

## **Ask Honley action plan**

**Updated May 2024**



The Parish of Honley & Brockholes  
In the Diocese of Leeds.



# Ask Honley - turning our conversations into action

## What we did in Honley

727 people took part in the Ask Honley conversations in Autumn 2019, sharing their experiences of what life is like in Honley. The conversations were led by the Friends of Honley Community, using the Place Standard tool. This is a way of having conversations about any place – it could be your street, neighbourhood or town.

The Ask Honley conversations were either one to one, in groups or took place online. 545 Place Standard assessments were completed in total by the participants. There will be many more opportunities to continue the conversation about how we can make our local place better, and ways for you to get involved in the actions and to share ideas and comments.



Community organisations in Honley came together to plan and deliver Ask Honley, working as the Friends of Honley Community, in partnership with Kirklees Council. They include: Honley Business Association, Honley Village Trust, Honley Civic Society, Friends of Honley Library, Honley Junior and Infant School, St Mary's Church and Trinity Church.

The overall aim of Ask Honley is to provide information for all the organisations in developing their future plans for community activities and services, identifying gaps and the needs of the next generation. The focus is on quality of life. Together we also want to equip the next generation to continue the work and to encourage more collaborative working between community organisations.

### Ask Honley overview & Results summary with full data:

[www.howgoodisourplace.org.uk/ask-honley](http://www.howgoodisourplace.org.uk/ask-honley)

[www.howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2022/03/08/ask-honley-results](http://www.howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2022/03/08/ask-honley-results)

### Honley websites:

Honley Business Association: [www.honley.info](http://www.honley.info)

Honley Village Community Trust: [www.honleyvillagetrust.org.uk](http://www.honleyvillagetrust.org.uk)

Honley Civic Society: [www.honleycivicsociety.co.uk](http://www.honleycivicsociety.co.uk)

Friends of Honley Library: [www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk](http://www.friendsofhonleylibrary.org.uk)

## About Honley

Honley is a large village in the Holme Valley in a semi-rural setting.

### Population

6,497 Total population (2020 ONS estimate)

3,229 Male

3,268 Female

1,168 Age under 16

800 Age 16 to 29

1,010 Age 30 to 44

1,910 Age 45 to 64

1,612 Age 65 plus

6,307 White British

### Number and type of households

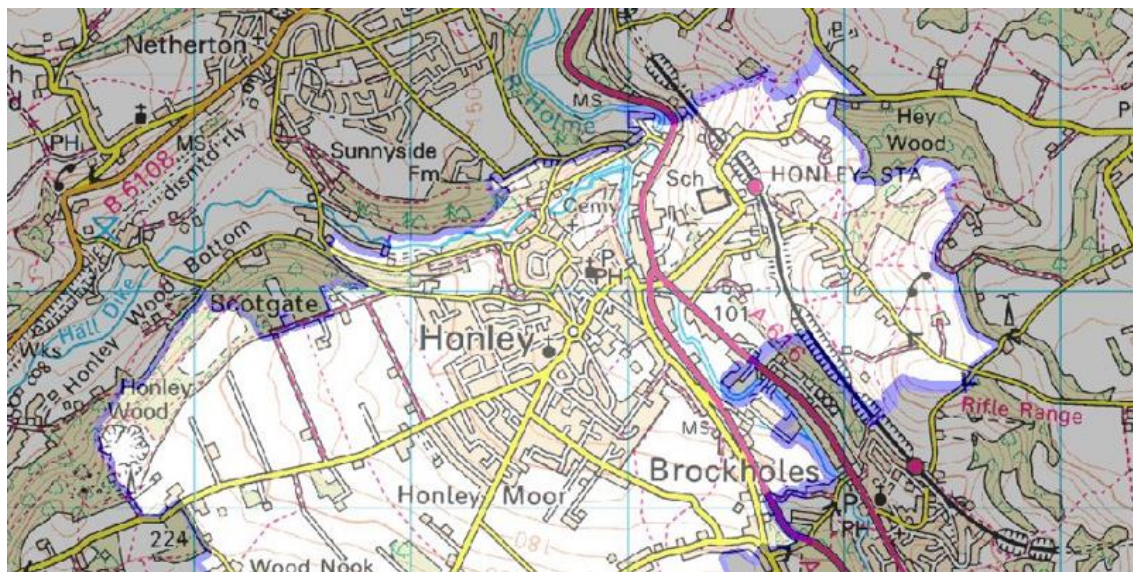
2,899 Occupied properties / households (Kirklees Council Tax 2022)

1,056 Single person households (Kirklees Council Tax 2022)

