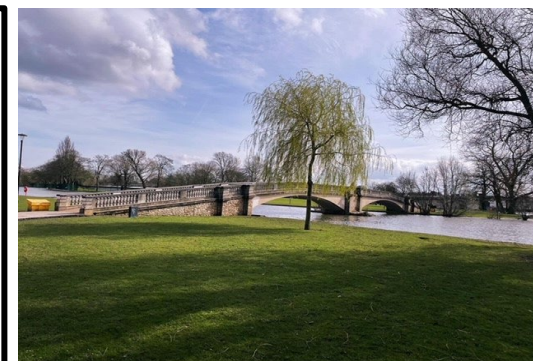


East Area Committee Annual Report

April 2025 - March 2026



Drypool, Holderness, Ings,
Longhill & Bilton Grange, Marfleet,
Southcoates & Sutton



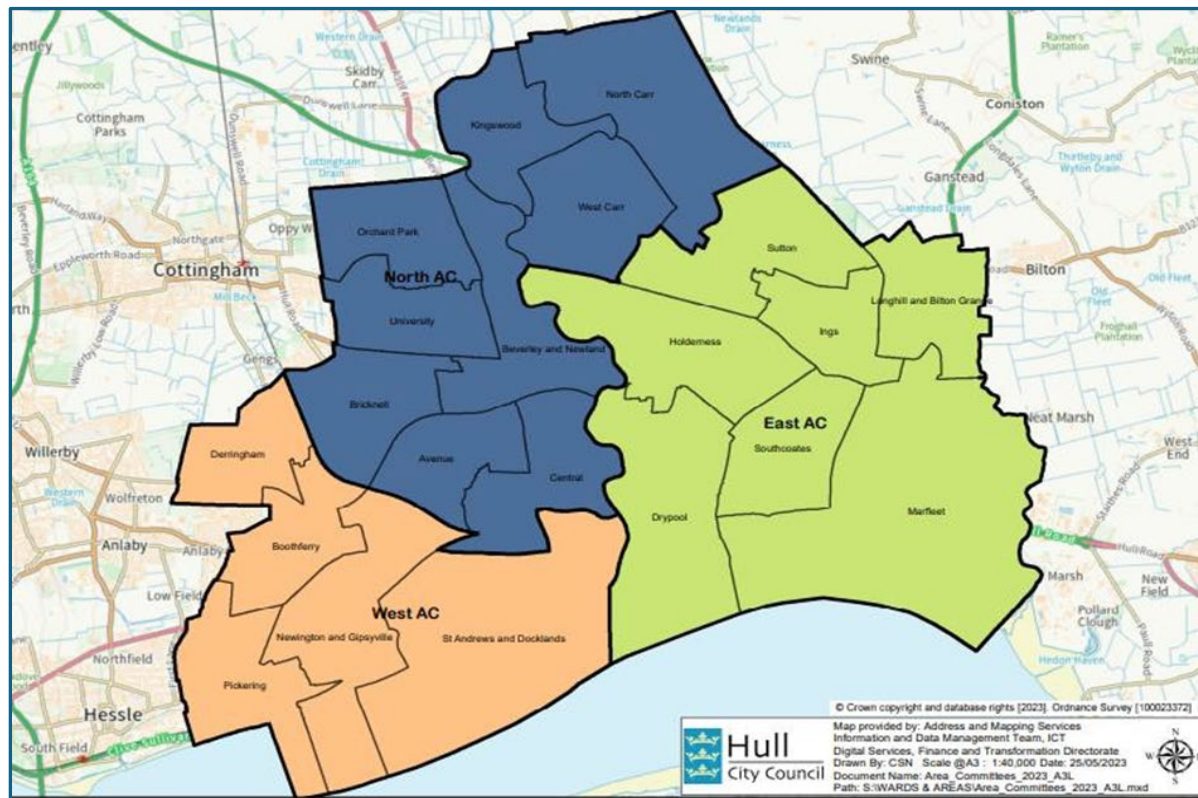
Summary

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. The aim is for greater openness, better quality services and greater public participation in local government.

East Area Ambitions

The East Area Ambitions (see below) were agreed by the East Area Committee in September 2024 with updates provided on each Ambition at subsequent Area Committee meetings. These Ambitions are in place to help guide and inform the decisions made by the Area Committee, ensuring they're relevant to you, our residents, in responding to the issues that matter to you on your doorstep.



- 1) Young people in the Area are engaging more in activities and support services to improve their aspirations and reach their potential.
- 2) Residents have access to local services they need, and are engaging to seek support and advice, to be economically active and live healthier lifestyles.
- 3) Local residents feel safe in their local neighbourhoods, and our green open spaces are not hot spots for crime and anti-social behaviour but used to improve residents' health and wellbeing.

East Area Committee Neighbourhood Team and Ward Priorities

Through each wards Neighbourhood Coordinator, we support your Ward Councillors in setting local, Ward level priorities and delivering key projects to improve your neighbourhood, 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 .

