How you can get involved

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WakefieldcentralWhereILive
Twitter: @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
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Introduction

This Local Area Plan for the Wakefield Central area of the Wakefield District outlines the priorities for the 50,000 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 the Wakefield Central area of the Wakefield District 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**
- Protecting the vulnerable, reducing crime, attacking criminality and providing reassurance, to keep communities safe
- 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
- Reduce levels of street drinking and substance misuse
- Reduce Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse and risk of Child Sexual Exploitation

**Priority 2 – Supporting our people to be healthy**
- Target our work at areas with highest levels of deprivation to reduce levels of poverty in the area
- Improve care for vulnerable adults and put the overall wellbeing of the individual and their carer's at the forefront of care and support
- Reduce the number of people smoking and specifically smoking during pregnancy

**Priority 3 - 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 in Wakefield Central to increase the skills in the area

Caring for our places

**Priority 4 – Support our community to be stronger**
- We want to see more people satisfied with their local area by:
  - 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

- Improving the local environment and greenspace by reducing litter and fly tipping
- Supporting and protecting vulnerable adults particularly in relation to overcrowding
- Increasing the number of landlords who are members of the Wakefield Responsible Landlords Scheme to deliver good property standards and tenancy management
- Supporting and developing micro social enterprises
- Promoting active citizenship and volunteering opportunities
- Supporting local community centres and groups to develop activities to support local people
- Allocating funding to local community groups delivering environmental projects and community events