

West Area Annual Report

April 2024 – March 2025

Boothferry, Derringham, Newington & Gipsyville, Pickering and St. Andrews & Docklands Wards



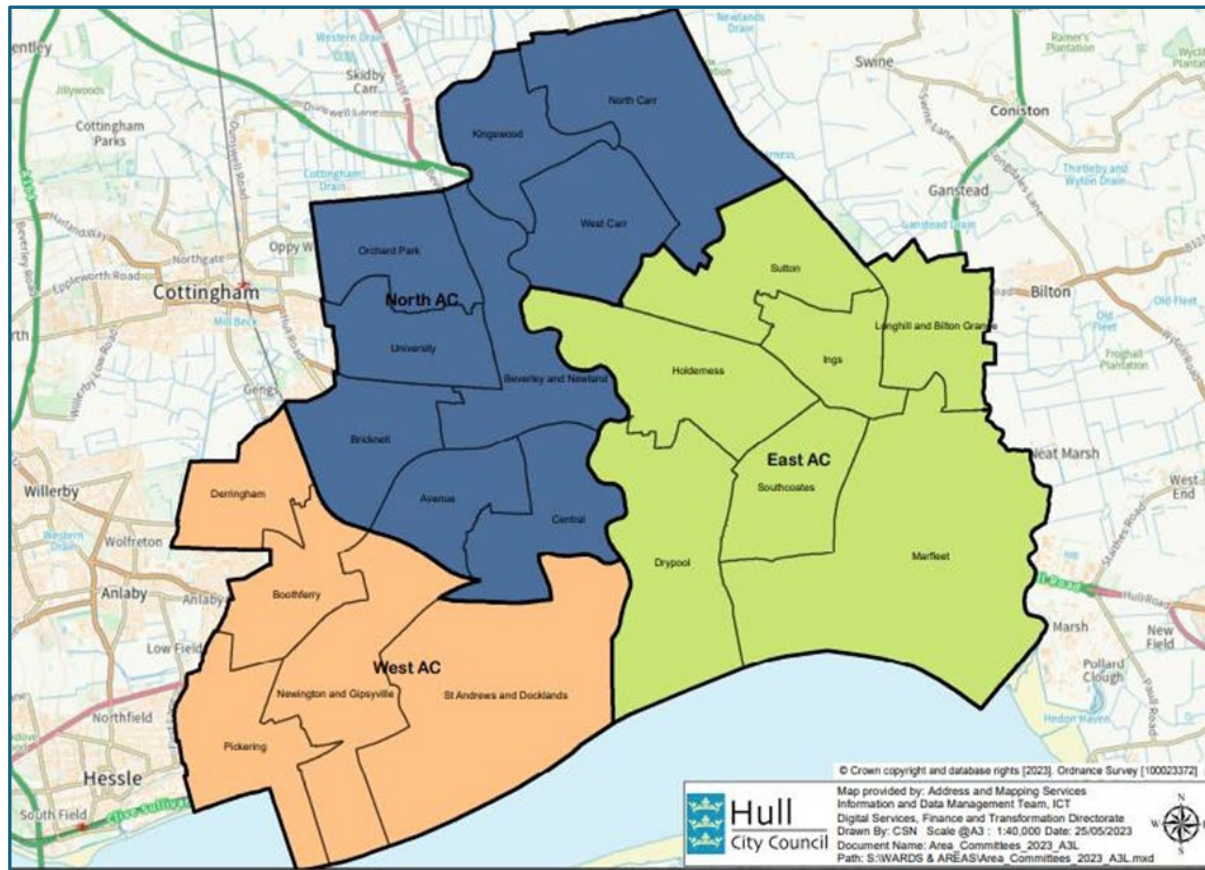
Summary

Your Area Committee

Established in 2023, these see each Area's ward Councillors and key partners meet bi-monthly to make decisions on all items that can be delegated from the Guildhall. You can get involved with your area committee through the Neighbourhood Team web page (www.hull.gov.uk/neighbourhoodteam) under the 'How to get involved in your area' section. This will enable greater openness, better quality services and greater public participation in local government.

West Area Ambitions

The West Area Ambitions, established in 2024, were agreed by the West Area Ward Councillors. These ambitions are in place to help guide and inform the decisions made by the West Area Committee, ensuring they're relevant to you, our residents, to tackle the issues that matter to you on your doorstep.



