

Partnership Matters

September 2010



derbyshire partnership forum

Message from the Chairman



Our Partnership Annual Report demonstrates our key achievements over the last year and shows that by working together partner organisations have made a difference to the lives of people in Derbyshire.

The forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review will mean that fewer resources are available and consequently there will be a greater need to prioritise and work in partnership to deliver services. We need a partnership that is fit for purpose and can deliver in the challenging times ahead. That is why we are asking all Forum members to think about what our partnership should look like, whether our current structures work and whether we should continue to set high level partnership priorities. I would encourage you all to contribute to this important debate.

Cllr Andrew Lewer - Leader of Derbyshire County Council

Operation Relentless 2010

'Operation Relentless - Safe and Confident' is a six week initiative to improve communities, make people safer and increase confidence in the police service and partner agencies by reducing crime and the effects of crime. More than 100 organisations, such as local councils and the fire service are involved.

Last year's successful campaign saw 384 fewer offences and 700 less incidents of anti social behaviour when compared to the same six week period in 2008/09.

This year's campaign runs from 27 September until 7 November and will have a different theme each week with a range of projects and activities taking place.

To date, more than 2,000 events have been planned county-wide, including community clean-ups, crime prevention events, under-age drinking patrols, burglary reduction campaigns, sports sessions for youngsters and fire safety checks. Operation Relentless contributes to achieving partnership priorities around community safety including reducing crime and the fear of crime, reducing the harm caused by drugs and alcohol, tackling anti-social behaviour, and improving the safety of local people.

For more information or to include projects or activities under Operation Relentless contact Michelle Collins at michelle.collins@derbyshire.gov.uk



Themed Weeks

- Improving Local Neighbourhoods
27 September - 3 October 2010
- Family Engagement
4 - 10 October 2010
- Community Action
11 - 17 October 2010
- Alcohol Harm Reduction
18 - 24 October 2010
- Nuisance Reduction
25 - 31 October 2010
- Fire Safety
1 - 7 November 2010

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Safer Families

North Derbyshire families, with children under five, will now be even safer thanks to a scheme rolled out by Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Community Safety Officers.

The scheme provides enhanced fire safety training for Children's Centre Workers and teaches them how to identify and resolve potential fire risks in the home. They can then signpost families to the Home Fire Safety Check scheme.



Community Safety Officer Victoria Sparkes, who developed and rolled out the initiative, said: "Statistically, families with children are more likely to have a house fire than those without, so we have to do everything we can to inform them of what makes us all safer."

For further information, please contact Vicky Sparkes or Chris Loftley on 01246 284042.

Steve Wells, Prevention Team Group Manager said: "Prevention often relies on good relationships between organisations and this initiative will hopefully have far-reaching and positive outcomes for all families that come into contact with Children's Centres. We have conducted training sessions for over 50 workers during the past six months and have experienced an increase in Home Fire Safety Check referrals through Children's Centres."

Active Communities

Derbyshire villages are being encouraged to host regular sporting and physical activity through a recently established project, the Derbyshire Village Games.



Six officers, one for each of the districts or boroughs classed as rural, have recently been appointed to support weekly sporting activities and encourage villages to host events, such as mini 'Olympic Games'. The project is part of celebrating the London 2012 Olympics and aims to develop community spirit around sport and physical activity whilst encouraging people to get more active.

Chief Officer, Hayley Lever of the Community Sports Trust, which manages the project, encourages organisations across Derbyshire to get involved and build on this exciting idea. She is keen to hear from partners in business, tourism, economic development and rural affairs to discuss the project.

Contact Hayley on 01663751608 or email hayley@communitysportstrust.co.uk.

Derbyshire Village Games are supported by Sport Derbyshire, NHS Derbyshire County, the County Council and the rural districts and borough councils.

To make the project happen, officers will be looking for volunteers to help run activities and events, such as coaching, fundraising and campaigning. On www.villagegames.org.uk, you can find the names of the officer for each of the rural districts or boroughs.

