

Dronfield Civic Society

Making Dronfield Better
Together



Founded in 1989 by members of Rotary because of concerns about traffic in the town



Working Through the Decades

River Clean Ups

Heritage Restoration

Litter Clearance

Bulb & Tree Planting

Projects with Schools

Street Scene Improvements

Planning Matters

Working with the Rivers Trust



Big River Clean Up 2020



River Drone - Mill Lane



Rubbish from the River



K6 Restoration 2015-2025



Holmesdale & Coal Aston



Telephone Kiosks to Book Exchanges



Old Petrol Pump Restoration - White Swan



Gallon or Pint?

Big Litter Pick at the Lay-By



Pick, Mix & Have Some Fun



Bag Hoops - Any Idea How These Work?



I'll Watch You David



To be quite honest...



I just can't remember how they go.
Perhaps Martin knows, although it looks
like he's here to play golf.

Equipment Handout



Litter Pick with the 5th Dronfield Hilltop Cubs



Hundreds of Bulbs Planted Across Town



A Fine Display in Coal Aston



Tree Planting – Mill Lane



Tree Planting – Sindelfingen Park



New Footbridge – Mill Lane



Heritage Trail – Unstone Line



Balsam Bash - Unstone Line



Working with Schools



Project - Birdbox

Environmental Projects

We are helping to fund environmental projects at four local schools:

Holmesdale Infant

William Levick

Stonelow Junior

Lenthall Infant and Nursery

Wish List

- Mobile planters
- Vegetable plants and seeds
- Fencing to define quiet sensory zones
- Plants and seed for wildflower meadow areas

Environmental Outcomes

- Helping children learn about habitats, biodiversity, sustainability and healthy eating
- Enabling children to connect with nature
- Supporting mental well-being
- Strengthening community links

Street Scene Improvement



**We pressured for something better than
a plastic barrier**

Funds for Street Scene Improvement

With
Signage



Less is best

Funding Repair & Cleaning of the War Memorial



Grave Responsibilities



We helped to restore the grave of Dr H.B. Fletcher – an eminent doctor and resident of the town who bought the Manor House (Library) and gave it to be used as the UDC headquarters

The Ladles - Funding for Plants



Fixing Things & Blue Plaques



Engaging with Planning is a Major Part of our Work

- Focus Groups
- Consultations
- Appeals
- Hearings
- Examinations
- Weekly Planning Applications

Planning Status


- Achieved consultee status with the Local Authority
- Invited to comment on applications on Listed Buildings and within the Conservation Areas
- Direct engagement with the Assistant Director of Planning and the Conservation Officer at NEDDC

DCS Objected to the BESS

Extent, size and design would cause significant harm to the character, quality and distinctiveness of the landscape and fail to contribute to the conservation and enhancement of the area

Appeal **DISMISSED**

DCS Objected to Burns Rise



The design would harm the character and appearance of the area adjacent to countryside. It would result in harm to the living conditions of existing and future residents by reason of overlooking and loss of privacy.

Appeal **DISMISSED**

Hallowes Overspill Car Park

DCS objected to this recent application

- **Urbanisation of the Green Belt**
- **Incursion into countryside**
- **Loss of mature hedgerows**
- **Detrimental impact on openess and landscape character**



Application **REFUSED**

Concerns Raised

Over the years we have raised concerns about:

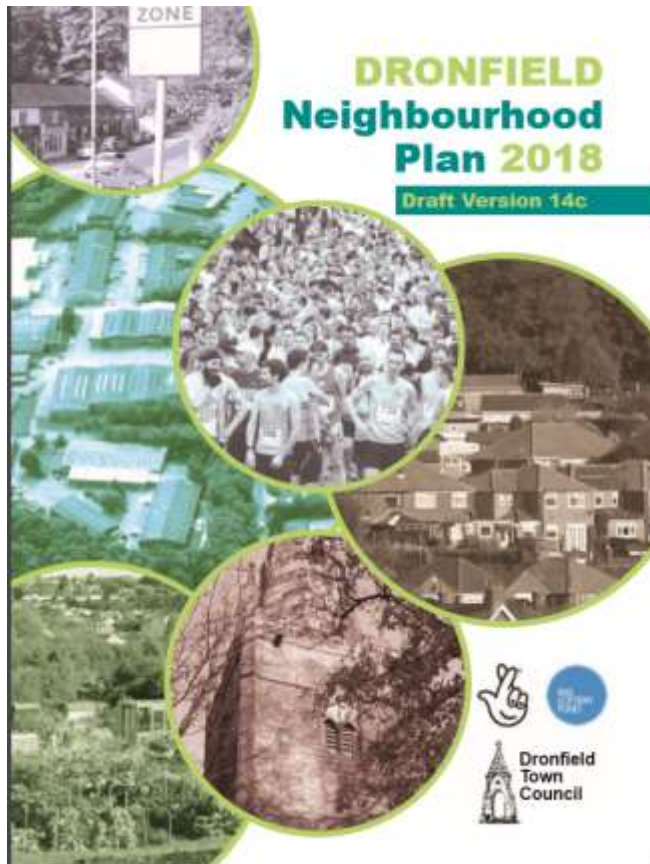
- Inappropriate signage
- Poor design of new development
- Changes to Green Belt boundaries
- Inappropriate redesign of shop fronts
- Insufficient off-street parking provision
- Inappropriate change of use of Listed buildings
- The loss of buildings which are part of local heritage
- Proposals which detrimentally impact the amenity of existing residents

The Emerging Local Plan



Raised objection to proposals for 862 houses in Dronfield with the majority being on land currently in the Green Belt

Dronfield Neighbourhood Plan



We worked with the Town Council on this important document which is referred to in assessing all local planning applications

A Most Generous Bequest

- In 2024 the Civic Society received a generous bequest from Mr & Mrs G.M. Rodgers who had been Life Members.
- In accordance with the wording of the bequest, we are using the funds to make improvements in Coal Aston

An Arch and an Orchard



Community Garden & Coal Aston Village Hall

Benches and a Pond



Two benches at St Philip's Church and a small pond with plants and a bespoke cover at Coal Aston Village Hall



Mr & Mrs G.M.
Rodgers – a
generous bequest

Why the Relaunch?

- After two committee members stepped down last year, a closure process began
- Thankfully people came forward to form an 'Acting Committee'
- We now need to formally reverse the closure decision with a vote

Your Civic Society Needs YOU

How can I help?

- donations, sponsorship, membership subscription
- join our committee
- help us to run social events
- join the K6 renovation team, help us with litter picks and bulb planting



What would you like us to focus on?

- Planning
- Speaker Meetings/Social Events
- Litter Clearance
- Improving the Book Exchanges
- Bulb Planting
- Conservation Areas
- Working alongside other groups/organisations/schools

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