

**Draft Derbyshire  
Partnership Forum  
Annual Report  
2011/12**



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# Derbyshire Partnership Annual Report 2011/12

## Foreword

### “Welcome to the Derbyshire Partnership Annual Report for 2011/12”

I am pleased to present the 2011/12 Annual Report of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum. The report highlights just some of the work that partners have carried out over the last year towards achieving the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities and its shared vision.

It has been another demanding year for all partners. With less funding available, local authorities and partner organisations have been responding to the emerging localism agenda and significant health reforms alongside the other key issues facing the people in Derbyshire. However, this report shows how much can be achieved by working effectively together to address these wider initiatives and our key priorities. Although partnership working itself is often complex, some of our projects would not have happened without pooling resources and working together to meet the needs of the people who live, work and visit Derbyshire.

The Partnership Forum has evolved over the last year, taking into account both national policy and local needs. Partners have helped to shape our new structure, and 2012 sees the Derbyshire Partnership Forum move to a new six monthly cycle of meetings. Alongside this the partnership has used its greater local freedom to determine performance management arrangements and review the focus of its activities to develop a framework that works locally. Further details of this and the wider work of Derbyshire Partnership can be found at our website [www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk)

Although the forthcoming year will continue to present significant challenges for all partners, continuing Derbyshire’s tradition of excellent partnership working will be even more crucial to ensure we meet the needs and aspirations of local people in the most effective and efficient way.

Finally, I would like to thank all partners for their hard work, support and continued commitment to achieving our shared vision for Derbyshire.



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Chairman,  
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# Key Achievements 2011/12

## Over the last year partners have:

- **Reduced crime levels** across Derbyshire for the ninth consecutive year, with over 4,000 fewer victims of crime compared with 2010/11
- Achieved one of the **lowest re-offending rates** in the country at 28%.
- **Reduced the conception rate** in Derbyshire for the eighth year in a row from 33 females under 18 years per 1,000 population to 31
- **Improved secondary school performances** for 5 or more A\* - C GCSEs including English and Maths by 3%
- Enabled more than 93% of 16 year olds to go into **education, employment or training**, up from 90% the year before
- Embarked on a £200 million project to **transform the quality of accommodation, care and support for older people**
- **Reduced smoking rates** with more than 5,000 helped to quit smoking
- **Increased significantly**, to 9,000, the number of older and disabled people who use a **direct payment** for their social care and support
- **Reduced the amount of waste sent to landfill** and **increased recycling rates**
- Placed 3rd out of 20 County Council's surveyed for **residents' overall satisfaction** with **highways and transportation** in Derbyshire
- **Improved opportunities** for, and **promoted** volunteering
- **Increased participation** in the **arts** across Derbyshire

# Safer Communities



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# Summary of Achievements

## We said we would reduce crime and the fear of crime

### We have...

- Reduced overall **crime levels** across Derbyshire
- Reduced the number of **adults and young adults re-offending**
- Increased partner awareness of domestic violence so that more people can get the help and support that they need
- Reduced **racially or religiously motivated offences**

## We said we would improve the safety of local people

### We have...

- Reduced the number of people killed or seriously injured on **Derbyshire's roads**
- Provided a range of **safety advice** and information so that people can stay safe
- Reduced the number of **fires** in Derbyshire since 2009/10
- Provided over 1,300 partners with **learning and development** to improve community safety

## We said we would reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol

### We have...

- Provided advice and support for those affected by **alcohol dependency**
- Worked to reduce **alcohol related violent crime**
- Increased the number of drug users in **effective treatment**
- Worked to inform **young people** about the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse

## We said we would tackle anti-social behaviour

### We have...

- Reduced the number of incidents of **anti-social behaviour** by 10%
- Provided a **range of activities** to prevent young people becoming involved in anti-social behaviour
- Offered **Victim Support** services to those affected by ASB

# Safer Communities

## We said we would reduce crime and the fear of crime

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Reduced overall **crime levels** across Derbyshire”

A low level of crime is a key priority for the partnership so that people in Derbyshire are safer, feel safer, have confidence in policing and therefore enjoy a better quality of life.

In 2011/12 crime levels across Derbyshire fell for the ninth consecutive year, with over 4,000 fewer victims of crime compared with 2010/11. Domestic burglary fell by 12%, vehicle crime by 6% and criminal damage by 10%. Nearly two-thirds (61%) of residents felt that the Police did a good job in 2011, up from 55% in 2010.

The overall serious acquisitive crime rate fell compared with 2010/11. The biggest single reduction was for violent crime, which fell by 15 per cent, reflecting a long term strategy with the police and partners to reduce violent offending.

The **burglar alarm for victims** project, which provides victims with the option of having a burglar alarm fitted free of charge, continued in 2011/12. 374 alarms were fitted and 95% of these householders have not been repeat victims. Further funding of £120,000 has been approved. The work undertaken by the **Derbyshire Crimestoppers Board**, which is made up primarily of community volunteers has generated over 1,800 calls about crime resulting in nearly 200 arrests.

“Reduced the number of **adults and young adults re-offending**”

Criminal justice agencies and other partners have shared information and worked together through the **Integrated Offender Management Scheme** to control, manage and supervise a small, targeted

group of offenders who are assessed as being highly likely to re-offend. This has involved working directly with the offenders and drug, alcohol, debt, health, accommodation and children services. This has helped to reduce crimes from 677 to 582 in 2011/12, a decrease of 14%.

Partners have also worked to ensure that Derbyshire has one of the lowest re-offending rates in the country. Just over a quarter (28%) of young people in Derbyshire re-offend, compared to a third (33%) nationally.

“Increased partners awareness of **domestic violence** so that more people can get the help and support that they need”

During 2011/12 there were 19,673 domestic abuse incidents reported to Derbyshire Constabulary. Victims were signposted to a range of specialist support services provided across the county. 284 referrals for high risk victims were made to Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) giving victims access to specialist support offered by the Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) team.

“**Behind closed doors**” a joint campaign with Crimestoppers encouraged third party reporting of domestic abuse. Services such as the 24 hour **Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline** has been extensively promoted resulting in over 1,100 calls made in 2011/12. Approximately 10% were from male victims of domestic abuse. This is very positive as male victims are underrepresented in reporting abuse.

## We said we would improve the safety of local people

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Reduced the number of people killed or seriously injured on **Derbyshire’s roads**”

The safety of local people on Derbyshire’s roads is a key priority for the partnership.

In 2011/12 fewer people were killed or seriously injured on Derbyshire’s roads, down from 441 in 2010/11 to 330. This was the second lowest on record. Child casualties were also halved to 28.

Motorcyclist casualties account for a third of those killed or seriously injured on Derbyshire’s roads. Partners helped to reduce motorcyclist casualties by 12% in 2011/12 compared to 2003 and by 43% on those routes which received focus work. This has been aided by **road safety campaigns** on key routes targeting leisure riders. Increased enforcement through mobile cameras and road policing teams has focused efforts on high casualty routes, thanks in part to **Fixed Automatic Traffic Counters** which measure traffic flow and speed.

Partners were also successful in raising awareness of the dangers of drink-driving, especially around the Christmas period. Police Officers administered 895 breath tests between 1-31st December 2011. Of those, 89% were tested as clean, which was an increase from 84% in 2010.

“Provided a range of **safety advice** and information so that people can stay safe”

The new **Safer Derbyshire website** ([www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk)) was re-launched by partners in March 2012, with new features such as news alerts. During the first month, over 800 people visited the site. The site also contains links to the

Derbyshire Observatory and police.uk so performance information can be easily accessed.

“Increased the number of people who **felt safe**”

The successful **Door Chimes** project in 2010, resulted in nearly 100% of those people who had a door chime fitted saying they felt safer as a result. In 2011/12, a further 300 door chimes were funded by partners and fitted through the **Derbyshire HandyVan** network.

“Reduced the number of **fires** in Derbyshire since 2009/10”

Partners have worked to successfully reduce the number of secondary fires in the county from 1,012 in 2009/10 to 992 in 2011/12. Partners have worked on numerous awareness projects and implemented operational improvements. For example, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire implemented a new system of responding to emergencies where all three areas can share resources when deploying to incidents.

