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South Yorkshire's Vital Signs
Report 2019

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Stronger communities.**

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Foreword



I am delighted to be able to present South Yorkshire Community Foundation's third annual Vital Signs report. Following on from the success of our 2017 and 2018 reports, we have continued to gather data and consult with our communities. Our aim is to offer insight into the challenges affecting the lives of people in South Yorkshire. The needs of our communities are fluid and varied, so to be able to support them effectively, we must invest time and effort to truly understand their realities. Through Vital Signs, we are able to do just that.

This report combines the views of residents with local and national statistics to create a holistic picture of the state of South Yorkshire. This enables us to continue to make informed decisions on where resources and local philanthropy are most needed and can be most impactful moving forward.

As it has been the case for the last two reports, we wish to:

- Report on the vitality of South Yorkshire communities through the combination of community views and national statistics.
- Highlight priority social issues for our region to allow for more targeted intervention.
- Propose ways in which local philanthropy can be directed to respond to social needs both now and in the future.

We will continue to use these publications to inform our stakeholders, partners and donors and to continue conversations about targeted local philanthropy.

We aim to spark discussion, encourage connections, create partnerships and inspire action.

Ruth E. Willis, CEO

Introduction


This report outlines four themes considered to be the most prominent in South Yorkshire in 2019.

Those have been highlighted in the table below using a blue arrow.

Once again this year, there has been a shift in local priorities.

To demonstrate these changes since our first report in 2017, the table to the right outlines the local priorities identified by each of our annual reports so far.

This report awards two grades to each of the themes:



Priority Number	2017	2018	2019
1	Employment and Local Economy	Deprivation	Healthy Living
2	Strong Communities	Housing and Homelessness	Deprivation
3	Education and Learning	Strong Communities	Housing and Homelessness
4	Housing and Homelessness	Healthy Living	Safety

Baseline grade

This is calculated by analysing existing research relating to each of the indicators or utilising the existing Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) rank for that particular theme.

- A** Better than 80% of comparable areas in relation to the core indicator
- B** Better than 60% of comparable areas
- C** Better than 40% of comparable areas
- D** Better than 20% of comparable areas
- E** Worse than 80% of comparable areas

Community grade

This is calculated by analysing the results of our Community Consultation.

- A** Everything is great!
- B** Things are going well
- C** The situation is OK
- D** Things aren't going well
- E** Things are going very badly

Definitions:

Vital Issues - full report analysing all ten social issues as outlined by the international research model and provides the evidence base for this report. It can be accessed on our website at www.sycf.org.uk.

Theme - refers to any of the ten social issues from the Vital Issues report.

Indicator - used to calculate baseline grades and the region's performance against each theme.

Vital Signs - summary report of South Yorkshire's four priorities as identified by the participants of the Community Survey.

Community Consultation - Questionnaires and an online survey were shared with local residents from Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster, responses to which formed the above Community Grade and some of the qualitative data used in this report.