Drypool Ward

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

Sutton Ward (transferred to the Foredyke Area, February 2026)

- 1) To support activities and initiatives that promote a healthy population.
- 2) To improve community safety and wellbeing in Sutton ward
- 3) Improve cleanliness of local environment including open and green spaces

Ings Ward

- 1) To have and support a healthy population
- 2) To improve community safety and wellbeing
- 3) To improve the cleanliness of local environment
- 4) Improving pedestrian and road user safety

Southcoates Ward

- 1) To maintain and improve the environment including local area and parks
- 2) To improve community safety and wellbeing
- 3) To improve community engagement

Longhill & Bilton Grange Ward

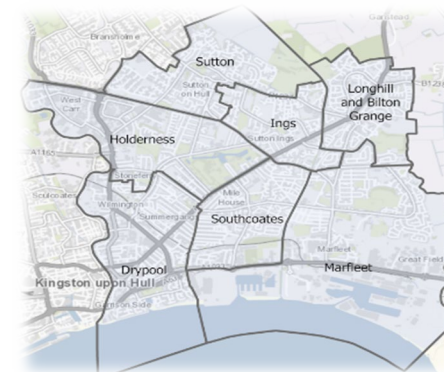
- 1) Identify and investigate potential for off-road parking schemes
- 2) To improve community safety (including nuisance motor bikes)
- 3) To improve cleanliness of local environment including open and green spaces.

Holderness Ward

- 1) Improving Safety and wellbeing,
- 2) Improving Transport and Infrastructure,
- 3) Improve Environment and Open Spaces

Marfleet Ward

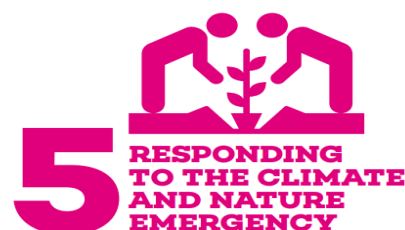
- 1) To maintain, enhance and improve the environment inc. Green and open spaces
- 2) To combat ASB and promote Health and wellbeing
- 3) To research and promote access and affordable training to improve prospects for employment/IT skills



Community Plan – Ambitions and Commitments

The Community Plan 2024-2034 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 8-years. The delivery of the Community Plan is reliant on continued engagement with residents, our partners and stakeholders. Neighbourhood Teams will support ongoing development of the Community Plan through delivery to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to engage in shaping the local responses to the citywide ambitions and commitments. This includes embedding the Community Plan within Area and Ward Plans summarised above.

COMMUNITY PLAN - OUR 6 AMBITIONS



To achieve our ambitions, we commit to:

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

Ward Budgets 2025-26

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 **2025-26** is shown below.

Ward	Revenue Budget (£)	Capital Budget (£)
Drypool	17,284	46,194
Holderness	14,649	37,197
Ings	13,779	34,228
Longhill & Bilton Grange	17,982	48,572
Marfleet	20,446	56,981
Southcoates	19,263	52,945
Sutton	17,133	45,675
East Area Committee Area Total	£120,536	£321,792

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 the former East Area Committee Ambitions.

Ambition 1: Young people in the Area are engaging more in activities and support services to improve their aspirations and reach their potential. Total - £65,183

Ward Budget	Drypool	Holderness	Ings	Longhill & Bilton Grange	Marfleet	Southcoates	Sutton	Total
Capital	3,354	0	6,316	3,813	19,241	5,962	1,400	£43,086
Revenue	2,236	3,373	3,901	4,552	5,980	2,055	0	£22,097

Ambition 2: Residents have access to local services they need, and are engaging to seek support and advice, to be economically active and live healthier lifestyles. Total £118,224

Ward Budget	Drypool	Holderness	Ings	Longhill & Bilton Grange	Marfleet	Southcoates	Sutton	Total
Capital	24,631	4,000	0	15,889	10,430	0	4,130	£59,080
Revenue	10,087	7,983	1,000	2,879	23,636	6,749	6,810	£59,144

Ambition 3: Local residents feel safe in their local neighbourhoods, and our green open spaces are not hot spots for crime and anti-social behaviour but used to improve residents' health and wellbeing. Total £240,944

