

The Way to a Successful Compact

The Derbyshire Compact aims to strengthen relations between the public and third sector by setting out guidelines and codes of practices for projects and correspondence between partners. The Compact Steering Group supports and promotes the Compact to public authorities and third sector organisations and co-ordinates with local Compacts which guide co-operation locally. During the last year, work has particularly focused on promoting better understanding of the Compact e.g. by producing a "What is the Compact" leaflet and a PowerPoint presentation for partners to use in their talks with local voluntary groups.

Success for local Compact

The hard work of a local Compact Group paid off at the National Compact awards on 3rd November 2009. Bolsover Compact Development Group was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate in the category 'Compact Award for Innovation.' Bolsover received praise for their success in creating a thriving Compact group in just 18 months and particularly for developing the Compact Equalities Code which helps signatories understand what their undertakings are regarding matters of equalities and diversity.



Moving Forward

To achieve more results like those in Bolsover, the Compact Steering group is developing a Compact Champion Role Description and Guidelines to encourage Compact champions to be identified at the highest levels of public authorities and organisations, as well as promoting a Derbyshire Compact Award in 2010. To support the work of the Steering Group, partners are encouraged to nominate Compact Champions to represent them at the County Compact Group. For further information contact Sandra Pinks at Linkscvs@btconnect.com

Bringing the community together to preserve the environment

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is arranging volunteer working parties this December to bring communities together in order to preserve local nature reserves around Derbyshire. This is an opportunity for Derbyshire residents to learn new skills, meet new people and do something to improve the local environment.

Two volunteer working parties took place on 1st and 2nd December where a total of 24 people participated. Anyone interested in preserving their local environment is welcome. Work parties take place mid-week and at weekends. Information on dates and locations for work parties in December can be found on www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/news

Future meeting dates and contact information

The Derbyshire Partnership Forum meetings are held quarterly at County Hall in Matlock on the following dates. All meetings start at 10 am.

26 March 2010

25 June 2010

24 September 2010



For more information about the DPF and to access this newsletter online visit

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum

To submit articles for this newsletter contact louise.collins@derbyshire.gov.uk

Targeted Timetable of Action to Deliver on Partnership Priorities

A targeted timetable has been developed to ensure we are focusing our efforts on partnership priorities in a more co-ordinated way. This approach is based on the success of Operation Relentless - Safe and Confident. In order to achieve this, partners are asked to sign up to, and get involved in, delivering campaigns or projects to help meet the priorities which are shown below. More information is available on:

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/partnerships/derbyshire_partnership_forum in the related documents section.

The current focus on safeguarding vulnerable people and reducing alcohol harm runs over the Christmas period, since this is potentially a stressful time for families. There is the risk of an increased number of issues relating to child protection and domestic violence. Additionally, over

- Safeguarding vulnerable people and Reducing alcohol harm
- Health Inequalities
- Responding to the economic downturn
- Bringing people together – community cohesion
- Supporting Carers
- Positive Activities for Young People
- Operation Relentless: Safe and Confident

indulgence and higher levels of drinking can lead to accidents on the road.

A number of individual campaigns run in this period to address safeguarding issues. On the following pages are examples of campaigns and projects run by partners which contribute towards achieving the partnership's priorities on safeguarding and reducing alcohol related harm.

Update on Operation Relentless - Safe and Confident

Operation Relentless - Safe and Confident, the largest multi-agency operation ever held in the county, saw police officers work with more than 100 organisations, such as councils and the fire service, to target anti-social behaviour in all its forms. The operation aimed at improving communities, making people feel safer and increasing confidence in the police service and partner agencies.



The operation was a considerable success with Derbyshire Constabulary reporting a significant drop in incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the period Operation Relentless ran (28th September - 8th November) compared to figures from same period last year.

Assistant Chief Constable, Peter Goodman said: "We are very pleased to see that fewer people have been affected by anti-social behaviour and criminal damage as a result of this operation." However, he goes on to argue that 8th November does not mark the end of targeting anti-social behaviour, by stressing that: "Operation Relentless is not purely about statistics, it's about creating a lasting legacy of partnership working." A detailed review of the operation and the projects which worked well, is being carried out, in order to continue to reduce anti social behaviour.

