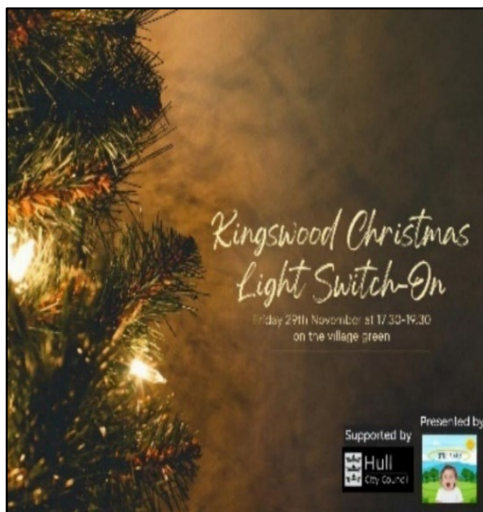




North Area Committee Annual Report April 2024 – March 2025

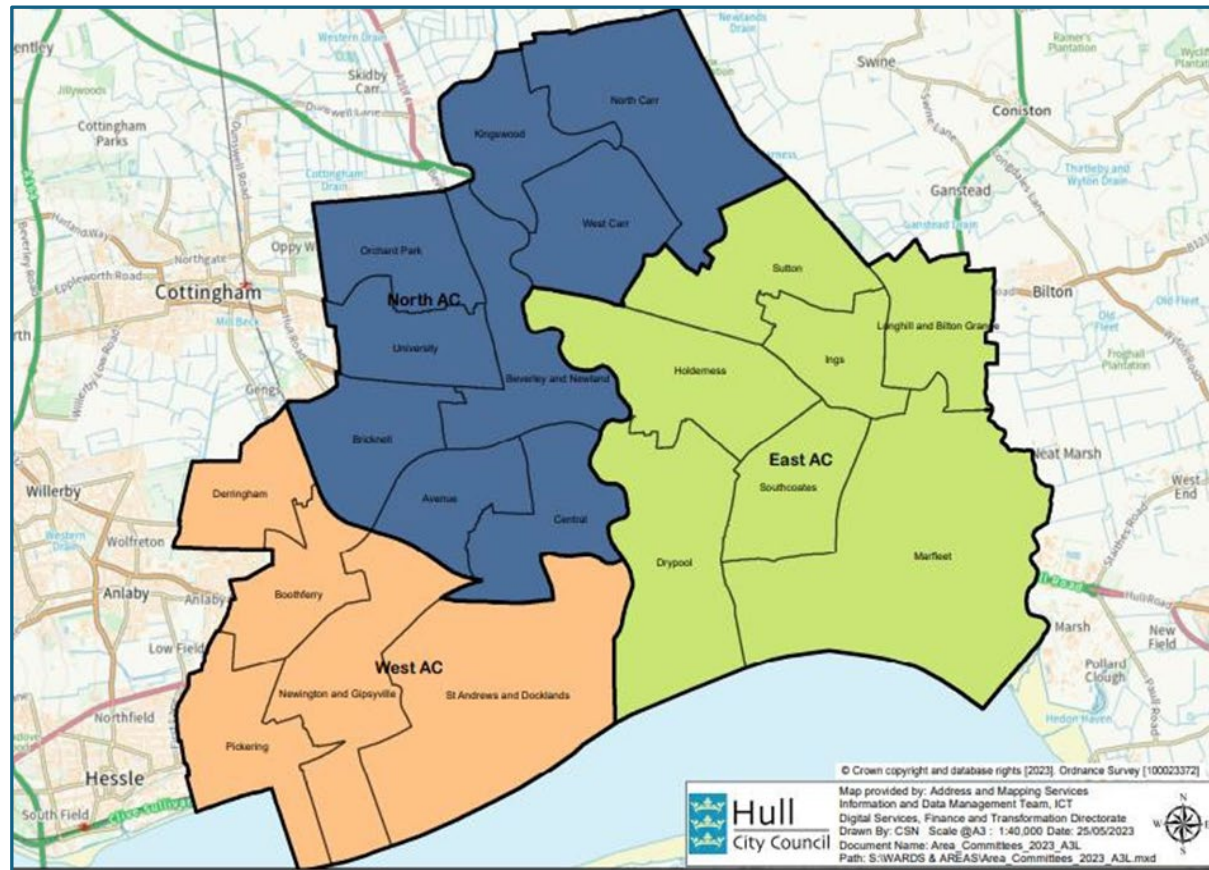
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Central, Kingswood, North Carr, Orchard
Park, University, West Carr Wards



Summary

Your Area Committee

Established in 2023, these see each Area's ward councilors 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.