“Provided over 1,300 partners with **learning and development** to improve community safety”

Sharing knowledge and developing skills helps to improve community safety services and outcomes. A total of 1,394 delegates accessed community safety training in 2011/12 which is an increase of 273 delegates from 2010/11. 49 sessions of ten different training events, two conferences and one e-learning course were delivered. The Community Safety Unit’s training courses and events are highly regarded by community safety professionals in Derbyshire, with 89% rating the courses and events very good or excellent. This is an increase of 3% on last year.



## We said we would reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Provided advice and support for those affected by **alcohol dependency**”

Drug and alcohol use has many harmful effects on individuals, families and communities. The **Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service** has continued to offer free confidential advice, support and counseling to those affected by problematic alcohol use. During 2011/12 DAAS had over 2,500 referrals, a 13% increase on the previous year.

“Worked to reduce **alcohol related violent crime**”

There was an 18% reduction in assaults with less serious injury during 2011/12, or 859 less victims of this type of crime. In December 2011 the **‘Gauge Your Behaviour Campaign’** encouraged people drinking in our Town Centre's to consider how drinking affected their behaviour.

Locally, Licensing Officers have worked consistently with licensees to educate them around their responsibilities for staff training, safety standards of premises and underage sales. Where necessary, enforcement activity was carried out, resulting in a range of outcomes, including a small number of premises being temporarily closed.

Following the successful launch of the Violence, Alcohol Harm and Licensing Vehicles, partners were able to carry out multi-agency visits, provide advice and support to the trade outlets in Derbyshire.

Partners also produced the **'Like Drinking?'** videos, which make clear the potential consequences irresponsible attitudes to alcohol can have, particularly where children are involved. 'Like Drinking?' follows in the footsteps of the award winning 'Cocktales' campaign of 2009.

“Increased the number of drug users in **effective treatment**”

During 2011, partners ensured that 10% of opiate clients and 43% of non opiate clients successfully exited treatment. The percentage growth in both opiate and non opiate successful completions during 2011 has been greater than that seen by other Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) partnerships across the country. At the end of 2011/12 Derbyshire DAAT had entered into the top quartile for opiate successful completions within its DAAT Cluster Group.

One of the initiatives which has helped people get out of substance abuse and into effective treatment is the **GRID (Grass Roots Recovery in Derbyshire)**. Based in Chesterfield, it was developed by people who are in recovery. In the communities where they became ill and where their addiction consumed them and their families, they are now seen as positive role models and have helped others.

“Worked to inform **young people** about the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse”

In the Derbyshire Youth Service Participants Survey 2010, young people in Derbyshire identified reducing alcohol and drug misuse as a top priority, and partners have delivered various projects to raise awareness of these issues. The **Youth Inclusion Support Partnership** delivered programmes in schools to raise awareness about the crimes young people commit and explore how these are dealt with. The numbers of young people entering the criminal justice system for the first time have significantly decreased in Derbyshire over the past 2 years. This has resulted in the county having a lower rate of new offenders than the average for comparator authorities.

## We said we would tackle **anti-social behaviour**

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Reduced the number of incidents of **anti-social behaviour** by 10% ”

Tackling anti-social behaviour is a priority for residents and partners, so that people can be confident in their communities without feeling intimidated by the behaviour of others.

The results of the Derbyshire Resident’s Survey 2011 show that fewer residents think that antisocial behaviour is a problem compared to 2009 . Nearly two-thirds of people (59%) agreed that Derbyshire Police are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in their area. This was an increase of nearly 10% from the previous year. The number of police calls for services reduced by over 4,000 in 2011/12 to just over 37,000 compared to 41,000 in 2010/11.

“Provided a **range of activities** to prevent young people becoming involved in anti-social behaviour”

Partnership initiatives such as **Dreamscheme**, which has worked with over 140 young people aged 8-19, got them involved in community work-based activities which made a positive difference to the neighbourhoods where they live. The project has successfully diverted young people from anti-social behaviour and has had a positive impact on the community.

The **Yes! Project** has provided support to over 50 young people who have been referred by partners, because there were likely to become involved in antisocial behaviour or at risk of being excluded from school. Parents have seen a positive change in the attitude of their referred children, and a beneficial experience for them all.

The ‘**Buddy Plus+ mentoring scheme** has also helped 41 children, referred by partners, between the ages of 8-18 who were at risk of becoming involved in criminal and anti-social behaviour. They were provided with a volunteer mentor whom they met with regularly and spent quality 1 to 1 time together. The Derbyshire Youth Inclusion and Support Partnership take on children who are also at risk and have used £46,000 of funding to raise awareness about the crimes young people commit.

In 2011, **Community Payback**, where offenders carry out unpaid work as part of their sentence, worked on 238 projects around the county for groups, organisations or individuals.

Offenders carried out work that included clearing church yards and other community areas, jobs for schools and clearing up litter and fly tipping. Community Payback projects also did community safety work such as clearing pathways and alleys of overgrown bushes and removing graffiti.

Clearing rubbish and removing graffiti from public areas deters future incidences of these activities and increases the public’s feeling of personal safety. For many offenders it offers their first experience of a structured working day and for some has led to further training and to employment opportunities.

“Offered **Victim Support** services to those affected by ASB”

The **Anti-Social Behaviour Victims First** Project was launched, aimed at putting the victim at the heart of partners approach to tackling anti-social behaviour. This was established after partners had evaluated the anti-social behaviour risk assessment following a successful pilot in Bolsover, Chesterfield and High Peak.

# Children and Young People



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# Summary of achievements

## We said we would enable children and young people to be healthy

### We have...

Increased the number of mothers who **breast fed** at 6-8 weeks after the birth of their baby

**Reduced the teenage conception rate** for the 8th consecutive year

Inspired more than 1,200 young people to **participate in sport** in their own time

**Reduced obesity** in Reception Year students

## We said we would enable young people to enjoy and achieve

### We have...

Provided weekly **music tuition** to more than 15,000 pupils

Encouraged more than 700 pupils to compete in the **School Winter Games**

Improved opportunities for **disabled children** and **young people** to enjoy outdoor experiences

Improved **GCSE results**

**Engaged** over 70% of **young people** on youth offending orders in **employment, education or training**

## We said we would ensure children and young people stay safe

### We have...

Provided multi-agency support to 552 vulnerable children subject to a **Child Protection Plan**

**Increased the number of foster places** in Derbyshire

## We said we would enable young people to make a positive contribution

### We have...

Enabled more than 26,000 young people to be involved in **decision making**

Encouraged over 2,000 young people to have their say about how **Youth Services** are delivered in Derbyshire

Encouraged young people to get involved in **local activities**

## We said we would help young people achieve economic wellbeing

### We have...

Enabled more than 90% of 16 to 18 year olds to enter **education, employment and training**

Attracted 13,000 young people and parents to the **Derbyshire Skills Festival**

Increased the number of **direct payments** for families with disabled children

# Children and Young People

## We said we would enable children and young people to be healthy

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Increased the number of mothers who **breast fed** at 6-8 weeks after the birth of their baby”

Throughout the year the partnership has worked to ensure that children in Derbyshire have a healthy start in life. This is important because good health improves learning, enhances future achievement and increases life expectancy.

Over the last 12 months the partnership has been successful in encouraging more mothers to breast feed their babies. During 2011/12, 47% of infants were being breastfed at 6-8 weeks compared to 41% in 2010/11. This is an important development as research shows that breast-fed babies are less susceptible to infection during their earlier years and there is also good evidence that breastfeeding offers long-term health benefits. Through the **Baby Friendly Initiative** the Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has been acknowledged as having excellent standards in encouraging and supporting women to breastfeed, and across Derbyshire more local authorities and organisations are committing to **Breastfeeding Welcome Here** pledges.

“**Reduced the teenage conception rate** for the 8th consecutive year”

Research indicates that teenage mothers and their children are more likely to experience adverse health and social outcomes. Figures published in 2011/12 reveal that for the 2010 calendar year the conception rate in Derbyshire has fallen for the eighth year in a row from 33.3 females under 18 years per 1,000 population to 31.4. To reduce the under 18 conception rate in Derbyshire, the

partnership has delivered messages about sexual health and teenage pregnancy directly to young people in a variety of innovative ways. Initiatives included the **C-card scheme** offering confidential advice and free condoms to 13 to 24 year olds, adoption of the **Sex worth talking about** poster campaign and the **Z-card** initiative which publicised local sexual health services on credit-card sized leaflets together with the answers to frequently asked questions about sex. In addition information and guidance has been distributed to youth workers on **USB memory sticks**. The advice includes contact details of sexual health services, ways of identifying those most at risk and tips about talking to young people about relationships and peer pressure.

