

BOROUGH WIDE PRIORITY PROJECTS

SUSTAINING LOCALISED ASSETS



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FOREWORD



**Cllr Sir Stephen Houghton CBE - Leader of the Council
and Sarah Norman - Chief Executive Barnsley Council**

“The Principal Towns and Village Centres programme was developed to offer an integrated approach to place-based regeneration with a local focus. A great deal of good work has already taken place over the last few years, with shop front grants to support local businesses and physical improvements to our local centres.

This Investment Plan is the next key stage in the regeneration of our towns, and aims to accelerate the delivery of our priorities through a greater understanding of both the needs and opportunities that exist within our communities.

This Investment Plan brings together opportunities to support our businesses and retailers in these unprecedented times; revamping our local centres to make them more resilient to changing economic conditions; developing strategic employment opportunities to create more and better jobs; making improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure and tackling issues that currently exist in our local centres.

By identifying current investment, it is possible to better align projects, realign budgets to priorities and identify gaps or areas where more support will add value. The projects identified in this plan will play a key role in making investment in the towns commercially viable and attractive.

We want all of our Principal Towns and Village Centres to be a vibrant, bustling and proud towns underpinned by the many strengths that they already have to offer. This Investment Plan will act as a catalyst to build on those strengths and boost the local economy, bring jobs, culture, and leisure opportunities and eventually much needed private sector investment.

Realising the ambitions of this plan will take many years and we are committed to the vision and realising the interventions over the long term, seeing the towns transformed by working together.”



Overview

Community buildings throughout Barnsley have become increasingly dilapidated and run down as a result of challenges in securing local and community investment in the UK in the last decade.

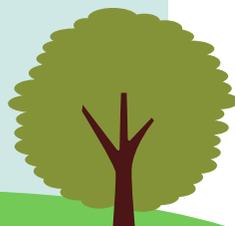
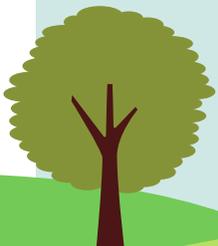
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Such problems are a threat to Barnsley because they can act as a deterrent to future growth and investment, and they weaken natural community support systems.

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Borough-wide community issues and opportunities

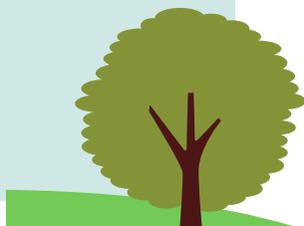
The proposed investment programme for local assets responds to a number of issues and opportunities for communities across the borough:

1. Restoring and sustaining assets to support economic, community and cultural engagement;
2. Increasing economic activity through business, social enterprise and entrepreneurship;
3. Maintaining and enhancing the built and natural environment; and
4. Enabling healthy & resilient communities.

1. Restoring and sustaining assets to support economic, community and cultural engagement

Local assets such as public open spaces, parks, greens spaces, libraries, community & social enterprise centres are vital forms of social capital across the borough. These assets are particularly important when we know that there are communities across wider-Barnsley where community resilience and socio-economic outcomes are not as strong as we would like.

The borough has seen positive economic growth in recent years but not all residents and communities directly benefit from increasing prosperity. People in Barnsley are more likely than elsewhere to be





excluded from the labour market; **the percentage of working-age people who are economically inactive is the highest of all local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber region.**

% of working age population which is economically inactive:	
Barnsley	26.6%
Yorkshire & Humber	22.9%
Great Britain	21.5%

(ONS Annual Population Survey, 12 months to Sep 2021)