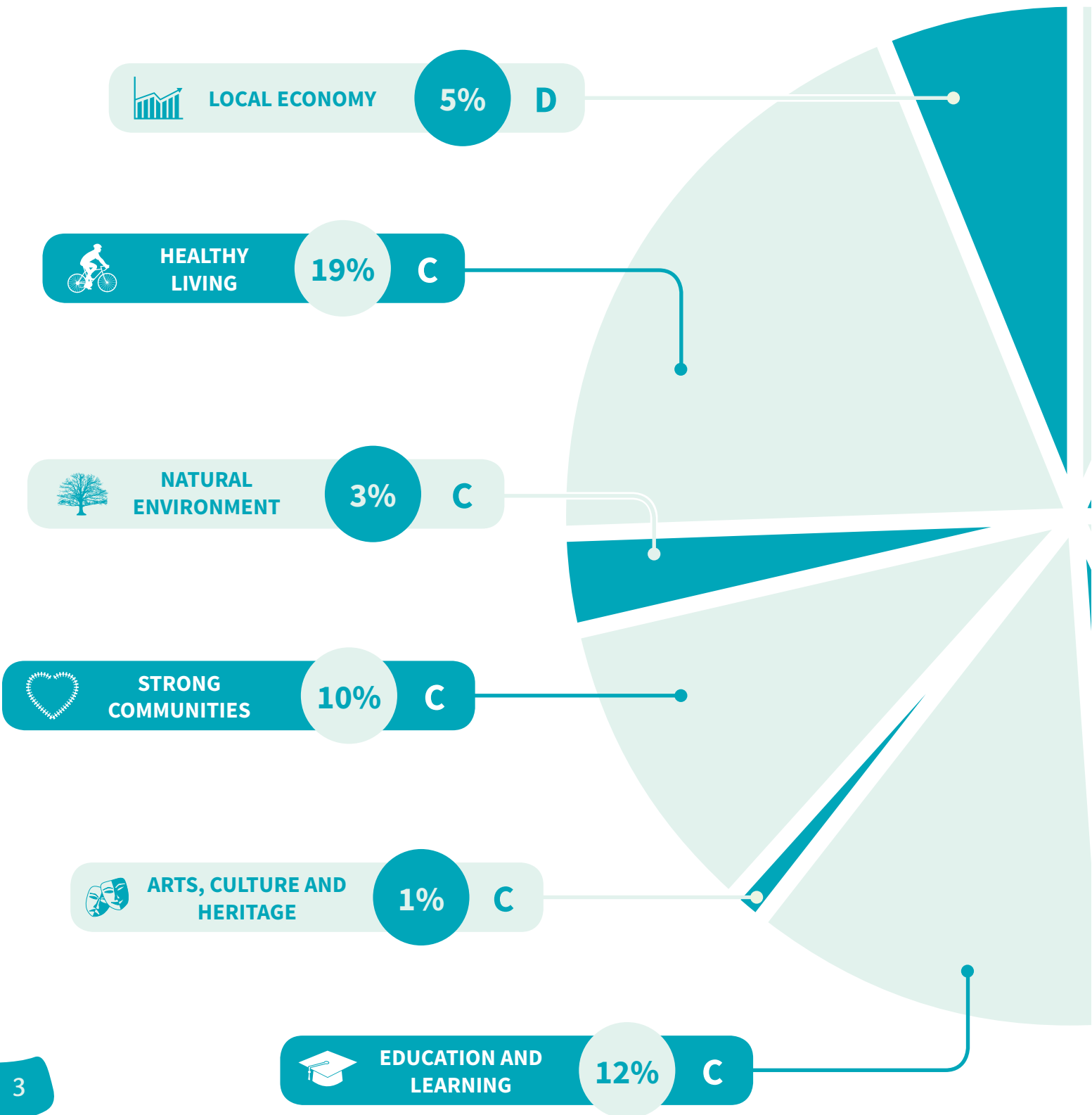
*for full details of the statistical basis of this report please request a copy of the Vital Issues Statistical Report 2019 from South Yorkshire's Community Foundation.

South Yorkshire's Priorities - Community View

Vital Signs gives local residents a voice. We strongly believe that people living and working within our communities are best placed to contribute to our priority setting and to inform our grant making. Through the Community Consultation the question as asked was:

“Overall which ONE of these issues do you consider to be the priority in South Yorkshire?”

The infographic below shows the proportion of respondents who considered each of the issues to be the priority. Respondents were also asked to give a Community Grade* to each of the ten issues outlined. The Grade awarded can be found next to the percentage value.





Please note:

1) percentage values have been rounded up to the nearest figure

2) 274 people took part in the Community Consultation

*Definition of Community Grade can be found on page 2.