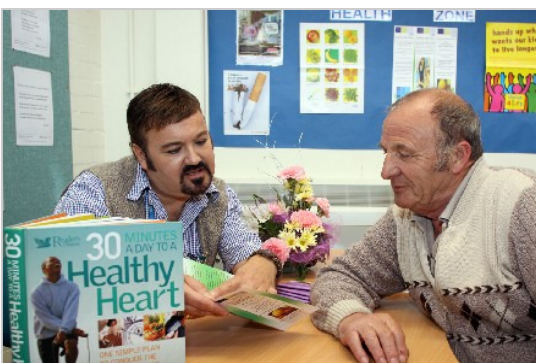
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Health and well-being zones in Derbyshire

Access to information on how to stay healthy and improve well-being is the focus of a new partnership project. NHS Derbyshire County, the County Council's Adult Care and Cultural and Community Services Department and Citizens Advice Bureaux in Derbyshire are developing Health and Wellbeing Zones across the county which will act as 'first stop shops' for information.

The Zones are currently being piloted in Shirebrook and Eckington Library and further Health and Well-being Zones are being developed at the Community Care Centre in Staveley, the new St. Oswald's Hospital in Ashbourne and Chesterfield Library. The idea is to roll out Health and Wellbeing Zones in more libraries, all GP practices, District and Borough Council venues, and possibly even have them within supermarkets and pharmacies over the next few years.



Health Trainers and Community Health Champions will support the Zones, keep information up to date and signpost users to resources or local opportunities to help them stay healthy. Health Champions may be staff employed within the venue hosting the Zone or could be community volunteers interested in health improvement within their local area.

For more information, contact Jem Brown on 01629 532068 or by email on jem.brown@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Alcohol scheme offers an alternative

A new course is being offered to people who are arrested for either being drunk and disorderly or for an alcohol related public order offence. It is delivered by Druglink and funded by Derbyshire Constabulary, Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council.

Course attendees are encouraged to reduce their alcohol intake and assess the impact of drink on themselves and those around them. This includes the medical effects of alcohol and how it contributes to anti-social behaviour and violent crime. It is hoped that this will help reduce alcohol-related crime in Derbyshire.

Bolsover section Inspector Graham Lamin said: "This scheme is about engaging with a hard to reach group of people through education. We hope to affect the long term behaviour by highlighting the potential risks and consequences of excessive alcohol consumption."

So far, 40 people have attended the course, with a further seven booked onto the next one. The take-up rate in Derbyshire is 25 per cent which is better than in other areas of the country, where only 17 per cent of those offered the course sign up.

The course forms an important part of community safety work to reduce alcohol-related crime and reaches those who do not benefit from work done in schools, by the youth service and in parent and community groups.

For more information contact Inspector Andy Smith by email on andy.smith.1085@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.

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'Fatal Four' causes targeted in safety campaign

Mobile phone use, drink driving, speeding and failure to use a seat belt are the 'fatal four' causes of serious accidents being tackled by a new road safety campaign. Derbyshire County Council, the Highways Agency and four neighbouring authorities are running the campaign which could become the model for others in the country.

The police are providing face to face advice on known accident black spots whilst radio advertising and roadside posters will target roads with particularly poor safety records. The success of the campaign will be measured by comparing attitudes to safe driving, as well as by any drop in collisions or speeding.

For more information and to support the campaign contact Matt Pickard on 01629 538657.

Cllr Chris Jackson, Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "The number of people killed or seriously injured on Derbyshire's roads fell from 633 in 1999 to 449 in 2009 - but one crash is still one too many. That's why we're working with other organisations and the public to tackle the four main causes of deaths and serious injuries on the region's roads."



Chesterfield Festival of World Cultures



Supported by the Bringing People Together Fund, the Eastern European Migrant Advice Committee held a world cultures event in Chesterfield in mid August which celebrated the diversity of the different cultures in Chesterfield and its surrounding areas.

The event showcased music and dance performances and gave local people an opportunity to taste traditional food from all over the world, including Eastern

European and Polish food, food from Asia and African Caribbean cuisine.

A range of organisations supported the event including the County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.

For more information on Community Cohesion and Bringing people Together, please contact louise.collins@derbyshire.gov.uk



Meeting dates and Contact Information

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

10 December 2010

25 March 2011

24 June 2011

23 September 2011

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