



# Local Area Committees

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## North Area Community Plan 2023

- East Ecclesfield • Stannington • Stocksbridge and Upper Don • West Ecclesfield

Local Area Committees (LACs) are a way for people to get involved in making a difference to their local communities. LACs have been given budgets to be used on issues and priorities that residents and communities have told us are important to them.

LACs are a chance for people to influence decision making, share their opinion and contribute to positive changes in their community. They are an opportunity for people to say what they would like to see improved in their area.

Further details about LACs can be found here – [www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/local-area-committees](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/local-area-committees)



# Who are the local area committee?

The Local Area Committee is made up of the twelve elected members of the four wards in the North LAC. This includes a Chair who is elected by members of the LAC and a Vice Chair.

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# What has the LAC done since 2021?

- Funded parks improvements to sites in Wadsley Park Village (*pictured*), Grenoside and Deepcar alongside Friends groups and Parish & Town Councils enabling £80k of improvements
- Supported Food Banks and part-funded a new kitchen as part of the new Food Matters hub in Stocksbridge
- Funded a new youth club in High Green
- Delivered a series of practical Highways measures including a Vehicle Activated Sign per ward to highlight speeding



# What has the LAC done since 2021?


- Identified work to address fly tipping spots (*pictured Woodhead Rd, Grenoside*)
- Funded local Police equipment
- Supported a wide range of community projects including Jubilee and Coronation events
- Supported the Stannington community during the gas flood crisis & organised a local Christmas cheer event

# What we know about the North (Source:

<https://sheffield.communityinsight.org>)

North has a population of **72,675**

### Age




0-15  
17%

Working Age  
60%

Age 65+  
24%

### Ethnicity



White British 93.8%

Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority 4.4%

White (Non - British) 1.9%

Multi - Ethnic Households 4%

**11,424** People are living in deprivation




**19%** of people have no qualifications (compared with 18% across England)



**20%** have a limiting long-term illness. (compared with 17% across England)

### Gender



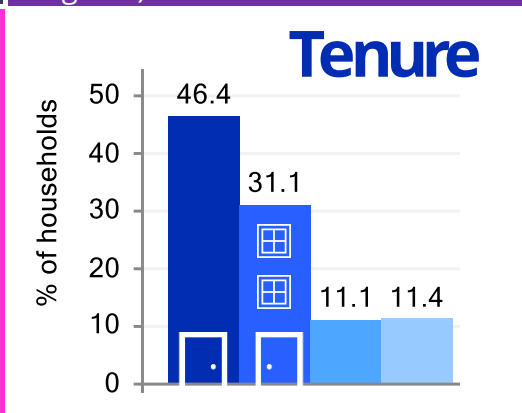
48.9% Male

51.1% Female

### Main Industry Sectors

1. Health & social care
2. Retail
3. Manufacturing

The average household income is **£41,844**



**75%** are Homeowners

**13%** Rent from the council

**2%** Rent from Housing Associations

**8%** are Private Renting



# Features of the North

- The North is a distinct part of Sheffield with large areas of countryside and communities with strong identities
- The North is a relatively prosperous area but contains areas of deprivation and wider social needs, particularly regarding access to transport and services
- The North has a stable population with a large proportion of older people and little ethnic diversity

# Features of the North

## Crime rates

- The North has a rate of 65 crimes per 1000 people compared to 98 in England and 116 in Sheffield a whole
- It's rate of burglaries (10.3 per 1000 people) is slightly above the England rate (9.9) but below the Sheffield average (18.8)

## Different age groups

- 24% of North residents are aged 65+ compared to 17% across Sheffield
- 16.5% are aged 0-15 in the North compared to 18% in Sheffield
- 6.4% of those aged 18-24 in the North are unemployed compared to 4% across Sheffield
- 2.7% of those of working age in the North are unemployed compared to 4.1% across Sheffield

# Features of the North

## Deprivation

- 16% of people in the North are living in an area of deprivation compared to 34% across Sheffield
- The North contains two of the most 10% deprived areas nationally, both in High Green
- The North scores highly on the community needs index, which measures community & civic infrastructure (*high scores indicate level of need*)
  - The North's 'community needs' score is 106 (England 68, Sheffield 102)
  - The North's 'civic asset' score is 35 (England 23, Sheffield 19)
  - The North's 'connectedness' score is 56 (England 21, Sheffield 46)

# LAC consultation

- We launched a new consultation in June 2023 asking people how they felt about the North and what would make the biggest difference to it
- This involved an on-line survey and face to face consultations across the North area
- Through that we gathered views from 244 people
- We also have the views of several consultation sessions with young people in the North and of a stakeholders meeting from those either leading areas of work or voluntary sector groups

# What's the best thing about your area?

Superordinate themes	Subordinate themes
Countryside	Proximity to the countryside
	Walks
	Natural beauty
The community	Friendly neighbours and people
	Sense of community
	Community activities
Amenities	Parks
	Shops
	Community hubs (Libraries, leisure centres)

- 45% of people surveyed said the countryside was the best thing about their neighbourhood
- 22.5% of people surveyed said the community was one of the best things about their neighbourhood
- 20% of people surveyed said that the local amenities are the best things in their area