EMPLOYMENT

7%

C



DEPRIVATION

19%

D



HOUSING AND
HOMELESSNESS

18%

D



SAFETY

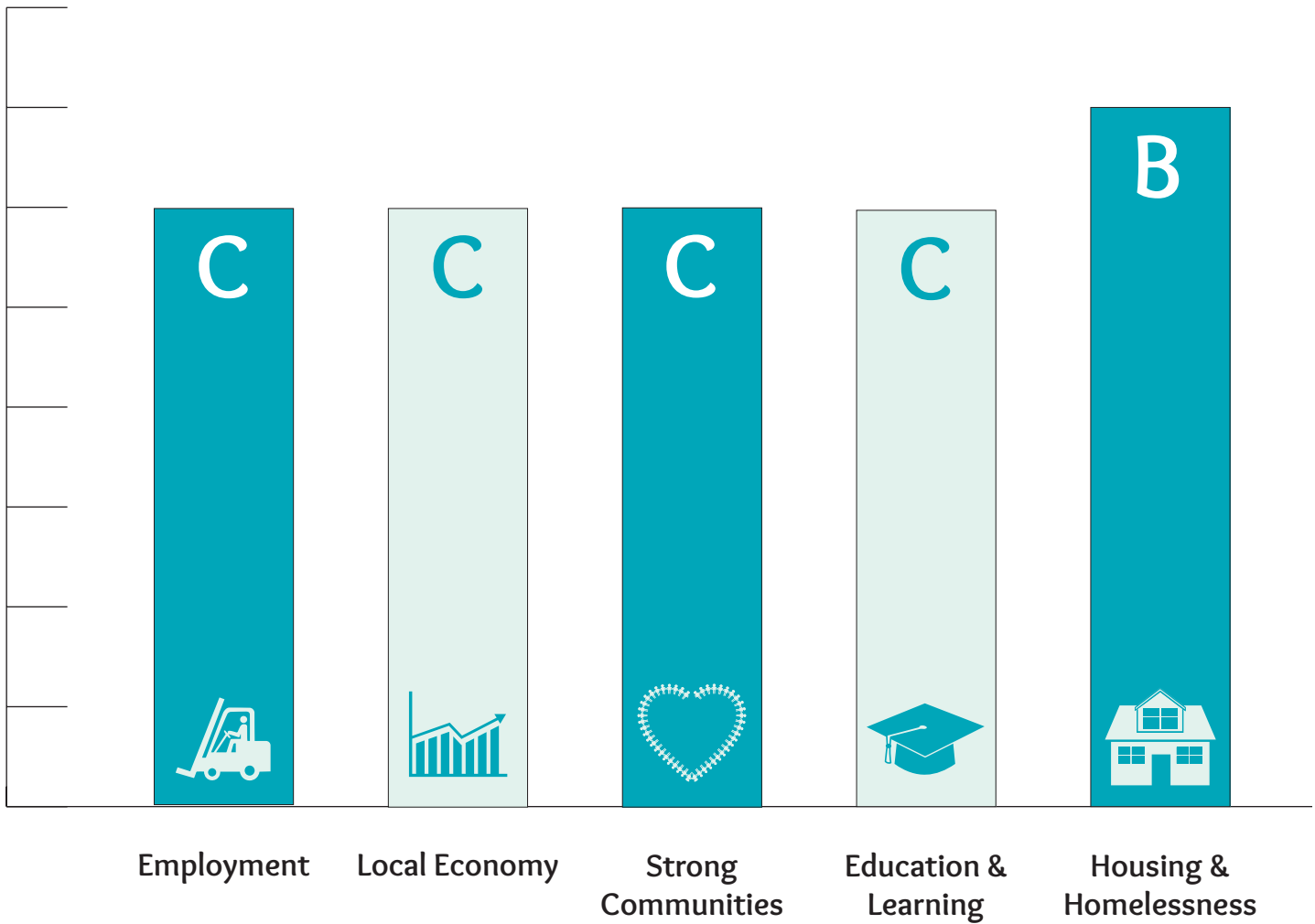
6%

D

South Yorkshire's Priorities - Official Statistics

To get a well-rounded picture of local performance and priorities, we also looked at the existing body of research available from official statistics through the Local Authorities, the Office for National Statistics, Government and Police departments and so on.