North Area Ambitions

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

- 1) Local residents to feel safe in their local neighbourhoods, and our green open spaces are well maintained and provide a safe and clean environment to be used by all, keeping everyone healthy and well.
- 2) To improve the health of local residents and to reduce isolation within communities by creating a health provision that works for everyone.
- 3) For residents to thrive for better employment opportunities within the North area.

Summary

North 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)

Avenues 1) To improve community safety and wellbeing 2) To maintain and improve the environment including infrastructure, highways, and open and green spaces 3) Working with the community to support and help to provide open access for all in Avenue Ward including Youth Provision	Beverley and Newland 1) To make Beverley & Newland Ward Cleaner 2) To make Beverley & Newland Ward Safer 3) Improve Beverley & Newland's Parks and Greenspaces	Bricknell 1) To maintain and improve the environment including open and green spaces 2) To improve safety and wellbeing 3) Investing in infrastructure, housing & highways	Central 1) To improve safety and wellbeing and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour 2) To maintain and improve the environment including open and green spaces and parks 3) Improve and maintain street cleanliness in the ward	Kingswood 1) Invest in road safety, highways, community facilities, green spaces and the local environment 2) Create a healthy, safe, clean and green Kingswood 3) Provide residents with a voice in shaping their community
North Carr 1)To support a healthy population, raise aspirations and employment opportunities. 2)To improve community safety in the North Carr Ward 3)Improve cleanliness of local environment	Orchard Park 1) To ensure Hull City Council, as landlord, provides decent homes and living conditions. 2) To work with our partners to respond to anti-social behaviour and crime throughout the Orchard Park Ward as a means of providing a safer living environment. 3) To maintain and improve the cleanliness of the environment (including streets and open/green spaces). 4) To work towards raising our residents' educational and employment aspirations. 5) To promote local initiatives that reduce dependence upon alcohol and substance misuse. 6) To maximise resident opportunities to engage with services tackling domestic abuse and to safeguard children from its consequences.	University 1) To improve safety and wellbeing 2) Improve cleanliness of local environment including open and green spaces 3) Investing in infrastructure, housing, highways and the local community	West Carr 1) To maintain and enhance the environment including green space, infrastructure, and highways. 2) To improve safety and wellbeing. 3) To improve cleanliness and access to the local environment to enhanced cultural and leisure experiences.	

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 March **2024-25** is shown below.

Ward	Revenue Budget (£)	Capital Budget (£)
Avenue	12,131	49,925
Beverley & Newland	14,749	60,692
Bricknell	6,407	26,367
Central	11,694	48,125
Kingswood	6,892	28,358
North Carr	13,798	56,780
Orchard Park	15,293	62,933
University	10,434	42,936
West Carr	11,356	46,733
Area Total	£102,754	£422,849

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 North Area Ambitions.

Ambition 1. Local residents to feel safe in their local Neighbourhoods, and our green open spaces are well maintained and provide a safe and clean environment to be used by all, keeping everyone healthy and well. Total £257,887.53

Ward Budget	Avenue	Beverley & Newland	Bricknell	Central	Kingswood	North Carr	Orchard Park	University	West Carr	Total
Capital	£23,382.80	£46,489.79	£16,611.18	£35,531.34	£2,998.79	£0	£19,962.54	£38,805.50	£23,793.35	£207,575.29
Revenue	£12,664.56	£13,216.96	£7,450.03	£6,401.51	£485	£0	£5,269.18	£3,825	£1,000	£50,312.24

