



## **Your voice in Netherton and South Crosland action plan**

**July 2025**



## **Your voice in Netherton and South Crosland – turning our conversations into action**

### **What we did in Netherton and South Crosland**

In February 2021, volunteers from Netherton and South Crosland Community Group, supported by Kirklees Council, encouraged people across Netherton and South Crosland to tell them about what life is like in the area. 402 people took part, sharing their experiences.

They used a tool called the Place Standard. This is a way of having conversations about any place – it could be your street, neighbourhood, or town – using some simple questions. ‘Your voice in Netherton and South Crosland’ took place online due to the pandemic lockdown measures. 402 citizens took part, each completing a Place Standard assessment.

In January 2023, 20 people from Netherton and South Crosland Community Group, residents, local ward councillors and council officers took part in the ‘Next steps’ activities to discuss the results and identify what is important to them. In February 2023, we held a drop-in session at Netherton Community Centre to share the results with the wider community and prioritise the themes and actions.

There will be many more opportunities to continue the conversation about how we can make Netherton and South Crosland better, including ways for people to get involved in the actions and to share ideas and comments.

We aim to use the information and insights gathered from local people, along with what we’ve learned from other local activities, to develop a master plan for investment in Netherton and South Crosland. What we’ve learned together has also provided evidence that can influence future planning, funding and work with partners such as West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Police, local community organisations and the local community.

### **‘Your voice in Netherton & South Crosland’ results summary with full data**

<https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/your-voice-netherton/>

<https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2022/04/06/your-voice-in-netherton-and-south-crosland-results/>

### **Netherton Community Group social media**

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=netherton%20community%20group>

## Netherton and South Crosland Action Plan- update July 2025

The following actions were identified in January and February 2023 by Netherton and South Crosland Community Group volunteers, Crosland Moor and Netherton ward councillors, local residents, Kirklees Council services and partner organisations.

‘Your voice in Netherton and South Crosland’ results have informed the investment of £30k Kirklees Council Place Standard Funding in Netherton and South Crosland. The outcomes of other activities (such as local consultations and other investments) also informed these plans.

### Action plan

Action	Theme	Suggestions / Concerns	Actions being progressed	Funding	Lead / partners
1.Transport	Moving around  Traffic and parking  Public transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed prevention, congestion and traffic calming measures. Pedestrian safety including crossings and 20mph zones, school crossing. Meltham Road from Big Valley noisy trucks not keeping to 30mph. Raised iron works on Meltham Road at Big Valley.</li> </ul>	<p>Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) - Moor Lane, Coppice Road</p> <p>Update –the speed camera/van has been deployed on Church Lane and Moor Lane.</p> <p>Speeding hotspots in Netherton have been flagged up to Operation Trimborg. This is a Police initiative, funded from the 2025/26 ward councillor budget, to tackle speeding and vehicle offences across the ward.</p> <p>Report highways issue to Kirklees Council <a href="#">Report it   Kirklees Council</a></p> <p>information from Highways, there is currently no justification for a 20mph zone</p>	Funded by Kirklees Highways 2/3 year programme from June 2023. Ward councillor funding	Kirklees Council Highways, Ward councillors

			<p>on Lea Lane. Highways will install 20mph/bend signs but no other 20mph signing such as the round speed limit signs or painted 20mph on the road.</p> <p>Updates: Highways signage has been installed.</p> <p>Netherton Community Group has:          *Held 4-6 meetings with councillors about highways.          *Attended “ask me anything’ session with West Yorkshire Mayor and raised speeding (along with the Greenway).</p> <p>*The Group has requested:          - changes to speed limits.          - changes to SID locations.          - traffic calming measures on Meltham Rd, Coppice Drive and Church Lane...roads where the SIDs and local residents have highlighted issues.</p> <p>Coppice Drive is being investigated further by Highways. 50% of locations monitored under the original SID scheme were in Netherton.</p> <p>* Reported blocked drains, damaged &amp; dangerous lampposts, overgrown bushes,</p>		
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			trees blocking paths, worn white lines, road markings & broken signs, cleared bushes and cleaned dirty signs.		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road safety - concerns around pavements and safety by the new housing estate and walking to Honley / Honley High School</li> </ul>	<p>Issues around the schools. To explore options with the schools around their active travel plans / Modeshift with a view to improving considerate behaviour. Highways will be working with schools in the future, in priority order, to assess the issues re walk / cycle to school.</p> <p>Update from Netherton Infant &amp; Nursery School. The school held 2 whole school events; a 'scootfit' day Nov 23 and 'bikeability' training Jan 24. Supported by Kirklees Road Safety Team.</p> <p>Update from South Crosland Junior School. The school purchased a year's subscription (2023/24) to Living Streets' WOW challenge. The programme records how children travel to school with recognition for those who use 'active travel' (walk, bike etc) including parents parking further away from the school gates.</p>	<b>£2,000</b> Place Standard Investment funding	Schools, Kirklees Council Road safety team Highways
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking on grass verges / pavements safe and convenient parking,</li> </ul>	To ask the Neighbourhood Policing Team to undertake periodic enforcement action against parking on pavements in Netherton.	Officer time	Neighbourhood Policing Team, Ward