# What's the worst thing about your area?

Superordinate themes	Subordinate themes
Public transport	Unreliable public transport
	Lack of routes
Roads	Bad road conditions
	Parking
Crime	ASB (Drugs and Boy Racers)
Amenities	Lack of quality shops
	Lack of activities for children and Young people
	Lack of maintenance services (Grass cutting, gritting)
New housing developments	Lack of infrastructure

- 36% of people said that public transport was the worst thing about their area
- 26% said issues with the roads was the worst thing this is made up 9% issues with traffic, 12% condition of the roads (potholes etc) and 9% parking issues
- 15% of people stated crime and ASB was the worst thing about their area.
- 11% stated the amenities in their area was the worst thing.
- 4% worst thing was housing developments and a worry about infrastructure

\* Percentages may not add up to 100, people say multiple things in their answers and some answers do not fall under the superordinate themes

# What one thing would make the biggest difference in your area?

39% of people surveyed said improving public transport in their area would make the biggest difference.

31% of people surveyed mentioned an improvement to amenities in their local area would make the biggest difference, this was very broad and included better park equipment, more youth groups/ activities for children, improvement to roads and more.

14% of people surveyed said that dealing with crime/ increasing police presence was the main thing that would make the biggest difference in their area.

# Ward summary – East Ecclesfield

Key headlines – people want to see better public transport and roads, crime tackled and better local amenities

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People spoke us about:

- Getting Chapeltown roundabouts resurfaced
- Issues with speed and parking restrictions
- More Police presence
- Better access to public services & travel links
- More activities for all ages with affordable things for families to do in the holidays



# Ward summary - Stannington

Key headlines – people want to see better public transport, more Policing and better local amenities

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People spoke to us about:

- Having a reliable, affordable & punctual bus service, 7 days a week
- More police patrols to address concerns about drugs and burglaries
- More things on for families and better play facilities
- Better phone signal

# Ward summary – Stocksbridge and Upper Don

Key headlines – people want to see better public transport, increased Policing, better amenities and appropriate housing development

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People spoke to us about:

- Reductions in bus services, particularly the Supertram link – concerns that lack of transport reduces opportunities for young people
- Concerns about ASB and speeding
- More activities and upgraded facilities
- Concerns about new housing developments on the green belt

# Ward Summary – West Ecclesfield

Key headlines – people want better transport, improved roads and more Police presence

People spoke to us about:

- Visible Policing to deal with petty crime & ASB
- More reliable bus services to enable the elderly to stay active
- Pothole repair & better street cleaning

# Young People

Sessions were held with young people in Stannington and Stocksbridge by council youth workers.

Young people spoke positively about the area being friendly and enjoying its open spaces.

Issues voiced included:

- Anxieties about cost of living and future opportunities
- There not being enough to do, particularly that nothing is open late and transport is limited saying 'we have to travel for everything'
- Feeling young people are stereotyped and complained about
- Wanting youth clubs to be open more
- Concerns about litter, drug use and speeding

# Stakeholders

An ideas session was held for people involved in voluntary groups and running services in the North. Comments & ideas included:

- Need for vocational training & to build local connections with further education providers
- Need for mentors for young people
- Need for support for isolated young adults including local drug support
- Ideas around skills sharing & tool banks

# Approach

- The North faces entrenched issues, particularly around isolation and facilities
- There is a disparity between those with the means to function independently and those without them – the North is a great place to live but can be a hard place to fall behind and an easy place for needs to be missed
- There is a sense of the North being disconnected from the centre of Sheffield and in some people's eyes of having been forgotten
- It is proposed that this plan seeks to balance clear priorities, quick wins where achievable but also a focus on longer term goals
- We will continue to work by developing creative partnerships across the area
- We will look for opportunities to engage more local people and better communicate the work that we are doing

# Priorities

I propose we work to the following three priorities in 2023/24

- Improving local transport through practical Highways improvements and promoting better public transport
- Improving community safety
- Improving community life

# Goals

I propose we continue to pursue the same three long term goals:

- The North is a connected place where people can access what they need to play an active part in their community
- The North is a safe place to live in and travel around
- The North is an attractive place with good facilities



Our goal is that the North is a connected place where people can access what they need to play an active part in their community

We will:

- Have a continued focus on those in greatest need
- Explore work to combat social isolation across communities and ages including working with young adults
- Support development of increased & varied youth activity
- Explore scope for new vocational opportunities for young people & adults
- Look for opportunities to address digital exclusion including support for people to get online & Broadband cold spots
- Carry out an asset mapping exercise in East Ecclesfield
- Promote the new North information guide and new 'Greatest Need' and 'Big idea' funds

# Our goal is that the North is a safe place to live in and travel around

We will:

- Work to highlight transport needs across the North
- Support initiatives to develop community transport
- Deliver a series of pedestrian improvements across the North
- Launch new Community Action Groups to address anti-social behaviour alongside partners
- Look at opportunities to develop new work around parking & speeding, particularly around schools
- Promote routes to report crime & promote accurate perceptions of the risk of crime

Our goal is that the North is an attractive place with good facilities

We will:

- Support work to improve parks and open space alongside Friends of groups
- Support the development & improvement of Community buildings & spaces such as Stannington Pavilion
- Promote and develop accessible community facilities
- Support ERF initiatives to improve local High streets
- Explore further opportunities to tackle litter & fly tipping hot spots
- Continue to support local community groups and initiatives

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