Ambition 2. To improve the health of local residents and to reduce isolation within communities by creating a health provision that works for everyone. Total £175,657.66

Ward Budget	Avenue	Beverley & Newland	Bricknell	Central	Kingswood	North Carr	Orchard Park	University	West Carr	Total
Capital	£15,363.20	£2,847.63	£3,395	£18,260.20	£14,800.05	£41,780	£11,040.44	£3,950.50	£10,189.87	£121,626.89
Revenue	£7,827.30	£1,532	£855.97	£4,840.00	£9,450	£12,448	£13,757.50	£820	£2,500	£54,030.77

Ambition 3. For residents to thrive for better employment opportunities within the North area. Total £52,112.14

Ward Budget	Avenue	Beverley & Newland	Bricknell	Central	Kingswood	North Carr	Orchard Park	University	West Carr	Total
Capital	£0	£4,000	£2,360.82	£9,239.36	£557.95	£15,000	£0	£180	£183.32	£31,521
Revenue	£1,639.14	£0	£2,101	£1,350	£6,961	£1,350	£1,400	£5,790	£0	£20,591.14

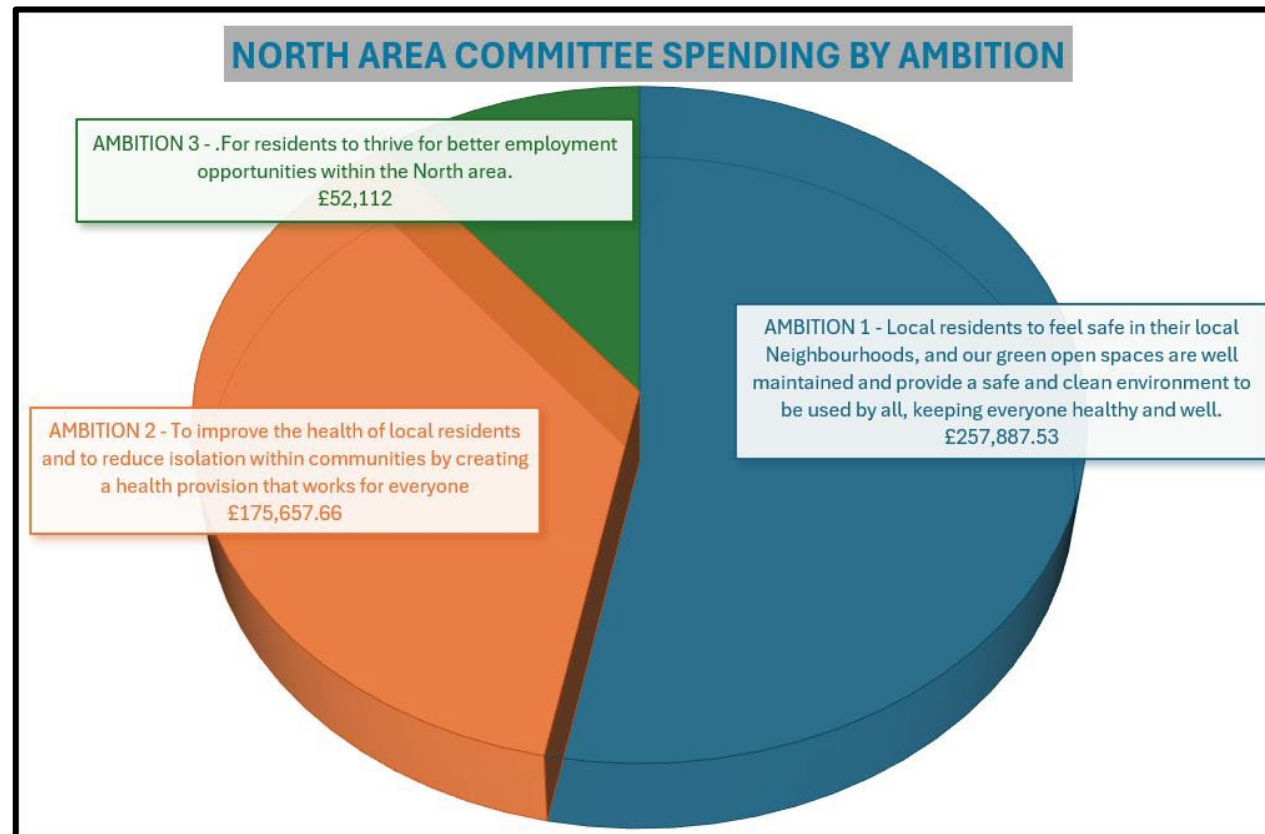
We welcome applications for funding from external public, voluntary or community bodies and not for profit social enterprises provided they meet the relevant criteria. Applications that respond to Ward priorities are particularly welcomed.