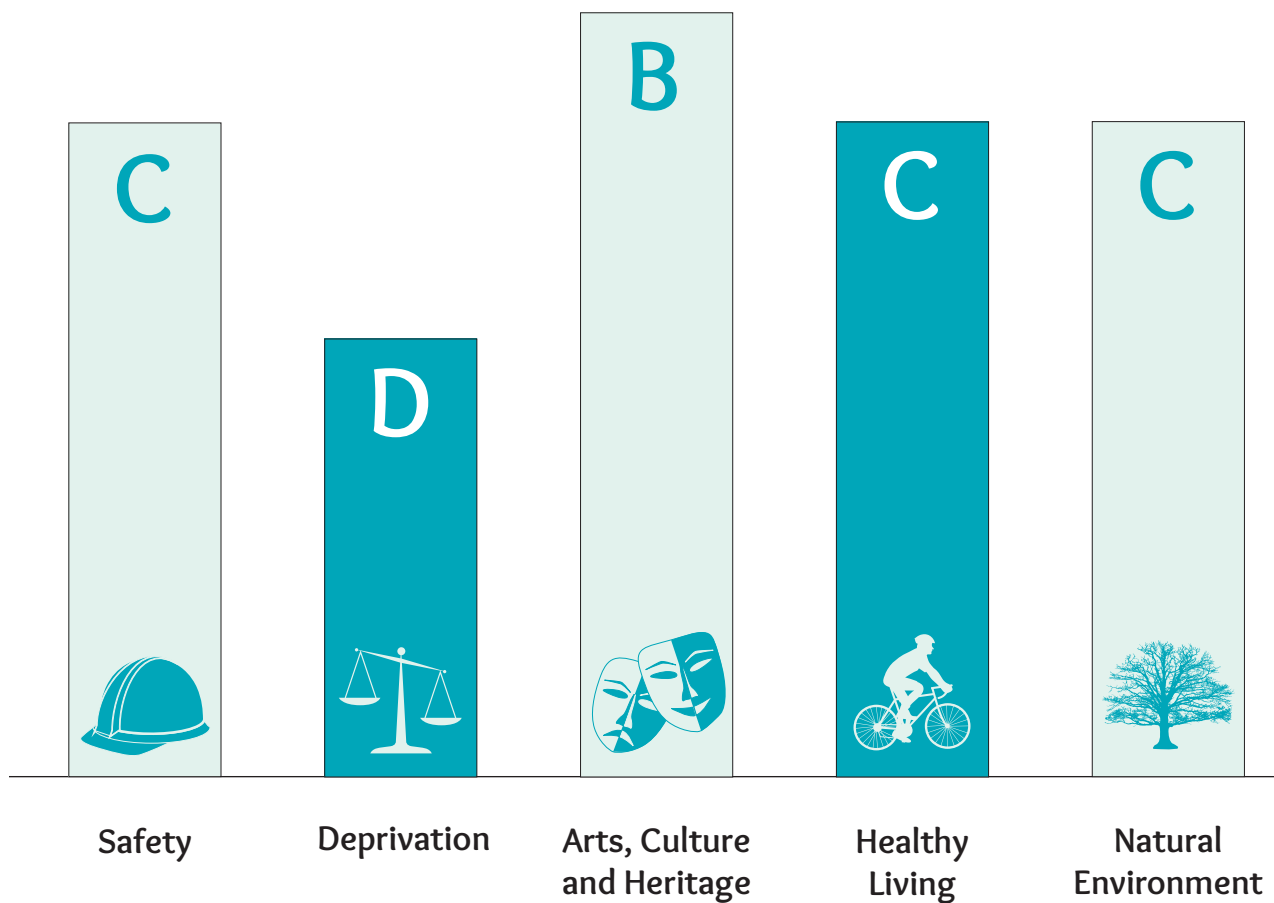
The graph below summarises how South Yorkshire is performing against the ten themes evaluated by our research. The results are presented below using the Baseline Grade (see opposite).