2.3 Average household size (census 2011)

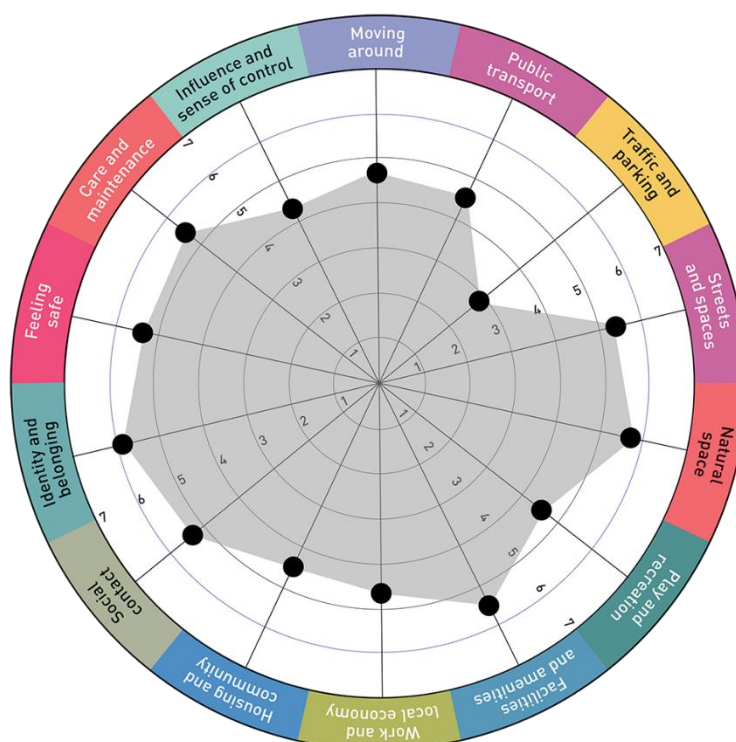
### Economy

71% Percentage of population economically active (census 2011)



This information is from the Kirklees Observatory: <https://observatory.kirklees.gov.uk/>

## Ask Honley results



How people in Honley scored their place, on a scale of 1 to 7, whilst talking about 14 different themes, and how many comments we received about each of these themes.

Theme	Average score overall	Range of scores received	Number of comments made
Moving around	4.7	1-7	377
Public transport	4.6	1-7	386
Traffic and parking	2.9	1-7	457
Streets and spaces	5.3	2-7	332
Natural space	5.8	1-7	333
Play and recreation	4.6	1-7	331
Facilities and amenities	5.5	1-7	343
Work and local economy	4.7	1-7	292
Housing and community	4.5	1-7	357
Social contact	5.3	1-7	323
Identity and belonging	5.9	1-7	309
Feeling safe	5.3	1-7	323
Care and maintenance	5.4	1-7	308
Influence and sense of control	4.3	1-7	291

Full results, including information about how different people responded, are available at: [www.howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2022/03/08/ask-honley-results](http://www.howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2022/03/08/ask-honley-results)

## **Strengths in Honley**

### **Identity and belonging**

#### **Key issues:**

The majority of respondents feel like they belong and it is a close knit, friendly village. Residents are proud of Honley. There were 169 comments about a good sense of community and strong identity. Plenty of ways to connect e.g. St Mary's Church, Honley Business Association work hard to keep the village community proud, groups like Honley Choir and events make people feel part of the community. The school really helps people feel they belong. Informal social groups have sprung out of places like the squash club. Honley Flyer provides good local information, history and knowledge. Some people said volunteering helped them feel part of the village. A few mentioned there could be more openness to diversity. "There seems to be a lot of public dislike towards young people (e.g. publicly aired on Facebook), which is a great shame! Young people add a lot to our community and there could be more support and understanding." Decisions are made at local authority level with only minimal consultation with local people.

#### **Suggestions:**

- Young people want more done on climate change and helping those who are not so well off
- Encourage young people to get more involved in running events and activities
- A group to support new mums
- Help older residents to belong. Day time classes
- More happy benches

### **Natural space**

#### **Key issues:**

Many (234) commented that Honley is surrounded by beautiful countryside. Spaces are well looked after by volunteers. All it takes is a short walk from the village centre in any direction to be surrounded by nature, whether it be the woods up Meltham Road, or the rivers and streams in Magdale. Plenty of places to sit and enjoy the surroundings or adventure. Mag Fields, The People's Park, Cricket Club and playing fields were mentioned as pleasant open spaces. There is concern that natural spaces are being squeezed by too much traffic and increasingly released for house building, causing a decline in natural habitats for wildlife (29 comments). Noise from traffic and air quality along Huddersfield Road and Woodhead Road is a concern. Residents of sheltered housing said that weeding and grass cuttings are left on the grass areas at Burhouse. Roundway residents said there is a lot of dog mess and litter. Footpaths aren't particularly easy for people with disabilities. Some are getting inaccessible e.g. off Gynn Lane, & stiles are not access friendly.

#### **Suggestions:**

- More natural spaces with wildlife (Roundway residents)
- Local walking route leaflets showing points of interest - available in cafes, pubs and library. Safer cycling between the natural spaces. Orienteering in the woods (young

people), open up Honley Woods for horses. More trees on main roads. Plant spring bulbs on large grass verges for example on New Mill Road. Bark chippings on the woodland paths especially by Thirstin Mills (too muddy). More benches – one opposite Trinity Church, more options for people with mobility problems.

- More pavements and parking outside the village
- Encourage wildlife, pollinators, flowers, bees etc. Bins for dog waste.
- Protect the green spaces (no more housing)
- Invest in Mag fields, more trees for insects and birds by the river, plant trees on Magdale fields, indigenous planting on field and dam areas. Better litter bins, signage, and a marked footpath towards Magdale

## **Facilities and amenities**

### **Key issues:**

A good range of shops, cafes, restaurants, bar and a theatre. Honley JIN School bathroom facilities need improvements. People appreciative work put in by business owners There is a good range of cafes and shops (72 comments) available in the village and plenty of nice restaurants and bars, good theatre. People are appreciative of the work put into these by business owners.