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

Summary

Ward Budgets

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



Ambition 1 - Projects include CCTV, gating schemes, highways improvements, environmental impact schemes, community growing areas, BOYRD's, verge protection including bollards and planters, and street lighting improvements.

Ambition 2 - Projects include park and open space enhancements, Community safety schemes, environmental improvements, highways improvements, community groups funding for activities, engagement activities including newsletters and signs.

Ambition 3 - Projects include supporting community groups and community centres, community events, activities and crafts, funding sports equipment.

Ambition 1. Local residents to feel safe in their local neighbourhoods, and our green open spaces are well maintained and provide a safe and clean environment to be used by all, keeping everyone healthy and well.



Priority 1: To identify hot spot areas, and for partners to work collaboratively through Place Based Tasking to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour including raising awareness on cybercrimes in our area

To work with partners to improve community safety on priorities identified through placebased tasking and to include to promote and maximise the spend of the Crime Prevention Fund and other ward budget projects responding to Area plan priorities. *This is a snapshot of activities Neighbourhoods have been involved with in addition to projects sponsored by ward Cllrs through Ward Budgets to assist meet the priorities for the North Area Committee through April 2024-March 2025.*

- Neighbourhood Coordinators (NC's) attend their respective Placed Based Tasking Meetings which occur 6 weekly. This is a partnership meeting which allows NCs to feed into ECINS (an electronic multi agency hub) any New and Emerging issues within a ward as intelligence for discussion. Many of which will be taken on as a problem for that multi agency tasking group, with the development of Pop-Lite/OSARA (problem solving tool) to tackle any ward/area problems, taking a multi-agency approach. Update
- From April 2024 to March 2025, we have had 51 problems adopted by the North Area Tasking Groups with 116 New and Emerging issues submitted within this time period, all of which support Ambition 1.
- Crime Prevention Funding is widely promoted at tasking, and via our wider community groups. The team applies for funds on behalf of their respective wards and supports local community groups through the process. For the financial year April 2024 to March 2025 the North Area have been awarded £312,606, with 159 projects being put forward to the panel to help support crime prevention projects across the North Area Committee, many supported by 30% Ward Budget contributions. Projects include CCTV, Fencing/Gating schemes, Street Lighting, Target Hardening equipment to name a few.
- Ward budgets from across the North Area have contributed toward PROBE for referrals for personal and home security



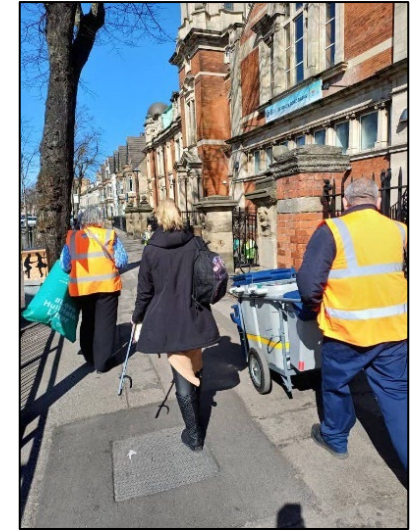
improvements are made by the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Neighbourhood Nuisance Team for vulnerable residents and those who have been victims of crime or domestic abuse.

