

Partnership Matters

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Message from the Chairman



Recently, we asked members of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum (DPF) to feed their views into a governance and priority setting workshop. Over 50 representatives from partner organisations discussed priorities stemming from those agreed in the 2009-14 Sustainable Community Strategy. A streamlined set of priorities were suggested on the day, but there is still time for those who were unable to attend to feed in their views, helping us determine a new performance framework for the DPF.

Our discussions also focused on the governance of the DPF. Partners felt that proposed arrangements highlighted the need for enhanced communications, to ensure that everyone's voice is heard. We will be working hard over the coming months to ensure we get this right. Please play your part by circulating publications such as this as widely as possible.

Cllr Andrew Lewer - Leader of Derbyshire County Council

Bringing People Together Campaign 2011

Building on the success of last year's Bringing People Together Campaign, partners across Derbyshire are making a combined effort again this year to promote community cohesion and local activities.

As part of the campaign, a calendar of activities and events taking place across Derbyshire has been produced and is available on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/bringingpeopletogether. If you would like a paper copy of the calendar, please email policy@derbyshire.gov.uk

Last year, the campaign was supported by a small grants fund which sponsored a wide range of local projects and events helping people and communities come together. An evaluation of the fund shows that nearly 4% of the Derbyshire population attended a funded event. The sponsored activities have also helped to increase the numbers of volunteers and identify local community champions across Derbyshire.

The Forum's Community Cohesion Sub-Group continues to work together to support local groups and promote community activities and will look at how partners can learn from the experiences of small community groups and share good practice across Derbyshire.

All partners are encouraged to continue to use the Bringing People Together Brand to highlight the wide range of cohesion activities that are taking place locally.

Please support the campaign by:

- Emailing details of local events to policy@derbyshire.gov.uk
- Promoting the calendar to people and groups in local communities
- Using the Bringing People Together Brand for events and activities.



Participants at a Heritage Day at Ilkeston Specialist Arts College, funded by the 2010 Bringing People Together Fund.

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Reaching Communities

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and Derbyshire Constabulary Outreach Officers are currently undertaking engagement activities to reach communities across Derbyshire. Partners are using the Bringing People Together Brand to promote community cohesion in the delivery of services, through a series of events designed to increase awareness of fire risks and other safety issues to people who have recently arrived to work and live in Derbyshire. The events are also being used to signpost people to other services they may need.

An initial event in Shirebrook in November 2010 saw partners successfully engage with over 600 migrant workers within the Sports Direct Distribution Centre. Questionnaires were distributed to



Pictured are partners at the Shirebrook engagement event in November 2010

identify the demographics of the workers and their understanding of fire and police safety issues. Respondents were also able to indicate if they wanted further information about other services.

Additional events have taken place throughout spring with the attendance of a number of other organisations, including the Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service, The Handy Van Service and voluntary sector organisations.

For more information about the project or to get involved, please contact Julie Crooks by phoning 01629 538410 or by emailing JCrooks@derbys-fire.gov.uk.

Reduce CO₂ and save your organisation money

Do you want to provide sustainability training for your staff but don't know where to start? If so, why not use the County Council's sustainability training contract to run your own session? The Peak District National Park Authority is running sustainability training for County Council Elected Members and staff. Partners are also able to use this contract to run training sessions for their own organisation.

The training will help your staff to think about how the services you deliver contribute to climate change and how you can reduce CO₂ emissions and save money. It will also help staff to understand their own impact on the environment and how they can individually take steps to reduce their carbon footprint. Approximately 20 individuals can take part in a session which can be delivered anywhere in the county.

To provide a taste of what they offer, partners are invited to send a representative free of charge to one of the County Council's sustainability training sessions. Any additional places will be charged at £50 per person. For more information, please contact Becky Lomas on 01629 538266 or email becky.lomas@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Next training date