51 children at Honley Junior School commented on the facilities in the classrooms. The toilets, hand washing facilities, cloakrooms, heating / radiators and classroom seating are inadequate, do not meet their day-to-day needs, and this affects their well-being. Children said they are not able to use the outdoor space all the time due to uneven ground (tree stump has lifted tarmac) and can't play when grass is wet as it makes the cloakroom floor slippery.

There is a lack of places to go with toddlers. "There is not enough for older folk, no facilities outside our flats." (Stony Lane sheltered housing residents) "Every space is owned by grown-ups. Nothing is ours. small. Residents said that facilities at the retired housing schemes are good. "Youth club is great". Some said it's difficult to get a doctor's appointment with standard waiting time around 3 weeks.

As the population grows and ages, and more house are built, there is concern this will get worse and put more pressure on facilities such as GPs and schools. "The library is a good community hub enjoyed by many." It could do with some money spending on it to improve it and make it more welcoming to the younger 'internet' generation. People with mobility problems can't access cafes. There are no toilets in the village - affects older people and families with young children. Many people are not on Facebook, meaning it can be difficult to find out about activities.

### **Suggestions:**

- Honley Junior School - improve toilet, hand washing, heating, seating and outdoor play
- facilities. Incentives to reduce plastic waste and refill your own containers in local shops

- A village website - one stop shop for information on everything. Map or noticeboard
- Library funding and support for volunteers; “get the asset of Honley Library transferred quickly and a service level agreement.” Re plaster and paint the library, extend opening hours. A larger, modern library - focus for more community activities. Partnership between Friends of Honley Library & Honley High. Link with the theatre for a film club. More learning opportunities for youth and adults together
- Public toilets. Improve post office facilities. More sports facilities, a modern, quality Gym
- An old -fashioned green grocery
- Café to be open after events like Remembrance Sunday
- Wheelchair access to the parish rooms. Access to coffee shops for wheelchair users, the infirm and pram users
- A residential and nursing home
- Update the kitchen at the scout hut
- Bring the Honley Flyer into the 21st century – wider content, colour and more frequent

## Challenges and issues in Honley

### Traffic and parking

#### Key issues:

Insufficient parking, insufficient disabled parking and/or poor quality of parking. Volume and speed of traffic is of real concern. There were 262 comments on the availability and/or standard of parking. It is a “nightmare” or “atrocious,” “too many cars” and “too much traffic.” There is congestion at football and cricket match times on Jagger Lane, parking outside school is also an issue – vans block coach drop off / pick up and there is no space for parents to park. Parking on Marsh Gardens is “especially bad.” Car parks are used for long stay (35 comments) which means that many people with accessibility issues find it difficult to park near the shops and services they wish to use. There is dangerous parking at the roundabout in the centre, blocking the road for pedestrians and other vehicles.

Parking on pavements at certain times of the day is a problem especially wagons delivering to Co-op, Chemist and Pet shop, which force pedestrians onto the road. Cars parked on the pavement, across dropped kerbs and cul-de-sacs make it difficult for prams and wheelchairs. Parking outside Taylor’s food store on the bend at lunch time is dangerous. Some said more parking space is not the answer, as it would just encourage more unnecessary car journeys and pollution.

Volume and heavy nature of traffic (86 comments): Big trucks coming through the village cause congestion “but Moorhouses do well and are part of the village. “The cobbles on Church Street are in a terrible mess due to heavy traffic use. During peak hours Westgate is a highly polluted area with queuing traffic and car fumes added to by aged public transport.

Traffic through the centre has improved since the 20 mph speed limit and speed bumps were installed, but there are still issues. The junction between Station Road and New Mill Road is hazardous for drivers. Concern that cars travel at high speeds on Bradshaw Road, Meltham Road and Magdale. No traffic calming at Honley High School.

There were 40 comments that the number of new houses planned will make traffic worse. The village is expanding at a rate that is unable to cope with the increase in traffic - number of vehicles and all-day parking.

#### **Suggestions:**

- Traffic calming on Long Lane, Bradshaw Road, Meltham Road, West Avenue and Magdale
- A roundabout between Station Road and New Mill Road junction. A crossing or traffic island next to Taylor's store (Meltham Road). Mobile speed cameras
- A one-way system on Church Street & Town Head and around both school sites in the centre, alternative routes for traffic flow (not going through the centre)
- 10 mph limit on traffic in the centre
- Ban huge lorries / HGVs from the centre
- Introduce paid parking and short stay enforced parking in centre, more disabled parking in the centre, create a car park on Jagger Lane Rec (as part of Jagger Lane Rec), long term parking for workers outside the village or off the main street
- Source additional parking through negotiations with land owners
- Move the bottle bank to free up spaces, use the GP surgery car park on Saturdays
- Find another home for Moorhouses – space could be used for extra parking and community facilities. More enforcement; traffic wardens outside Co-op & Chemists to tackle pavement parking. Double yellow lines by junctions
- More off-street parking to allow safer walking & cycling to school.
- Shuttle bus to get children to school. Reduce number of cars on short journeys
- Promote walking and cycling
- A better crossing at the lights at the bottom of the village as this is a main walking route for school children (cannot use from 2 out of 4 sides). Traffic lights at peak times at the 4 way junction between Station Road and the A616 & access to Gynn Lane. Better sequencing of traffic lights around the main road
- Repaint zebra crossing in the centre in bright or fluorescent colour or flashing lights or turn into pelican

#### **Influence and sense of control**

##### **Key issues:**

69 comments related to concerns about the development of new housing, particularly on fields. There are plenty of opportunities to access information and discussion by local groups (106 comments) Young People said that no one listens to their views. Local views are ignored by Planning. "I feel like the Council do what they want and don't listen to the residents; this relates to housing planning and any funding for local village facilities." It is felt that decisions are made without full consideration of the impacts locally.

