

Sitwell Ward Budget Summary 2019/20

In 2019/20 Sitwell ward members were responsible for the following devolved budgets –

- £4,452 Community Leadership Fund (£1,484 per councillor)
- £1,453 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 Sitwell Councillors allocated £24,128.57 in 2019/20.

Cllr Allen Cowles – Community Leadership Fund (£2,210)

Organisation	Activity	Amount £
Broom Methodist Church - Parent & Toddler Group	Play equipment for parent & toddler sessions	150.00
RMBC Regeneration & Environment	Removal of Greystones MUGA	1,350.00
Sitwell Junior & Infants School	Road Safety bollards	460.00
Whiston Worrygoose J & I School - get children gardening	Environmental/gardening project	250.00
Total		£2,210

Cllr Julie Turner – Community Leadership Fund (£2,580.00)

Organisation	Activity	Amount £
Broom Methodist Church - Parent & Toddler Group	Play equipment for parent & toddler sessions	150.00
RMBC Regeneration & Environment	Removal of Greystones MUGA	1,585.00
Sitwell Junior & Infants School	Road safety bollards	595.00
Whiston Worrygoose Environmental/gardening project	Get children gardening	250.00
		£2,580

Cllr Peter Short – Community Leadership Fund (£1,484)

Organisation	Activity	Amount £
Diversity Festival	2 day Festival at Rotherham Show	100.00
Sitwell Cycling Club	Kid's coaching	150.00
Rotherham Rise	Charity donation for work with women in Sitwell	150.00
Parent & Toddler Group Broom Methodist Church	Play equipment for parent & toddler sessions	150.00
RMBC Regeneration & Environment	Removal of Greystones MUGA	751.00
Sitwell Junior & Infants School	Road safety bollards	45.00
Whiston Worrygoose J & I School	Breakfast Club	139.00
Total		£1,485.00

Ward Revenue Budget (£1,904)

Organisation/Project	Activity	Amount £
RMBC Sitwell ward councillors and Whiston Parish Council	Spring bulbs to be planted around Whiston	499.96
RMBC Regeneration & Environment	Removal of Greystones Road MUGA	1404.00
Total		1903.96

Ward Capital Budget (£16,032)

Organisation/Project	Activity	Amount £
RMBC Traffic	Illuminated speed sign (c/fwd from 2018/19)	2,417.61
Whiston Worrygoose J & I School	Wildlife area screening	453.47
RMBC Regeneration & Environment	Greystones Cycle Route	4,842.53
Whiston Cricket Club	Nets	2,332.50
47% Match funding for AHP project	Middlefields Fencing	5,903.50
Total		15,949.61

Contribution to Ward Priorities

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

Priority	CLF/ Revenue (£)	Capital (£)	Total (£)
We will work with Partners to address social isolation and loneliness, especially amongst those aged 65+ years	649.96	5,903.50	6,553.46
We will work with partners to explore the possible removal of the MUGA from Greystones Road to an alternative site and/or to develop extra youth provision	5,090	4,842.53	9,932.53
Work with Yorkshire Water, the Environment Agency and the Council's Streetpride service to reduce the number of and mitigate the impact of flooding incidents	0	0	0
We will support new & existing groups and are particularly keen to work with local schools & Community Associations	2,439	5,203.58	7,642.58
	8,178.96	15,949.61	24,128.57

Contribution to Sectors

Sitwell Ward Councillors supported 5 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	850	2,332.50	3,182.50
Public Sector	6,190	13,163.64	19,353.03
Private Sector	1,138.96	453.47	1,592.43
	8,178.96	15,949.61	24,127.96

Beneficiaries

The majority of projects and services funded are accessible and for the benefit of the whole community. Thousands of residents benefitted from these projects. For example, the spring bulbs that were planted in and around Whiston have been enjoyed by motorists passing through, as well as local residents. Councillors also funded activity targeted at particular communities with protected characteristics across the ward.

Sector	CLF/ Revenue (£)	Capital (£)	Total (£)	No. of beneficiaries
Black & Minority Ethnic Communities	100		100	unknown
People over 60				
Children / young people under 19	7,429	5,296	12,725	30
Disability				
	7,529	5,296	12,825	

*unsure how to calculate amount of beneficiaries for bicycle route, removal of MUGA. Monitoring forms from schools do not include number of beneficiaries. Only definite number is 30 which is from the monitoring from Broom Lane Parent & Toddler group.

The majority of projects and services funded are accessible and for the benefit of the whole community e.g.

- Removal of the Greystones Road MUGA
- An illuminated speed sign which will be deployed based on data and in response to community concerns
- Support for Rotherham Rise working with residents in Sitwell ward
- Spring bulb planting around Whiston
- Road safety bollards outside Sitwell Junior & Infants School
- Nets for Whiston Cricket Club

Some projects have benefited certain communities with protected characteristics e.g.

- Age
 - Equipment for Broom Lane Parent & Toddler Group
 - Implementation of a children's cycle route
 - Sitwell Cycling Club kids riding sessions
 - Wildlife and nature projects at Whiston Worrygoose School

- Black and Minority Ethnic Communities
 - A contribution was made to the boroughwide Diversity Festival celebrating different cultures in the borough

Case Studies

The table above shows the amount of budget allocated under each priority:

- The Whiston Worrygoose Breakfast Club is an example of a project **supporting support new & existing groups and working with local schools & Community Associations**
- The removal of the MUGA from Greystones Road is an example of a project from **working with partners to explore the possible removal of the MUGA from Greystones Road to an alternative site and/or to develop extra youth provision**
- The contribution towards the fencing on Middlefield Drive is an example of **working with partners to address social isolation and loneliness, especially amongst those aged 65+ years**

The largest amount of budget was allocated to the priority concerned with working with partners to explore the possible removal of the MUGA from Greystones Road to an alternative site and/or to develop extra youth provision.

Removal of Greystones Road MUGA and the implementation of a children's cycle route

During 2019 Sitwell ward Councillors received numerous complaints relating to the multi-use games area (MUGA) on Greystones Road. There were reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB), noise, litter and the constant slamming of the gates there, and this was causing distress to the houses that overlook the MUGA. Along with officers from RMBC, ward councillors conducted door knocks around the area to establish residents' thoughts around the MUGA and if it was to be replaced, what they would like to see the space used for. The results of the consultation indicated that the MUGA wasn't being used for its intended purpose and there was a lack of children's facilities nearby. With this in mind and also not wanting to create another asset which would encourage group gatherings and noise, it was decided to remove the MUGA and implement a children's flat cycle route in its place where young children can learn to ride their bikes.

This project was completed in March 2020 and there has been a significant decrease in any ASB reports in the area where the MUGA once was. The children's cycle route is used daily and enjoyed by families and young children in the area.

