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A good quality of life, both now and in the future—the vision of the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2014

The Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2014 is the overarching guiding framework for partnership working in Derbyshire. It describes what Derbyshire is like, the economic, social and environmental challenges facing the county and what local organisations can do together to improve the area.

It sets out priorities for collective action which will improve people's lives by making Derbyshire a safer place to live, helping people become healthier, improving the local economy, protecting the environment, tackling inequalities and supporting vulnerable people.

Priorities for Derbyshire

- **Safer Communities** Reduce crime and the fear of crime—reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol—tackle anti-social behaviour and effect it has on communities—improve the safety of local people
- **Children and Young People** Enable children and young people to; be healthy—stay safe—enjoy and achieve—make a positive contribution—achieve economic wellbeing
- **Health and Wellbeing** Promote health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities—increase independent living and improve quality of life—promote choice and control—improve inclusion and contribution—enhance dignity and safety
- **Culture** Increase participation in arts, sports, culture and leisure opportunities
- **Sustainable Communities** Improve and protect the local environment—support a thriving local economy and sustainable communities—provide well connected communities

Many partners have helped to develop the strategy over recent months to ensure it meets the needs of local communities in Derbyshire. It will soon be published and distributed to partners.

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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 10am.

11 December 2009

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

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Operation Relentless 2009: Safe & Confident



Operation Relentless 2009 – Safe and Confident is a joint partnership initiative with the aim of raising public confidence by identifying and dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter to communities across Derbyshire, including Derby City. The operation will run from 28 September to 8 November 2009 and will tie in with the historical increases in anti-social behaviour

around Autumn Half Term, Halloween and Bonfire Night. Alcohol Awareness Week also falls within this time frame, falling between 19th and 25th October.

Every community large or small will have its own key problems that are a negative focus for everyone. This could be nuisance motorists, drinking in a local park, drug paraphernalia discarded in a public area, or an environmental concern, such as fly tipping. Operation Relentless 2009 will focus on tackling these problems through a wide range of planned activities, including 'Neighbourhood Sweeps', where partners will work together with the whole community to address local concerns. There is also a wide range of diversionary activities, environmental clean-ups, consultation events and enforcement action. So far over 2250 events have been confirmed throughout the county. A summary of events can be viewed from the 28th September on the police website at www.derbyshire.police.uk

Coordinated by Derbyshire Constabulary, over 100 partners are already involved, including Derbyshire Fire and Rescue, Derbyshire County Council, Probation Service, Community Safety Partnerships (County Council and Derby City), Youth Offending Services, Environmental Services, Trading Standards, County/City Primary Care Trusts, District Councils, Schools and Colleges, Derby County and Chesterfield Town FC, Derbyshire Criminal Justice Board, Sporting Futures, Churches Together, Library Services and Neighbourhood Watch Groups.

If you would like to get involved or discuss planned activities and local contacts in more detail, please contact T/Chief Inspector Pete Szabo, 01773 572221, pete.szabo.691@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk or Sgt Kev Pellatt, 01773 572221, Kevin.Pellatt.1402@derbyshire.police.pnn.police.uk

Making Communities Safer through the Reach Project

Re-offending in Derbyshire has dropped by almost a quarter thanks to a partnership project which works with the county's most prolific criminals. New figures just released show that the number of convictions among prolific and priority offenders (PPOs) dropped from 726 at the end of March 2008 to 561 in March this year. The Reach Project is supported by a wide range of partners including the County Council, Police, Prison Service, Probation Service, Youth Offending Services Drug and Alcohol Team together with Community Safety Partnerships, Crown Prosecution Service, the Courts, Housing Agencies, Job Centre Plus, G4S and Connexions. Together they are able to focus effort on a small group of offenders, to change their behaviour and make communities safer. For more information contact Glenn Mason 01629 538226 glenn.mason@derbyshire.gov.uk

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Message from the Chairman



It is encouraging to hear about the partnership projects happening across Derbyshire which are making a positive difference to people's lives. Whether it is improving the safety of local people, encouraging participation in cultural events or supporting Derbyshire's economy, there are many examples of projects where organisations are collaborating to improve the way they deliver their services. To help with this co-ordinated approach, partners have developed a new Sustainable Community Strategy. Thank you to everyone who has helped to develop this very important document. A large number of responses were received to the drafts which were circulated and this gives us confidence that the strategy represents our collective priorities.

Cllr Andrew Lewer - Leader of Derbyshire County Council

Bringing People Together

Partners are helping to bring local people together through their work to promote community cohesion. Community Cohesion is the glue which binds communities together. This is strengthened when people get on well together, respect each other and feel they can influence decisions in their area. It can be weakened when people feel that they do not enjoy the same life opportunities as others.

Community cohesion is about working towards a society in which:

- There is a common vision and sense of belonging by all communities
- The diversity of people's backgrounds is appreciated and valued
- Similar life opportunities are available to all
- Strong and positive relationships exist and are developed in the workplace, schools and wider community

In Derbyshire this means places where:

- Young people and older people get on with and respect each other
- Under represented people have a voice and access to the same life opportunities, employment and services
- The gap between the 'haves' and the have nots' is reduce by tackling inequalities that exist for particular geographical areas in the county and for particular groups of people
- People from new communities are welcomed and are able to settle and integrate
- Communities are stable and well equipped to deal with change

The DPF Community Cohesion Working Group (chaired by Bruce Buckley, Derbyshire County Council Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children and Younger Adults) brings together a variety of local organisations. The group is building a better understanding of what influences cohesion in Derbyshire and co-ordinating activities which help to 'bring people together'. A community cohesion strategy for Derbyshire is currently being developed and will be published early in 2010.

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Supporting Local Business



To help businesses through the economic downturn a series of retailer training have taken place, funded by the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DDEP). This is part of Derbyshire County Council's Market Towns Initiative, aimed at supporting local businesses and creating prosperous towns.

Over 30 independent retailers from Bakewell, Matlock and Darley Dale attended the first series of four one-hour workshops in April at in Darley Dale and events have been held in Amber Valley, Southern Derbyshire Dales and Buxton. The programme

consists of a series of short, informal presentations by retail and trade specialists.

Over 51 businesses have benefited from the workshops and feedback from retailers has been very positive with the majority of businesses saying they have applied practical tips and ideas to their business as a result of the training. They were grateful for any support from local and national government which would help their business to survive during the credit crunch which had impacted on the footfall and turnover of many businesses. Further training sessions have been booked covering all areas across Derbyshire. For more information contact Zoe Jepson 01629 538474.

Cultural Communities—Live and Local



One of Derbyshire's partnership priorities is to increase participation in arts, sports, cultural and leisure opportunities. Live and Local aims to offer affordable tickets and professional performances at village venues to people in Derbyshire, their friends, families and visitors. Live and Local helps a network of over a hundred village halls and community venues which book and promote entertaining and enjoyable professional arts events for their local audiences.

At the heart of Live & Local is the opportunity to bring people together to enjoy high quality, affordable, memorable and uplifting live entertainment and to have a fantastic night out. At the centre of this network, connecting these mainly voluntary groups with some of the UK's best professional performers, is a 'not for profit' organisation with a team of 7 workers, funded by Derbyshire County Council, all the district and borough councils within Derbyshire and the Arts Council England. The Live and Local season runs from September to April each year and the shows include everything from top bands to children's shows, world music to comedy cabaret, entertaining drama to pocket-sized opera and much more.

There are Live and Local venues throughout the whole of Derbyshire. For more information on Live and Local events across Derbyshire visit the Live and Local website www.liveandlocal.org.uk