, 14th September, 5.00pm **Brampton Parish Hall**

Monday, 9th November, 5.00pm **Swinton Civic Centre**

Dates for 2010

Monday, 11th January, 7.00pm **Wath ward**

Monday, 8th March, 5.00pm **Hoober ward**

Monday, 10th May, 5.00pm **Swinton Civic Centre**

Monday, 12th July, 7.00pm **Wath ward**

Monday, 13th September, 5.00pm **Hoober ward**

Monday, 8th November, 5.00pm **Swinton Civic Centre**

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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