Message from the Chairman



At our September meeting partners approved the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy, which sets out our collective vision and priorities for Derbyshire in the next five years. To ensure we deliver on all the priorities we must continue to capitalise on the strong relations in Derbyshire Partnership Forum. One way to do this is to support the current and future campaigns identified in the targeted timetable. Even though the campaigns are focused around particular issues they have a cross cutting impact on the general wellbeing of the people and communities of Derbyshire, and I would encourage partners to contribute to the campaigns by co-ordinating their local projects in the partnership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all partners for a rewarding year and wish you a Merry Christmas with hopes of a prosperous New Year for the partnership.



Cllr Andrew Lewer - Leader of Derbyshire County Council

Positive Parents Classes

Being a parent or carer can be hard work at times. Most families face challenging behaviour from their children at some point and knowing where to turn to for help and support can be difficult. In response, Derbyshire County Council is offering free parenting classes to help families develop their parenting skills and pick up useful tips. Classes look at issues like play, praise and rewards, limit setting and handling general misbehaviour. Common problems, covered in skills and advice sessions, include dealing with temper tantrums, fighting and swearing.

Courses aim at two age ranges:

- 2 - 8 years (a 12 week course) - 1 session a week for about two hours
- 8 - 13 years (a 12 week course) - 1 session a week for about two hours

Courses for parents or carers of children aged eight to 13 years will also look at how parents or carers can support their child's education and deal with specific behaviour problems.

Two group leaders who have received specialist training will run each class for up to 12 parents. The leaders come from local services including Derbyshire County Council, NHS, and Barnardos.

Classes will be held in venues throughout the county in the morning, afternoon or evening so there will be a variety of options available. Places will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information see:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/Social_health/services_for_children/supporting_families/positive_parents or Call Derbyshire on 08 456 058 058.



Could you help save lives?

The first step to safeguarding vulnerable people is to identify vulnerable groups. A new project, the Suicide Awareness Partnership Training Project (SAPT), is run by Rural Action Derbyshire (formerly, Derbyshire Rural Community Council) and funded by the Big Lottery Reaching Communities programme. The project aims at a 20% reduction in suicide by 2012 through delivering training across Derbyshire to encourage openness about the subject of suicide, and raise awareness of its close links with mental illness.

The project highlights the particularly high risk to those living and working in rural communities. "Rural communities are a high risk group because of the isolation often experienced," says Sharon Lovell, the SAPT Project Officer. She explains, "Social exclusion has been exacerbated by the closure of post offices and village shops, and the reduction in public transport, and farming communities have been hit by many difficulties in recent years."

Free training commences in January 2010 and is open to everyone, particularly those working with vulnerable people. All that is asked is that those attending the training aim to help or influence five people over the three year period. Training will take the form of 27 half-day seminars per year, 12 thirty minute presentations to busy employers at their place of work as well as regular communications in the media and with other agencies relevant to the cause.

For further information about the training please contact Sharon Lovell on 01629 821921 or email s.lovell@derbyscc.org.uk.

B-Safe Project helps to reduce harm caused by alcohol



B-Safe is a new project that helps young people who use alcohol on Friday and Saturday evenings to stay safe. It is based on multi-agency teams involving young people's services, the Police, Health Authorities and County and District Councils. B-Safe initially focuses on drinking hotspots in Chesterfield, Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and High Peak. Workers focus on challenging high risk behaviour, promoting sensible drinking, informing on personal safety and social responsibility, promoting positive diversionary activities as well as assessing alcohol problems and referring to further support or treatment.

The initial assessment of the project has shown:

- A reduction in each district in anti-social behaviour compared to 2008 figures over the Halloween & Bonfire period.
- An increase in the number of activities offered on Friday & Saturday and an increase in the number of young people engaging in positive activities.
- Young people are involved in designing leaflets and messages about alcohol and personal safety which help to influence their peers.

A number of activities are planned in the four districts during the 'Safeguarding vulnerable people and reducing alcohol harm' targeting period, including a 'dry night' in Glossop, an alcohol free foam skate party at Doncaster Dome as well as the regular street work on Friday and Saturday nights in all areas.

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