- Cyber Crime Awareness, our team have helped with the promotion of sharing information about Free Cyber Crime Awareness Sessions via our communication channels. Several North NC's have attended free cyber-crime awareness session to enable them to be more informed about the issue.
- Carrying out mandatory training courses such as Prevent Awareness, Prevent Referrals and Channel awareness, to ensure our team are aware of how to deal with the threat from terrorism and extremism in the UK and how to support people susceptible to radicalisation.



- Neighbourhood Coordinators are one of several partners who have supported our Citysafe team with the delivery for the of Serious Violence Hotspot Response Fund (HSRF) throughout April 2024 to March 2025. The Government published its Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) action plan in March 2023. This included funding for ASB Hotspot Response pilots in ten police force areas in 2023/24. For the HSRF only 4 hotspots were picked in Hull. Pearson Park was chosen in the North Area for the HSRF project although Orchard Park Estate has the ongoing Clear-Hold-Build Project which members have supported. The project has brought together a group of partners to focus on the Build stage with varying projects including Smart water, MUGA launch, Shaw Park relaunch.

- 'Project Clean Streets', an initiative that aims to transform communities and combat anti-social behaviour. NC's and ward members have continued throughout this period to identify hotspot areas for the project team. Updates if this project have been provided to the North Area Committee throughout April 2024-March 2025.
- The team have had numerous monthly operational network meetings, community forums linking ward members, police, providing personal safety and crime prevention items as well as discussing ward issues and intel.
- Actively promoting crime prevention and safety information via our North social media channel, newsletters and noticeboards has continued throughout this period.



Priority 2 - To ensure the area has accessible, safe green and open spaces in order to provide a safe environment for residents to enjoy.

To report on estate walks across the North area and evidence reports of issues raised in order to monitor open space areas in order to improve the environment – this work is carried out by Street Champions/Housing/Neighbourhood staff and monitored through regular review meetings. *This is a snapshot of activities Neighbourhoods have been involved with in addition to projects sponsored by ward Cllrs through Ward Budgets to assist meet the priorities for the North Area Committee through April 2024-March 2025*

- North Neighbourhood Coordinators (NC's) have carried out estate/ward walks with ward members and partner agencies throughout this period. Each NC has access to our Photobook App to assist with the capturing and reporting of issues including repairs to street lighting and park furniture, graffiti and fly tipping. Photobook is an inspection management platform built for the housing sector. It's used to create and carry out inspection reports. This app helps us monitor and improve our open spaces/environment by sending real-time updates to our Street Scene Services. In April 2024 to March 2025, we completed 771 citywide reports of which 252 were within the North Area Committee covering a number of environmental issues including fly tipping, graffiti, street litter and repairs.
- Pocket Parks, the North Neighbourhood Team have identified and applied for pocket park status for pieces of land for rejuvenation within their wards. Orchard Park was the first Pocket Park to be completed and is now an attractive and resilient space designed by local residents for them to relax and socialise in. Other pocket parks established/progressed within this period are Dingley close Orchard park ward and Oak Road, Beverly and Newland ward and Dalwood, West Carr ward, all were identified within April 2024 and March 2025, and will be progressing into 2025/2026.



- Local Centres (Community High Street) projects have been supported by NC's with consultation and engagement events. This is our £6million Capital Investment program, spread over 4 years. The project is focused on shopping streets and parades. The projects are community/grass roots led, with a tailored approach to different centres. Investing in "place" to support communities, improve business resilience and uplift the physical appearance of an area. North Area local centres agreed at North Area Committee include, Spring Bank, Endike Lane, Chanterlands Avenue, Grampian Way, The Quadrant and Stepney project boundary all of which are progressing.
- NC's have continued to engage and be part of these projects keeping ward members informed throughout this period of the developments for each project,

project leads have also provided the North Area Committee updates throughout this period. NC's have continued to link with our grass-roots community groups with these projects to ensure they are part of the process.