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Achievements

Since our 2018 Vital Signs Report, we focused our grant making on areas defined as priorities in that year. Those priorities were:

1. Deprivation
2. Housing and Homelessness
3. Strong Communities
4. Healthy Living

Our giving is divided into six broad IMPACT categories outlined below. Categories relating to our 2018 priorities have been highlighted in blue and the amount of grants awarded against each category has also been included.

I

Improve life skills, education, employability and enterprise

£119,493

M

Maximise ability to strengthen community cohesion and build social capacity

£351,335

P

Promote reduction of isolation and disadvantage and access to local services

£86,821

A

Advance people's physical and mental health, wellbeing and safety

£267,543

C

Connect people with the arts, culture and heritage

£36,193

T

Transform access to, and engagement with, the environment and public spaces

£7,902



As well as supporting **238,975 people** with grants totalling **£869,287** SYCF wanted to further help tackle the priorities identified by our 2018 report.

Housing and Homelessness



Recognising the urgent need for support, the Homeless Survival Guide for South Yorkshire was officially launched in March 2019 in partnership with Barry Eldred DL, the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University.

The Survival Guide is a comprehensive resource for anyone experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. It offers essential information on the variety of charitable and public sector services available in the region.

To date, 3500 copies of the guide have been distributed. A website version of the guide was also officially launched at the end of 2019.

Health and Wellbeing



After tragically losing their 22 year old daughter Molly to suicide in 2017, the Hurst family set up a fund in her memory in conjunction with SYCF.

The Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund awards grant funding to community organisation and charities supporting young people's mental health.

Since its launch in 2018, £41,202 has been raised and distributed in grants.

Healthy Living

Baseline Grade
C

Community Grade
D

Official statistics tend to focus on physical health, hence the indicators used below. However, following a focus group held in 2018 we decided to split physical and mental health in our Community Consultation. Results show that the people of South Yorkshire are concerned about the levels of both, but mental health in particular has been highlighted as requiring urgent action.

Core Indicator:
Life expectancy at birth

Secondary Indicator:
Child Obesity Levels

Third Indicator:
People with a limiting long term illness

19%
of respondents
considered this to be the
Number 1 priority for
South Yorkshire

Approximately
1 in 4
people in the UK will
experience a mental
health problem each year

All local authority areas in South Yorkshire have a higher percentage of those with a limiting long-term illness than the national average. Proportions are highest in Barnsley and lowest in Sheffield.

Child Obesity levels:

Across South Yorkshire, the number of Year 6 children classified as obese has increased.

Apart from Barnsley (at **18.7%**) the remaining three local authority areas all have a higher than national average child obesity rate.

National rate of obesity is **20.1%**.

In Rotherham **22.8%**, in Doncaster **21.9%** and in Sheffield **21.1%** of children are classed as obese.

Local Authorities

Barnsley	23.9%
Doncaster	21.7%
Rotherham	22.0%
Sheffield	18.8%

National

England	17.6%
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Uncategorised

South Yorkshire	20.9%
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Life expectancy at birth:

South Yorkshire life expectancy for **females** is **82** in comparison to the **83** national life expectancy.



Similarly, **male** life expectancy in South Yorkshire is **78**, 1 year lower than the national average.

The lowest life expectancy for **females** is found in **Rotherham (81)** and for **males** it **remains steady across all four local authorities**.





Community Voices:

"Too many people are suffering from Mental Health issues. The Mental Health issues in South Yorkshire need more attention."

"Health services have been dramatically cut, meaning people who really need help don't get any."