The **Family Nurse Partnership** has been expanded to the areas most in need including Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover, Erewash, Amber Valley and Swadlincote where teenage pregnancy rates are highest. As a result Derbyshire has met its commitment to increase the number of Health Visitors. More young people (under the age of 20) have been supported in the early stages of their pregnancy and have received one to one guidance about how to care for and nurture their babies.

“Inspired more than 1,200 young people to **participate in sport** in their own time”

Physical activity and participation in sport has clear health benefits for young people and can also help develop confidence and social skills. Through Sport England's **Sportivate** initiative, the Sports Derbyshire Partnership inspired more than 1,200 young people across the county to do sport in their own time. As a result of this Olympic and Paralympic legacy programme teenagers and young adults have

received six to eight weeks of coaching in a sport of their choice. Responding to the legacy pledge made by Seb Coe in Singapore in 2005, Sportivate was aimed at 14- to 25-year-olds who were not playing sport in their own time, and provided them with the opportunity to find a sport that they could enjoy. The young people were then helped to find a club so they could pursue their new interest.

**“Reduced obesity in Reception Year students”**

Healthy eating programmes such a **Lets get Healthy with Henry** have contributed to a reduction in the

percentage of Reception Year students in Derbyshire classified as obese (8.5%) compared to the previous year (9.3%). To stem the rise in childhood obesity in year 6 children, NHS Derbyshire County rolled out the **five:60** scheme in primary schools in Chesterfield, Amber Valley and Erewash areas . Through the scheme children took part in a series of structured activities and games designed to improve there understanding about the importance of being active and eating a healthy, balanced diet.

## We said we would enable young people to enjoy and achieve

### In 2011/12 we have...

**“Provided weekly music tuition to more than 15,000 pupils ”**

The challenge of developing a new skill and the opportunity to showcase it, whether to a single tutor or a large audience, can give a tremendous boost to a young persons confidence. So it is important to provide opportunities for young people to develop their personal and social skills, to enjoy recreation and to succeed at school.

The **Music Partnership** is committed to providing high quality music tuition to school pupils and giving young people positive musical experiences that will stay with them for life. In 2011/12 a total of 15,000 young people benefited from whole class instrument teaching or took part in band, orchestra and choir sessions held out of school hours. In addition a series of public concerts were organised with 7,000 pupils from 250 schools taking part.

**“Encouraged more than 700 pupils to compete in the School Winter Games”**

The Derbyshire Winter Games were organised as

part of the national school games programme, which is designed to help build a lasting legacy for the 2012 Olympics by encouraging youngsters to compete. More than 700 school pupils from across Derbyshire took part in a day of tough competition which saw Derbyshire Dales crowned overall winners. School teams represented every local authority area in the county and city and took part in Sportshall Athletics, indoor rowing, Quicksticks hockey or swimming . In addition to the participants 100 young leaders helped with the organisation on the day, taking on the roles such as time keepers, scorers and umpires.

**“Provided financial support to 187 young athletes”**

**Podium** is an initiative to support young athletes across the county. 187 athletes have received between £150 and £400 each to help them meet training related costs such as travel, equipment, coaching fees or competition costs. This was from a bursary pot totalling almost £41,000. The athletes compete in a wide variety of sports from athletics and badminton to Taekwondo and tennis, with

many of them are already competing for England or Great Britain. As well as the grant, all Podium athletes have been given free access to leisure centres in their area.

**“Improved opportunities for disabled children and young people to enjoy outdoor experiences”**

Through the **Aiming High** grants scheme more opportunities have been created for disabled children and young people to share leisure and outdoor experiences. Play facilities at 10 or more tourist destinations, parks and nature reserves have been designed to enable children of all abilities to play alongside each other. 130 families with disabled children also received an Aiming High grant to help fund additional equipment or Personal Assistants on their family holiday, 680 families accessed short break care and 264 Children enjoyed overnight breaks.

**“Improved GCSE results”**

Compared to the previous year the percentage of Derbyshire pupils achieving **5 or more A\* to C grades**

**at GCSE** has increased by more than 3% and is now above 58%. There has also been an improvement in secondary school attendance. The number of secondary school pupils defined as persistently absent (4.1% ) has declined compared to the previous year (4.3%).

**“Engaged over 70% of young people on youth offending orders in employment, education or training”**

As engaging young people involved with the Youth Offending Service in education, training or employment is a significant protective factor in preventing reoffending, work has gone into ensuring young people maintained their learning. Connexions Personal Advisors and Multi-Agency Teams have been key partners in achieving improved outcomes for young people with 70.9% of young people at the end of their youth offending order being engaged in education, training or employment.

## We said we would ensure children and young people stay safe

### In 2011/12 we have...

**“Provided multi-agency support to 552 vulnerable children subject to a Child Protection Plan”**

The protection of children from abuse, bullying and discrimination has been a key priority for the partnership during 2011/2 .

In Derbyshire 552 children, as of March 2012, were identified as being at risk and were subject to a **Child Protection Plan**. As a result these vulnerable children and their families received multi-agency support to reduce the risk of harm.

**“Delivered safeguarding training to over 4,000 practitioners”**

A programme of **safeguarding training** for practitioners has been developed and delivered to over 4000 practitioners including 700 participants in schools and colleges. Free advice and support was also given to members of voluntary, community and independent organisations at **Keeping Children Safe Workshops** run by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to children (NSPCC). The NSPCC is also providing support to children in schools on positive relationships aimed at reducing **bullying**.

“Increased the availability of **Safeguarding information** and advice for young people“

**Parachute Derbyshire** is a new online resource providing advice and support for young people about bullying, abuse, drugs, alcohol and relationships. The content and design of the web site has been created by, and for, young people and includes film, animation, photography, poetry and much more.

All schools in the county have been provided with a resource entitled **See My Ability** to help tackle discrimination of disabled people. The short film and lesson notes focuses on the physical and emotional effects prejudice can have on victims.

“**Supported** vulnerable children and young people“

The Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board has rolled out an awareness raising campaign about self harming. 12,500 **Self Harm** leaflets containing advice

for young people and their families have been distributed via schools and GP surgeries. Related practice guidance has been developed for multi-agency teams.

**Intensive Family Support** services have contributed to improvement in school attendance by co-ordinating multi-agency support for 60 families. Outcomes achieved by these families following the intervention also include a reduction in domestic violence, improvement in school attendance and reduction in anti-social behavior.

“Increased the number of foster places in Derbyshire“

**Foster carers** in Derbyshire provide security and stability to many of the children in care across the county at a time when their own family may be unable to take care of them, and keep them safe and well until they are able to return home. As a result of ongoing campaigns and publicity during 2011/12, there are now 430 households in Derbyshire offering foster care providing 815 places up from 771 in 2010/11.

## We said we would enable to make young people a positive contribution

In 2011/12 we have...

“Enabled more than 26,000 young people to be involved in **decision making**“

The **Derbyshire Youth Council election**, known as the **Big Vote** gave young people throughout the county the opportunity to participate in a democratic and political process. More than 26,000 young people cast their votes and as a result 57 new Youth Council members aged 11–18 years can now influence decision making at local, county and national levels. Youth Council members are

represented on the Children’s Trust Board and UK Youth Parliament and have contributed to decisions about how money is spent locally and how services are delivered.

“Encouraged over 2,000 young people to have their say about how **Youth Services** are delivered in Derbyshire“

Local people and organisations were asked about how youth services should be delivered in Derbyshire. Of the 3,615 responses, 2,397 were from **16**



people under the age of 19 demonstrating that young people are keen to be involved in decisions that affect them.

“Encouraged young people to participate in **local activities**”

Participation in positive activities helps to promote self confidence and encourage young people to take on challenges and pursue better life opportunities in the future.

Throughout 2011/12 partners have provided a range of events and activities for young people. Free **OZ BOX** sessions have been delivered in Creswell at the first of six **Community Gyms** to be set up across Derbyshire. Through this project young people have participated in boxing-based exercise whilst having fun and making new friends.