Young people said that no one seems to really care what they think: “they just write us off and I have never known this village to be in touch with my high school at Honley High other than moaning about what one of the kids has done.” Young people want to feel part of Honley; “this village is our future, we need to be involved and to help change it.”

Lots of opportunities to get involved through local forums. Most community organisations are open to the public to get involved. The Honley Flyer is a good way and many groups are active online. Local councillors do an excellent job, very visible and responsive. Some concern about comments on Facebook page complaining about young people and low level anti-social behaviour.

**Suggestions:**

- Ensure young people feel included and have things to do e.g. Saturday jobs. A head boy / girl in year 6.
- Go into schools and get kids excited about changing things. Ask young people what they want. Work with Honley High School.
- Ask disabled people their point of view
- Local authorities to listen to local people; more discussion in Honley about Planning issues

## **Housing and community**

**Key issues:**

Lack of affordable housing. Lack of infrastructure for current and planned building. There were 164 comments about very high prices or lack of affordable homes. For example, the recent development on Thirstin Road consists of 4-5 bedrooms “is beyond the reach of most local people.” It is felt that planned developments, and those already underway or recently completed, are skewed towards the higher end of the housing market. Most people said that more affordable housing is needed across the board, and especially for young and older people (1st time buyers, single parents, elderly wanting to downsize). All new housing is too expensive for young people, it’s too difficult for them to get on the property ladder, there are few starter homes and families born in Honley are not able to buy in the village. Some people commented that their children had to move out of the village to afford suitable housing.

Some said more social housing is needed. There is too much reliance on private rentals, rather than secure social housing for those who cannot afford to buy. There were 95 comments about lack of infrastructure. Over recent years, when new houses have been built it is felt that local amenities have not been built on to support new housing. This ranges from car parking spaces in developments, to transport links and capacity in local GPs, dentists and schools. There were 78 comments that all house building should stop and local people cannot influence decisions about housing. A number of people mentioned the environment and potential for increased flooding as more fields are turned into housing. There were 63 positive comments that there is a variety of housing in Honley for all household types.

**Suggestions:**

- Prioritise the valley bottom for access to public transport, employment, avoids traffic through the centre of the village, protects land on the edges of the village. Use Drakes Mill site for low-cost housing. Use brownfield sites, protect green belt
- Mixed use developments when “windfall” sites become available. CIL & S106 levy – ensure developers pay full cost for enhancing local services
- Holistic assessment of infrastructure due to developments at Netherton, Scotgate and Thirstin
- New houses to be architecturally interesting and sustainable. To have pitched roofs with a south west aspect to benefit from solar gain. Lower cost, lower energy
- Affordable and focused on meeting local housing need. Housing for local families  
Growth of large houses must be balanced with more starter homes and apartments.  
More homes for first time buyers on new build estates
- More retirement bungalows for the elderly and a residential/nursing home so people can downsize and stay in the community. More social housing. Council houses for local people (house prices are too high for locals)

Summaries of all the themes, and the full responses from participants, are available at:

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## Ask Honley Action Plan - update Spring 2024

In Autumn 2023 the Ask Honley Group shared progress being made on the Ask Honley Action Plan. People were asked what actions should be taken next. Over 50 people gave their views at drop-ins and local coffee mornings. In February 2024 senior students at Honley High School and local partners discussed the need for improvements at Honley Station.

The Ask Honley information is a local resource for Honley community groups and partners. It is looked after by the Ask Honley Group of community volunteers and partners. Local groups can use it to identify gaps and needs and to plan local activity. The Ask Honley Group encourages collaborative working between community organisations. Feedback and engagement are undertaken regularly by the group. The working group was also mindful of the results from engagement with tenants in Honley in Summer 2020, available at: [www.howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2022/03/08/ask-honley-results](http://www.howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2022/03/08/ask-honley-results)

### Key

HBA – Honley Business Association

HVCT – Honley Village Community Trust

HVPC – Holme Valley Parish Council

Action	Theme	Suggestions & priorities from Place Standard engagement	Actions being progressed (what is already taking place, being planned or discussed)	Funding	Lead / Partners
<b>1. Manage traffic and safety</b>					
	Moving around	*CCTV in our roads and parks.	<b><u>Safe crossing</u></b> The pedestrian crossing on Westgate has been repaired by Kirklees Highways. To continue to explore ways of making crossings safer including using surveillance.	Kirklees Council	Kirklees Highways, ward councillors
	Traffic & parking	*Extend 20 mph speed limit outwards from village centre.			
		*Reduce traffic volumes & improve flow.			
	Public transport	*Speed cameras.	<b><u>Safe environment: CCTV in village</u></b> CCTV provision across our village has been installed, it is often used in safety related matters.	HBA	HBA working with Kirklees Council
		*Speeding campaigns.			
		* Additional safe parking.			
		*Footpaths and roads very uneven, especially Marsh Gardens (pedestrian route to Doctors).	<b><u>Safe surfaces</u></b> Marsh Gardens and Southgate Road pavements are resurfaced.	Kirklees Council	Kirklees Highways

