

Rotherham West Ward Budget Summary 2019/20

In 2019/20 Rotherham West ward members were responsible for the following devolved budgets:

- £4,751 Community Leadership Fund (£1,484 per councillor + carry over from previous year)
- £670 Revenue Budget (carried over from 2018/19)
- £10,000 Capital budget

Any monies unspent in 2018/19 were carried forward and added to these budgets. In total the Rotherham West Councillors allocated £24,495 in 2019/20.

Community Leadership Fund

Cllr. Ian Jones – Community Leadership Fund (£1484)

Organisation	Activity	Amount (£)
Ferham Primary	Playground ambassadors - hi vis vests and scooters	96.00
RUCST	Future Stars football provision	316.00
RUCST	Arthur Wharton Tournament	240.00
Timebuilders	Community picnic and summer games in Ferham Park	70.00
Ward primary schools	Be Safe Be Seen road safety	500.00
Neighbourhood Watch & SYP	Smartwater	262.00
Sub-total		1484.00
Balance/carry forward		nil

Cllr. Pat Jarvis – Community Leadership Fund (£1689)

Organisation	Activity	Amount
Ferham Primary	Playground ambassadors - hi vis vests and scooters	97.00
RUCST	Future Stars football provision	316.00
RUCST	Arthur Wharton Tournament	240.00
Timebuilders	Community picnic and summer games in Ferham Park	71.00
Ward primary schools	Be Safe Be Seen road safety	499.94
Neighbourhood Watch & SYP	Smartwater	395.00
Wingfield Academy (borough wide)	OAP Xmas party	41.20
Sub-total		1660.14
Balance/carry forward		28.86

Cllr. Eve Rose-Keenan – Community Leadership Fund (£1578)

Organisation	Activity	Amount
Ferham Primary	Playground ambassadors - hi vis vests and scooters	97.00
RUCST	Future Stars football provision	317.00
RUCST	Arthur Wharton Tournament	240.00
Timebuilders	Community picnic and summer games in Ferham Park	71.00
Ward primary schools	Be Safe Be Seen road safety	500.00
Neighbourhood Watch & SYP	Smartwater	353.00
Sub total		1578.00
Balance/carry forward		nil

Revenue Budget (£670)

Organisation	Activity	Amount
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust (RUCST)	Arthur Wharton tournament	70.00
RMBC	Communal skip at Kimberworth	400.00
SYP	Children's Community Awards - recognition of positive action taken	91.20
Wingfield Academy	OAP Xmas Party	108.80
Sub-total		670.00
Balance/carry forward		nil

Ward Capital Budget (£19,706)

Organisation	Activity	Amount
RMBC Neighbourhoods	Landscaping – bulb planting with local schools	520.00
RMBC Heritage Services	Walker mausoleum info board	920.00
Kelford special school,	Parking issues: overspill car park with Probation Service	6,970.50
Blackburn Youth Club	CCTV security system	1,159.00
Shiloh	Outdoor table tennis table	299.00
RMBC Green Spaces	Play Area refurb at Winterhill Rec	2,000.00
Kelford special school	Landscaping: boulder/plaque at Oakdale Rd	195.00
Meadow View Primary	Landscaping: boulder/plaque at Richmond Pk Ave	195.00
Richmond Park TARA	New windows	1,000.00
Ewers Road garage site	New gates	1,900.00
Kelford special school	Wildlife cameras nature project	390.30
RMBC	ASB CCTV for Droppngwell and inc. lamp post replacement (50/50 with Keppel Ward)	2,150.00
Blackburn Primary School	Outdoor work/teaching area	700.00
RMBC	Ferham Park goal posts	704.44
Total		19,103.24
Balance/carry forward	Ferham Park planters project on hold £500.00 + £102.76 balance remaining = £602.76	602.76

Contribution to Ward Priorities

Many projects and services funded contributed to tackling several of the ward priorities. The table below indicates the priorities to which the funding awarded was focused.