Over 2,000 young people took part in the **Pure Summer** initiative - a six-week holiday activities programme delivered by High Peak Community

Housing, High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council. The programme offered a wide range of activities including music workshops, beauty sessions, street dance, canoeing, rock climbing, craft and sports coaching. The scheme also benefited the local community as reports of anti social behaviour in the borough were kept to a minimum.

In South Derbyshire 17 young people (aged between eight and 15) worked with community volunteers to revamp an overgrown piece of land. In doing so they also learned new skills and made new friends. On the Fairfield estate in Buxton 50 young volunteers participated in a variety of activities including helping older residents to garden, organising summer activities for younger children, clearing snow and improving a local park.

The **TooDoo** website has been updated throughout the year, signposting young people to sporting activities, youth clubs and other events.

## We said we would help children and young people achieve economic wellbeing

In 2011/12 we have...

“Enabled more than 90% of 16 to 18 year olds to enter **education, employment and training**”

Partners believe that all young people in Derbyshire should live in households free from low income and should engage in further education, employment or training on leaving school. At the end of 2011/12, 92.9 % of 16 to 18 year olds in Derbyshire were engaged in employment education or training. The estimated number of those aged 16-18 not in education, training or employment has fallen from 7.6% (2010/11) to 7.1% (2011/12) according to the Department of Education.

The Healthy Neighbourhoods Team for Bolsover continued to deliver the **Raising Aspirations** project to six schools and the wider community to guide young people into employment, education or training. Activities included “Roadshows”, college experience days and extended work placements and outreach work with teen mothers and more than 30 young people with substance misuse issues. Fifteen young people took part in the **Get Started with Football** programme, run in conjunction with Chesterfield Football Club, with many of the participants progressing into education, employment and training.

The Prince's Trust and Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust offered a free **Get Into Hospital Services** training course at Chesterfield Royal Hospital where young people gained work experience in a wide range of hospital services roles, such as administration, catering, maintenance, portering, and security.

The Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE) aims to increase the number of apprenticeships available to young people. The grant of £2,500 is available to businesses employing less than 50 people and in the first 4 months of the scheme's operation 137 grants were approved.

**“Attracted 13,000 young people, parents and teachers to the Derbyshire Skills Festival”**

The **Derbyshire Skills Festival** attracted more than 13,000 young people, parents and teachers interested in finding out about post 16 career and education opportunities. This joint venture was held at Pride Park in Derby. The event offered hands-on sessions for various vocations and careers and provided a wealth of information and guidance on further and higher education. Representatives from local businesses, training providers, colleges and universities were on hand to chat about career opportunities. During the year young people were also signposted to opportunities via the **Routes ahead website** and supported to gain qualifications, skills and confidence through initiatives such as the **Bridge programme** operating in Shirebrook and Chesterfield.

**“Increased the number of Direct Payments for families with disabled children”**

The number of families with disabled children receiving **direct payments** increased by 11%

between February 2011 to February 2012. Direct payments offer families the choice and freedom to receive money instead of a service which they can then use to purchase tailored support that suits their individual circumstances and needs.

# Health and Wellbeing



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# Summary of achievements

## We said we would promote health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities

### We have...

- Encouraged more people of all ages to **eat more healthily** and take **more exercise**
- Improved **sports and leisure** facilities for local people
- Launched an important campaign to **improve nutrition** amongst older people and those leaving hospital
- Helped more than 5,000 people **quit smoking**
- Improved **advice and support services**

## We said we would increase independent living and improve quality of life

### We have...

- Embarked on a £200 million project to **transform the quality of accommodation, care and support for older people**
- Increased **support for people with dementia**
- Improved access to **health support and advice** in community settings

## We said we would improve inclusion and contribution

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### We have...

- Improved levels of dignity** within local services for older and vulnerable people
- Protected more older and vulnerable people** from rogue traders
- Provided more support** to people caring for their relatives

## We said we would promote choice and control

### We have...

- Helped more people to make choices** about the social care and support services they receive
- Helped more people to **access the services they need**

# Health and Wellbeing

We said we would promote health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities

In 2010/11 we have...

“Encouraged more people of all ages to **eat more healthily** and take **more exercise**”

Regular exercise or participation in sport and healthy eating can help reduce the risks of many health problems. Around 180,000 adults in Derbyshire are obese. An increasing number of children are being recorded as obese under the **National Child Measurement Programme** which measures the weight of children in reception year and Year 6 pupils. Reducing obesity rates is vital if we are to improve the health and well-being of Derbyshire residents. Across Derbyshire there are a wide range of projects to encourage people of all ages to eat healthily and take regular exercise.

For example, the **Healthy Start Project** supports families on low incomes to access improved sources of nutrition by helping people with travel costs so they get to shops with a wider choice of foods, including fresh vegetables and fruit and the **Family Weight Management Programme** targets obese children and young people, their parents and carers. There are a number of successful programmes aimed at helping adults, including the **Health Referrals Programme**, which enables GPs to refer patients to a range of programmes and exercise classes and **Waistwise**, a 12 week programme of help to lose weight via healthy eating and a long-term approach to weight management. Under the programme, people attend weekly 2 hour sessions which include education in relation to eating and weight management, and at least 45 minutes worth of exercise. The **Walking for Health Programme**

operates across much of the county in local communities, encouraging people to walk in order to get fit. For example, in Chesterfield there are eight different community based Walking for Health groups and around 3,000 adults in Derbyshire Dales have benefited from the programme, which also promotes getting out into the countryside. An innovative project aimed at expectant and new mothers, and run by the **Healthy Living Centre** in Staveley is also proving effective. GPs, local Community Midwives and Health Visitors have joined forces to help encourage new mums to get fit and improve their own diets and those of their babies.

“Improved **sports and leisure facilities** for local people”

In Clay Cross the £500,000 revamp of **Sharley Park Leisure Centre** by North East Derbyshire District Council has created a new 40 station gym and improved access for disabled people. The new £12 million **ARC Leisure Centre** supported by Derbyshire Dales District Council has transformed leisure facilities for people in Matlock, with a state of the art 8 lane swimming pool, toddler and teaching pool, 50 station gym, courts for a range of team sports, fitness and dance classes, outdoor football pitch, and a healthy eating café. Both facilities provide places under the **Health Referrals Programme** to local people needing to lose weight. The ARC recorded 167,000 visits in its first six months, with 100 more young people taking part in Learn to Swim programmes and 40 local clubs booking in on a regular basis.

“Launched an important campaign to **improve nutrition** amongst older people and those leaving hospital”

For some older people in Derbyshire, malnutrition rather than over-eating has been identified as a major problem. Work has commenced to measure **malnutrition amongst older people**, especially those released from hospital, and a **major publicity campaign** has been launched to raise awareness of the problem. The campaign promotes good nutrition for older people and encourages them to eat foods which can better sustain them. Information has been provided through leaflets, sessions at local 50+ Forums, social care staff visiting older people in their homes and roadshows at local supermarkets and community centres.

Workshops have been held across the county to further **improve the nutritional content and quality of meals** provided to people using Adult Social Care services. The workshops support catering staff to devise and develop more varied and balanced menus, which are based on improving nutrition and the enjoyment of the meals provided.

“Helped more than 5,000 people quit smoking”

Smoking is still one of the biggest causes of deaths and ill-health in Derbyshire. Around 23.7% of adults in Derbyshire smoke, which is slightly higher than the

national average (22.1%). Smoking rates in Derbyshire are continuing to fall, although smoking rates continue to affect people from deprived communities to a higher extent. In 2011/12 the Stop Smoking Service achieved its target to get more than 5,000 to quit smoking. A range of initiatives were used to do this, including presentations to more than 4,000 young people in a range of settings.

“Improved **advice and support services**”

**Health and Wellbeing Zones** have been established in a number of Derbyshire libraries. These zones provide books and information about health and wellbeing, and offer a base for promoting national health campaigns, such as quitting smoking, healthy eating and dental health. The zones also provide information on more specialist services and where to obtain advice and support, including on relevant support networks in Derbyshire. A new Health and Wellbeing Zone, the 13th such facility, has been opened in Chesterfield Library. The library is a great site for such a zone, as the 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest library in the country, right in the centre of Derbyshire’s largest town. At the Chesterfield zone the visiting health trainer has already made a number of referrals to GPs for people accessing advice and assistance.