	<p>*Improve street lighting (Jagger Lane, People's Parks &amp; Co-Op/New St Ginnel).</p> <p>*Fix light on pedestrian crossing on Westgate &amp; maintain all.</p> <p>*Traffic calming on Magdale, Bradshaw &amp; Meltham Roads. *Safe crossing solution at Taylors.</p> <p>*Shuttle bus for school, shoppers, workers, train station with long term parking for people working in the village.</p> <p>*Feasibility of Moorhouses as "set aside" for parking.</p> <p>*Walking maps for route to Nether-ton, Netherthong, Holmfirth &amp; Brockholes.</p> <p>*Safe cycle parking in village &amp; station.</p> <p>*Upgrade train station to increase utilisation.</p> <p><b>Further input from engagement in 2023:</b></p> <p>*Traffic calming on Bradshaw Road is urgently needed – speed humps, better signage, random speed checks, fixed penalties and prosecutions where appropriate.</p>	<p><b><u>Traffic speed – Bradshaw Road</u></b></p> <p><b>Action: To reduce speeds on the approach to Honley village on Bradshaw Road a traffic calming scheme is being designed and funding is in place.</b></p> <p>Residents have been consulted and given opportunity to comment. A scheme has been designed and will be installed using £45k Place Standard Investment Funding. The timescale for delivery is to be confirmed.</p> <p>A vehicle activated speed indicator device (SID) and speed ramps have been installed on Meltham Road. The speed data is showing a large reduction in speeding.</p> <p>Additional measures to improve the junction of Moorbottom Road with Meltham Road are being designed and will be funded from the ward councillors' budget. The cost and timescales for delivery is to be confirmed..</p> <p>To continue to explore funding for a traffic calming scheme at Magdale. The cost is estimated by Kirklees Highways to be no more than £50k.</p> <p>To explore the benefit of mirrors and 'children &amp; old people around' signage in high- risk areas.</p> <p>To discuss an Annual Speed Reduction Campaign to coincide with Road Safety week (usually November) in partnership with schools/library etc to educate our young people &amp; motorists.</p>	<p>Kirklees Council, ward councillors' budget</p> <p>Place Standard Investment Fund 2022-23: £45k</p>	<p>Kirklees Highways, ward councillors</p> <p>Kirklees Highways, ward councillors</p> <p>Kirklees Highways, ward councillors</p> <p>Brake, Kirklees Highways, schools, library</p>
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		<p>*On both sides of Stony Lane there is no pavement at the bus stop by Trinity Church / corner by the Foresters. Issue for pedestrians at night- time. Car parking at junction. Getting across the road to the bus from Trinity Court is hard.</p> <p>*A permanent Speed Indicator Device on Bradshaw Road?</p> <p>* The priority is lowering of the speed limit around all built up areas of Honley. We do not feel that speed bumps on short stretches of road are the answer, they slow traffic for that stretch only.</p> <p><b>Further input from engagement in 2023:</b></p> <p>*Honley Station - a short term roof over the steps. Slippery in wet and icy weather. Long term step free ramp access, likely to need a strip of land from the bus company or a lift to the platform.</p> <p>*Track surface and lighting from Gynn Lane to create a walking route to and from the high school and the station.</p> <p>*Toilets and parking improvements.</p> <p>*Station is not welcoming, it is dark and makes people feel unsafe.</p> <p>* Minibus connection Honley village centre to and from Honley station.</p>	<p><b><u>Safe lighting</u></b></p> <p>Repair lighting and CCTV in our parks &amp; Co-op ginnel. The light in People's Park is switched off at night. To encourage residents to report issues to Kirklees Council via Report It: <a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/reportit">www.kirklees.gov.uk/reportit</a></p> <p><b><u>Encourage non-use of car – Honley Rail Station</u></b></p> <p><b>Suggested action: To explore an improvement plan for Honley Rail station to improve access (disabled, elderly, pram) and parking and to make the station welcoming, pleasant and attractive.</b></p> <p>In November 2023, £47.9m levelling up funding was announced for improvements to the service and stations along the Penistone rail line. The funding has been accepted by Kirklees Council.</p> <p>The next step is for the council to receive a response to its submission to the Department for Transport and final Ministerial approval for the scheme.</p>		<p>Kirklees Highways, Honley Flyer</p> <p>HBA lead, Holmfirth Harriers, Honley Civic Society Local MP, Kirklees Transportation, Network Rail</p> <p>Kirklees Transportation, Holme Valley Parish Council, HBA</p>
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		<p>*911 bus goes up to the train station but does not connect with train services.</p> <p>*Improve pedestrian access from Hall Ing area to the station. Lighting under the station tunnel and the pathway that leads down to Woodroyd Avenue / Gynn Lane &amp; Hall Ing</p> <p>*Bottom of Gynn Lane needs a safe space to cross for school children and to the business park. Maybe a traffic island.</p> <p>*The shelter is limited, a closed area would help when waiting. The roof is not big enough for the 100 plus students packed in to 2 small standing spaces.</p> <p>*The station is small, rundown and derelict and needs a bit of a fix up. It does not give a good image of Honley for people getting off the train. Peeling paint does not look presentable. There is an abandoned building next to it and overgrown plants.</p> <p>*For mums and prams there is no access to and from the platform. Students help passengers get up and down the steps with prams and suitcases when they are there.</p> <p>*The ticket machine doesn't work a lot and students get fined when on the train for not having a ticket. Most</p>	<p>Honley Station was unsuccessful in the Access for All funding for 2024-29 (May 2024 Dept for Transport).</p> <p>A community questionnaire with local rail users and non-rail users is being planned by the Ask Honley group for Autumn 2024.</p> <p>Penistone Line Partnership is keen to encourage local volunteers or a local group to come forward to adopt Honley station.</p> <p><a href="http://penline.co.uk">Station Adoption - Penistone Line Partnership (penline.co.uk)</a></p> <p>A set of walking, running and cycling route maps are now on the village website and more are needed.</p> <p><b><u>Better Parking</u></b></p> <p>Co-op vans now park at the rear to minimise safety concerns.</p> <p>To Investigate parking solutions for bikes and cars. For example a shuttle bus with out of village parking, time-limit parking in car parks, enforcement tickets for dangerous parking over specific times (such as 2-3 pm) to influence better parking.</p>		
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		students buy a ticket each day costing £1.90.			
<b>2. Improve social contact and sense of belonging</b>					
	<p>Identity &amp; belonging</p> <p>Social contact</p> <p>Feeling safe</p>	<p>*Village website for– a one stop shop for everyone, with events/things to do.</p> <p>*Better opportunities for young and old especially since Covid (social isolation &amp; loss of social skills).</p> <p>*Events &amp; activities for those on low incomes.</p> <p>*Improve provision, space and organised activity for young people – somewhere safe to go.</p> <p>*Groups for young mums and older residents.</p> <p>*Employ a youth worker.</p> <p>*A climate change plan for our village to represent commitment for their future.</p> <p>*Better/different use of our church/other buildings to offer community facilities.</p> <p>*Transport for isolated groups.</p> <p>*Upgrade our library with current facilities and intranet.</p> <p>*Tackle IT isolation.</p> <p>*Kirklees Observatory data for Roundway, population of elderly people and low</p>	<p><b><u>Village Website</u></b> A Free to all Community Groups “one stop” shop website has been built as requested in Ask Honley – groups, village events, business offerings on one website with back links to individual websites where desired. <a href="http://www.honley.info/whats-on">www.honley.info/whats-on</a></p> <p><b><u>Use of noticeboards/Honley Flyer</u></b> To improve awareness of what’s happening. Honley Flyer is circulated 4 times a year.</p> <p><b><u>Activities at affordable price</u></b> Christmas lights switch- on 2022 successfully redesigned, with minimal cost to families.</p> <p><b><u>Honley Youth support</u></b> <b>Suggested action: Safe spaces for young people, youth facilities.</b></p> <p>Funds raised and youth worker employed, with package of activities in place (free of charge / donations accepted). Set up and successfully run for 18 months.</p> <p>2023 plan completed with funding requirements. Feasibility underway for a Youth Hub to be established (a safe place for our young people to be).</p>	<p>HBA</p> <p>Ongoing funding by Honley orgs.</p> <p>Funding in place for youth hub at Jagger Lane</p> <p>HVCT</p>	<p>HBA, businesses, community Groups</p> <p>HVCT (Flyer) &amp; community groups who own noticeboards</p> <p>HBA, HVPC, Honley businesses</p> <p>HVPC, other grant supporters, Honley Youth</p> <p>Honley Youth Committee, Honley Youth, HVCT</p> <p>HVCT</p>