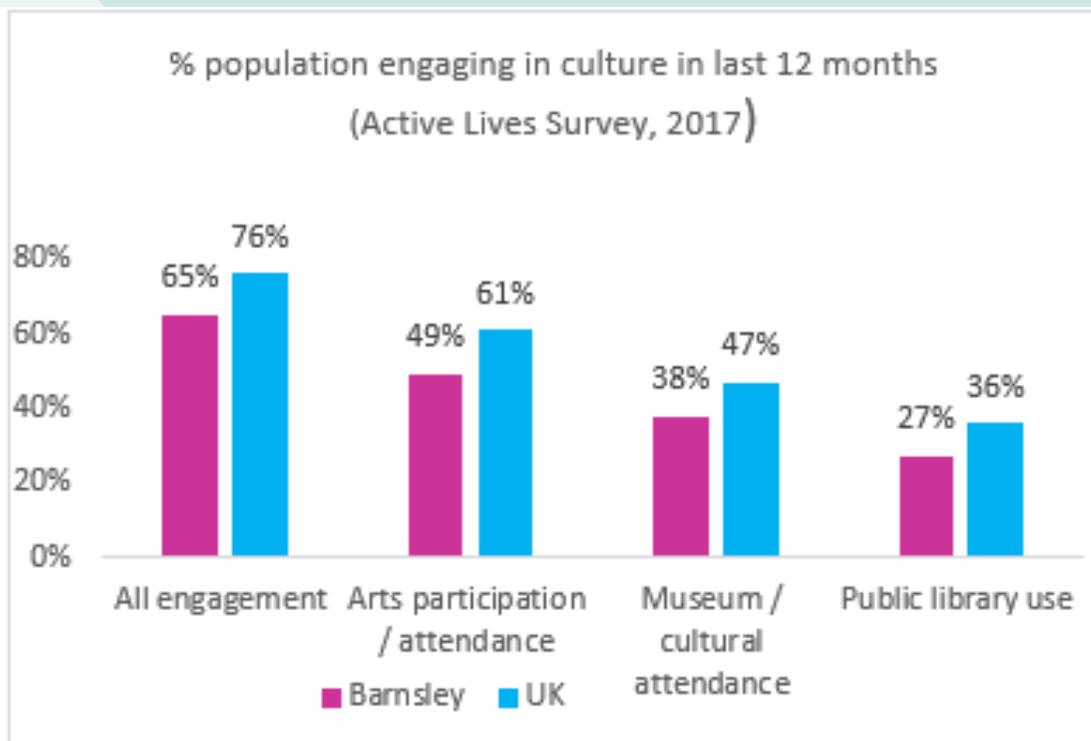


Pockets of deprivation persist across the Borough. In 2019, **56% of Barnsley neighbourhoods were in the one-third most deprived in England (DCLG IMD 2019).**

This trend is also reflected when looking at the types of engagement which require viable community assets.

The Council's Skills and Community Learning Service reports only very modest engagement with local adult learning, skills and training compared to other geographies.

The 2017 Active Lives Survey (Sports England / Arts Council) showed that **levels of arts and cultural engagement are 'significantly lower than the national average'**.



The borough also has a growing population almost quarter of a million (248,100): having grown 14% since 2000.

Population growth is also projected to be faster than national and regional averages over the next 20 years, placing greater demand on existing community facilities and services.

The low base level of engagement and growing population mean we must work harder with any resources we do have to give communities access to the support, engagement and experiences likely to give people more fulfilling lives and contribute to better social and economic outcomes.

2. Increasing economic activity through business, social enterprise and entrepreneurship

Barnsley's historic economy based around a small number of large employers means that levels of entrepreneurship and business activity are lower than those found elsewhere. Despite progress, the number of private businesses per head is still below wider averages

Additional businesses required in Barnsley to meet wider average numbers of businesses per head:

South Yorkshire +330

Yorkshire & Humber +1900

England +3900

(ONS UK Business Counts, 2020)

The main area of new business creation in Barnsley remains in the Central ward with **11% of all new businesses in 2020 compared to 5% of the borough's population** (Banksearch business startups / ONS Population Estimates 2020).

The majority of local assets identified for investment are at the heart of villages and local neighbourhood centres which have functioned as local service centres but generally see lower levels of business activity.

Investment can therefore support a more localised business start up offer, provided in community buildings.