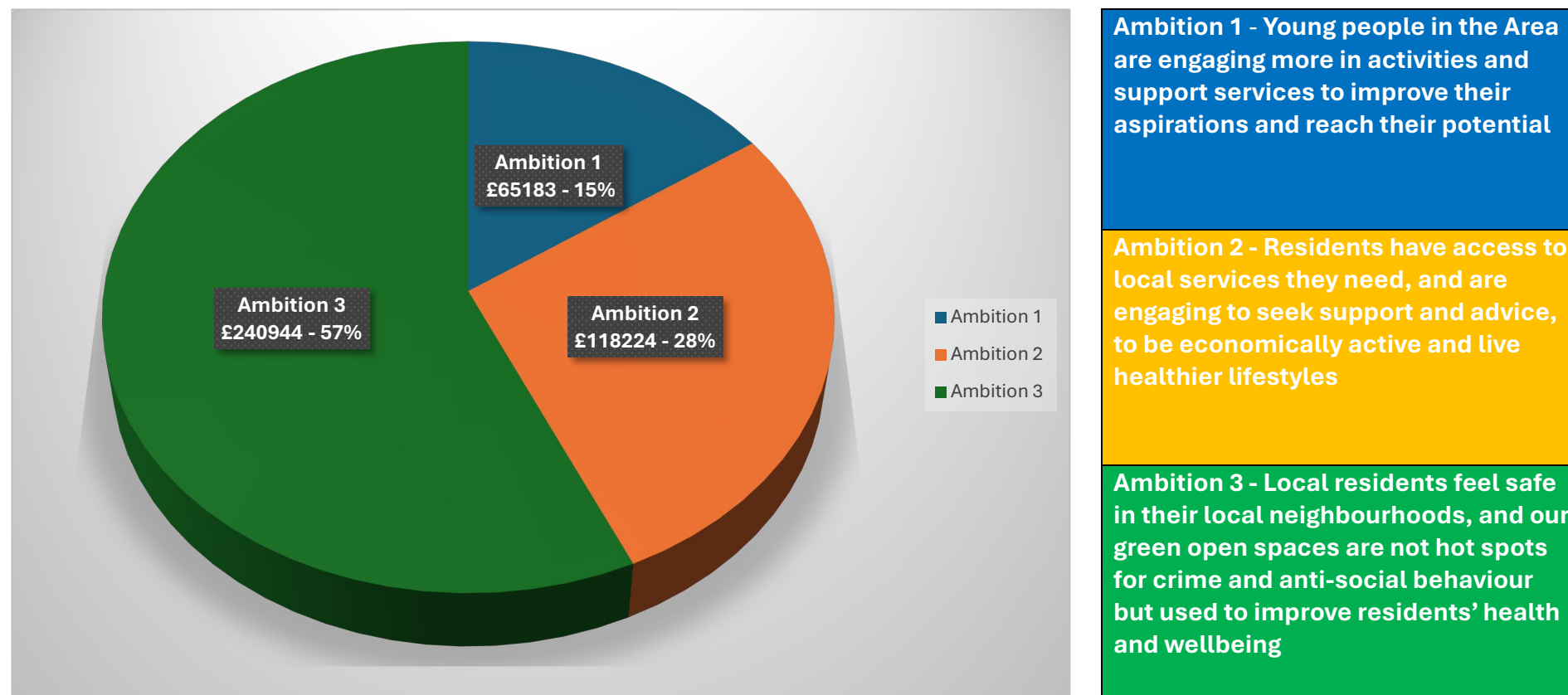
Ward Budget	Drypool	Holderness	Ings	Longhill & Bilton Grange	Marfleet	Southcoates	Sutton	Total
Capital	16,345	33,197	27,912	23,900	21,238	36,983	36,488	£196,063
Revenue	4,954	3,293	7,365	7,173	830	16,709	4,557	£44,881

We welcome applications for funding from external public, voluntary or community bodies and not for profit social enterprises provided they meet the relevant Ward budget 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 East Area to support local projects in line with ward priorities, supporting the East Area Ambitions. The pie chart below summarises the East Area Committee spends for 2025-2026 for each Ambition.



Summary of Neighbourhood Team Actions Against Each Ambition

Neighbourhood Team actions against priorities for delivering Ambition 1: Young people in the area are engaging more in activities and support services to improve their aspirations and reaching their potential.

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| Priority 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To undertake dialogue with partners about meaningful engagement with young people - How by using alternative methods, the engagement is successful - To explore the use of trusted partners already delivering projects to help understand who is not engaging and therefore disadvantaged |
| Priority 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand and explore young people's needs, decide on collective solutions to how we can improve their aspirations and opportunities |

- An Area Conference took place in July, 2025 titled '*East Area Partnership – Young Peoples Futures in East Hull*'. Over 80 key stakeholders attended the event and identified a set of objectives for the East Area Partnership to deliver together. The event centred around two workshops - workshop 1 focused on young people under 16 years, and workshop 2 focused on young people over 16 years. Feedback from the event enabled the Area Committee to review actions against Area Ambition 1 during 2025-26.
- The Neighbourhood Team is an active member of the East Youth Network, promoting partnership activity across all Wards to delivery activities for young people. Led by the Area Youth Worker based at Andrew Marvell Youth Centre, the Network is an effective partnership for Council run services, commissioned partners and the wider voluntary and community sector in delivering co-ordinated youth activity. Details of the Networks partner organisations and their planned activities are shared to ensure activities and events complement each other to provide a wider range of activities. Many activities have been supported by the Neighbourhood Team to give children and young people the opportunity to learn, participate in local activities/groups and have fun in a safe environment.
- Support has been given to enable local sports teams to apply for additional facilities to encourage participation and reduce waiting lists for young people wanting to join groups. This enables our young people to feel part of a team and learn new personal & professional skills to broaden their experiences and reach their potential.
- Ward funding provided equipment to enable community groups and local sports teams to maintain their own environment, improve facilities and make outdoor pitches more accessible over winter months. Support has been provided to a local Boxing Club to

enable them to build on existing work and develop their facilities to provide a wider range of community facilities, in addition to the Boxing offer, in a safer environment. The Neighbourhood Team also support groups that are interested in exploring a 'Community Asset Transfer' (CAT) of Council owned community buildings to support the long-term viability of projects for the benefit of the wider community.

- Ward budget make a grant to 'beYou', an alternative education provider located at The Freedom Centre to help provide equipment for their new premises. The project assists students who have struggled in mainstream education by creating a safe, welcoming, non-judgemental environment allowing students to thrive, learn life skills and provide first steps into industry.