## We said we would increase independent living and improve quality of life

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Embarked on a £200 million project to **transform the quality of accommodation, care and support** for older people”

During 2011/12 the plan to deliver the **Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for**

**Older People In Derbyshire** have been prepared and agreed. The plan sets out proposals to reconfigure the accommodation, care and support for older people through 4 Specialist Community Care Centres and 2 dispersed rural centres which will consolidate specialist dementia services across the county.

These will be supported by a network of Extra Care schemes providing a range state of the art apartments with on-site personal care and support, some with additional specialist services and an increased range of agreements with partner agencies to deliver health and wellbeing zones. The plan will be subject to detailed consultation in respect of each establishment that will be affected by the proposals.

### “Increased support for people with dementia”

It is estimated there are potentially around 9,000 people in Derbyshire are living with dementia. A newly commissioned **Dementia Support Service** is now up and running providing dedicated specialist Dementia Support Workers in each locality of the county, with a single point of contact offering information, advice and support. **Carer Support Group Meetings** are held across the county and a new **Memory Café** has also been launched in Alfreton. The sessions are well attended and hugely welcomed by those using them.

Staff from **Staveley Community Care Centre** have developed a project called **This is Me**. They have brought together a number of residents and pupils aged 11 to 18 years old from two High Schools in Chesterfield. Six 90 minute sessions were held at the community care centre to help residents create a bag of personal items to help them reminisce with family, carers and staff in the future. The pupils were given dementia awareness training at the centre before

taking part. The project has made a real difference to the residents and the young people who took part. The project is to be replicated at other sites following its success at Staveley.

Across Derbyshire there are a number of **Dementia Clinics**, such as those in North-East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, High Peak and Bolsover. These clinics are run by the Alzheimer’s Society, and promoted by Adult Social Care and the District and Borough Councils. They are places where people can come together to get advice and support, and to take part in a range of activities which help people to manage dementia and learn about the support which is available. The clinics are also vital in supporting carers of people with dementia to stay healthy and feel supported.

### “Improved access to health support and advice in community settings”

**Bolsover District Council** has worked closely with retailers **The Co-operative** when a local pharmacy was modernised in Tibshelf to expand the range of support and advice available to local people to help them stay healthy. The new service includes stop smoking clinics, weight management advice and tips, cholesterol checks, flu jabs and medicine checks. Two new consulting rooms have been provided at the revamped pharmacy to provide these services in a confidential setting.

## We said we would improve inclusion and contribution

### In 2011/12 we have...

#### “Helped more people to have their say on health”

Work is progressing well to set up the new **HealthWatch** structures for Derbyshire. They will take over the work of LINKs from April 2013, and ensure that the opinions of local people and groups

affected by health services can influence the future direction and delivery of services.

Specific steps have been taken to ensure that hard to reach groups and communities will be able to participate in the new HealthWatch structures to ensure that future services are delivered fairly and take the diverse needs of Derbyshire’s communities into account.

A key priority for the Derbyshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board is to ensure that a wide range of stakeholders are engaged and can influence its work to reflect local needs. A **Health and Wellbeing Engagement Forum** has been established to ensure effective engagement and to allow local people and organisations to find out about, and influence the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Engagement Forum was held in September 2011 and was attended by over 110 individuals representing 59 organisations. The second meeting of the forum was held in March 2012 and this provided the opportunity for stakeholders to hear about how the draft Health and Wellbeing priorities have been established, and to feed in their views.

“Started the **transfer of public health services** to the county council”

Significant progress is taking place to prepare for the transfer of public health duties in 2013. A **Shadow Health and Well-Being Board** has been in place since July 2011. It has responsibility to cover the whole of the county and will take over public health services provided by Derbyshire and Tameside and Glossop PCTs (for Glossopdale only) next April. A draft **health and well-being strategy** for Derbyshire has been

prepared following significant consultation with local people and groups and organisations on a set of proposed priorities agreed by the Shadow Health and Well-Being Board in March 2011.

“**Helped more people to get the money they’re entitled to**”

Over the last year many thousands of residents have been assisted by County Council’s **Welfare Benefits Information and Advice Team** to access £12.3 million of benefits and tax credits, with more than 1,600 people helped to claim back well over £1.58 million in benefits they weren’t receiving but were entitled to. Referrals to the service have increased by almost 400 per month. The service has directly supported local disabled people by representing them in 1,244 appeal hearings, following changes to out of work disability benefits such as Disability Living Allowance.

Additionally, each year many thousands of people contact their nearest **Citizens Advice Bureaux** and other organisations for a wide range of other advice and help. At **Citizens Advice Bureaux sessions in GP surgeries** in 2011/12 nearly 6,000 people were assisted to deal with nearly 30,000 cases on matters such debt management, advice on welfare benefits, and representation on consumer issues.

## We said we would enhance dignity and safety

### In 2011/12 we have...

“**Improved levels of dignity** within local services for older and vulnerable people”

In Derbyshire, partners have a good record on providing quality care services and treating those under our care with dignity and respect, as demonstrated by a number of recent successful QCC assessments .

On 22 October 2011 Derbyshire County Council’s Adult Social Care Department, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust, launched the **Dignity in Care campaign**. This includes a ‘**10 point challenge**’ for service providers to improve the level of dignity and respect individuals enjoy when using their services. Working towards the 10 point challenge has been incorporated into the standards set by the Care Quality Commission, so it’s important



Derbyshire meet these standards. An event was held in November 2011 to present the first awards to 11 teams and services who've achieved the **'Bronze' level** of the 10 point challenge. By March 2012 the number of Bronze awards had increased to 41 and work is proceeding to develop a 'Silver' level.

**"Protected more older and vulnerable people from rogue traders"**

**Trusted Trader**, the County Council's service to help vulnerable people avoid being taken advantage of by rogue traders, continues to go from strength to strength with over 1,200 contractors and providers now taking part, and a satisfaction rating of well over 90%. The Derbyshire Trusted Trade is now the largest scheme of its kind in the country.

In 2012 the scheme was expanded to include a new category of **Trusted Befriender**. The Adult Social Care Department and Trading Standards are working with county based CVS organisations to set up a register of befriending services and groups for older and vulnerable people to use in safe knowledge that the service is legitimate, professional and delivered by knowledgeable and trained befrienders.

**"Provided more support to people caring for their relatives"**

With around 90,000 unpaid carers in Derbyshire it is hugely important that we support people who

provide care to their relatives, friends and neighbours. A range of new or additional advice and support has been made available for carers in Derbyshire in 2011/12. Adult Care has provided Carer Awareness Training to more than 150 people from a range of organisations providing social care services. **Carers Breaks** were launched in 2010 by the PCT, Adult Social Care and the Derbyshire Carers Association. In 2012 the range of activities available was expanded to include courses and activities such as Tai Chi. More than **200 Short Breaks Grants** were awarded in the first few months of 2012. This covered the cost of short breaks, learning a new hobby, for some recreational activity, or to improve health and well-being. The **CATCH** programme (Carers Advice, Training, Confidence in Health) is now being supported locally after national funding ended, providing training to help carers to look after themselves. The sessions have proved very successful and further are due to run in autumn 2012. **Carers Voice** was set up in 2011 to give carers a bigger say in the various county-based Carers Networks and greater influence over how services are designed and delivered.

Meanwhile a project aimed at improving support for **BME Carers and helping them to access social care services** has seen local representatives from BME community groups trained to offer advice and support to the many unpaid carers in these communities.

## We said we would promote choice and control

### In 2011/12 we have...

**"Helped more people to make choices about the social care and support services they receive"**

The number of older and disabled people using a **direct payment** for the social care and support services they receive has increased significantly in

2011/12, with nearly 9,000 people now using these forms of payment. This is enabling more and more people to make their own informed choices about the services they want and wish to use and helps people to achieve greater independence.

People living in Derbyshire continue to be involved in the commissioning, design and monitoring of adult care services in a variety of ways.

Derbyshire residents who use adult care services took part in a national Survey in the early part of 2012 where people were asked about their experiences of care services. Just over 50% took part in the survey from a range of services and backgrounds and 91% of respondents said that they were satisfied with their care services, 77% felt that had control over their daily lives and 93% believed that the care they received helped them to enjoy a better quality of life.