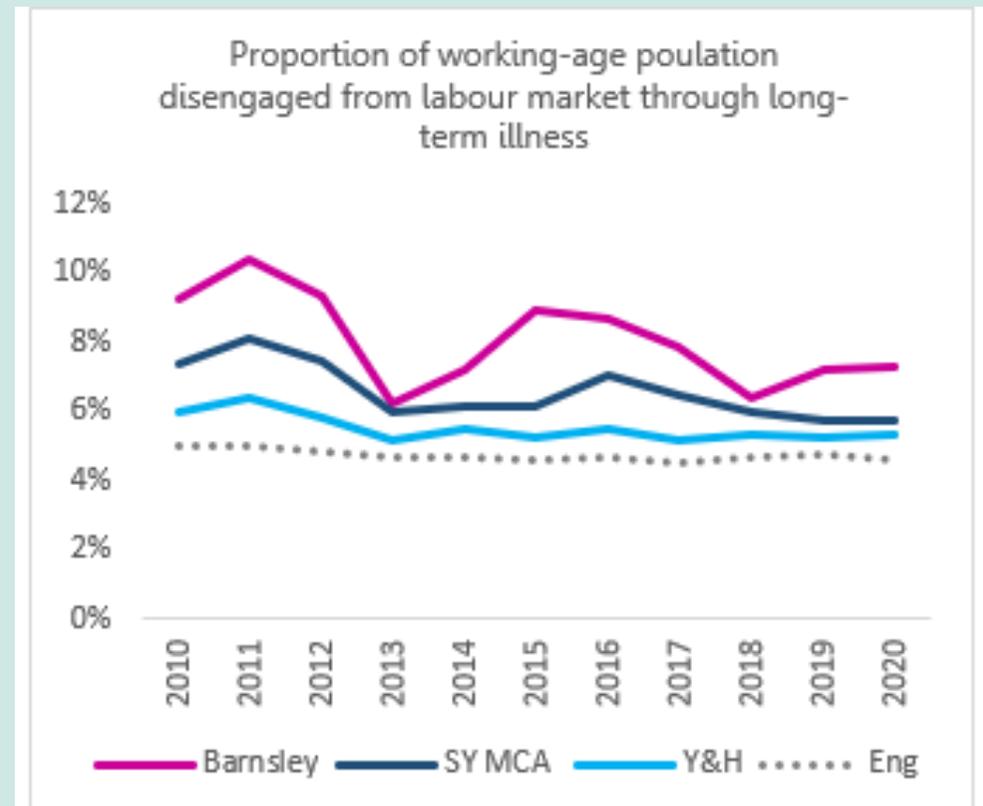
4. Enabling healthy communities

Community facilities provide opportunity, support and services to help our communities to live healthier lives, such as through sports, fitness classes, casual recreation and support groups for health such as weight loss and mental health.

This a particular focus in Barnsley as people tend to have poorer than average health and life outcomes. **Life expectancy at birth in Barnsley is 1.6 lower than the UK average for females and 2 years below or males** (ONS Life Expectancy by local authority, 2017-19).

There is a key role for community and self-help support delivered through local facilities, to complement wider focused initiatives. Barnsley MBC already has the 5th highest spend per head on public health promotion and prevention of all single-tier local authorities in England (LA public health spend out turn data, reported by LGA at LG Inform, 2020).

Improving health outcomes is likely to have a positive and mutually reinforcing relationship with socio-economic outcomes. **One of the key challenges for Barnsley is to reduce the number of people unable to work through poor health, which has been consistently higher than wider averages for many years.**



3. Maintaining and enhancing the built and natural environment

Barnsley's villages, neighbourhood and local centres have a built heritage of large social and community buildings such as miners welfares, community halls, theatres and non-conformist churches associated with close-knit mining communities.