- 1) Residents can lead healthy lifestyles and there are sustained improvements in health and well-being.
- 2) Our neighbourhoods are safe and welcoming and there is access to good quality, affordable housing with good associated provision.
- 3) We are adaptive to climate change and building resilience to living with water.

Summary

West Neighbourhood Team and Ward Priorities

Through each wards Neighbourhood Coordinator, we support councilors in setting **local, ward level priorities** and delivering key projects to improve your local area, building pride within our communities and revitalising neighbourhoods. The Neighbourhood Teams produce Ward Plans to guide our work which are available on the council website (www.hull.gov.uk/neighbourhoodteam)

Boothferry

- 1) To maintain and improve the environment including open and green spaces.
- 2) To improve safety and wellbeing.
- 3) Improve cleanliness of local environment.

Derringham

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- 2) To improve safety and wellbeing.
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Newington & Gipsyville

- 1) To maintain and improve the local area including open and green spaces.
- 2) To improve safety and feelings of safety.
- 3) Improve cleanliness of local environment.

Pickering

- 1) Community cohesion working together to build a strong sense of community.
- 2) To improve community safety.
- 3) To promote health and wellbeing.

St. Andrews & Docklands

- 1) Improve cleanliness of local environment including open and green spaces.
- 2) To improve community safety in St. Andrews & Docklands.
- 3) To improve and maintain Highways and public pathways to ensure road safety.

Summary

Community Plan – Ambitions and Commitments

The Community Plan sets out 6 ambitions and 3 commitments which will be the key area of focus for the Council, along with its partners, over the next 10-years.

OUR 6 AMBITIONS



To achieve our ambitions, we commit to the

- **Engagement of all residents and communities**
- **Strong, united leadership committed to improving outcomes**
 - **A focus on Inclusion**

Summary

Ward Budgets 2024-2025

We manage Ward budgets that have been specifically established to enable Area Committees to support local projects for the benefit of their local communities. Each ward is allocated a capital and revenue sum to support projects that benefit local communities. The budget allocated to each Ward for April 2024 – March 2025 is shown below.

Ward	Revenue Budget (£)	Capital Budget (£)
Boothferry	£9,643.00	£39,686.00
Derringham	£9,949.00	£40,943.00
Newington & Gipsyville	£15,664.00	£64,464.00
Pickering	£7,656.00	£31,508.00
St. Andrews & Docklands	£18,297.00	£75,295.00
Area Total	£61,209.00	£215,896.00

Note: Original allocated budgets, does not include any capital/revenue exchanges or carry-forward sums from previous years

The following table provides a combined summary of revenue and capital project activity by ward, against West Area Ambitions.

Ambition One – Residents can lead healthy lifestyles and there are sustained improvements in health and well-being. Total - £197,859.96						
Ward Budget	Boothferry	Derringham	Newington & Gipsyville	Pickering	St. Andrew's & Docklands	Total
Capital	£22,520.25	£550.00	£26,330.83	£29,956.58	£53,719.48	£133,077.14
Revenue	£11,918.86	£1,850.00	£22,759.96	£6,799.04	£21,454.96	£64,782.82

Ambition Two – Our neighbourhoods are safe and welcoming and there is access to good quality, affordable housing with good associated provision. Total - £113,610.26						
Ward Budget	Boothferry	Derringham	Newington & Gipsyville	Pickering	St. Andrew's & Docklands	Total
Capital	£1,167.50	£40,121.83	£26,875.40	£11,610.00	£25,415.63	£105,190.36
Revenue	£370.00	£5,145.20	£2,587.20	£317.50	£0.00	£8,419.90

Ambition Three – We are adaptive to climate change and building resilience to living with water. Total - £803.97. <i>To support 'Keep Derringham Green' with the purchase of equipment and branded clothing for the community group to support their aim of keeping the greenspace open and helping drainage and sustainability.</i>						
Ward Budget	Boothferry	Derringham	Newington & Gipsyville	Pickering	St. Andrew's & Docklands	Total
Capital	£0.00	£803.97	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£803.97
Revenue	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

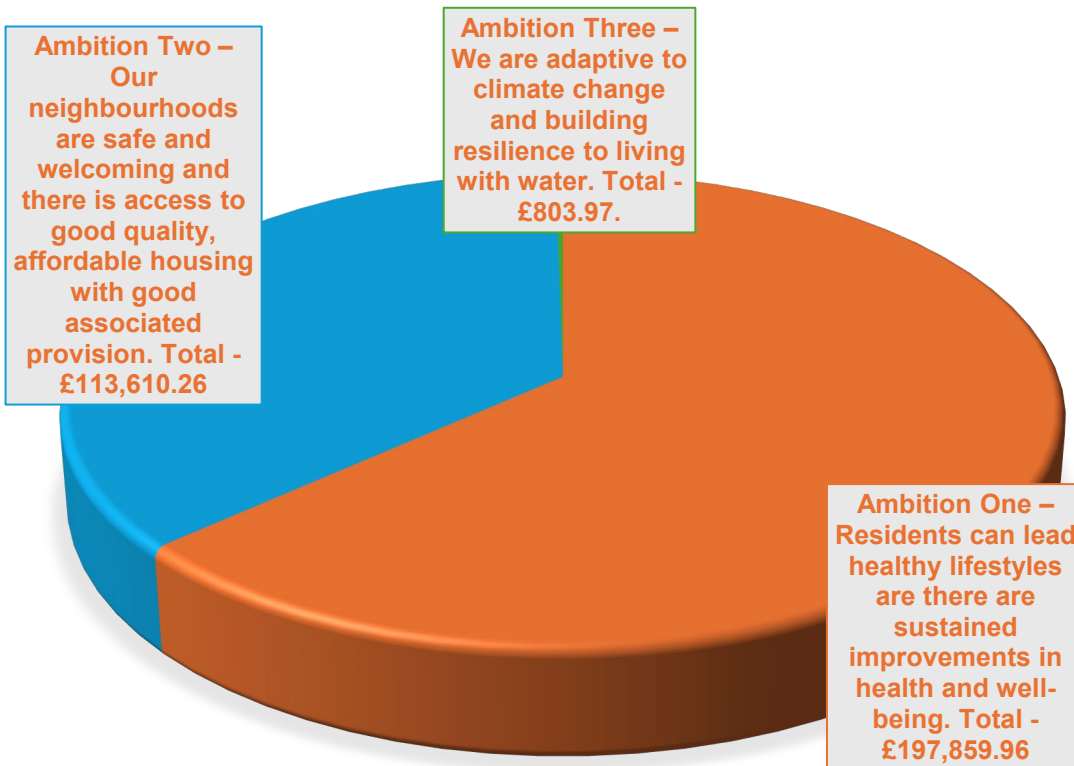
We welcome applications for funding from external public, voluntary or community bodies and not for profit social enterprises provided they meet the relevant criteria. Applications that respond to Ward priorities are particularly welcomed.

Ward budget criteria and application forms are available to download from the Neighbourhood Team's webpage - www.hull.gov.uk/neighbourhoodteam

Ward Budgets

Ward budgets have been specifically established to enable the West Area to support local projects in line with ward priorities, supporting the West Area Ambitions. The graph summaries the West Area Committee spends for 2024-2025.

WEST AREA COMMITTEE SPENDING BY AMBITION



Ambition One - Projects included repairs to highways and footpaths, installing bollards, installation of play equipment, supporting community groups (football kits, sports equipment, vehicle purchase, event costs), activities such as skateboard lessons, fun days, craft sessions, 'Mischievous Rats' sculptures, replanting of green spaces, bring out your rubbish days and provision of bike libraries.

Ambition Two - Projects included installation and maintenance of defibrillators, safety equipment for residents (personal alarms, shed alarms and dog waste bags), verge protection, removal of unsafe waste, additional street lighting and CCTV, gating schemes, installation of measures to deter illegal encampments, grit bins, speed surveys and the installation of safety signage.

Ambition Three - To support 'Keep Derringham Green' with the purchase of equipment and branded clothing for the community group to support their aim of keeping the greenspace open and helping drainage and sustainability.

Ambition One – Residents can lead healthy lifestyles and there are sustained improvements in health and well-being.



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Priority One: Reducing smoking prevalence with an initial focus on illegal tobacco sales

- Each Ward within the West Area has produced their own 'health action plan' detailing actions and intended outcomes to support our ambition one. Health Action Plans focus on initiatives which can be delivered locally such as displaying health information in our community notice boards and newsletters, installation of 24/7 accessible defibrillators through the HANDS project and promoting our warm spaces within the area.
- We work closely with Smoke Free Hull to promote their service. We have included their service posters in our community notice boards, share their messages via our social media channels as well as invite them to our upcoming events including ward forums and other community engagement activities.
- All Neighbourhood Coordinators have received training from Smoke Free Hull, so that we can have conversations with residents about their health and signpost them to the service for support with giving up smoking.
- We feed intelligence received from residents on businesses that are supplying illegal tobacco or supplying tobacco products to minors to our partners including trading standards and Humberside Police.