**Regular engagement forums** and meetings continue to help Adult Care to work together with service users, family carers, partner agencies and local communities for better outcomes. The Stakeholder Engagement Board now acts as a 'clearing house' for all public leaflets and documents produced by Adult Care. This has improved the clarity and understanding of the content and accessibility of information to the public. Equally, members of the Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) and the Derbyshire Older People's Advisory Group (DOPAG) help to ensure that the 2 major change programmes—the learning **Disability Community Lives Programme** and the Accommodation, Care and Support Strategy for Older People is developed alongside service user experiences and expertise. Both programmes have reference groups with a range of service users and family carers attending which feeds directly into the Programme Boards.

**“Helped more people to access the services they need”**

**First Contact**, a partnership of over 40 organisations in Derbyshire have worked together to make it easier for adults to get the services and support they need. The scheme, which went countywide in 2011 acted as a single point of contact between people and a range of community-based support, services and

benefits. Under the scheme people can be put in touch with a range of social care and other professionals, the police, fire services, district nurses and the district and borough councils. A checklist is used to ensure people have their needs met across the different partner services, including advice to prevent falls in the home, fire safety advice and other direct support.

Derbyshire's eight community transport schemes and Derbyshire Primary Care Trust worked together on **ACTive Travel**. This door-to-door service catered for individual needs and provided transport which enabled people to get to health appointments. This improved people's quality of life by assisting them to get to places they wouldn't otherwise be able to access. Over the last year more the service has been used to provide more than 21,000 passenger journeys, up by 3,00 journeys on the previous year.

# Sustainable Communities



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## Summary of achievements

### We said we would improve and protect the local environment

#### We have...

Reduced the amount of **waste** going into landfill sites

Increased **recycling** rates

Worked to decrease **carbon emissions**

Worked to reduce **fly-tipping and littering**

**Preserved and regenerated** our beautiful countryside

Improved **waterways** and **biodiversity**

Improved access and opportunities for local people to **enjoy the countryside**

### We said we would support the local economy to thrive

#### We have...

Supported **local businesses**

Worked to improve **broadband access**

Raised the profile of the tourism and **food and drink** industry across Derbyshire

Helped people access **employment and training**

Increased **opportunities** for young people

### We said we would provide well connected communities

#### We have...

Continued to improve **public transport** across Derbyshire

Kept **roads** well maintained

Delivered a **responsive road maintenance** service

# Sustainable Communities

## We said we would improve and protect the local environment

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Reduced the amount of **waste** going into landfill sites”

Improving and protecting the local environment is a key priority for the partnership so that local people can enjoy Derbyshire’s high quality landscape and for heritage and natural resources to be preserved for future generations.

In 2011/12, less waste was sent to landfill compared to the previous year’s figure of 55.5%. Sourcing some alternative treatment of the waste that cannot be recycled or composted utilising limited capacity at existing Energy from Waste and Mechanical Biological Treatment Facilities has to some extent helped to achieve this.

“Increased **recycling rates**”

In 2011/12, more household waste in Derbyshire was recycled, beating Derbyshire County Council’s target of 42.5%. Increased numbers of people are now satisfied with recycling and waste disposal in their area (71%) compared to in 2009 (66.5%).

Throughout the year we have continued to actively promote waste reduction and recycling. North East Derbyshire District Council, Bolsover District Council and Chesterfield Borough Council have introduced new bins into which householders can place a wide range of recyclables. This has had a positive impact on kerbside recycling performance.

Partners have contributed to a number of campaigns and initiatives to encourage residents to recycle and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill in order to provide a more sustainable method of waste disposal.

For example, **the Eco-Schools programme** encompassing over 300 schools, encourages pupils to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste at school and at home. Pupils take part in activities such as

walking to school, monitoring their energy consumption, composting and picking up litter. Many schools have improved their grounds and created wildlife gardens or vegetable plots.

In the Matlock area, residents have been able to benefit from a **new recycling centre** which is more easily accessible compared to previous available centres. The facility also work to reduce travel time for residents who will no longer have to travel as far in order to recycle. The new centre, along with our 8 other recycling facilities received a 100% satisfaction rating by customers in a recent survey.

**The Real Nappy Campaign** promotes the use of washable nappies by holding regular local events where parents can learn more about their use. A nappy lending kit is also available which is a trial kit that is available to hire for a small fee. To encourage further use, parents can also become eligible for a £25 cash back under an incentive scheme.

“Worked to decrease **carbon emissions**”

Climate change affects everyone in Derbyshire and partners have been making a major effort to reduce carbon emissions by reducing waste, cutting emissions through sustainable travel and reducing energy consumption.

Derbyshire **Greenwatch Action Grants** have delivered a combined funding boost of £10,000 to 29 green projects around the county and Derbyshire County Council provides current cost **electricity monitors** available for the public to lend. Monitors are available to borrow free of charge from libraries throughout the county, helping private users and businesses save an estimated 0.3 tonnes of Carbon and £60-£70 a year by highlighting where energy is being wasted. In 2011/12, 580 monitors were lent out.

Free insulation schemes have been available during 2011/12 so that residents can improve energy efficiency and cut heating costs. Furthermore, Rural Action Derbyshire has launched an **Oil Buying Syndicate** in order to provide greater savings for participants and reduce the number of deliveries being made thereby reducing carbon.

### “Worked to reduce fly-tipping and littering”

More Derbyshire residents (74%) do not consider litter lying around being a big problem compared to in 2009 (63%). Reported incidents of fly tipping have been drastically reduced from 4,282 incidents in 2010/11 to 2,991 incidents in 2011/12, according to the Environment Agency, a reduction of over 30%. This decrease in numbers is down to partners’ combined efforts in promoting sustainable methods of waste disposal and campaigns to increase the reporting of fly tipping. One scheme, run by Bolsover District Council entitled **Fly Tip of the Week**, urges residents to send in photographs of rubbish having been dumped in the community or in the countryside in order to generate information leading to the person responsible being identified. Since the project commenced there has been fewer incidents of fly tipping in the area.

Chesterfield Borough Council’s **Love Where You Live Campaign** encourages residents to keep their local area litter free. A “talking bin” has been installed in the town centre which acknowledges people who use it. Residents have also been given poop-scoop bags, portable ashtrays and free gum wraps. The scheme has also targeted the business community. Fast food outlets and other businesses have been asked to sign up to a code of conduct which asks that those taking part clean up outside their shops on a daily basis, reduce packaging and display anti-littering messages.

### “Preserved and regenerated our beautiful countryside”

As well as being important to local people, Derbyshire’s countryside is an asset to the county’s economy. During 2011/12 partners have worked to protect some of the most stunning scenery in the UK and bring back greenery to former industrial areas, so that residents and visitors can enjoy the local environment. For example, two former mining sites and a section of the Chesterfield canal have received the status of **Local Nature Reserve**. The **Limestone Journeys** partnership project has engaged the local community in conserving the heritage of the Derbyshire magnesian limestone. 157 individuals took part in its adult education programme and 600 more attended the project’s road shows. The initiative has also improved the route of the Archaeological Way between Pleasley and Creswell. The Derbyshire Economic Partnership Rural Forum has received national recognition as an approved member of the new DEFRA Rural & Farming Network. The network allows local partners direct access to central government in order to influence policy and ensure that activities are “rural friendly”.

### “Improved waterways and biodiversity”

The **Staveley Town Basin** project has progressed with the basins being filled and the first canal boat having been able to cruise this section of the canal for the first time in over 50 years. The excellence in design and construction of the basin was recognised by the Institution of Civil Engineers by awarding the project an East Midlands Merit Award (EMMA). In order to further encourage wildlife, our partnership has worked hard to improve the fish migration and river channel of the **Ecclesbourne Valley**.

**“Improved access and opportunities for local people to **enjoy the countryside**”**

Derbyshire’s strategic **cycle network** has been extended by 17km over the last year. Derbyshire County Council has worked in partnership with British Waterways on a £1.6m project to replace Long Horse Bridge over the River Trent, providing a new multi user route between Leicestershire and Derbyshire. This also provides a Greenway link to Shardlow. A new cycle connection from the existing Trans Pennine Trail at Killmarsh to Halfway in Sheffield has been constructed in partnership with Sheffield City Council and Sustrans. A 3km section of the Pennine Bridleway was also constructed during 2011/12 throughout the former Gamesley Sidings funded by Natural England. 340 km of **Greenways** in Derbyshire are now predominantly accessible for

wheelchairs, mobility scooters and anyone who wants to access the beautiful Derbyshire countryside. There are now 100% more "Tramper" scooters (compared to 2010/11) available to hire from various countryside sites, designed to cope with rough and tough terrain giving people with mobility problems the chance to get out and about in the Derbyshire countryside. In 2011/12 visitors and residents experienced even greater access to the countryside with 75.7% of the **public rights of way** network being open and available to the public.

