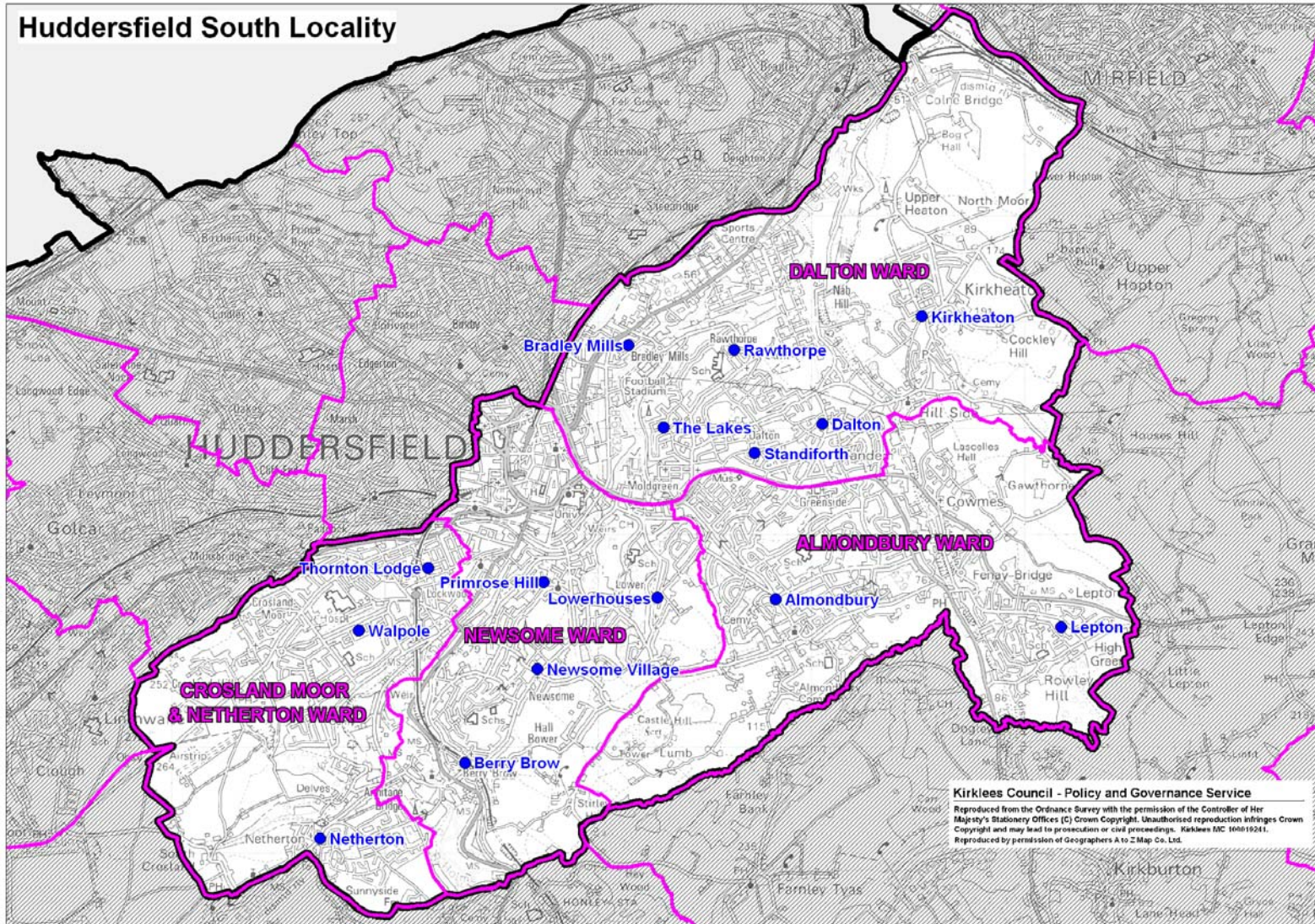




# Huddersfield South Locality Plan

## SUMMARY

# 1. Area Profile



# 1. Local context for change – key challenges

The suburban nature of the locality has resulted in the need to create improved identities for communities in many ways distinct from that of Huddersfield town centre.

As well as the particular areas of development specific to each community, there are priority themes across the whole locality.

These priority themes include:

- ❖ **Healthier and Stronger Communities**  
(The first Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, March 2008, gives considerable detail about health and well-being inequalities for Huddersfield South. Key points are summarised below. Community cohesion issues are also included in this theme.)
- ❖ **Young People and Attainment**  
(This includes non-health issues relating to young people, and encouraging everyone – young and older people – to reach their level of attainment.)
- ❖ **Improved Environment**  
(Environment means both the space in which people live AND the green aspects of the locality.)
- ❖ **Public Safety and Protection**  
(Reducing the fear of crime as well as low-level disorder and disruption.)
- ❖ **Economic Well Being**  
(This is for the locality as well as for individuals – recognising and supporting the key role of small and medium enterprises [SMEs], skills training and routes into work, and benefits take-up.)
- ❖ **High Quality Services**  
(‘Smart working’ of all council and partner services, especially local health and police.)

We have allocated these themes into short, medium and long term work packages as follows:

<b>Short term</b> (up to 3 years):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ High Quality Services</li> <li>❖ Public Safety and Protection</li> </ul>
<b>Medium term</b> ( from 3 to 5 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Young People and Attainment</li> <li>❖ Improved Environment</li> <li>❖ Healthier and Stronger Communities</li> </ul>
<b>Long term</b> (up to 10 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Economic Well Being</li> </ul>

NOTE: Work will progress on all these work packages simultaneously from day one – only the expected delivery dates are staggered.

## General issues for the locality

### 1. Children and Young People

The main challenges for this locality are **alcohol, emotional well-being** and **teenage pregnancies**. Regular alcohol drinking (14 year olds) has increased since 2005. Young people in this locality were the most unhappy with themselves, most unhappy at school (nearly half of them) and got on least well with school staff. 1 in 4 did not have anyone to talk to and were not happy at school. Over a third were angry over the last year and many young people reported being a bully, the highest rate in Kirklees. Teenage pregnancies were the second highest in Kirklees.

### 2. Adults

Higher numbers experiencing **long term health conditions, poor emotional well being**. High levels of **smoking** and **alcohol** drunk over sensible limits, by men and women.

Recognising the focus on communities the key challenges and priorities are described accordingly.

### 3. Policing priorities

In conjunction with partners, the following are the policing priorities for 2008/09 have been identified:

To work with locality partners

- ❖ for the promotion of responsible sale and consumption of alcohol in the locality
- ❖ to reduce incidents of anti social behaviour and increase public reassurance and confidence
- ❖ in dealing with environmental crimes that affect the local communities
- ❖ Police statistics