



Strategic Priorities 2024 – 2027

Strategic Vision, Aims and Objectives:

1. Supporting a thriving town centre and encouraging tourism
2. Protecting the town and its residents from the impact of environmental change
3. Protecting Knaresborough's heritage
4. Improving open spaces and recreational facilities
5. Working to improve community safety and engagement
6. Sourcing additional funding to facilitate further improvements in the town

Year One: 2024 - 2025

High priority	Project	Budget	End Date	
	Market feasibility and business case	TBC	TBC	✓
	Integrate and develop Community Projects Officer role	Staffing	Dec 2024	✓
	Improve grant monitoring/feedback and promotion	Not required	Dec 2024	✓
	Tour guide training launch and implementation	£7,000	Mar 2025	✓
	Road closure management plan	£10,000	Apr 2025	
	Neighbourhood Development Plan Reg 16	£2,000 +EMR	Apr 2025	
	Solar Energy Project Funding application	Not required	Feb 2025	✓
	Biodiversity Policy	Not required	May 2024	✓
Medium priority	255 th Commemoration – Enclosures Act	£600	Aug 2025	
	Town Map	£1000	TBC	
	KGV Field commuted sums	TBC	TBC	
	Emergency Resilience Plan review	Not required	Apr 2025	
	Further work on Town Ranger role development	£10,000	TBC	✓
	Councillor surgeries to improve engagement	Not required	Ongoing	✓
	Community stage usage development	TBC	Ongoing	
	Bright Friday	£2,500	Nov 2024	✓
	Remembrance	£1,000	Nov 2024	✓
	D-Day 80	£3,000	Jun 2024	✓
	VE Day 80	TBC	May 2025	✓
	Engage Duchy re Castle Area	TBC	Feb 2025	✓
	Storage solutions – investigate	TBC	TBC	
	Police liaison meetings and communications	Not required	Ongoing	✓
	VAS review	£5,000	Mar 2025	
	Allotment site – Hawthorns investigate	TBC	TBC	
Low priority	Castle 900 th 2030	£600	2030	
	Biodiversity review and action plan	TBC	TBC	
	Office mobile phones	£1,200	Mar 2024	✓



	Christmas Tree Festival – community engagement	TBC	Dec 2024	✓
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Year Two: 2025 - 2026

High priority	Project	Budget	End Date
	Market business plan and potential phased implementation	TBC	TBC
	Town Ranger/Lengthsman/Maintenance Officer	Staffing	Dec 2025
	Storage – feasibility and business plan?	TBC	TBC
	Tour guide implementation and review processes	TBC	May 2025
	Neighbourhood Development Plan review and training	TBC	Apr 2026
	Solar Energy Project implementation	Grant funded	May 2025
	255 th Commemoration – Enclosures Act completion	TBC	Aug 2025
	Storage solution implementation phase	TBC	TBC
	Integrate additional allotment site with existing if NYC allow	TBC	TBC
	KTC consultations – budget, market, castle etc	TBC	Ongoing
	NEW Replace 3 Flags at the Castle (incl Risk Assess)	£1000	May 2025
Medium priority	Castle Area Feasibility	TBC	Apr 2026
	Town Map distribution if not already completed	Not required	TBC
	KGV Field commuted sums	TBC	TBC
	Emergency Resilience Plan improvements	TBC	Dec 2026
	Councillor surgeries to improve engagement	Not required	Ongoing
	Community stage usage development	TBC	Ongoing
	Bright Friday	TBC	Nov 2025
	Remembrance	TBC	Nov 2025
	Police liaison meetings and communications	Not required	Ongoing
	VE Day 80	TBC	May 2025
	Tree Survey	EMR	Dec 2025
	Council Business Plan and Action Plan review	Not required	Dec 2026
	NEW Investigate Border signage	TBC	
Low priority	Castle 900 th 2030	TBC	2030
	Biodiversity action plan review	TBC	Mar 2026



Year Three: 2026 - 2027

High priority	Project	Budget	End Date
	Market phased implementation	TBC	TBC
	Integrate and develop Town Ranger/Lengthsman/Maintenance Officer	Staffing	Dec 2026
	Storage – implementation and development?	TBC	TBC
	Tour guide review and develop if needed	TBC	TBC
	Neighbourhood Development Plan review	TBC	Apr 2027
	Castle area feasibility and further investigate	TBC	TBC
	Council Business Plan and Action Plan update 2028 - 2031	TBC	Dec 2027
	Christmas Lighting Tender	TBC	TBC
	KTC consultations – budget, market, castle etc	TBC	Ongoing
Medium priority	General commuted sums – investigate potential projects	TBC	TBC
	Emergency Resilience Plan review	TBC	TBC
	Further devolution opportunities - investigate	TBC	TBC
	Councillor surgeries to improve engagement	Not required	Ongoing
	Bright Friday	TBC	Nov 2025
	Remembrance	TBC	Nov 2025
	Police liaison meetings and communications	Not required	Ongoing
	Castle 900 th 2030	TBC	2030
Low priority			
	To be identified		

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