Priority Two - Ensuring the area has accessible and safe green and open spaces and provides a range of options to encourage healthy lifestyles.

- We regularly invest in our parks and open spaces, funding many improvements from our Ward Budgets. In 2024-2025 we spent £78,261.25 on improving our parks and open spaces including installing new play equipment and safety surfaces, refurbishing buildings and structures, planting schemes, repairing fencing and installing features such as signposts, information boards and duck feeders. Several wards have also sponsored a sculpture as part of the 'Mischief of Rats' project – encouraging new visitors to our parks and open spaces.
- Several sites within the West Area have been subjected to illegal encampments throughout previous years. Neighbourhood Coordinators have been working closely with the Parks and Open Spaces team to install deterrents at these locations and prevent illegal encampments from gaining access. Measures implemented have included the installation of additional bollards, bunds, 'Lego' blocks and natural features to stop this unauthorised access.
- Neighbourhood Coordinators complete regular patch walks to identify issues with fly tipping, littering, maintenance of footways and highways, street lighting and signage as well as any concerns with residents' gardens. From April 2024 – March 2025, 771 patch walks were completed across the city, with 214 of these taking place within the West Area.
- To make our parks and open spaces safer, we have invested in a range of projects to reduce antisocial behaviour and criminal activities. We have funded additional and improved lighting, landscaping of areas to improve line of sight, strengthening fences, installing vehicle deterrents as well as improving our signage within these spaces.
- The West Area held 15 Bring Out Your Rubbish Days (BOYRD) between April 2024 – March 2025. During these collections over 410 tonnes of general waste and 382 fridge freezers were removed. BOYRD's allow residents to dispose of their waste in the correct manner and reduce incidents of fly tipping. BOYRD's are funded from the Ward Budget and are dependent on the funds available. This service is in addition to the annual free bulky item collection offered to all households.
- We have applied for funding to create 'Pocket Parks' within the West Area to create new or renovate existing green areas. An area of land off St. Thomas More Road was successful in securing funding and has been transformed from an overgrown and inaccessible area to an area for the local community to enjoy with a new dedicated trail path and the planting of tree saplings.

- The Neighbourhood Coordinators are involved with the 'Right to Grow' initiative which has been launched by Hull City Council. We provide support to residents and community groups who wish to utilise council owned land to grow food, native plants, wildflowers and fruit trees. You can find out more about the right to grow at <https://www.hull.gov.uk/neighbourhoods-1/right-grow>.
- We work closely with the 'Friends' groups of our parks and green spaces. We regularly meet with these groups to highlight areas for improvement, consult with them regarding future developments and provide funding or support with projects which these groups undertake.
- Our parks and green spaces are host to many opportunities which encourage residents to be active. Our parks offer a range of sporting and leisure activities including football pitches, multi-use games areas, skate parks, bowling greens, paddling pools and a fishing lake as well as hosting a park run at Peter Pan Park. In addition, we also hold events, fun days and funfairs to encourage more people to visit our parks and open spaces. Some examples of events held during the last year including a circus, funfair, family fun days, Santa Run, music festival and skateboarding sessions!

Ambition Two - Our neighbourhoods are safe and welcoming and there is access to good quality, affordable housing with good associated provision.



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Priority One: Address the availability and accessibility of parking in the area.

- We have responded to residents' concerns about speeding, inconsiderate parking and vehicles accessing pedestrian only areas. We have delivered projects to improve crossing places, install speed calming measures, implementing new Traffic Regulation Orders, resident permit schemes, installing double yellow lines and undertaking speed surveys. Residents contact us using a variety of methods including our social media pages, service requests, email and via the Ward Councillors.
- We hold regular community engagement events within our Wards to enable residents to speak with us about any concerns they have with parking and other issues in their local area. Some of the activities which have taken place during 2024-2025 include ward forums, community litter picks, community patch walks, family fun days, Christmas wreath and hanging basket making.
- Several projects have been undertaken to protect and maintain verges and footpaths which have been damaged by vehicle access. This has resulted in bollards being installed to protect verges and prevent vehicles from accessing these areas. Various types have been installed, including 'Heritage' and 'Manchester' bollards, in keeping with the local area.
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- We work closely with our Parking Enforcement Service to highlight any areas which require visits from Enforcement Officers to issue fixed penalty notices e.g. inconsideration/obstructive parking outside schools, non-permit vehicles in resident permit scheme areas and the stadium zone. We also raise concerns with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team regarding potential road traffic/driving offences including vehicle obstructions, no insurance and dangerous driving. In addition, we will report any vehicles which appear 'abandoned' via the Council's Environmental Crime team.