		<p>incomes. People eligible for benefits that aren't getting it.</p> <p><b>Further input from engagement in 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Different venue for the senior youth club - more café like</li> <li>*We support the youth club as a safe space for young people / chill out hub. They also hang out on the field at the back of the school and are no bother. (Roundway residents)</li> <li>*Village hall activities are good. There is also the over 55's club at the community centre. The Welcome Club is good, 35-50 people attend it weekly</li> </ul> <p><b>Further suggestions from engagement in 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Better facility for leaving books when the library is closed</li> <li>*Re-opening Monday afternoon</li> <li>*Will there always be a paid member of Kirklees staff 'posted' to Honley Library?</li> </ul>	<p>A weekly evening session is being run for juniors (8-12s) at Honley Community Centre.</p> <p>A new youth worker is in post for the Holme Valley including Honley. Employed by Kirklees Youth Alliance and funded by the parish council for 2 years (Jan 2024-Dec 2025). Weekly outreach work is in spaces where young people hang out, followed by a drop-in at Honley Village Hall for over 12's one evening a week.</p> <p>Enabling Youth is running a weekly lunch time drop-in for girls at Honley High school.</p> <p>Honley Youth Club has become a charity and will be having conversations with Enabling Youth and Kirklees Youth Alliance about youth work support as well as other youth work organisations.</p> <p><b><u>Warm, safe places to go for all ages</u></b></p> <p>Welcome Club set up at our Village Hall with range of activities for older residents (free of cost/donations only).</p> <p><b><u>Better green spaces to be in</u></b></p> <p>People's Park redesigned with picnic table and play kit installed to encourage mixed social interaction; Jagger Lane similarly upgraded. Meltham Road, Scotgate and Oldfield play spaces are on the list to review.</p> <p><b><u>Friends of Honley Library (FoHL) Community Hub Honley Library</u></b></p>	<p>Place Standard Investment Fund 2022-23: £5k contribution to building work</p> <p>Match funding HVPC</p>	<p>Kirklees Parks</p> <p>Friends of Honley Library</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*More opening hours</li> <li>*Jigsaw exchange</li> <li>*Help for older people to use the computer to do online shopping, book holidays etc.</li> <li>*A morning session for any lap top questions</li> <li>*Older people find it hard to cross the road to get to the library</li> <li>*Provision of tea / coffee in the library</li> <li>*Both Roundway and Stony Lane promote their weekly luncheon clubs to the wider community / other social housing, who are welcome to join them and would be happy to promote these via the library</li> <li>*Yes, I am very happy with the library as it is thank you. 'The library is my happy place'.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Suggested action: To continue developing facilities and activities at Honley Library such as digital inclusion project and homework club.</b></p> <p>A plan is being developed to enable increased access to Honley Library (modelling Meltham Crossroads) to include support for issues such as IT isolation (working with Crosland Moor Learning Centre's digital inclusion project) and homework club.</p> <p>In December 2022 the asset transfer was complete. CCTV and the alarm system were updated. Improvement works were carried out in Autumn 2023 (replastering, redecorating, repainting) and an open day held.</p> <p>Plans and funding are in place for further work to extend the library building and make internal alterations.</p>		
<b>3. Improve and care for our village amenities</b>					
	Play & recreation  Streets & spaces  Care &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Jagger Lane Park redesign with teenagers/older young people in mind and intergenerational play.</li> <li>*People's Park redesign with older adults/younger kids in mind and families (picnic benches).</li> <li>*Improve provision of play facilities for people with</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Better green spaces in our parks for all ages</u></b></p> <p>Design ideas were submitted to Kirklees Parks by Ask Honley team &amp; Honley Youth with a solution that was based on the budget available.</p> <p><b><u>Support management of St Mary's Graveyard</u></b></p>		Kirklees Parks          Kirklees Council,

