

Population

11415

Child Poverty

434

Unemployed

3.1%

Older People in Poverty

22.6%

Older People Living Alone

35.6%

Can not Speak English

0.3%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

15

IMD Score

26.40

Income Deprivation

17.2%

Ave. Download Speed

97.03

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

1.8%

Digital Inclusion  
Scoreboard

Ryhope

### Existing Digital Provision

A Community Digital Health Hub has been developed at Ryhope Community Association which has improved connectivity, provided access to digital devices and Tech Mate volunteers to support people Go Online for the first time, and provide valuable one to one support.

St Pauls and Ryhope Juniors are members of the NCCE.

Blue Watch Youth Centre offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

### Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Ryhope has higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, income deprivation and older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness.

No paid provision in the ward offering support with digital skills.

### Potential Opportunities for Members

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Venerable Bede, Ryhope Infants, St Patricks and Young Mums Pupil referral unit.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Cricket Club

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners