Parish Council Achievement Statement 2025/26



Your Parish Council continues to listen to what's important to residents and strives to deliver real impact in the community to tackle issues and improve where we live. Some of our achievements over the last year are listed below:

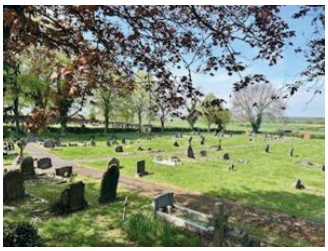
- Working with Sharlston Rovers, we have purchased and displayed considerate parking banners near the Club to remind visitors on match days, to park safely and with minimum disruption to residents.
- We have replaced a damaged manhole cover and filled potholes on our land off Clifton Road – keeping residents & visitors to the surgery safe.
- We cleared an instance of fly tipping on our land on Clifton Road to make the area safe and clean again.
- We have responded to concerns from residents and plot holders about increased vermin activity at Fernside Allotments, issuing guidance to tenants about good husbandry and working with Environmental Health to humanely tackle the issue.
- We have updated signage at our allotments on Fernside, making it easier for tenants & residents to contact us.
- We have continued to work with Wakefield Council's Highways Department to progress new Traffic Regulation Orders and tackle inconsiderate & dangerous driving and parking in our village. The yellow lines at the junction of Grime Lane and Weeland Road were installed last summer, and we expect a change to the 30-mph zone on Weeland Road between the Red Wheel & Lister Road Featherstone, any day now. We are committed to increasing the safety of our village!
- We have continued to report parking & speeding offences to our Neighbourhood Police Team, particularly outside the local shops on Weeland Road, on Eastville Road/Hammer Lane and on the Green/Common. We have also worked with local residents & businesses to get 'Sharlston SID' out in the village to monitor speed, installed new byelaw signage and continue to raise awareness of these issues on social media.
- We have supported local residents to get improved 3T weight limit signage at both ends of West Lane and the Green to prevent heavy goods vehicles from using this area as a shortcut. We have also reported repeat offenders to their companies and the DVSA!
- We continue to maintain our Community Planters around the village with a group of dedicated volunteers as well as investigating possible maintained hanging basket contracts – we remain committed to keeping our village 'in bloom' whilst delivering real value for money to residents.
- We have reviewed and updated our Parish Plan ready for consultation with residents at our forthcoming Open Day 2026.
- We have considered a sponsorship and lease policy that will allow us to explore funding of different projects in the village. Ideas include loaning 'Sharlston SID' to other councils, resident & business sponsored events and assets and working with local businesses to match fund projects. This is in conjunction with our own funding bid activity which will hopefully see us realise lots more projects in 2026!
- We have continued to negotiate with the Diocese to obtain a new lease for the Community Centre which will enable the Management Committee to bid for much needed funding to renovate and refresh this vital community asset.

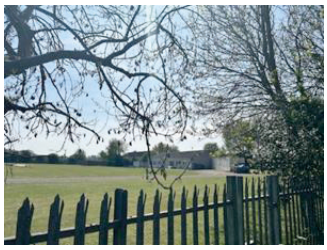














- We have awarded grants & made donations to 7 charities and community groups totalling almost £1800. We have had great support from those attending our events to enable us to do this which has allowed us to support a wide range of projects & good causes!
- We have reviewed and refreshed our Christmas event provision once again. Based on feedback from residents in 2025, we will once again be delivering our community meal, singalong event and Santa Trail this year as well as introducing some exciting new additions with support from local residents and businesses – watch this space!!
- We provided three decorated and lit Christmas trees once again in 2025 as well as increased lights throughout the village, in partnership with local businesses, to help residents celebrate Christmas in Sharlston!
- We supported the Community School with a donation towards a theatre production for pupils in February 2026.
- With support from the Sharlston Villa Club, we once again supported the Royal British Legion by providing poppies for sale in Sharlston and by donating and laying a wreath at the village Remembrance Day service.
- We have conducted a full check on all Parish assets to ensure the maintenance and safety of everything we own & provide in the village. This has included making minor repairs where necessary.
- We have once again supported the Great British Spring Clean in 2026 by holding a community litter pick event collecting a whopping 16 bags of rubbish! We also support regular community litter picks in the village with the 'Sharlston Against Litter' group and have worked with local businesses to address litter issues in the village.
- We continue to request anti-dog fouling signage around the village and respond to resident concerns about this particularly emotive issue!
- We have lobbied for better transport links for Sharlston to the rest of the District, sharing details of how to campaign and complain to the relevant authorities via social media and discussing issues at our public sessions and Open Days.
- We have responded to concerns over damaged trees and worked with Northern Powergrid and Wakefield Council to provide maintenance.
- We worked with West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue to report and respond to wildfires in the village last summer as well as sharing safety guidance to prevent fires in the future.
- We reported invasive plants growing in the village to Wakefield Council and facilitated these being removed.
- We continued to support our residents with a wide range of issues reported both via our communication channels and in person at our monthly public sessions!

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