There are over **330 properties owned, managed and operated by registered charitable organisations** in Barnsley borough. Meanwhile, there is generally an ongoing proportion of the larger building stock across the borough which is not in economic use: over **700 commercial buildings were registered empty in 2021**, approximately the same number as 5 years previous (BMBC Business rates data, 2021)

A significant amount of ongoing investment is therefore required to maintain and enhance prominent and historic larger buildings in communities, and prevent a declining cycle of dilapidation and misuse.

The borough's network of parks, green infrastructure and open spaces includes 88 local wildlife sites and large Council-owned assets such as Locke Park, Dearne Valley Park, Cannon Hall gardens and Worsbrough Country Park.

Smaller local spaces are equally important to wellbeing and recreation, but are often in the control of local groups with very limited capital resources for maintenance and enhancements, which require targeted support from the local authority.

BARNSLEY'S VISION

Healthy Barnsley

- Our communities are united by a shared sense of pride in the borough where we look after and support each other.
- Loving where you live has a big impact on physical and mental wellbeing. Everyone can enjoy the borough's excellent cultural attractions, community groups, leisure facilities and outdoor spaces.
- In times of need, people can get additional care and support, at the right time and in the right place.



Growing Barnsley

- There's enormous growth potential, and the ambitious Local Plan nurtures commercial development and more quality jobs to boost our economy.
- Our borough is a great place to invest, where businesses and customers support an economy that benefits everyone. Barnsley is the place for entrepreneurship, for establishing thriving start-ups and growing local businesses.
- An inclusive place where everyone can find suitable employment, a quality, affordable home that's right for them and make use of the fast and affordable digital resources they need.



Learning Barnsley

- We want people to aim high and excel in their education, so that more students can go on to higher level studies and learn at the best institutions.
- Everyone can fulfil their learning potential, with plenty of opportunities for young and adult learners, helping people build their skills to get into, progress at and stay in work.
- Barnsley is forward thinking and investing in skills for the future, so that learning opportunities prepare you for the modern workplace.



Sustainable Barnsley

- People can get around in Barnsley easier than ever, with an increase in walking and cycle routes and better connections between workplaces, education, residential areas and our countryside.
- We're proud of our borough and must look after our local environment by reusing our resources. Together, we can reduce pollution, minimise waste, and support people to heat and power their homes, cars and businesses with affordable, sustainable energy.



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Public health remains a key challenge for the Borough's communities as a whole, when compared to national indicators like the English Indices of Deprivation (MHCLG, 2019), and schemes addressing green space enhancements and public art across a number of Wards will help too address this challenge.

Although the general environment and public open spaces are of a high quality there are some areas in in the borough that face environmental problems, including unattractive, blighted and dilapidated areas.

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Project Summary

Ward	Project	Project details & Type	Year 1 Priority	Future Years priority	£ Requested
Darfield	Community centre and environmental improvements	Renovation and green space enhancements Improving Community centre and green space areas			£300,000
Darton East	Mapplewell Village Hall	Renovation and business support Developing a business centre in partnership with Centre Manager			£300,000
Darton West	Gateway Sculptures & Darton Park	Public art & Green space improvements To create sculptures with the community to create a 'welcome' to the Ward, and to further enhance the green space of the Ward			£200,000
Dearne South	The Renaissance Centre	Community Building Improvements to building externally and internally and improved IT infrastructure			£300,000 (Capital)

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Dodworth	Dodworth's Green Spaces	Green Space Enhancements Improving current green spaces by adding paths, benches, mosaics, and potentially creating a community garden area			£250,000 (Capital)
Kingstone	Telecommunications Boxes	Public art Artwork to cover tele-communication boxes, and create walking route			£70,000
Monk Bretton	The Butcher's Pub Site	re-purpose site for community public space and car-parking			£1,000,000
North East	Great Houghton Village Hall	Community building Improvements to building externally and internally			£600,000
North East	The Dell, Grimethorpe	Green Space improvements & Community hub Improved green space & renovation of community building			£300,000 (Capital)
North East	Green Space Improvements, Brierley	Green Space improvements			£80,000
North East	The Methodist Church -Shafton	Community Building Renovation to provide a community facility			£1,000,000