		<p>and double. Coppice Drive, Martin Drive, Netherton Moor Road, Osprey Drive, Moor Lane, Delph Lane, Summer Street, Meltham Road, Sandbeds and Hawkroyd Bank</p>	<p>To ask residents to gather photographic evidence. To raise awareness and encourage responsible parking via Facebook page and community comms.</p> <p>Update – The Neighbourhood Policing Team has attended to look specifically into pavement/ obstructive parking. Officers have encouraged residents to report issues to the Police online or phone 101</p> <p><a href="#">Report it   West Yorkshire Police</a></p>		councillors, Residents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footpaths – Lea Lane to the Hamlet. Overgrowth of hedges and leaves on pavements pathways in Deane Wood.</li> </ul>	<p>To look at maintenance and improvements. To work with environmental groups, identify needs. More signs and maps identifying footpath walks. downloadable guided walks. Public Open Space (POS) S.106 schemes in Netherton, projects being progressed.</p> <p>Update from Kirklees Landscape Team: Friends of Dean Wood, have requested a new steel bench, and cutting back hollies and improving the existing steps. S106 money can be spent on improving public open space, including natural &amp; semi-natural greenspace. In this location, we can spend some of this S106 on improving access to POS, as that will benefit the local community in line with the S106</p>	S106 funding	Kirklees Public Rights of Way Public Open Space (POS)

			wording. This money is not expected to be spent on Public Rights of Way.		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cycle routes</li> </ul>	<p>To identify and promote cycling routes.</p> <p>Netherton Community Group has submitted a grant application for a cycle scheme including 10 bicycles, helmets, training and map of local cycle paths.</p>	TBC	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netherton 106 Meltham Greenway</li> </ul>	<p>Netherton Community Group has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Posted c.500 flyers as part of their campaign.</li> <li>*Started the Greenway petition and managed to get c.3,100 signatures so far.</li> <li>*Held 6-8 meetings with councillors</li> <li>*Attended “ask me anything’ session with West Yorkshire Mayor to raise this issue (along with highways/ speeding).</li> <li>*Held a meeting with Kirklees Council on this.</li> </ul> <p>Kirklees Council remains committed to commencing work on stages of the Greenway.</p>	S106 Funding to develop & maintain a Greenway	Kirklees Public Open Space (POS)/ ward councillors/ Netherton Community Group
2 Economy	Facilities and amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor facilities /places to meet.</li> </ul>	<p>Netherton Community centre</p> <p>Netherton Community Group has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Liaised with &amp; provided feedback to the centre management committee to</li> </ul>		<p>Netherton Community Centre</p> <p>TRA</p> <p>School</p> <p>Community</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investments in shops and village centre</li> </ul>	To be explored		Kirklees Council Corporate Landlord, Ward councillors
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor recreation</li> </ul>	New Football club changing rooms Hawkroyd Bank Netherton JFC is continuing to progress this project.	£20,000 New Homes Bonus £12,000 Ward Councillor funding	Netherton JFC, Kirklees Council Corporate Landlord, WRCFA Football Foundation
	Work and local economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young people</li> <li>Unemployed</li> </ul>	To be developed.		
3. Leisure	Streets and spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodland paths</li> </ul>	See Transport section.		Ward councillors, Kirklees Council Environment Service, Public Open Space (POS)
	Play and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved facilities for children</li> </ul>	Play areas - Marten Drive: new play equipment installed.		