## We said we would support the local economy to thrive

### In 2011/12 we have...

**“Supported **local businesses**”**

Supporting the growth of local businesses and increasing the skill levels of residents in order to improve the local economy is paramount to Derbyshire.

Partners have therefore continued to attract employment opportunities with **Markham Vale** having been granted Enterprise Zone status as part of the Sheffield City Region's Enterprise Zone. The Markham Vale project has continued to work with Henry Boot Developments Limited to attract national and local companies to the 200-acre former coalfield site to create 5,000 jobs. Building work has now begun on a development which will create 120 jobs at the regeneration site.

A £250,000 package of improvements to boost the appearance of the main routes into Swadlincote has been completed. Grants have been provided to 18 businesses to enable them to spruce up their premises as part of the **Town Centre Gateway** project. The South Derbyshire District Council led initiative, supported by a grant from the Derbyshire Economic Partnership, typically met half of the cost of improvements to fencing, paving, painting, windows, doors and gates to provide an even more welcoming environment for companies to thrive in.

Through the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, partners secured over £25m from the Government's **Growing Places** fund. The fund aims to kick-start projects stalling in the current economic climate. Grants of £500,000 to £2.5m were made available for projects which generated economic activity and created jobs.

**Visit Peak District and Derbyshire**, the area's tourist board works in partnership with Derbyshire County Council, and has helped to bring in more than £1.5bn to the local economy and supported 25,000 jobs. The Board has also been successful in securing Regional Growth Fund monies through Visit England in order to deliver key regenerative campaigns. Its business tourism arm **Conference Derbyshire** offers a free venue finding service in order to attract more conferences to the area.

**The Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce** supports 3,400 member businesses and has won the British Chamber of Commerce national 'Chamber of the Year' award. It has also been presented with the Excellence in Member Services award.

### "Worked to improve **broadband access**"

In order to improve broadband access for residents and businesses, the Digital Derbyshire project has recently received approval of its **Local Broadband Plan** by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Broadband Delivery UK. This effectively secured £7.38million of government funding which will enable the project to procure for a private sector partner to roll out high speed broadband across Derbyshire. The **Broadband Champions** initiative is successfully assisting the delivery of the Digital Derbyshire programme by asking local people to build up a profile of IT needs within their communities, map local demand and support as

well as highlight the benefits of superfast broadband. Over 20 volunteers have signed up with many more expected to follow.

### "Raised the profile of the tourism and **food and drink** industry across Derbyshire"

The **Derbyshire Food and Drink Festival** continued to deliver several successful events to raise the profile of the county's produce, develop markets for local producers, improve supply chains and encourage overnight visitors to the region.

The annual two day **Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair** held at Hardwick Hall attracted more than 11,000 visitors while the **Food and Drink Awards** recognised the excellence of Derbyshire's food and drink sector. Several local events and activities also took place to celebrate local food and drink providers.

### "Helped people access **employment and training**"

The Derbyshire Economic Partnership supports a number of projects that are designed to raise business demand. The Partnership also assists training providers to rise to the challenge of meeting the demands of a changing economy and help people improve their skills. **The North East Derbyshire Jobs and Training fair**, organised by the CHART Local Strategic Partnership, offered training, education and employment support to 492 members of the public in 2011. As a direct result, 22 people entered into a volunteering position, 41 enrolled in training or an apprenticeship and 8 individuals took up employment.

**Markham Vale Workplace Recruitment and Training Service** is a recently launched initiative that works with new employers on the site in order to maximise access to local labour and skills.



The service also works to ensure that local people are “job ready” for the employment opportunities available.

The **Wheels to Work** and **Ways to Work** initiatives have helped residents in rural areas, or areas with poor transport links, to access work, training or education opportunities. The schemes have provided transport assistance to 640 people in 2011/12 with 293 of these having moved into employment or training as a result.

“Increased **opportunities** for young people”

Over 700 young people will be helped into work due to Derbyshire County Council’s **Apprenticeship Scheme**. To further increase the opportunities for young people, grants have been offered to small

and medium sized companies taking on apprentices.

Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has worked alongside Bolsover District Council in order to cultivate “**home-grown**” **talent** by having taken on more apprentices than ever before. The scheme proved so successful that in 2011/12 the hospital also opted to fund 10 additional apprenticeship places of its own. A number of young people have secured permanent roles within the NHS as a result of the scheme.

## We said we would provide well connected communities

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Continued to improve **public transport** across Derbyshire”

Travel in Derbyshire is important for business, education, access to services and leisure activities and the Partnership has been working hard to improve a variety of transport options for residents and visitors.

**Community Transport** is still a popular form of transport amongst Derbyshire residents with around 640,000 journeys having been made in 2011/12. Public transport such as local bus services are also well-used with over 25 million journeys originating in the county.

The **Derwent Valley Rail Line** (Matlock to Derby) success story continues with even more passengers using the service in the last 12 months with a 7% increase in passenger numbers compared to

previous year. The last 12 months have also seen an increase in the number of trains keeping to schedule with an annual average of 94% of trains being on time.

“Kept **roads** well maintained”

Out of 20 County Council’s surveyed, results from the National Highways and Transportation Survey for 2011 placed Derbyshire 3rd for overall satisfaction with highways and transportation.

The **Midlands Highway Alliance** has been presented with a commendation award in the Team Achievement Category at the East Midlands Merit Awards 2012. These coveted awards are an opportunity for civil engineers in the region to celebrate all aspects of their achievements.

“Delivered a **responsive** road maintenance service”

**The Winter Service Scheme** has proved successful in keeping roads clear during heavy snowfall.

Volunteers have worked alongside Derbyshire County Council, 6 District Borough Councils and 82 Parish Councils to assist in clearing snow off footpaths and pavements and report on empty grit bins. Over 50 farmers/contractors have used their vehicles to grit and clear roads and over 60 schools and nurseries have signed up for clearing main routes to their premises. The service has been well-received by Derbyshire residents and the initiative has been commended by the Chair of the Health and Safety Executive.

Projects such as the **You Report It, We'll Sort It** scheme have helped in improving Derbyshire roads, delivering a more responsive service to customers. The service has ensured that urgent highway repairs are carried out in a timely fashion with 76% of reported incidents having been dealt with within 36 hours.

# Culture



derbyshire partnership forum

# Summary of achievements

**We said we would increase participation in arts, sports, cultural and leisure opportunities**

## **We have...**

Continued to increase **participation in the arts**

Increased the participation of young people and children in **positive activities**

Increased the number of **Heritage Blue Plaques** awarded

Increased the number of people participating in the **Derbyshire Village Games**

Increased attendances at the **Derwent Valley Mills** World Heritage Sites

Increased participation in **physical activity**

Improved opportunities for **disabled people** to get involved in sport and leisure

Promoted **volunteering** opportunities in libraries and museums

Created opportunities for people in Bolsover to access and **experience orchestral music**

# Culture

## We said we would increase participation in arts, sports, cultural and leisure opportunities

### In 2011/12 we have...

“Continued to Increase **participation in the arts**”

Participation in arts, sports, cultural and leisure opportunities is an effective route for personal growth, enhancing skills and educational development and can improve people’s social interaction and employability.

Participation in arts events provided or supported by the **County Council’s Arts Service** exceeded 2010/11 levels by around 39,000 with nearly 354,000 adult attendances and 83,300 attendances by children and young people up from 48,200 last year. Events were as varied as festivals, craft workshops and poetry readings.

The **Live & Local** programme of performances by professional arts companies in village halls and other local community venues continued to be well supported this year, with 70 shows taking place, and 543 local volunteers managing the events.

The creation of the **artsderbyshire** website has meant that over 1,800 artists and arts organisations have been able to promote and showcase their work. The website provides free marketing for more than 1,000 events each month which has grown from around 850 last year.

The **Creative Derbyshire** programme of business support for artists and small creative businesses also went from strength to strength, delivering training, advice and support to 232 businesses in 2011/12.