Priority 2 - Reduce the occurrence of anti-social behaviour related noise complaints.

- Regular engagement with partner agencies takes place to tackle any emerging issues within the area. The Neighbourhood Coordinator attends Tasking Meetings with representatives from Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Housing, Antisocial Behaviour Team, Renew, Youth Justice and Humberside Fire and Rescue.
- We have undertaken projects in those areas where antisocial behaviour concerns have been raised to identify deterrents which could be used to improve the situation. Measures implemented have included additional lighting columns being installed, light bulbs replaced with brighter alternatives, CCTV cameras and the provision of personal and property alarms.
- We have funded several gating schemes in the West area in response to resident concerns. These schemes have restricted access to these areas and reduced the occurrence of antisocial behaviour, fly-tipping, drug related activities and increased residents' feelings of safety.
- Wards within the West Area continue to fund Probe to carry out target-hardening on properties with vulnerable residents, those who have been the victim of crime and those experiencing antisocial behaviour. A full security is carried out on each property and a range of target-hardening measures can be installed including five lever door locks, night latches, door chains, window locks and alarms.
- We publicise and maximise the use of the Crime Prevention Fund to fund projects aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour and crime. We also apply to the Crime Prevention Fund to support our initiatives and secured funding of £32,764.00 during 2024-2025.
- We regularly take part in multi-agency patch walks with the Antisocial Behaviour Team, Love Your Street, Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue and housing providers to provide a visible presence, answer resident enquiries and identify issues within the local area. The types of issues identified and dealt with during patch walks include street drinking, begging, graffiti, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, obstructive parking
- As part of Not Where I live Week, Neighbourhood Coordinators take part in initiatives to deal with antisocial behaviour including resident forums, patch walks and bike marking sessions.

Ambition Three - We are adaptive to climate change and building resilience to living with water.



Priority One: Ensure that service delivery is responsive to our changing climate.

- Hull City Council Flood Team and partners from Yorkshire Water regularly attend ward forums to discuss issues face to face with residents. We attend targeted Living with Water (LWW) drop ins and facilitate close liaison between Ward Councillors and the LWW Partnership to raise resident enquiries about issues with works that are being carried out.
- We publicise the LWW website and their activities in our ward newsletters, social media posts and via our ward notice boards.
- Ward Councillors also contribute to the enhancement of flood works on a case-by-case basis through use of the ward budget for additional tree/shrub planting etc.
- Two community groups in the Derringham ward, Friends of Garrowby Orchard (FOGO) and Keep Derringham Green, work with the community to highlight climate change issues through attending forums, staging their own events such as picnics and fun days and actively campaign to keep green spaces within the ward free of development.
- We support the LWW free water butt scheme – to help remove surface water caused by heavy rainfall. We have also installed water butts at some of our Council owned community buildings such as Gipsyville Library.
- We host several clothing bank sites within the West Area to enable residents to dispose of unwanted clothing in an environmentally friendly way and to discourage fly tipping. You can find the location of your nearest clothing bank by visiting <https://maps.hull.gov.uk/> - choose My Maps. Use the side panel and from the drop-down menu navigate to local information and then from the list tick textile bin locations.
- The Neighbourhood Coordinators are involved with the 'Right to Grow' initiative which has been launched by Hull City Council. We provide support to residents and community groups who wish to utilise council owned land to grow food, native plants, wildflowers and fruit trees. You can find out more about the right to grow at <https://www.hull.gov.uk/neighbourhoods-1/right-grow>.
- Neighbourhood Coordinators are currently in the process of identifying suitable locations in their ward for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points to support the growing number of EV's which are being used by residents. This will enable residents without a private driveway/garage to charge their vehicle in public places.

Conclusion

This Annual Report highlights the wide range of activity undertaken in the West Area to the benefit of local residents and communities. This work will continue in 2025-26 and we will be aiming to build on our successes and make all neighbourhoods an even better place to live and work.

Please look out for future events and engagement opportunities where you can find out more about our plans and how you can help achieve them.

Your West Area Committee Neighbourhood Team

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