"Mental Health issues affect 1 in 4 people, this is a huge concern for me. More needs to be done to understand how to support/access support/signpost loved ones, friends, work colleagues should you become a listening ear."



How we help

In the last **12 months**
£267,543 was awarded to
projects supporting people's
physical and mental health.

The money directly benefitted
over **30,700** individuals.

Case Study: Casting Innovations

Casting Innovations has been working in Canklow in Rotherham for over ten years and has spent that time providing some much needed support and activities to locals.

Canklow is one of the top most deprived wards of South Yorkshire and members of the local community face many issues.

Casting Innovations provides a caring environment where people can come and forget about their troubles for a little while and work with their hands through metal working and pottery.

A grant award of £4,330 from the Cutlers Company Grassroots Endowment Fund has enabled the group to buy a number of new pieces of casting equipment.



"One of our regular guys is Eric who is 86 years old and was a master engraver before he retired. He is suffering with Dementia and is either in his chair or on his walker to get around. His wife, Veronica, is his carer and is 82 herself. I think the only break she gets is when she brings Eric down to spend the day with us. On his good days Eric has been able to teach us a lot of his old skills and we have been able to teach him some of what we do too."

Deprivation

Baseline Grade
D

Community Grade
D

Core Indicator:
**Index of Multiple
Deprivation (IMD)
Rank***

Secondary Indicator:
**Children in
poverty**

Third Indicator:
**Health
Deprivation and
disability**

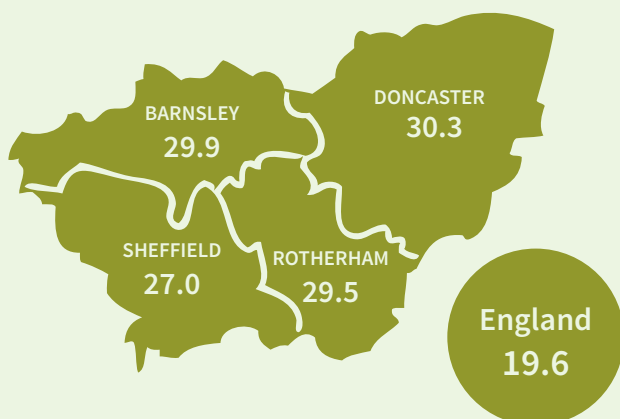
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IMD Rank*

Figures suggest that **Doncaster** is experiencing the **highest overall levels of deprivation** in South Yorkshire, shortly followed by **Barnsley**, **Rotherham** and then **Sheffield**.

All are performing worse than the national average.



*The IMD is a relative measure of deprivation for small areas across England. The overall IMD rank combines together indicators under seven different domains of deprivation: income, employment, education, health, crime, housing and living environment.

There are **85,578** children living in poverty across all four local authorities.

Local Authority	% of children living in poverty*	Number of children living in poverty
Barnsley	27%	14,738
Doncaster	26%	18,649
Rotherham	25%	15,935
Sheffield	27%	36,256



*This includes percentage of children living below the poverty line before housing costs are even taken into account

Sheffield is the least health deprived area of South Yorkshire scoring **73** points with the national average at **48**.





Community Voices:

"We have pockets of great deprivation that need a concentrated effort to attend to."

"Children are going hungry, families that work are having to go to food banks, the situation is not good at all."

"There is an unease which is increasing due to the levels of crime and antisocial behaviour within the area. People do not feel safe, cuts are devastating services."



How we help

In the last **12 months**, we awarded **£86,821** to help **5552 individuals** improve their access to services and reduce isolation.

Case Study: Breaking Beats

Since its conception in 2014, Breaking Beats has grown to become a well recognised and respected group which looks out for young people across South Yorkshire. Drawing on a range of creative arts, Breaking Beats works informally and in an approachable way with young people to encourage them to engage with their projects.

The session workers at Breaking Beats inspire anywhere between 20 and 200 children per week to get involved with the arts. Specialising in street art and DJ'ing, the project has spread across Doncaster to work with a wide range of young people.

