

West Area Annual Report

April 2025 – March 2026

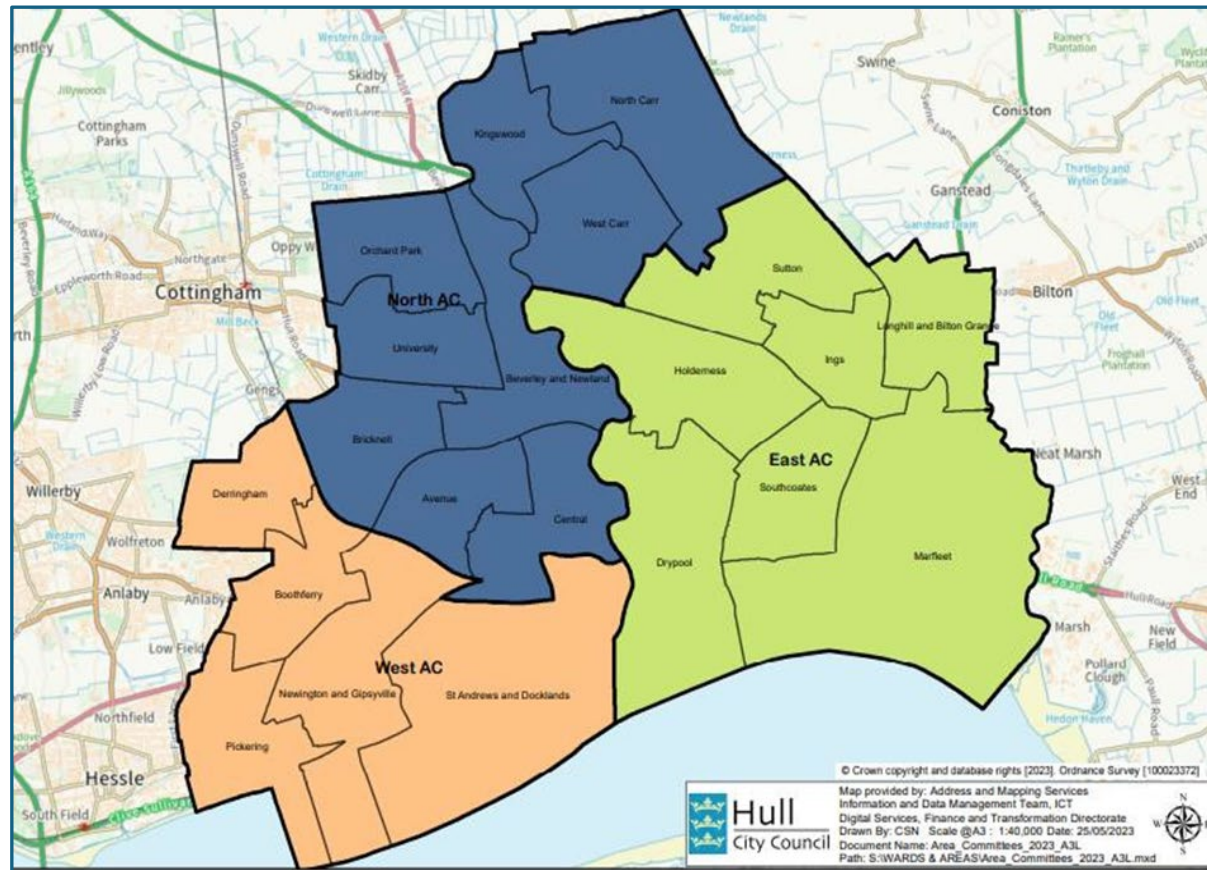
Boothferry, Derringham, Newington & Gipsyville, Pickering, and St. Andrews & Docklands Wards



Summary

Your Area Committee

This Annual Report is based on the Area Committee structure established in 2023 and shown on the map below. A review of Area Committees was completed February 2026 that will be reflected in subsequent Annual Reports. Each Area's Ward Councillors and key partners met 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.



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 ward's 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

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

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 2025-2026

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 2025 – March 2026 is shown below.