- The Trolley wise app has been utilised by NC's. which allows the reporting of abandoned shop trollies to be collected throughout this period.
- The Postcode Gardener has been working with neighbourhoods undertaking several projects through the permission to plant scheme, including planting 350x daffodils displaying the 'HOPE' brand and a community action day at the Noddle Hill Community Woodlands which saw residents and partners clean the site and plant 100 saplings to form a hedgerow to protect wildlife.
- Ward members, Parks & Open Spaces along with NC's carry out regularly park visits to undertaken inspections and identify repairs needed with 16 parks improvements having taken place within the North Area Committee during this period.



Ward	Park	Improvements
Central	Liddle Street	Refurbishment of play area
	Sculcoates	Shrub removals to open the park for more visibility
	West Parade	New roundabout
	Middleton Street	Full refurbishment
	Vane Street	Shrub removals to open the park for more visibility
Kingswood	Brompton	Repainting play equipment
	Hartsholme	Repainting play equipment
	Hemble	Repainting play equipment

North Carr	Lambwath Fields	Refurbishment of MUGA area (repaint, re-skimmed, thermoplastic markings)
	Noddle Hill	Refurbishment of embankment slide, and new play equipment.
Avenues	Pearson Park	Replacement of ski Walker and removal of shrubs to open the park and be more visible.
Orchard Park	Shaw Park	Refurbishment of playground, which included new fencing.
	5 th Avenue	Key replacement parts to multi-unit and area
	Quillcourt	Repainted equipment and fence, thermoplastic markings
Bricknell	Cropton Park	Brand new pump track created with thermoplastic markings.
Beverley and Newland	Alexandra Road	Full refurbishment of the park

Ambition 2. To improve the health of local residents and to reduce isolation within communities by creating a health provision that works for everyone.



Priority 1: To improve the health of our residents and how we help to tackle isolation, at the present time within the Neighbourhood Team:

Working with partners to ensure services are delivered at the local area level. *This is a snapshot of activities Neighbourhoods have been involved with in addition to projects sponsored by ward Cllrs through Ward Budgets to assist meet the priorities for the North Area Committee through April 2024-March 2025.*



- The North Neighbourhood Team have worked with several groups within our North AC Wards providing health support including Men in Sheds improving men's mental health through woodwork as well as their Walk and Talk groups which helps improve men's physical health and mental health simultaneously, Sight Support provide advice, NHS Humber Teaching providing mindfulness sessions, Rainbow Gardens yoga sessions. The Peel Project has developed a community Gym and ladies befriending sessions, Alf Marshall are hosting various social events to tackle isolation such as social clubs, line dancing, drawing club, toddler group, to name but a few. St Andrews Community centre host a women's groups throughout April 2024-March 2025.
- We have supported several sports clubs/centres across North Area Committee, to promote the work they do. These sessions have helped develop social interaction, communication skills and help to build confidence.
- The Neighbourhood team have carried out patch walks with partners which often include Renew and our North nuisance team who actively engage with street drinkers and signposting them to the right support they need helping reduce isolation within our communities.

- All North Neighbourhood Teams wards are supporting the lifesaving defibrillator project offered by our HANDS Partnership, and Bleed Kits assisting with guardians and locations where we have gaps in provision across the North of the city. Between April 2024 – March 2025 there have been **10** Defibs either ward and or HANDS partnership funded, and **90** bleed kits installed within the North Area.
- We have worked with several of our community centres help promote healthy living and tackle social isolation, by offering various sessions and workshops including running clubs, blood pressure clinics, befriending sessions, Slimming World classes, active play and disco dancing.



Priority 2 - To ensure activities available in the area are accessible to all and in particular support reduction in isolation, obesity and smoking in order to improve health and wellbeing.



- Neighbourhood Coordinators have continued to promote information on activities and services via several communication channels including, Engagement HQ, ward noticeboards, ward newsletters (digital and hardcopy), social media platforms, place-based tasking providing regularly updates and information relating to all available activities and information including Renew and Smoking Cessation information to support the North Area Committee Ambition 2.
- Officers have supported the development of a North Hull/Wards health plans which consolidate the plans to support health, both citywide and at the local ward-based level linking with North Area Ambitions, ward plans and ward priorities.
- We have continued to work in partnership, with engagement officers at Renew to work in partnership with police and ASB to visit hotspot areas within the North Area Committee.

