

Castleford AREA PLAN

2017



Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4



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Introduction

This Local Area Plan for the Castleford area outlines the priorities for the 39,912 people who live here. These priorities were identified following consultation with local residents, businesses, community groups, councillors and other partners including Police, Health, Fire and WDH.

As well as these local priorities, over the next year we will be prioritising 'good growth' right across the Wakefield district. There are three key elements to good growth: growing good businesses, growing good jobs and growing resilient communities.

During 2017 we will focus on these priorities, so that we can make Castleford a better place to work, live, learn and visit.

What do we want to do?

Caring for our people

Priority 1 - Make our community safer

We intend to see anti-social behaviour decrease in the three Wards in 2017 by:

- Offering help, support and information to people who are affected by alcohol, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour
- Working with local schools and clubs to educate young people about actions and consequences of anti-social behaviour

Priority 2 - Supporting people to be ready for work

We want to increase the number of people in employment by working with businesses, schools and colleges to raise aspirations, higher level skills and more productive and profitable opportunities by:

- Promoting apprenticeship and higher level apprenticeship opportunities to young people across Castleford to increase the skills in the area
- Providing information and advice about volunteering opportunities for people to gain experience and skills for future employment
- Linking education providers and community groups to local businesses for career advice and guidance workshops
- Working with local employers in the Wakefield district to increase opportunities for local people to secure jobs closer to where they live

Priority 3 – Supporting our people to be healthy

We want to support more people to be healthy and stay independent by:

- Encouraging people to become more active through a range of healthy activities for all ages and all abilities
- Working with community centres and local community groups to develop community based provisions and day opportunities for older people to reduce social isolation
- Work with local GP surgeries to promote social activities through their centres

Caring for our places

Priority 4 – Support our community to be stronger

We want to see more people satisfied with their local area by:

- Working with citizens to reduce dog fouling, littering and fly tipping in our community and increase the number of prosecutions
- Allocating funding to local community groups delivering environmental projects and community events
- Promoting active citizenship and volunteering opportunities
- Supporting local community centres and groups to develop activities to support local people
- Supporting and developing micro social enterprises

How you can get involved

Join in our conversation - get involved in your community, share your comments questions and queries

 www.facebook.com/Castlefordwherelive

 [@WFDTogether](https://twitter.com/WFDTogether)

Email: areaworking@wakefield.gov.uk

Community meetings and events

Come along to your local community meetings and events taking place throughout the year, details can be found at: <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/residents/community-and-housing/community/community-meetings>

Stay active and independent

Find out about care and support in your local area, discover local groups and activities to get involved in www.connecttosupport.org/wakefield

Are you a local community group or voluntary organisation?

Why not sign up for free help, support, information and advice <https://www.nova-wd.org.uk/>

Councillor Surgeries

You can speak to your local councillors about issues that are important to you. Details of their surgeries can be found at: www.wakefield.gov.uk/councillors

For more information and important facts and figures about your local area please visit:

<http://observatory.wakefield.gov.uk>

To contact us please call or visit:

Wakefield Council Contact Centre on **0345 8 506 506** or www.wakefield.gov.uk

West Yorkshire Police on **101** non-emergencies or **999** in an emergency or www.westyorkshire.police.uk

WDH OneCALL **0345 8 507 507** or www.wdh.co.uk