21 September 2011: 9.30am - 1.30pm

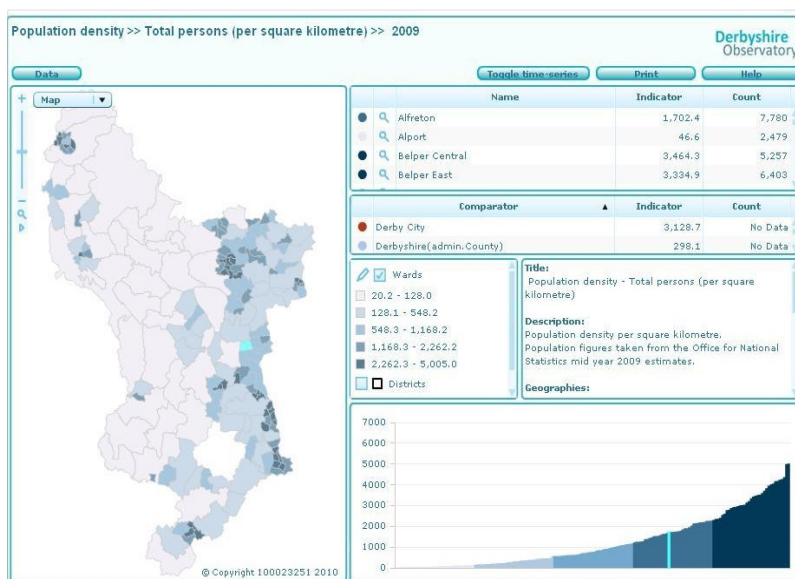
The session will take place at County Hall, Matlock.

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Derbyshire Observatory

A one stop data shop is now available to help you find a whole host of information about Derbyshire. The Derbyshire Observatory is a website that contains data and information on the county's population, economy, health, education and much more. It is funded by the County Council, NHS Derbyshire County and NHS Tameside and Glossop. Information is organised into ten themes to help build up a picture of life in Derbyshire and show where improvements are needed.



The Observatory helps to give a greater understanding of Derbyshire's communities which can be used to inform future strategic plans and priorities or help build an evidence base for funding applications and project proposals. You can also get involved in developing the observatory by adding your own service information onto the system. All data is available to view and download via interactive maps and reports.

Visit <http://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk> for more information or contact Mel Cave on 01629 539167 to book a place on an Observatory training event.

Putting Culture on the map

Derbyshire will enhance its reputation as a leading destination for arts, culture and leisure after plans were agreed to create a City and County of Culture. Local councils, sporting, voluntary and community groups will be working in partnership to bring together the best of the county's arts, leisure, culture and sport to attract more visitors and boost the economy.

Plans are already under way to create a spectacular year of cultural events in 2015 for residents and visitors to Derby and Derbyshire. Leader of Derbyshire County Council and Cabinet Member for Culture, Councillor Andrew Lewer said: "This is an exciting opportunity as Derbyshire has a tremendous amount to offer residents and visitors alike."

The work is being led by Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council with support from district and borough councils, Visit Peak District and Derbyshire and key cultural venues, together with more than 50 local community and voluntary organisations who have pledged support for the project.

Providers and organisers across the county are invited to adopt the brand designed for the initiative to help promote relevant activities and events. For more information, please contact robert.gent@derbyshire.gov.uk



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Success for B-Safe Project

A recent evaluation of the B-Safe project highlights the positive results of its local and targeted approach to reducing young people's alcohol consumption. The project has been developed by the County Council's Youth Service, working with Derbyshire Constabulary, A&E staff and the Derbyshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

B-Safe has been running since July 2009 and initially focused on areas within Bolsover, Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, High Peak and North Dales. B-Safe team workers have identified drinking hotspots and worked to raise young people's awareness of the impact of alcohol consumption. A wide range of positive alcohol free activities have been available on Friday and Saturday nights and the number of young people attending these activities has more than doubled in the project period.



Attendees at a B-Safe film night in North East Derbyshire

The evaluation shows that awareness of the impact of alcohol in the targeted areas has increased and there has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour, which was a secondary aim of the project. As a result of the project's partnership approach, the number of referrals between partners has also been improved to help address both the cause and effect of excessive drinking.

The project will now be extended to cover all districts in Derbyshire. If you would like to be involved or to find out more about the project, please contact chris.campbell@derbyshire.gov.uk.

New 'Hub' now open

The 'Hub,' a new flagship community building in South Normanton, is the culmination of a seven year partnership project aimed at bringing together a range of local services and organisations to give people easy access to the services they need. As well as providing local services, it is hoped that the development will also help to further economic regeneration in the area.

The building was partially opened in February with an official opening taking place in the near future. Offices and community meeting rooms will be available at the new building alongside

Bolsover District Council and South Normanton Parish Council offices, a Safer Neighbourhood Team base, Derbyshire Community Health Services, 'Release' debt advice services and a range of Derbyshire County Council services.



For more information, please contact robert.moores@derbyshire.gov.uk or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/hub

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