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WORKING WITH SCHOOLS ON ISSUES

IMPORTANT TO THEM Road safety is an issue. In support:

-Ward budget has funded hi-vis vests etc for Ferham/Thornhill Primary Schools

-Worked with Police and pupils at Meadow View Primary School to make drivers more speed aware. Exploring a major project at same school to reinstate a footpath in order to try and reduce the number of cars on the road

-Another major project has been to create off road parking around Kelford School following concerns from local residents, staff and parents. Neighbourhoods/Councillors developed solution and are purchasing plastic parking grids to create an overspill car park. Work began on 16th August with installation of a dropped kerb, and the new parking surface was installed on 21st/22nd. This project is a great example of what can be achieved when we work together.



CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE And now a history lesson . .

In the industrial Revolution, the Walker family were pioneers of Rotherham industry—often referred to as the family that built Rotherham. Perhaps best known for house/garden that became Clifton Park/Museum, the family had a long standing connection with Masbro'/Holmes where they had iron/steel furnaces. It is sad that some memorials, of historical/architectural importance to the town have not fared as well. The Walker-built Masbro' Independent Chapel was lost to a criminal arson attack, and the adjacent Mausoleum is in a sorry state. Though part of the land is privately owned, the Council cut the grass around the graves to keep it looking tidy. But it remains, largely, unrecognised. People drive by on the busy Centenary Way without knowing it is there. As Ward Councillors, we are committed to giving the site the recognition it deserves. A local supplier has been contracted to make an information display board to inform people of its history. The hope is that this will be in place by the end of Summer



Councillors also arranged, following demolition of the Psalters Lane building, for the original school date stone to be retained and installed at the entrance to the site



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Support Community Asset Transfers

Councillors have welcomed the opportunity to work with Asset Management concerning the futures of several key local buildings. There are two buildings in particular we have been reviewing. As Councillors, we bring knowledge of what will work in our areas.

Ensuring a coordinated approach to Crime/ASB with a focus on Ferham

Again, we have welcomed the opportunity to work with officers from a range of organisations concerning a specific neighbourhood in our area. A multi-agency day of action was held in February 2019 which we took part in and will be repeated in the near future.



Bringing communities together

An Awards evening acknowledged those people who contribute to our area.

We presented cheques to some groups, such as Shiloh, the homelessness



charity now based in our ward. We also presented a special award to Winterhill School in recognition of the staff and pupils' work on the Engine Pond.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED

- ◆ The above provides a snapshot of some of the activity — problem solving at Kelford, making the most of our assets in Masbrough, addressing crime/quality of life issues. Ward based working is enabling us to play our community leadership role but the activity is creating a lot of project management and dependencies which can result in delays in delivery
- ◆ Individual wards are a positive building block but we may need to do more cross-ward work to pool resources in line with demand, especially as we move to 25 wards