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Old Town	Old Town's Green Spaces, and Wade Street Chapel	Green Space Enhancements & community hub Improving current green spaces by improving and adding paths, & renovation of community building			£300,000
Stairfoot	OMTI	Community building Renovation/improvements to provide a community hub			£1,000,000
St.Helens	Cat's Whiskers Building	Community building Improvements to building externally and internally			£150,000
St.Helens	New Lodge Community Centre	Community building Improvements to building externally and internally			£150,000
Worsbrough	Caretaker's Houses	Community building Improvements to building externally and internally for Community Hub provision			£300,000

Indicative Total: £6,300,000





Mapplewell Village Hall

Description	<p>Ward - Darton East</p> <p>Mapplewell Village hall is a well-used resource that is run by a Centre Manager, and a management committee.</p> <p>It is a busy community space, but there is recognition that the area's business start-ups need to be supported.</p> <p>A joint venture to look at creating a space for a business centre at the Village Hall needs to be explored to bring new employability and business options to the Ward.</p>
Benefits	<p>Retaining a valuable community asset, improving sustainability for the future, and creating support for new business. No future costs to the Council.</p>
Funding	<p>£300,000</p>



Renaissance Centre, Bolton on Dearne

Description	<p>Ward - Dearne South</p> <p>The Renaissance Centre in Bolton on Dearne is a well-used resource owned by a trust and run by a management committee however the building is outdated and in desperate need of improvements.</p> <p>There have been issues with the roof (there is potential for solar panels which would reduce running costs) and heating system which need remedying and it would also benefit from some lay out changes internally to make better use of the space and incorporate additional storage space.</p> <p>The main hall could offer exercise classes if a replacement floor is installed, and it is desperate for a functioning IT infrastructure that can support current requirements such as providing a start-up facility or hot desk facility for small businesses</p>
Benefits	<p>Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future. No future costs to the Council.</p>
Funding	<p>£250,000</p>



Great Houghton Welfare Village Hall

Description

Ward - North East

Great Houghton Welfare Village Hall facilitates various youth activities, and social isolation activities.

To ensure the future sustainability of the Village Hall the roof needs maintenance, and the cellar needs to be made safe.

An extension to the back of the building would provide a dedicated space for youth provision.

Benefits

Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future.
No future costs to the Council.

Funding

£600,000



Methodist Church, Shafton

Description

Ward - North East

The Methodist Church has recently closed, leaving the building empty.

Community facilities are sparse in Shafton, and the Church could be acquired and renovated so that it can house various community groups.

There would need to be a host tenant to ensure the future sustainability of the facility.

Benefits

Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future.
No future costs to the Council.

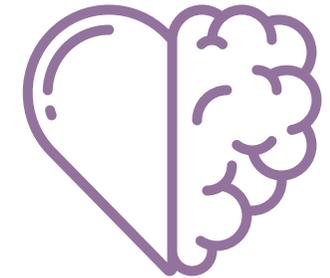
Funding

£1,000,000



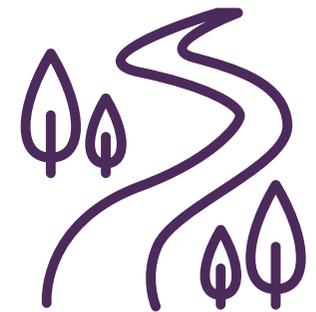
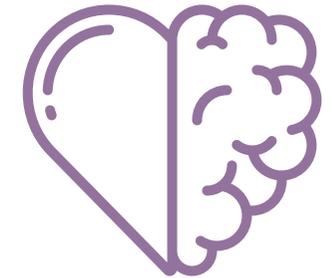
Wade Street Chapel & Greenspace Enhancements

