

Residents on three streets in Thurcroft are getting new driveways, new gates and improvements to security as part of a £600,000 environmental project to improve the neighbourhood. Rotherham Borough Council's Neighbourhood Investment Service is providing a range of options to improve the street scene in John Street, Charles Street and Peter Street.

Outbuildings in poor repair are being demolished, damaged walls repaired and additional street lighting provided to the rear alleyways. Information has been provided on benefit checks, fire safety and energy efficiency. Residents also have the option of a parking space to the front of their property which helps alleviate some of the parking issues on the street as well as making the most of the unusually large front gardens which come with these types of properties.

A number of partners have been involved in the success of the project including the Rother Valley West Area Assembly who have supported consultation with residents and helped draw down extra funding for SmartWater, a property identification kit which helps identify property if it is stolen and recovered. It also acts as a deterrent for property crime. Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be working in the area to hand out the kits and provide residents with crime prevention advice over the coming weeks.

Residents have been supportive and keen to be involved at every stage, work has begun and people are starting to see a positive change in the area.