The Breaking Beats team works tirelessly to engage and inspire children and young people who are often disadvantaged and would rarely get the opportunity to take part in a project that makes them feel a part of their community.



"One boy was very much an outsider and didn't want to take part. He argued with session workers and didn't feel enthused about the project at all. We persuaded him to listen to what the project was about and at least try to take part. He came back for the next few weeks and really put the time and effort into the project."

Housing and Homelessness

Baseline Grade
B

Community Grade
D

Core Indicator:
Housing affordability

Secondary Indicator:
Housing supply

Third Indicator:
Rough sleeping

18%

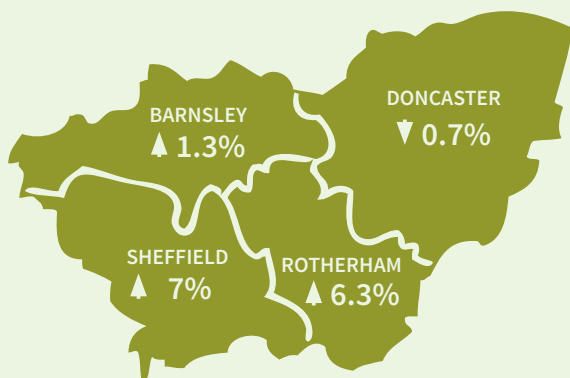
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Sheffield house prices have increased by **7%** since last year.

Rotherham by **6.3%** and Barnsley by **1.3%**.

Prices have only fallen in Doncaster (**0.7%**).

Average affordability ratio is currently **5.26:1**, lower than the national ratio of **8.00:1**.



Figures show that areas in South Yorkshire have a proportionally higher amount of local authority housing when compared to the rest of England. Across all four authorities just under **100,000** houses are available.

Local Authorities	Local Authority (incl. owned by other LAs)
Sheffield	39,930
Barnsley	18,600
Rotherham	20,560
Doncaster	20,340
National	
England	1,602,000
Uncategorised	
South Yorkshire	99,430

On average, across all four local authorities, **79%** of housing is privately owned vs **83%** nationally.

Rough sleeping across all four local authorities has increased substantially*

Local Authority	Total	% Increase from previous year	Predominantly
Barnsley	17	≥ 1700%	UK Males Over 25
Doncaster	27	238%	UK Males Over 25
Rotherham	5	150%	UK Males Over 25
Sheffield	26	30%	UK Males Over 25



*Rough sleeping data is based on street counts made between 1st October and 30th November 2018. This methodology can lead to underestimations in figures and so should be treated with caution.



Community Voices:

"There are far more 'visible' homeless people across the county."

"I am on pension credit and the housing benefit does not cover the cost of my rent. I would like to apply for social housing but need references from landlord whom I do not want to know that I am looking to leave. Vicious circle!"

"Street homelessness, numbers with addiction and mental health issues is not being addressed, and children leaving care are not adequately provided for."



How we help

In the last 12 months **£351,335** has been awarded to help strengthen community cohesion and build social capacity.

This has directly benefitted over **28,400** individuals. Further **£86,821** has been awarded to help improve access to services.

Case Study - Barnsley Churches Drop-In Project

Starting out in 2002, the Barnsley Churches Drop-In Project (BCDIP) has worked closely with its community to provide a hub for those who are homeless, substance misusers or who are simply struggling to make ends meet.

Alongside helping with food and bedding, the BCDIP provide additional services to help disadvantaged individuals feel more a part of their community. Among the services provided at the BCDIP are a hairdresser, a podiatry team and health workers; all of whom work on a voluntary basis.

To further increase the help they provide to disadvantaged individuals in Barnsley, the BCDIP provide a signposting service. By collaborating with a variety of organisations, the BCDIP gives its service users the opportunity to gain advice on matters such as applications, housing and employment.