Character Litter Bins

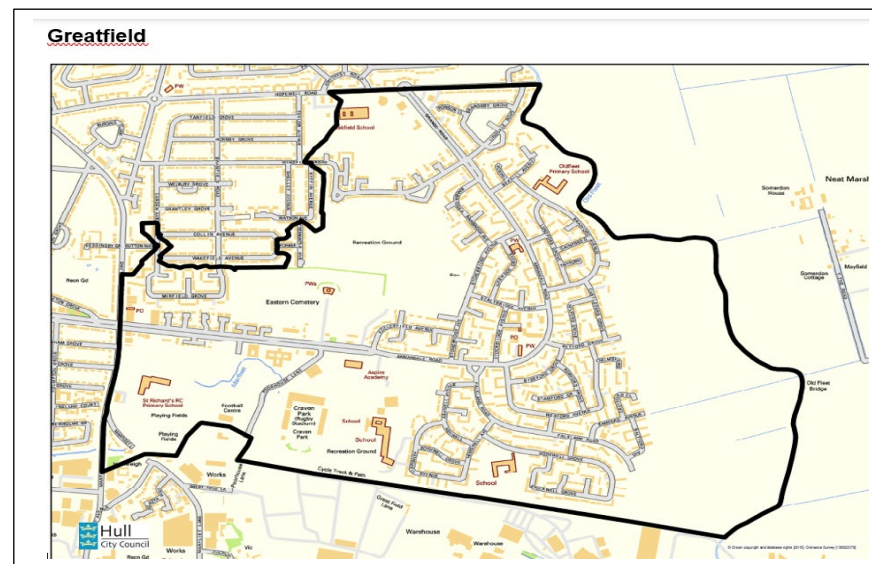
- Due to the planned expansion of Hull Kingston Rovers, positive partnership links have been developed between the Club, the HKR Foundation and wider community. The HKR Foundation have increased the number of community groups and activities which are supported and delivered in community venues across the East Area, including the East Park Veterans Pavilion.
- The Neighbourhood Team and established School Council's at Winifred Holtby Academy, St James Primary, Estcourt Primary, Alderman Cogan Primary and Southcoates Primary schools meet regularly to discuss ideas of local democracy, active engagement and what needs improving in the area pupils live. Significant funding has been committed to provide a safer crossing outside Winifred Holtby Academy & Southcoates Primary Schools following concerns raised via the School Council's. This extended to local patch walks to develop pride by young people in their neighbourhoods through organised litter picks.
- Liaison is ongoing with the Southcoates Ward Primary School Councils to arrange a combined Ward wide School Council Conference where pupils can share ideas, best practices and promote joint working. Ward budget also provided character litter bins at each of the 3-Ward Primary Schools and made a grant towards development of the school libraries.

- The successful work with School Council's is being expanded to other schools in the Area to encourage children and young people to have an interest in the development of their area, share their ideas and have a view on what they would like to see in their neighbourhood over the coming years. Bespoke suggestion boxes have been distributed to schools in the Marfleet and Southcoates Wards to encourage pupils to put forward their ideas for improving their neighbourhood.
- Ward funding awarded to provide laptops to St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre for access by local residents, raising digital awareness in this target neighbourhood. Workshops are being developed to help residents learn basic IT skills to support access to employment opportunities.

Neighbourhood Team actions against priorities for delivering Ambition 2: Residents have access to local services they need, and are engaging to seek support and advice, to be economically active and live healthier lifestyles.

- Priority 1 - To identify the current local public and community services in the East Area
 Priority 2 - To understand older people's needs to live independent healthier lifestyles
 Priority 3 - To understand young family's needs to encourage them to prosper and become economically active

- Pride in Place (PiP) Government Funding has been secured for the Greatfield area (see adjoining map) amounting to £20 million over 10 years. The Neighbourhood Team will be working with a newly appointed PiP Board and Steering Group that consists of residents, stakeholders and partners, to develop community led priorities and work towards making the area a place residents can be proud of. Following wide promotion of the initiative to all households in the target area, a resident Chair and Vice Chair have been appointed. The next stages include recruiting Board Members, deciding on a PiP Engagement Plan to determine local priorities and ensure every resident has the opportunity to give their views and ideas. Resident feedback will inform the development of a Business Plan for the next 3-years that needs to be signed-off by the Government.



- Residents from the Ings ward and neighbouring communities have been involved in a project with Hull Maritime and the University of Hull exploring flooding and the impact on communities. The project aims to combat social isolation amongst local residents. During 2025-26, residents contributed artwork for the new home for the Arctic Corsair at the North End Shipyard. The group also had the opportunity to take part in artifact handling sessions. In addition, the group are keen to be involved in the Block House Project on Victoria Dock if the opportunity arises.



Dynamic Drain Project Signage



Session with Hull Maritime Project and University of Hull - March 2026

- Working with the Environment Agency and Groundwork, a series of notice boards were installed alongside the Holderness Drain detailing local history and wildlife/ecology in the area. This is part of an initiative to encourage active travel and healthier lifestyles through walking & cycling to work/school and supports general recreation purposes. This was part of the 'Dynamics Drain' Project that included artwork to the external walls of a utilities building at the junction of the Drain and Preston Road. The project also included the installation of new fishing pegs to improve safety and promote safe fishing for all ages. Due to increased use of the new footpaths, there has been a reduction in reported fly-tipping and nuisance motorbikes along the drain bank.