			<p>Parks are having internal conversations regarding the type of additional planting we could put in place to screen visibility from the mound on site to neighbouring properties due to it not being economically viable to rotate the slide position. Lightenfield Lane play area.</p> <p>Netherton Community Group has submitted a grant application for a playground off Roslyn Avenue for children.</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football club house</li> </ul>	<p>May Street.</p> <p>See Economy section</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benches</li> </ul>	<p>Netherton Moor Road, Hawkroyd Bank, Lighten Field Lane.</p> <p>Netherton Community Group has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Refurbished and maintained c.6-7 benches around the village.</li> <li>*Two buddy benches have been installed on Church Lane/ Meltham Rd and Moor Lane/ Netherton Moor Road.</li> <li>*Trash bash/ verge purge/ weed killing.</li> <li>*Painted bollards.</li> <li>*Restored/ painted the Netherton Lamp.</li> </ul>	<p><b>£4,638</b></p> <p>Place Standard Investment Funding</p>	<p>Netherton Community Group</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community gardening</li> </ul>	<p>Raised beds /Community gardening.</p> <p>Netherton Community Group has:</p>	<p>Place Standard Investment</p>	<p>Netherton Community Group</p>

			<p>*Installed c.9 high quality recycled plastic planters/ raised flower beds around the village and filled them with soil, compost, bark, flowers, bulbs.</p> <p>*Planted 60 fruit trees.</p> <p>*Submitted grant application for 2 living Christmas trees and more fruit trees or blossom trees.</p>	Funding Grant - see below*)	
4. Living	Housing and communities	• Derelict buildings	Investment?		Kirklees Council Corporate Landlord
		• Council estate	Drugs / ASB / Maintenance Neighbourhood Watch		Kirklees Housing, Police
	Care and maintenance	• Recycling	Recycling bins in the village  There is a village ink cartridge recycling point and potentially a battery and vape recycling point.		Kirklees Council Recycling team
		• Dog fouling, fly tipping, litter	Campaign with Schools / residents Encouraging responsible dog ownership and reduction of dog fouling (hosting events and distributing poo bag dispensers.	Ward councillor funding 2025/26 £1,000	Netherton community action group, Schools, TRA, Ward councillors

			Ward councillors have funded a replacement gate for the play area on Hawkroyd Bank due to concerns over dog fouling and safety of children using the play area.		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Cleaning</li> <li>• Overgrown vegetation</li> </ul>	<p>Clean ups. Local litter picking scheme</p> <p>Netherton Community Group has: *undertaken 'trash bash,' verge purge, weed killing, cleared bushes throughout the village.</p>	<p><b>£16,362*</b></p> <p>Place Standard Investment Funding Grant</p> <p>Village Christmas lights &amp; tree, planters, plants, 'trash bash' tools, storage shed, general equipment for fixing flags and brackets in the village, CCTV.</p>	Netherton Community Group

5. Social	Influence and sense of control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular community meetings</li> <li>• Active community association</li> <li>• Police presence</li> <li>• CCTV</li> </ul>	<p>Newsletter / comms / website/ social media. Meetings. Social events.</p> <p>Netherton Community Group has held 6-8 community meetings, established Netherton Community Group Facebook page and published its 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter in May 2025. A grant application has been made to install two village noticeboards.</p> <p>Community events held by the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter wonderland 2024 – Xmas trees, fairy lights, 20 stalls, refreshments, free children’s selection boxes, Santa, brass band</li> <li>• Summer market (21st June 2025) – 20 stalls, food, free bouncy castles, singing princess, magician, fire engine, police car, Brownies &amp; Scouts, pizza fund raiser evening</li> </ul> <p>The group has Installed flags around the village (generating interest and a sense of community) for St George’s day, Yorkshire day, VE80 &amp; sport events &amp; Remembrance Day.</p> <p>Plus additional Christmas tree/flag brackets and painted existing brackets to extend life.</p>	<p><b>£5,000</b></p> <p>Place Standard Funding Grant to promote newly constituted group – engagement, participation activity</p>	Netherton Community Group
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	Social contact Identifying and belonging  Feeling safe		Open up the canopies of trees at the end of Lightenfield Lane and Coppice Drive Bridleway.	S106 funding – to update Lightenfield Rec	

### Get involved

To get involved or find out more, please contact:

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