	<p>maintenance</p> <p>Public transport</p> <p>Facilities &amp; amenities</p>	<p>disabilities.</p> <p>*Upgrade Scout kitchen so that young people can learn skills, up to date space.</p> <p>*Honley JIN toilet facilities needing upgrading.</p> <p>*Information – a way to find out what’s going on for all age groups.</p> <p>*Upgrade Southgate theatre kitchen.</p> <p>*Redesign village hall to be environmentally friendly &amp; a place to be for future generations.</p> <p>*Larger litter bins in our parks.</p> <p>*Bins that are fit for purpose/not broken/have recycling sections.</p> <p>*Relocate recycling bins to a larger area, to increase recycling and free up space for electric charging etc.</p> <p>* Historic signs and trail map to celebrate our past.</p> <p>*Pavements safe for moving around.</p>	<p>This Kirklees maintained site is supported on an ongoing basis by a local volunteer team to enable access by Honley community.</p> <p><b><u>Better kitchen facilities at the Scout Hut</u></b> The kitchen has been renovated recently.</p> <p><b><u>Upgrade toilet facilities for pupils at Honley JIN School</u></b> The recent upgrade is complete.</p> <p><b><u>Better and extended services at our Library</u></b> The Asset Transfer for Honley Library was completed in December 2022 and action planning is underway (see Action 2)</p> <p><b><u>Upgrade our Village Hall</u></b> HVCT is exploring user needs and design.</p> <p><b><u>Village website</u></b> A Honley information Website is built &amp; Honley Youth Tick tick set up enabling better information flow on Honley’s offer: See Action 2. <a href="http://www.honley.info/whats-on">www.honley.info/whats-on</a></p> <p><b><u>Explore improvements to Honley station</u></b> Bid for government levelling up funding. See Action 1.</p> <p><b><u>Explore bins and recycling solutions with Kirklees</u></b></p>	<p>St Mary’s &amp; Friends</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> HV Scout Group</p> <p>Honley JIN</p> <p>FoH Library, HVPC</p> <p>HVCT</p> <p>HBA, Community groups</p> <p>Local MP, Kirklees Transportation, Network Rail</p> <p>Kirklees Environment</p>
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			<p>To replace damaged bins, increase size where needed, consider recycling options. Kirklees Council is reviewing and replacing bins (subject to funding). Two new types of bins are being trialled, one location is at Honley High School.</p> <p><b><u>Celebrate and protect our heritage</u></b> To investigate a trail map that respects and celebrates our historic buildings and locations.</p> <p><b><u>Safe footpaths</u></b> Maintain street/pavement cleaning of leaves, drains, litter in partnership with Kirklees. Residents to report issues to Kirklees Council via Report It: <a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/reportit">www.kirklees.gov.uk/reportit</a></p> <p><b><u>Help maintain litter, overgrown vegetation, and good planting</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Explore kitchen/plans at Southgate Theatre</u></b> To enable better use of all of Honley's assets.</p>	Community org. funding secured for 2022/3	<p>Honley Civic Society</p> <p>Kirklees Environment &amp; Highways</p> <p>FoH, Honley Civic Society &amp; HVPC</p> <p>Southgate Theatre</p>
<b>4. A future-fit Honley Plan for this and the next generation</b>					
	<p>Care &amp; maintenance</p> <p>Streets &amp; spaces</p>	<p>*Transition Honley to a zero-carbon village for homes &amp; businesses, a climate change commitment for our young people's future:</p> <p>-provide better facilities to reduce plastics/recycle differently</p>	<p><b>Suggested actions:</b> <b>Develop village climate change plans working with Holme Valley Parish Council, Kirklees Council, Friends of Honley, Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.takeclimateaction.uk/solutions/climate-action-plan-parish-and-town-councils">http://www.takeclimateaction.uk/solutions/climate-action-plan-parish-and-town-councils</a></p>		<p>HVPC, Kirklees Parks &amp; Green Spaces , FoH, Village Groups</p>