- Working alongside Hull CVS through their Volunteer to Employment Pathway Programme, the Team support local people to receive free, high-quality training and work-related experience through wide promotion of the initiative.
- Cascaded employment opportunities via the Neighbourhood Team social media platforms, community networks and community noticeboards.
- In partnership with R-evolution, the Marfleet Ward budget supported access to 33 bikes for adults who were identified in need of help with transport to access job interviews, medical appointments etc. complete with cycle helmet, lights and lock. In a separate project, the Southcoates Ward budget enabled R-evolution to work with the Ward's Primary Schools offering bike repairs and the use of bikes to those undertaking cycling proficiency who didn't have a cycle.
- Discussion took place with representatives from Greatfield Big Local to explore the project's legacy following the end of the Lottery funded project. Consultation undertaken by the project identified a community priority for 'Adult & Community Learning'. Links will be developed between partners to support delivery of the priority and the emerging CiC that will deliver the legacy.
- Established positive partnership links with HKR Foundation, identifying opportunities for residents to benefit from the approved regeneration of the Craven Park site and the employability and skills offer provided by the Foundation.
- The Neighbourhood Team attend Friendship Groups and coffee mornings across the Area, engaging with residents and collecting data to understand their needs and help shape future projects. An example being support for the over 60's and those who are socially isolated with health and wellbeing events, free lunches and hot drinks group at Eastmount Community Centre. During these sessions there was an opportunity to speak to housing and advice partners.
- The Council's newsletter 'Hull CC News' is delivered to all households across the City.
- Ward Newsletters are produced by the Neighbourhood Team in several Wards in the East Area. Ward Newsletters are delivered to all households across the target Ward, irrespective of tenure. They are used to promote activity across the Ward, promoting Council and partner activity that supports residents of all ages to access employment and training opportunities nearer to home, to reduce barriers to learning and improve life opportunities.
- In addition to The Wilson Centre in the City Centre, the Neighbourhood Team supported the Council's Customer Services Team in establishing neighbourhood 'Community Hubs' where Customer Service Advisers are based in our neighbourhoods. The



Community Hubs provide the first point for contact to Council and partners services. In the East Area, Community Hubs operate from Eastmount Community Centre (Longhill), St. Hilda's Church (Elmbridge Parade), Ings Library (Savoy Road), St. Stephens Neighbourhood Centre (Annandale Road), St Philips (Grange Road), EMS (Craven Lea) and Sutton Methodist Church. The Sutton Methodist Church opened a 'Warm Welcome' service which complements the work of the Hub and is supported by the Neighbourhood Team and Ward funding to expand its offer to local people.

- Opening days and times for each of the Community Hubs are advertised on the Council's website. Citizens Advice Bureau and other health partners have been encouraged to provide outreach service support alongside the Customer Service Centre to provide local advice where it is needed.



- The Neighbourhood Team continued to support the 4 Council Community Centres in the East Area – Balfour, Bilton Grange, Eastmount and Victoria Dock. Health Checks were completed for each Centre in partnership with the respective Community Association to develop an agreed action plan that will support the Association in developing and operating their Centres.
- In addition to the 4 Council funded Community Centres, the Neighbourhood Team continues to support all Community venues across the East Area.

- A Community Centre webpage has been established by the Council with the support of Hull CVS that offers Centres the opportunity to promote their buildings and activities through one host web page maintained by the Council. The host page links to the respective Centre pages maintained by the Centres. This supports the promotion of the buildings to other partners to offer activities in local venues that promote healthy living and tackle isolation.
- Community Centres benefitted from UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) that improved Energy Performance Ratings (EPC) in target premises. Physical improvements to the assets included, depending on site requirements, new boilers, window replacements and energy efficient lighting.

- Several East Area community centres/venues and churches help promote healthy living and tackle social isolation, by offering various activities and workshops. This includes running clubs, blood pressure clinics, befriending sessions, Slimming World classes, active play, disco dancing and Tai-Chi.
- The Council's Neighbourhood Team has completed an exercise to map community buildings and activities across the Area Committee area. The map shows key assets in the Area that starts to build a picture of service delivery/activity at the local level.
- Using the map of community buildings and other available layers on the Council's mapping system, the Area Committee can interrogate current activity and identify gaps in service delivery or support. The mapping data supports the development of the Key Individual Network (KINS) which is a centralised network of key contacts with the aim of improving information sharing and partnership working. This enables agencies such as the Police to deliver timely communications and interventions to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities.
- Community Noticeboards are located across Wards that promote local activities and services by the Council and partners. These are regularly inspected and kept up to date with information to help support residents and signpost to ongoing activity or events.
- The Neighbourhood Team continues to promote Active Citizens which is a social leadership training programme that brings together people with different beliefs and perspectives to learn from and share with each other. The programme connects likeminded people who collectively want to make a fairer and more inclusive society.

Participants will receive the tools and support needed to set up or adapt their own social action projects to tackle a social issue in their community. Past projects have united communities – in music & song; reducing waste; sharing skills; tackling isolation; developing creativity; celebrating history & culture; helping the environment; supporting each other – all participants making a difference in our communities.