Ward	Revenue Budget (£)	Capital Budget (£)
Boothferry	£15,459.00	£39,962.00
Derringham	£15,529.00	£40,201.00
Newington & Gipsyville	£22,716.00	£64,730.00
Pickering	£13,036.00	£31,695.00
St. Andrews & Docklands	£25,952.00	£75,773.00
Area Total	£92,692.00	£252,361.00

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 - £196,526.57						
Ward Budget	Boothferry	Derringham	Newington & Gipsyville	Pickering	St. Andrew's & Docklands	Total
Capital	£4,840.00	£2,671.93	£46,095.25	£ 7,908.00	£32,041.48	£93,556.66
Revenue	£3,500.00	£30,413.18	£22,061.27	£21,007.95	£25,987.51	£102,969.91

Ambition Two – Our neighbourhoods are safe and welcoming and there is access to good quality, affordable housing with good associated provision. Total - £163,152.82						
Ward Budget	Boothferry	Derringham	Newington & Gipsyville	Pickering	St. Andrew's & Docklands	Total
Capital	£35,122.00	£39,587.19	£17,496.65	£14,957.27	£43,307.00	£150,470.11
Revenue	£8,209.00	£2,660.70	£654.73	£1,158.28	£0.00	£12,682.71

Ambition Three – We are adaptive to climate change and building resilience to living with water. Total - £0.00						
Ward Budget	Boothferry	Derringham	Newington & Gipsyville	Pickering	St. Andrew's & Docklands	Total
Capital	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Revenue	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

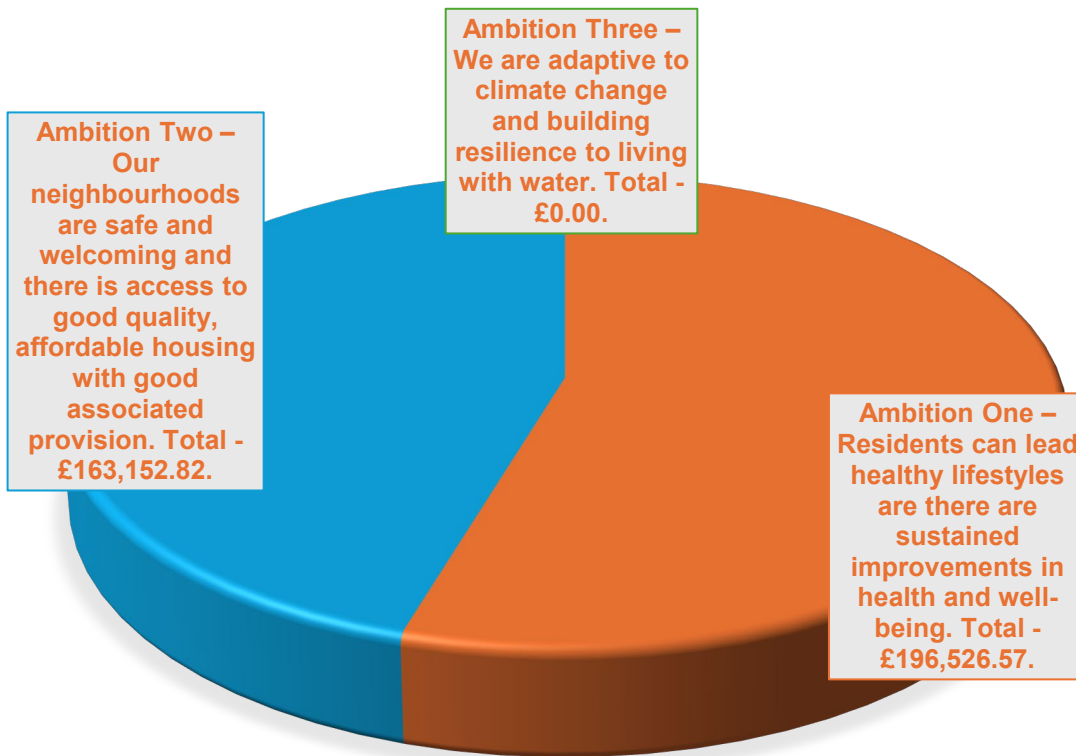
We welcome applications for funding from external public, voluntary or community bodies and not for profit social enterprises provided they meet the relevant criteria. Applications that respond to Ward priorities are particularly welcomed.

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 summarises the West Area Committee spending for 2025-2026.

WEST AREA COMMITTEE SPENDING BY AMBITION



Ambition One - Projects included the installation of play equipment, seating and safety surfacing within parks, supporting community groups (funding for events, repairs to their facilities, Wi-Fi installation for community use), activities such as fun days, craft sessions and youth physical activity, replanting of green spaces, installing and replacing fencing, improving signage, creation of dog walking areas, bring out your rubbish days and provision of bike libraries.