Description	<p>Ward - Old Town</p> <p>Investment in Old Town's green spaces will create a more accessible and user friendly area. Investment will look at creating and improving footpaths by the Fleets, Canal and Wilthorpe Marsh where possible.</p> <p>Wade Street Chapel has recently closed, leaving the building empty.</p> <p>Community facilities are sparse in Old Town, and the Church could be acquired and renovated so that it can house various community groups.</p> <p>There would need to be a host tenant to ensure the future sustainability of the facility.</p>
Benefits	<p>Improved quality of green spaces, increasing use and associated health benefits</p> <p>Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future. No future costs to the Council.</p>
Funding	<p>£1,000,000</p>



Community Centre & Environmental Improvements

Description	<p>Ward - Darfield</p> <p>Ilsey Road Community centre is a busy and well used centre, that is managed by volunteers, however, it has expensive running costs, and investment into solar panels would drastically reduce running costs, making the centre more sustainable.</p> <p>A number of green space areas within Darfield would benefit from investment. This would look at repairing areas and replacing equipment in the park area and installing new gates and fences at the War memorial.</p>
Benefits	<p>Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future. No future costs to the Council.</p> <p>Improved quality of green spaces, increasing use and associated health benefits .</p>
Funding	£300,000



OMTI Building

Description

Ward - Stairfoot

The OMTI building that is situated on Farm Road in Kendray has been left empty for some time, and has been subject to various break ins.

There are many issues with the roof, and the internal structure of the building. Uthink PDP already have a presence in Kendray running an accommodation unit to vulnerable adults, and also offering a wide and varied range of volunteering opportunities in creative spaces, arts classes, photography, mental health support as well as a number of activities such as BBQs, pizza days and gardening to name just a few.

By renovating or rebuilding the old OMTI building into a usable community space will address the need of the community groups who have no meeting space, but could also provide a space for Uthink to run various volunteering sessions.

There is also a strong commitment from the Youth Association to have a presence, and a space would also be welcomed by them.

A host tenant from the various organisations will be identified to ensure future sustainability of the facility.

Benefits

Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future.
No future costs to the Council.

Funding

£800,000



Cat Whiskers Building, Athersley North



Description

Ward - St. Helens

The former Cat's Whiskers building in Athersley North has been used until recently as an IKIC centre, community facility and polling station.

With minor renovations it could provide a base for the Area Team which would provide income for running costs and could be utilised as a community hub.

This would need to be explored with Assets and condition surveys carried out but as a minimum would need land converting to car park, partial window replacement, overgrowth cleared and internal cosmetic refurbishment. .

Benefits

Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future.
No future costs to the Council.

Funding

£150,000



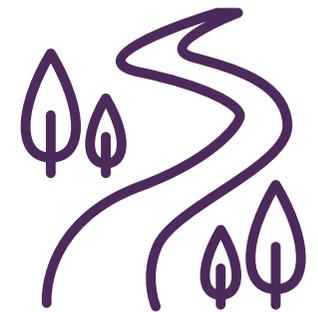
New Lodge Community Centre

Description	<p>Ward - St. Helens</p> <p>New Lodge Community Centre is owned by Berneslai Homes and managed by Ad Astra. It is a community hub that runs weekly sessions for children, young people and their families and activities for older people.</p> <p>It has a large room with a kitchen & disabled toilet. It is also available for hourly hire for weekly groups, business use and parties. For the centre to become more user friendly, and to future proof the centre, a number of alterations need to be carried out.</p> <p>Refurbing kitchen, new shutters, storage containers for additional storage and office space, CCTV, energy efficient lighting, improvements to the heating system.</p>
Benefits	<p>Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future.</p> <p>No future costs to the Council.</p>
Funding	£150,000



Caretakers Houses

Description	<p>Ward - Worsbrough</p> <p>The former caretaker's houses at Bank End and The Mill Academy have been unused for some time, however, with renovations they could become a base for a community hub, and a base for a cook and eat sessions for the community.</p> <p>Both would be managed via the schools with volunteers, so there would be no future costs, but a provision lacking in the community would be provided.</p> <p>Condition surveys will need to be carried out to establish exactly how much work will be needed to turn the houses into fit for purpose buildings.</p>
Benefits	<p>Retaining a valuable community asset and improving sustainability for the future. No future costs to the Council.</p>
Funding	£300,000