Discussions continue with the Community Cohesion Manager and the Co-ordinator of the Hull IAG to promote and deliver a programme in the East Area.

- Neighbourhood Co-ordinators support Public Health colleagues to raise awareness of current support networks – smoking cessation, ReNew Substance misuse etc., identifying opportunities to support information advice drop-in facilities across the Area.
- Working in partnership with Public Health colleagues, Neighbourhood Co-ordinators support the development of Ward Health Plans which will consolidate actions to support health, both citywide and at the local ward based level linking with Ward Plans and Ward

priorities. Outreach services have been developed to enable residents to access support where it is needed. A Partnership leaflet has been designed and distributed to all areas.

- The Neighbourhood Team have worked with several groups across the East Area including 'Men in Sheds' projects aimed at improving men's mental health. Sutton Men in Sheds received Ward budget funding to improve their collection of gardening and DIY tools leading to raised beds being created and used by a local NHS group to offer active outside exercise and social support to lonely and isolated residents.
- The Southcoates Ward budget supported the purchase of Hi-vis jackets to encourage 'walking buses' and cycling to the primary schools, promoting healthy alternatives to travelling to school by car.
- All Neighbourhood Teams are supporting the lifesaving defibrillator project offered by our HANDS (Hull Access to Neighbourhood Defibrillators) Partnership, assisting with identifying Guardians and locations where we have gaps in provision across the East Area. The Partnership funded 18 new pieces of equipment across Hull in 2025. Six of these new locations were installed across the East area including four sheltered accommodation sites. Separate to the HANDS Partnership, Bleed Kits have been installed across the Area by the Hull Community Safety Partnership.
- The Neighbourhood Team regularly attend Resident & Tenant Group meetings and have supported residents in developing new Groups to understand resident concerns and provide solutions where possible.
- Alongside Ward Members, the Neighbourhood Team delivers Ward engagement events to reach out to residents of the East area, identifying places that are accessible and convenient to access, to talk about the needs for their neighbourhoods. Ensuring maximum attendance and feedback within the Ward/Area, supports reviews of the Ward and Area Priorities.
- Worked with internal and external departments to develop subsidised public transport in areas of demand to enable residents to access services in other areas of the city. This included partnership working with HKR to develop a sustainable travel plan that



Community Defib & Bleed Kit

resulted in accessible car parks and improved bus services for match days which will reduce the impact on the adjoining neighbourhood of travelling visitors to the stadium.

- Regular engagement events across the East Area provided residents with the opportunity to raise issues across their areas with both Ward Councillors and partners in attendance. Examples of localised consultations to support key projects include: traffic concerns along the Stoneferry Corridor, Leads Road, Foredyke Avenue and surrounding neighbourhoods; promoting good relationships on an allotment site; Preston road cycle scheme; Ryehill Grove new builds; Sherburn Street Pocket Park and defibrillator project within Denaby Court. In addition, monthly drop-in's at St Hildas Church, St Johns Church, Marist Vikings Club House, East Park Veterans Pavilion and Ings Library were held to allow residents the opportunity to raise queries with their Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and pass on information for action by other partners/agencies.



Example of Warm Space

- Regular monthly multi agency patch walks take place where residents are encouraged to engage with Officers/partners to raise issues of local concern and various 'Love your Neighbourhood' weeks have been undertaken.
- Supported the development of 'Warm Space' venues across the East Area - having been encouraged by Neighbourhood Coordinators to apply for funding, community venues offered a warm and safe space to meet others and socialise. In the Sutton Ward, drop-ins are hosted at Sutton Methodist Church as part of their warm space/warm welcome offer. Other Warm spaces were located at Marfleet Community Centre, St Philips Church, St Hildas Church, St Johns Church, St Aidans Church and local libraries.
- Pocket Parks - the East Neighbourhood Team have identified and applied for pocket park status for pieces of land for rejuvenation within their wards. Sherburn Street Open Space is complete and is now an attractive and resilient space designed by local residents for them to relax and socialise. Drypool and Longhill & Bilton Grange wards were awarded funding in round 3 – both projects are expected to be completed summer 2026.

- The Neighbourhood Team support the delivery of the 'One Estate Public Estate' mini master plans for Elmbridge and Greenwich Avenue shopping areas and the Council's Community High Street initiative through marketing consultation events, encouraging resident involvement and providing local intelligence to inform development of masterplans. This is the Council's £6 million capital

investment programme, spread over 4 years, focusing on shopping streets and parades. The projects are community/grass roots led, with a tailored approach to the different centres - investing in “place” to support communities, improve business resilience and uplift the physical appearance of an area. Consultation events were conducted in the 3 target Centres in phases 1 & 2 of the citywide programme in the East Area – Barham Road, Greenwich Avenue and Holderness Road/Southcoates Lane.

Neighbourhood Team actions against priorities for delivering ambition 3: Local residents feel safe in their local neighbourhoods, and our green open spaces are not hot spots for crime and anti-social behaviour but used to improve residents health and wellbeing.