Priority	CLF/ Revenue (£)	Capital (£)	Total (£)
We will ensure a co-ordinated response to Crime and ASB (incl environmental issues) with a particular focus on Ferham	1501	5209	6710

We will support Community Asset Transfers and celebrate local heritage	0	1920	1920
We will work with our local schools on issues important to them	3529	8060	11589
We will support initiatives which bring communities together, celebrating the diversity in our ward.	362	3525	3887

Contribution to Sectors

Rotherham West Ward Councillors supported seven community organisations in 2019/20 through their ward budget as well as providing additional services via public sector partners or purchasing items/equipment from the private sector for community activities.

Sector	CLF/ Revenue (£)	Capital (£)	Total (£)
Voluntary & Community Sector	2891	2458	5349
Public Sector	1837	6994	8831
Private Sector	0	9650	9650

Beneficiaries

The majority of projects and services funded are accessible and for the benefit of the whole community. Councillors also funded activity targeted at particular communities with protected characteristics across the ward, e.g:

- Age
 - Contribution to Christmas events for OAPs from across the ward area.
- Black and Minority Ethnic Communities
 - A football tournament to engage young people from BAME backgrounds.
- Children/young people
 - Wildlife cameras to help engage pupils in and promote awareness of their school environment.

Sector	CLF/ Revenue (£)	Capital (£)	Total (£)	No. of beneficiaries
Black & Minority Ethnic Communities	212	0	212	40
People over 60	1161	109	1270	54
Children/young people under 19	3092	5003	8095	1000
Disability	0	0	0	0

Case Studies

The table above shows the amount of budget allocated under each priority. Examples of projects arising out of each priority are:

- The CCTV cameras funded for Blackburn and Droppingwell are both projects aimed at **Crime and ASB**

- The Be Safe, Be Seen road safety project demonstrates ward councillors **working with our local schools on issues important to them**
- The information lectern erected at the site of the Walker Mausoleum **celebrates local heritage**
- The community picnics and summer games in Ferham Park **brought communities together to celebrate diversity.**

Overspill car park

Dropping off and picking up pupils from Kelford Special School is much easier thanks to the installation of an overspill car park.

Staff, parents and pupils had struggled to negotiate the tight access on Oakdale and Edale roads during school hours. And local residents found it equally as frustrating to get their cars in and out, or for delivery vehicles to park. These frustrations were raised with Rotherham West ward councillors, who came to view the street with school staff, residents, the area's PCSOs and officers from RMBC's Highways, School Estates and Neighbourhoods teams in Spring.

School Head, Jacky Tattershall said: 'To everyone's delight, the Councillors decided to fund the creation of an overspill car park on adjoining green space. They purchased 480 square metres of plastic grids to create a stable car parking area. This equates to taking 250kg of waste plastic out of landfill, which is an added bonus.'

The grids were joined together and placed in situ in late August 2019 by Councillor Ian Jones with Rotherham West's Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and a team of six from Probation Service's Community Payback team. Local company TDE J White & Co. created a bund, a raised surround, to demarcate the parking area and to funnel vehicles in and out of the entrance. RMBC's Neighbourhoods Team hired a roller and TDE kindly supplied a driver free of charge to operate this and press the grids into place.

'We realised the impact traffic and parking was having in the area,' said Carl White. 'As a local company we were happy to work with the school and RMBC to address the issue for the benefit of residents.'

The end result has made a huge difference. The streets have fewer parked cars and the green space returns to normal when school closes. In October, the school worked with the ward councillors again to plant spring bulbs on the bund to brighten Oakdale and Edale roads further for the pleasure of local residents.

Councillor Ian Jones explained: 'Ward budgets are there to help address local priorities. By listening to peoples' concerns, my colleagues and I have been able to use part of this year's allocation to resolve a long standing problem.'

Be Safe, Be Seen - Road safety for local primary children

RW councillors purchased an assortment of reflective road safety items for local primary school children to attach to clothing and bags. Around 800 5-8 year old pupils across the ward benefitted from the councillors' gift. Packs were made up according to numbers required by each school and delivered to schools for issuing to children to make them more visible on dark mornings and evenings.

The items were colourful and fun and so appealed to the age group. Further, they gave the children a sense of belonging to a wider team as they could spot others with similar items as they came and went from school.