Ambition Two - Projects included installation and maintenance of defibrillators, new and amended Traffic Regulation Orders, repairs to footpaths, roads and car parks, verge protection, removal of unsafe waste, additional street lighting and CCTV, gating schemes, installation of measures to deter illegal encampments, grit bins, speed surveys, traffic calming measures, tactile crossings and the installation of safety signage.

Ambition Three – No monies spent.

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 noticeboards 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, shared 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.
- A Neighbourhood Coordinator from the West Area Team attended a performance of 'What will you Miss?' pop up theatre at Trinity Market in April 2025. The event was part of a regional campaign to highlight the dangers of smoking tobacco and promote local stop smoking services through the work of the West Area Team
- 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.
- We have introduced 'no smoking' signage within children's play parks, to prevent the inhalation of secondhand smoke and the littering of parks with cigarette butts, vapes and other smoking supplies.
- A Neighbourhood Coordinator from the West Area Team attended the premier of 'Quitters' at Hull Truck Theatre. The short film highlighted the success of local residents who had successfully stopped smoking with the assistance of advisors from local services and helped with promotion of these services through neighbourhood team activities.

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 2025-2026 we spent £112,763.05 on improving our parks and open spaces including installing new play equipment and safety surfaces, improving accessibility to the parks with new benches and picnic areas, planting schemes, repairing fencing and installing features such as signage, a pump track and even a dedicated dog walking area.
- Work has continued within the West Area to deter illegal encampments from accessing our parks and open spaces. We have implemented measures including the removal of drop-kerbed access points, 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 2025 – March 2026, 959 patch walks were completed across the city, with 249 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, installing CCTV systems, as well as improving our signage within these spaces.
- The West Area held 12 Bring Out Your Rubbish Days (BOYRD) between April 2025 – March 2026. During these collections over 330 tonnes of general waste and 284 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.
- 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, archery, bushcraft activities and rock-climbing sessions!
- We have worked closely with our local Primary Schools to install bike libraries to encourage safe and sustainable travel to and from school. Rokeby Primary School in the Pickering Ward received 40 bikes refurbished by an expert team of mechanics and volunteers from R-evolution. Bikeability training was also provided at the school to year six pupils at the school incorporating Level 1 (biking away from traffic and off-road) and Level 2 (biking on quiet roads with minimal traffic).

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



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 2025-2026 include ward forums, community drop-in sessions in local libraries, 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 obstruction, no insurance and dangerous driving. In addition, we report on any vehicles which appear 'abandoned' via the Council's Environmental Crime team.
- Two primary schools within the West Area, Francis Askew Primary School and Wold Academy, have had parking enforcement cameras installed. These cameras have been installed to deter and enforce illegal parking on 'school keep clear' and zigzag markings – improving safety directly outside the schools. Those drivers caught parking illegally will receive a £70 fine, discounted to £35 if paid promptly.

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 also engage with the Hull Youth Network, homeless outreach teams, Changing Futures and other housing providers to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- 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, provision of personal and property alarms and vehicle mitigating barriers to limit anti-social behaviour caused by nuisance vehicles.
- 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 £94,823.50 during 2025-2026. We have also supported community groups within our local area to access £9,950.00 worth of funding to improve the security of their building by replacing unsafe doors and installing CCTV.
- 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 and obstructive parking.

- Neighbourhood Coordinators take part in initiatives to deal with antisocial behaviour including resident forums, partner events, patch walks and bike marking sessions.

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



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

- The Living with Water (LWW) partnership aims to create a city which is resilient to the impacts of too much or too little water. Derringham, in particular, is vulnerable to a changing climate given its location, land levels and drainage system. Significant investment into infrastructure both in terms of large-scale surface water storage and smaller retrofit sustainable drainage (SuDs) has been implemented in Derringham since 2007 but alongside flood alleviation schemes, community awareness and engagement is key.
- The Neighbourhood Coordinators have played a key role in helping to identify networks, groups and locations for community drop-in's and engagement to help educate everyone on their risk and provide them with the tools or steps they can all take to become less vulnerable and more resilient to water. Examples include the water butt project where residents in Derringham could apply for a free water butt to be installed on their down pipes.
- The Neighbourhood Coordinators also have knowledge of the SuDs schemes - which enables a consistent message about the SuDs and how they benefit and protect local communities.
- 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 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 activities undertaken in the West Area for the benefit of local residents and communities. This work will continue in 2026-27 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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