Priority 1 - To explore how we can make local residents feel safer in their community

Priority 2 - Identify hot spot areas of crime, particularly green open spaces, to determine joint multi agency solutions to improve the area

- Ward Member briefings provide key operational Ward intelligence that enables priority actions to be identified. Local intelligence is fed into the Place based Tasking Partnerships to deliver actions by the appropriate partners, both internal and external to the Council. From April 2025 to March 2026, 28 priorities were adopted by the East & Park Area Tasking Groups with over 65 New and Emerging issues submitted within this time period, all which support this Ambition.
- Ward budgets have effectively been used to respond to identified community safety concerns. In the Drypool & Southcoates Wards, the DISC (Disc Against Crime) platform has been renewed that provides a secure, localised information sharing app that helps businesses, Police and Community Safety partnership combat low-level crime & anti-social behaviour. It is used to share intelligence, track repeat offenders, and co-ordinate real-time safety alerts. Partner joint visits were undertaken to several businesses to encourage sign up to the app.
- Neighbourhood Coordinators attend their respective Placed based Tasking Meetings which occur 6 weekly. These multi-agency partnership meetings respond to community safety and wider community issues.
- 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 & VCSE partners through the process. To date, East Area residents benefited from awards totalling £324,096, with 40 projects being put forward to the panel to help support crime prevention projects across the Area, many supported by 30% Ward Budget contributions. Projects include CCTV, Fencing/Gating schemes, Street Lighting improvements, target hardening equipment, flashing speed awareness signage - to name a few.

- Several Wards hold joint Ward Member/Neighbourhood Co-ordinator/Neighbourhood Nuisance/Neighbourhood Policing Team and other relevant partner briefings to analyse crime/ASB data/other ward intelligence that has led to multi-agency action plans that respond to the matters raised for the benefit of our local communities. In the Holderness Ward, regular visits took place in areas that had been targeted in Hanoi style burglaries to provide home security devices and information about staying safe.
- In the Marfleet and Southcoates wards, Ward Partnership meetings are open to over 40 statutory, voluntary and community partners to network and share best practice. The aim is also to break down barriers to effective working and identify gaps in community services that a joint approach could address. Ideas and plans are drawn up to determine local priorities and how we can all work together to make residents feel proud of their communities.



- The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) that includes the Drypool Ward was renewed in 2025. The PSPO is put in place to improve the quality of life in communities. It restricts or prohibits certain activities in public areas which could cause a negative impact to the community – see adjoining image of the PSPO signage installed across the Drypool Ward.
- Publicity encouraging residents to report Neighbourhood Nuisance issues has been placed in all Community Noticeboards.
- Ward budgets from across the East Area have contributed toward PROBE Ltd for referrals for personal and home security improvements. Referrals to PROBE are made by the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Neighbourhood Nuisance Team on behalf of vulnerable residents and those who have been victims of crime or domestic abuse.
- Actively promote crime prevention and safety information via our East Area social media channels, newsletters and community noticeboards. Area social media channels have been utilised to alert residents to emerging community safety issues, for example, reports of rogue traders targeting certain neighbourhoods.

- Sutton Ward budget funded a number of 'Action Days' during 2025 – focussing on Highfield and Howdale Road areas. This was a multi-agency door knocking exercise where residents were offered a range of home security items for free. This will be continued in 2026 with additional funding to be approved.

- Neighbourhood Co-ordinators undertake mandatory training courses such as Prevent Awareness, Prevent Referrals and Channel Awareness, to ensure they are aware of how to deal with the threat from terrorism and extremism in the UK and how to support people susceptible to radicalisation.



Cycle Marking Event

- In response to reported cycle thefts across the Wards, Ward budget funded cycle locks. Neighbourhood Co-ordinators assisted Humberside Police in cycle marking events with some Neighbourhood Co-ordinators being trained to use the cycle marking kits.
- Supported the Neighbourhood Policing Team to engage with residents and encourage sign up to 'My Community Alert'.
- To secure access to rear tenfoots behind private properties, residents can submit applications for joint funding of gates in accordance with the Council's Alleygating Policy. Projects were developed across the Area in response to resident reports of fly-tipping and criminal damage to properties by unauthorised persons accessing the tenfoots.
- Analysis of fire data submitted by Humberside Fire & Rescue Service results in proactive partner actions in reducing the number of repeat offences. Bin locks and security advice have been provided to various residents in target areas to reduce domestic refuse bin fires on open spaces that can lead to the destruction of play equipment.
- Physical improvements have been implemented to deter nuisance motorbikes throughout our neighbourhoods. This includes the installation of fencing and planting to prevent access to open spaces, chicanes that are DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant installed on footpaths and increased CCTV coverage in hotspot areas. Support of Humberside Police is requested via the Place based Tasking Partnerships to deploy Drone monitoring to support ongoing enforcement activity.
- In the Holderness and Drypool Wards, Stoneferry corridor is identified as a major concern for accidents. Working with Humberside Police and the Council's Highways Team, the profile of the area was raised to make the area a priority for intervention. In addition to Traffic Regulation Orders supported by residents, signage to improve awareness of the low rail bridge is to be progressed.