	<p>Public transport</p> <p>Traffic &amp; parking</p> <p>Natural space</p> <p>Housing &amp; community</p> <p>Work &amp; local economy</p>	<p>-planting plan for our village and surrounding areas (our parks, streets, verges, village centre) to offset lost habitat and increase in carbon footprint, caused by sustained building/increased use of resources (encourage wildlife, pollinators on verges, in village).</p> <p>*Influence housing development where possible, maintain green belt provision.</p> <p>* Continue to promote Honley as a destination for businesses, shoppers, library service users.</p> <p>*Shop local campaign.</p> <p>*Better Advertise local employment opportunities.</p> <p>*Apprenticeship scheme in partnership with local groups and businesses.</p> <p><b>Further input from engagement in 2023:</b></p> <p>*Where would electric vehicle charging points go in Honley for all to use?</p> <p>* Roundway would like the council to use more energy efficiency light bulbs, insulation and for glass recycling to return (legislation to standardise glass</p>	<p><a href="http://www.rtpi.org.uk/research/2021/march/place-based-approaches-to-climate-change%20e">http://www.rtpi.org.uk/research/2021/march/place-based-approaches-to-climate-change%20e</a></p> <p><b>Optimise wildlife, biodiversity and open spaces working with local groups, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, River Holme Connections, Edens Forest</b></p> <p>To investigate areas for rewilding and tree cover to offset building in village. Trees are available from Kirklees Council. Kirklees has plan for tree planting. Potentially using private housing, leasing Stones Wood to Trust. 'Right Place, Right Tree, Right Reason'</p> <p>To protect and enhance environments to optimise wildlife &amp; biodiversity. Support &amp; learn from planned schemes such as St Mary's Burial &amp; Churchyard, Church Team Action Plan.</p> <p><u>Honley Village Community Trust update</u></p> <p>Over the last 2 years Honley Village Community Trust has planted Honley Community Orchard with 34 trees in one of the fields at Magdale. Plus a few Alders and Willow trees in certain areas. To encourage biodiversity it is important to have a balance of grassland and trees. Wildflower seed has been sown on the grassland to develop wildflower grassland meadows. A wetland pond and bee bank have also been created.</p> <p>The Trust is managing a new patch of woodland with an eco-friendly purpose behind the Squash Club.</p>		<p>FoH, Village Groups</p> <p>St Mary's Chapel Team</p> <p>West Yorkshire Combined Authority</p> <p>Friends of Honley, Eco Holmes Community Land Trust</p> <p>Kirklees</p>
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		<p>recycling across the UK has just been passed)</p> <p>*Garage site (16 garages at Roundway) would be a good place to put solar panels (the site is the location of petty crime)</p> <p>*More bins please such as Magdale</p> <p>*Keep green spaces</p> <p>*Keep up the good work you are doing</p> <p>*Try and keep green spaces</p> <p>*More signage to the trail and to keep on it</p> <p>*We have a community garden at Roundway</p> <p>Affordable housing is a good idea in principle, it depends on the cost, location, parking</p> <p>*Consideration of buying homes that have not sold. Do a 'fixer upper'</p>	<p>Friends of Honley is undertaking new planting in the village including wildflowers in the park and roundabout.</p> <p>Holme Valley Climate Action Partnership supports tidying and growing at Honley Community Garden, Marsh Gardens.</p> <p><b><u>Improve electric charging facilities</u></b></p> <p>To investigate installation of electric car charging facilities. West Yorkshire Combined Authority is looking into charging point locations.</p> <p><b><u>Passive housing options</u></b></p> <p>To investigate benefits and options for new &amp; converted Passive housing for Honley. Passive Housing is included in the Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/holme-valley-neighbourhood-development-plan.aspx">www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/holme-valley-neighbourhood-development-plan.aspx</a></p> <p>Eco Holmes Community Land Trust held a drop-in for residents in February 2023.</p> <p><b><u>Local apprenticeships</u></b></p> <p>To investigate the feasibility of apprenticeship opportunities working with Kirklees Employment &amp; Skills Team, local businesses and Honley High.</p> <p><a href="http://www.kirkleesapprenticeshipsforall.co.uk/for-employers">www.kirkleesapprenticeshipsforall.co.uk/for-employers</a></p> <p>To investigate addition of a Job Opportunities page on Honley Website, The Flyer.</p>	<p>HBA funded for all community, businesses</p>	<p>Employment &amp; Skills Team, HBA &amp; Honley High</p> <p>HBA</p> <p>HBA</p>
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			<b><u>Honley as a destination</u></b> To continue to promote Honley as a destination for residents, businesses & shoppers via Honley Website.		
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## Get involved

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