“Increased the participation of young people and children in **positive activities**”

Participation of young people and children in positive activities can affect attitudes to school, build social

and communication skills as well as providing pleasure and fun. Positive activities help young people avoid taking risks such as experimenting with drugs or being involved in anti-social behaviour or crime and can improve their self-confidence and self-esteem.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is a major national educational and cultural intervention, focusing on reading for pleasure. The library service has encouraged young volunteers to support the project by acting as mentors to their younger peers and encouraging younger children to achieve the Challenge. 63 young people acted as Summer Reading Challenge volunteers during 2011 and between them they delivered 621 hours of volunteering.

In 2011, 9,700 children aged 4-12 took part in the challenge in Derbyshire. This was an increase of nearly 7% on the figure for 2010. Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge helps prevent the ‘summer reading dip’ in achievement when children without reading opportunities at home over the long summer break from school traditionally lose ground in their reading.

The **Txt4U** reading project has helped nine 15 and 16 year olds, all permanently excluded from mainstream schools, whose reading age was below their actual age by providing them with a volunteer reading coach who spent sixty 1 to 1 sessions helping them improve their literacy skills. All nine young people on the project improved their reading ages, their confidence and their understanding and enjoyment of reading.

Over 100 new young coaches between the ages of 16–19 were recruited into coaching through the **Sports Volunteer Award**. The participants obtained a Level 1 coaching qualification, attended first aid and

safeguarding workshops and volunteered for at least 30 hours.

### “Increased the number of **Heritage Blue Plaques** awarded”

The county’s **Blue Plaque scheme** which enables residents to nominate and vote for Blue Plaques to commemorate Derbyshire’s famous residents has continued to grow. The scheme which celebrates the lives and historical importance of famous local people has seen a further six plaques awarded in 2011, taking the total number to 12. The plaques not only demonstrate the person’s connection with local communities but are providing educational opportunities and recognising previously unknown tourist attractions and add to the county’s tourism offer.

### “Increased the number of people participating in the **Derbyshire Village Games**”

Year 2 of the **Derbyshire Village Games** project has seen an exponential growth in activity and participation. Figures to the end of March 2012 show attendances of 102,000 up from 16,000 at the same point in Year 1. 601 coaches and 793 volunteers have been involved in the project to date. The Derbyshire Village Games team develop weekly clubs, activities and classes in rural communities. They are also supporting village events, Olympic festivals, sports days and tournaments. Participants felt that Village Games had a positive impact in the following areas:

- The number of activities available locally
- The amount of exercise they do
- Their friendships and social networks
- The sense of community where they live

### “Increased attendances at the **Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Discovery Days**”

There were 12,376 recorded attendances at the 2011 **Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Discovery Days** events, an increase of 7.4% on the 2010 festival attendances. A survey of attendees took place throughout the ten days of the festival and 88% of visitors rated events excellent or very good whilst 99% rated of visitors rated events informative.

### “Increased participation in **physical activity**”

The Active People 5 figures released in December 2011 show that adult participation in Derbyshire between October 2010 and October 2011 had increased slightly to 22.8% from the Active People 1 baseline of 21.4% in December 2006.

Jogging projects and events continued to have a big impact on county participation numbers. Changes to the management of the **Jog Derbyshire** project are now in place and working well. The total number of Jog Derbyshire participants in the county, continues to increase and is currently just under 2,000. Sport England and Derbyshire County Council partnership funding has secured the project until at least March 2013.

The reopened **Monsal Trail** attracted 83,000 cyclists in 2011/12 a significant increase from the 46,000 using the trail in 2010/11.

### “Improved opportunities for **disabled people** to get involved in sport and leisure”

There are six **Disability Sport Groups** across seven Derbyshire boroughs that focus on all matters to

ensure the inclusiveness of clubs and facilities in each of the local authorities.

During 2011/12 ten new inclusive opportunities have been established for disabled athletes. As a result of the work around the county there are now more than forty inclusive or dedicated disability sports clubs within Derbyshire and this number is increasing rapidly.

The **Active Ability Project** gives more disabled people a chance to get involved in sport and leisure activities in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. Activity sessions are now running on a weekly basis at each leisure centre. Activities include Swimming, Football, Chair Based Exercise, Badminton, Tenpin Bowling, Boccia, Short Mat Bowls, Basketball, Table Tennis and Gym based activity. The project has recruited 23 volunteers and 6 coaches, supporting 2,696 people over 16 years old with sensory, learning or physical disabilities to increase their participation in physical activity.

“Promoted **volunteering** opportunities in libraries and museums”

The **County Council’s Library Service** works with around 180 volunteers on a range of projects. These include taking books out to home library service readers on a regular basis and supporting new IT users to enable them to take part in IT in a friendly and comfortable library environment. Volunteers also help out at events for adults and children and support reader development. Around 4,100 people volunteered in museums across the county. Museums in Derbyshire attracted some 1.5 million visitors in 2011.

In addition to providing extra services to customers some volunteers have gained useful work experience and transferable skills to offer in the work place.

“Created opportunities for people in Bolsover to access and **experience** orchestral music”

**Heritage Back to the Future** was an ambitious intergenerational project . A collection of young people from three schools and older people in the village of Clowne worked with a team of musicians from the Hallé and film makers from Creative Forum to devise their representation of their own community in the past, present and future.

Initiated by Bolsover District Council and produced by Orchestras Live, the event involved a broad partnership of organisations, schools, artists and many people from the community. During the project the following activity took place

- A total of 12 music and 18 film workshops were held, involving 13 children and 9 adults
- 135 students and parents from Clowne attended a Hallé Orchestra concert at the Royal Concert Hall
- 17 people travelled to Manchester to attend a Hallé Orchestra rehearsal
- 40 young and adult performers took part in showcase activities at Heritage High School
- The Hallé Orchestra gave 2 orchestral concerts at Heritage High School to a total audience of 500 people

The project helped to develop not only the students’ teamwork but also the intergenerational approach has been effective in bringing people together as well as giving an artistic focus. As well as connecting with the community of Clowne, the concerts successfully engaged with many people who were new to orchestral music. Questionnaires were distributed to the audience and were returned with 100% positive responses in terms of people indicating they had fully enjoyed the event.

# 2012 Onwards

Over the next year the Partnership will continue to support delivery of the priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 - 14. Although new governance arrangements have refined the number of high level partnerships and reduced the number of meetings, by working to enhance and improve communication we can ensure that partners continue to build on the progress made to date.

Given that the Partnership Forum will only meet twice a year in June and December, a key role for partners will be to ensure that momentum is maintained and that the monitoring of performance on the key priorities continues throughout the year. The dissemination of relevant information about projects and activity by all partners will help to not only share what is happening but will also present opportunities for others to make a contribution, where appropriate. Sharing knowledge of what is successful, those areas that present challenges and ideas of new and innovative ways of working between partners not only avoids potential duplication but can help make our work even more effective.

At the last two Forum meetings of 2011, partners contributed to the development of the draft Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Community Budgets for families with multiple problems. The draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy gives details about the challenges Derbyshire faces in relation to health and social care. The coming year will present opportunities for partners to join up work to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and better quality of care whilst maximising available resources.

The Community Budget presents an excellent opportunity for the Partnership to draw together and simplify the vast array of initiatives and schemes across Derbyshire supporting families with multiple problems. The Government's Troubled Families Initiative will also provide the County Council and partners with an opportunity to undertake additional work with existing troubled families with the potential for some financial reward.

The Forum will continue to be a platform for wide range of organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors to consider the big issues and priorities for Derbyshire and to identify solutions to help deliver our Community Strategy priorities in a rapidly changing environment.



# Further information and contacts

## Derbyshire Partnership Forum

The Derbyshire Partnership Forum is the countywide local strategic partnership, and was established in 2000. The Derbyshire Partnership Forum brings together over 60 public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations who work together to improve the quality of life for the people of Derbyshire.

<http://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/>

## Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2014

The Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy is the partnership's guiding framework for partnership working in Derbyshire, reflecting the collective priorities of more than 50 local organisations. For more information or to view the strategy visit:

[http://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/community\\_strategy/](http://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/community_strategy/)

## Derbyshire Observatory

The Derbyshire Observatory provides an overview of Derbyshire through a range of social, health, economic, crime and environmental indicators. It is a joint project between the partner organisations working to improve life for the people who live and work in Derbyshire.

[http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/about\\_your\\_county/derbyshire\\_observatory/](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/about_your_county/derbyshire_observatory/)

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