Speed Awareness Signage

- Following road safety concerns raised by residents, Ward budgets contributed towards the cost of highway improvement schemes across the Area. This includes traffic calming measures to reduce the number of incidents caused by speeding vehicles; installation of bollards to deter irresponsible parking that can result in damage to the grass verges but also to prevent vehicles from accessing public footpaths creating a potential risk to pedestrians; installation of dropped kerbs to provide safe crossing points; traffic calming measures in response to resident concerns; highway layout improvements; resurfacing priorities following resident feedback and speed awareness signs with the aim of reducing vehicular speeds in built up areas.
- Supported and promoted 'Project Clean Streets', an initiative that aims to transform communities and combat anti-social behaviour. Neighbourhood Co-ordinators and Ward Members continue to identify hotspot areas for the project teams including programmed visits by the 'Love Your Neighbourhood' Teams.
- Ward budget supported the purchase and installation of several dog mess bag dispensers and dog foul bag refills at several green space and park hotspots, reducing the number of reported Dog Foul reports. Positive resident feedback has been reported on social media channels.
- To reduce incidents of fly-tipping and support residents dispose of unwanted bulky household waste, 'Bring out your Rubbish Days' (BOYRD) are held in a number of Wards across the Area. The events are popular with residents and funded through the Ward budget. Unfortunately, the initiative has had issues with early presentation of waste and increased Fly-tipping from areas outside the BOYRD target area. To reduce this concern, letters have been sent to every household included in the BOYRD target area with the instruction to not advertise or put items on the highway too early. The Neighbourhood Team continues to work with the Council's Waste Management Team to reduce/manage the impact of the events on the wider community.



Waste Presented for a BOYRD Event

- Neighbourhood Coordinators regularly carry out patch/ward walks with Ward Members and partners. Each Neighbourhood Coordinator has access to the Photobook App to assist with the capture and reporting of issues identified whilst out and about in their Ward, such as repairs to street lighting and park furniture, graffiti and fly tipping. Photobook is an inspection management App that helps to monitor and improve our open spaces/environment, by sending real time updates to Streetscene Services. Between April 2025 & March 2026, we completed 252 reports within the East Area Committee area covering several environmental issues including fly-tipping, graffiti, street litter and repairs.
- Ward budgets and Planning s.106 capital receipts continue to support the regeneration of our Parks across the East Area as part of ongoing capital investment projects. During 2025-26, park improvement projects were completed at the following sites: Barbara Robson Park, Western Gailes Park and Alderman Kneeshaw Playing Fields.
- External funding is also used to ensure Parks & Open Spaces are fit for purpose, provide leisure activities for all ages & abilities and support organised sport activities. In the Victoria Dock Village area, the sundial in Victoria Dock Park has been repaired, the weir and a small leak in the Slipway Pond have been repaired and the decking surrounding the Slipway Pond will be repaired and replaced – it is hoped this will be completed in 2026. Funding has also been awarded to secure the football field on Victoria Dock to prevent trespass and anti-social behaviour when not used by sports clubs.
- In 2025, the Right to Grow scheme was launched and residents have used this, with close support from their Neighbourhood Coordinators to transform small unused greenspaces. This resulted in a Ward funded project to provide a raised flowerbed which was built by local residents and EMS. It is maintained by residents, improving their fitness and outdoor experience as well as improving their environment in a previously abandoned waste space.



Tiny Forest Planting

- Various wards contributed towards the 'Back to Ours' Christmas parade, encouraging residents and especially youth to interact with the community, engage with local businesses and witness a panto type experience that many families might otherwise be unable to do.

- The Drypool ward supported partners Earthwatch and Reckitt to plant the city's first Tiny Forest project. This urban forest project saw 600 trees planted by the community. The whole community can use the forest area as a place to learn play and enjoy nature, increasing well-being and providing access to green space for all. The community have now become tree keepers helping to record the health and growth of this forest.
- Ward funds support the delivery of family focussed events across the East Area. Examples include the Ings Gala, Alderman Kneeshaw Play Day, Southcoates Ward Summer Activity, Mersey Street family fun day, 'Cooking on a Budget' course delivered in Marfleet, Southcoates and Drypool Wards, Remembrance Sunday events in Marfleet and Sutton, Acorns Family Hub annual summer fair, Clifford Avenue 100th Anniversary event etc. Such events bring the community together and, for events taking place in parks, promote the park/open spaces offer to young people and their families to help them to keep healthy and active.



Back to Ours Christmas Parade 2025

- Residents are invited in some wards to take part in the making of summer hanging baskets and Christmas wreaths. This brings residents all ages together in a social setting. The items made are taken home and placed at the property, providing a feel-good factor.



Artist Susan J Woolhouse and Maggie Ronson with 'Moonage Daydream', Mischief of Rats - Summer 2025



Community Christmas Wreath Making Event

- 'Mischief of Rats' sculptures were sited in various wards within the East Area. Several big sculptures have been re-sited for residents to enjoy following the Citywide expedition to raise funds for charity.
- The Neighbourhood Teams manage all Unauthorised Encampments on Council land. This is in accordance with the 'Joint Protocol for the Management of Unauthorised Encampments' agreed between Humberside Police and the 4-Humber Unitary Authorities. Following groups leaving a site, preventative measures are considered to deter future encampments with such projects funded through the Ward budget and the Crime Prevention Fund.

Conclusion

This Annual Report highlights the wide range of activity undertaken in the East Area Committee area to 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.

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