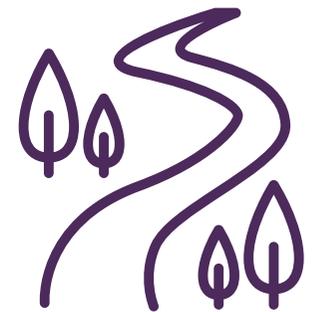
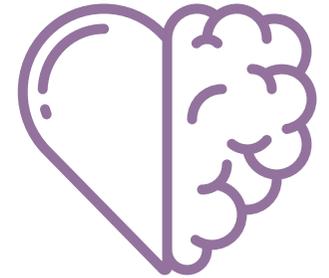




PROJECTS – Green Space & Public art

Greenspace Enhancements

Description	Ward - Dodworth Improvements to Dodworth's green spaces. Areas in Higham, Coronation Field, and the green space behind Dodworth Library are areas that need investment. Investment will look at creating new Pocket Park, developing and improving current green spaces by adding paths, benches, mosaics, and potentially creating a community garden area.
Benefits	Improved quality of green spaces, increasing use and associated health benefits
Funding	£250,000



The Dell, Grimethorpe

Description	Ward - North East Research, consultation and work has been undertaken by the Sheffield Live Architect students to look at all the opportunities to improve The Dell. Investment will look at improving entrances, parking and renovating The Hub for it to become a usable community space. There is the potential to secure match funding for this project too.
Benefits	Improved quality of green spaces, increasing use and associated health benefits
Funding	£250,000



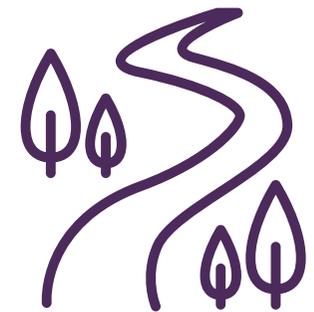
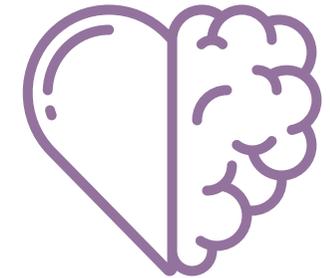
Brierley Green Spaces

Description	Ward - North East An extremely active community group work volunteer throughout Brierley to improve the greenspaces. A capital investment for the group will allow them to improve the areas further, and become more sustainable for the future.
Benefits	Improved quality of green spaces, increasing use and associated health benefits
Funding	£80,000



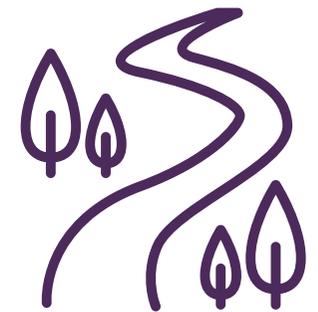
Gateway sculpture & greenspace enhancements

Description	<p>Ward - Darton West</p> <p>Keen to provide identity, and a sense of arrival and welcome into the Darton West Ward, investment in art work sculptures to be placed on prominent roundabouts is a priority.</p> <p>It is envisaged that a local artist will work with local schools to create a design that incorporates the historical industries of the area.</p> <p>Investment in Darton Park has been welcomed as a new car park, play facilities, mini orchard and paths have been installed. To enhance the park further proposals to develop a Band Stand are being looked in to.</p>
Benefits	<p>Arts in public spaces can deliver a significant contribution to the qualities of good public realm that make for successful places – design quality, connectivity, positive experiences, public participation and delight. The sculptures will bring about youth engagement, and highlight all the historical industries of the Ward.</p> <p>Further improvements to Darton Park will provide improved quality of green spaces, increasing use and associated health benefits.</p>
Funding	£250,000