- Alongside elected members we have delivered numerous ward forums/engagement events to enabling us to reach out to residents of North Area, identifying venues that are accessible and convenient to access to talk about the needs for their neighbourhoods. Ensuring maximum attendance and feedback within the ward/Area to help inform Ward and Area Priorities.
- We have led on the development of Hull City Councils Mapping System for community providers which also links to the 'Live Well Hull' site. This is now live.

To increase the Culture & Heritage offer within the North Area in order to support the Culture & Heritage Strategy for the City which is currently under development.

- The Little Amal event held within the Avenues Ward in 2024 was a large-scale cultural event at Pearson Park that saw the community come together to celebrate culture and cohesion within Hull. It was a great success.

- Several wards have supported within this financial year a “A Mischief of Rat Sculpture” A Mischief Of Rats (A colourful public art trail bringing 50 giant artist decorated rat sculptures to East Yorkshire and Hull for Summer 2025. The trail will raise much needed funds to support the vital work of The Daisy Appeal, a charity which helps people living with cancer, heart disease and dementia). These will be located throughout the city with a number of these being located within the North Area.

- The development of the Alf Marshall Chelsea Garden 'SongBird Survival Garden' will launch 16th July 2025. The garden was part of the 2025 Chelsea Flower Show and has found its permanent base in West Carr. Work has been done by the community centre and volunteers during 2024-25 to acquire the garden and prepare the area. This has been supported by local businesses and community payback. The idea of the garden is to encourage songbirds back and is designed specifically to be bird friendly, it's part of the Song Bird Survival 25th year anniversary.

- Wards have held several smaller cultural events, such as annual Scarecrow festivals, Christmas parades, badminton gala's, cricket tournaments, bus shelter local heritage painting, beach days, crafting workshops, musicians, mini malarkey, art clubs and amateur drama productions to name a few increasing the support for culture across the North area.



- High Street accelerator projects continue to be supported working in partnership with residents, local businesses, and community organisations to work with HCC to develop a long-term vision to regenerate our Highstreets. The project seeks to help increase the streets vibrancy and visual appeal with a number of priority areas being targeted over the next 4 years. This also includes investment in our community centres in the North area.

Ambition 3. For residents to thrive for better employment opportunities within the North area.



Detailed below are some of the existing Communication and Engagement being carried out at the present time by the Neighbourhood Team:



- Working alongside the Alf Marshall Community Association linking in with Siemens Gamesa to look at possible partnership working opportunities for local residents.
 - Working alongside Hull CVS, through their Volunteer to Employment Pathway Programme to support local people to receive free, high-quality training and work-related experience.
 - Partnered with Making Changes for Careers to deliver weekly outreach sessions in North Carr to support young people start their own businesses and realise their entrepreneurship ambitions.
 - Collaborating with R-evolution to relocate their whole operation to North Carr and create an employment training hub for local residents specialising in light engineering and horticulture.
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- Working with local sports clubs (Paul Ingle Boxing Academy and Bransholme Bears) to encourage young participants to undertake sports coaching qualifications to increase employment opportunities and become a local mentor.
 - Cascading employment opportunities via our team social media platforms, newsletters, community networks and ward noticeboards.
 - Working alongside Youth Aspire Connect which has been funded through the ward budget to deliver employability skills training for 15–20-year-olds.
 - Working alongside Unity in the Community to promote the delivery of their training courses on offer across a number of subjects including English, Maths and Manual Handling for local residents which in some cases has already led to employment.

- Unity in the community is also delivering a project called 'Exploring Volunteering' supporting people from all ages who are currently unemployed wanting to gain experience and confidence to get back into the workplace by offering volunteering opportunities.
- Neighbourhood Coordinators have and continue to support the promotion of the "Library of Stuff" charity shop, offering volunteering opportunities for local residents to get involved providing work experience to support them into employment.



Conclusion

This Annual Report highlights the wide range of activity undertaken in the North 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 NORTH AREA COMMITTEE Neighbourhood Teams

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