"We had one service user who was homeless and wasn't aware of the services that we provided. He came to us quite often and told us that he would like a job in the food industry in the long run. We offered him a volunteering position in our kitchen and he enjoyed it. Over time he's built up his confidence and, after a few job changes, he's got a home of his own, a partner and a child on the way!"

Safety

Baseline Grade
C

Community Grade
D

Core Indicator:
**Antisocial
behaviour**

Secondary Indicator:
Crime rates

Third Indicator:
Violent Offences

South Yorkshire currently ranks
**14th highest out of 55
UK and Welsh counties**
in terms of the **volume of
antisocial behaviour**.

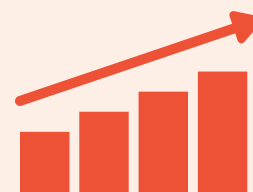


Annual rates of antisocial
behaviour in South Yorkshire is
27 per **1000** residents.
Compared to the national crime rate,
South Yorkshire's rate is at **116%**.

However, anti-social behaviour rates
have reduced over the last **12 months**
by a total of **30.4%**.

6%

of respondents considered this to be the
Number 1 priority for South Yorkshire



Violent offences have increased by
almost **10%**
since last year.

Total number of offences committed in
the period of
12 months
from
June 2018 to July 2019
was
46,800.



**Violent crime,
antisocial behaviour
and criminal damage**
are the 3 most common types of crimes
recorded in our region.

Almost **27%** of all crimes were violent.





Community Voices:

"I feel scared at night if alone, the lack of physical police people for antisocial behaviour is not good. A lot can be avoided through presence."

"I don't walk alone in the dark in Doncaster, some areas I wouldn't walk alone in the daylight!"

"I feel quite intimidated when out and about in certain parts of town."

"Great in parts awful in others - the difference is the big issue!"



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Case Study - Sheffield Street Pastors



Sheffield Street Pastors work tirelessly and fearlessly to ensure that those who are out and about at night in the city centre are cared for when they are vulnerable. Providing a range of support from footwear to defibrillators, the Street Pastors of Sheffield are always there to care, to listen and to help.

Starting in Burngreave in 2010 with 16 members, the Sheffield branch of Street Pastors soon expanded. Responding to a high amount of knife and gun crime in the area, the Street Pastors made their mark. After many requests, in 2011 groups started patrolling Sheffield city centre on Friday and Saturday nights. A total of 50 volunteers from 21 different churches across Sheffield are a part of the national organisation.

Funding of £2,000 from the William Cook Charitable Community First Fund for South Yorkshire has allowed for the purchase of the many useful and essential items that the Street Pastors carry with them on their rounds.

"Hi, this is XXXX's mum the kid you helped put in the car on Fri night/Sat morning. Just letting you know that he's fine. He felt a little rough yesterday and he's now grounded till he's 60. But he's absolutely fine. Thank you ever so much for looking after him for us! You all do an amazing job!"

Our Plans For the Future

SYCF fulfils an important role in community leadership by acting as a connector and facilitator of discussions.

Following on from this Vital Signs Report we are committed to:



Researching the vitality
of our communities on
an annual basis.



Building and
improving our
research activities.



Utilising these
findings to guide our
themed campaigns
based on local needs.



Using the Vital Signs findings to steer our own discussions with local individuals, businesses, statutory partners and philanthropists, to further inform about local needs.



Sharing this information widely with partners and the public to develop new partnerships.



Encourage a more strategic and collaborative way to tackle social issues.

Vital Signs is a community philanthropy guide from your local community foundation. It measures the vitality of our communities and identifies significant trends in a range of areas critical to quality of life. Vital Signs is supported by UK Community Foundations.

The creation of this report was possible thanks to the help and support of our valuable volunteers. We also wanted to extend our sincere thanks to each of the 274 local residents who participated in our online survey.

For more information about South Yorkshire's Community Foundation please visit www.sycf.org.uk

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