Telecommunication Boxes

Description	<p>Ward - Kingstone</p> <p>Tele-communication boxes throughout the Kingstone Ward are covered in unsightly graffiti, and it has become a priority of Local members and residents to have them cleaned up and art work painted on them to transform them.</p> <p>A QR code on a number of the boxes could also be used to provide a walking map and discover elements of Kingstone's history</p>
Benefits	<p>Arts in public spaces can deliver a significant contribution to the qualities of good public realm that make for successful places – design quality, connectivity, positive experiences, public participation and delight.</p> <p>The project will brighten up the streets of Kingstone, whilst also preventing unsightly graffiti.</p> <p>Introducing a walking map will benefit the health and well being of residents who partake, as there is now strong evidence linked to walking and improving mental and physical wellbeing.</p>
Funding	£70,000



Community Open space

Description	Ward - Monk Bretton The Butcher's pub in Monk Bretton was demolished a couple of years ago, leaving a large piece of dis-used land. This area could be renovated into a community open space and the car-park re-instated.
Benefits	Improved quality of dis-used spaces, increasing use and associated health benefits.
Funding	£1,000,000

Indicative Total: £6,300,000



Objectives

To achieve the Investment Plan outcomes interventions must contribute to the following objectives:

Healthy	Learning	Growing	Sustainable
			
Reduction in health inequalities	Increased work skills	Reduced vacant and run-down properties	Improved quality and safety of green spaces
Increased physical activity	Increased business skills	Greater Digital offer	Increased cultural opportunities
	Increased skills attainment levels	Improved physical environment	



Theory of Change

The diagram below explains how the combined outputs of the Investment Plan interventions relate to and complement each other to realise it long-term desired outcomes.

<p>Why is change needed?</p> <p>THEME</p> <p><i>Opportunities & Challenges</i></p>	<p>What's needed to make the change?</p> <p>INPUTS</p> <p><i>Resources & activities</i></p>	<p>What will we get when the change has been made?</p> <p>OUTPUTS</p> <p><i>Physical & service changes delivered</i></p>	<p>What is the immediate effect of the change</p> <p>OUTCOMES</p> <p><i>Early & medium term results</i></p>	<p>How do we know the change has had a lasting effect?</p> <p>IMPACTS</p> <p><i>Long term results and socio-economic impact</i></p>
<p>Healthy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Opportunities for more healthy lifestyles · Improved community facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · £200,000: develop active travel routes and promote trail usage · £500,000: develop community hubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Active lives · Community Hubs 	<p>Improved active travel journey ambience and desirability around and to/from different Wards</p> <p>Increased use of Trans Pennine Trail ATR to Barnsley</p> <p>Healthier living</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reduction in car use for short journeys · Reduction in local CO2 emissions from car use · Improved physical and mental health outcomes
<p>Living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Deficit of skills · Opportunity for new model of delivery and engagement with skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · £150,000: develop neighbourhood youth skills and employment pilot 	<p>Youth Employment Hub</p> <p>Pilot neighbourhood skills delivery programme</p>	<p>Improved engagement with skills provision</p> <p>Enhanced sense of community ownership of skills provision and training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Increased proportion of residents with basic employability skills · Increased economic engagement levels

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<p>Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Opportunity to strengthen high street · Opportunity to bring buildings back into economic use · Opportunity to develop business start ups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · £1.5m: building acquisition and redevelopment · £2m: site development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved business premises New and refurbished business premises Development of Business Start ups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aesthetic enhancements to High Street Greater choice of affordable new business units Enhanced economic use and extended lifetime of dilapidated buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Increase in volume and value of local business activity · Uplift in footfall and resident expenditure on high street · Increased turnover of local business · Direct property value increase · Local indirect increase in land and property values · Reduction in local CO2 emissions from buildings
<p>Sustainable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Poor quality green spaces with opportunity for enhancements · High carbon emissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · £250,000: new footpaths, lighting and trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced pedestrian routes at green spaces across the borough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased net area and prominence of high-quality green space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improved physical and mental health outcomes · Enhanced environment and amenity

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