

Partnership Matters

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Message from the Chairman



Our Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board for Derbyshire has now met on two occasions. A key responsibility for the Board is to ensure effective and widespread engagement with stakeholders. To begin this process, we recently held a successful Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Engagement Forum. 120 representatives from a wide range of organisations attended and I would like to thank everyone for their contributions.

Interesting discussions took place about how to ensure effective future engagement and about health and wellbeing priorities which will help us to develop a Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing strategy.

Your contributions are important, and we want to make sure that we draw on the valuable expertise of all stakeholders as the Board develops and takes on wider responsibilities in the future.

Cllr Andrew Lewer - Leader of Derbyshire County Council

Community Action Grants

The first round of the County Council's Community Action Grant scheme proved to be extremely popular. 158 applications were submitted and a total of £41,257 has been awarded to local groups across Derbyshire.

A wide range of projects received a grant with some groups receiving part funding to ensure as many deserving projects as possible were funded.

There are seven application rounds in total, and the next deadline for applications is 28 October 2011.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to small groups across Derbyshire who want to make a difference to the area in which they live and who need a small amount of money to make it happen. Groups have to be formally constituted and deliver a project within the administrative boundaries of Derbyshire.

Applicants need to demonstrate how a grant will help their projects become sustainable. Examples of items eligible for funding include equipment, materials, publicity to attract volunteers or training to support them. A Community Action Grant cannot be used to fund on-going running costs, including weekly venue hire and transport.

More information, including the application form and an information pack to help groups apply is available on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/cag.

Projects awarded a Community Action Grant include:

- Aston on Trent Local History Project - for resources to help them engage people of all ages with the history of the local area
- Hope Careline - for equipment and materials to provide a befriending service for people living alone.
- St Lawrence Small Wonders – for equipment to help a local Mums and Toddler Group provide a safe learning environment for young children.
- Hope for Belper - for materials to help get young people to bring the external areas of the Strutt Centre back in to use.
- Transition Chesterfield - for equipment to pick and distribute fruit from neglected fruit trees to owners, volunteers, the public and homeless shelters.

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Free training for volunteers

Volunteers who work with children and young people or people who would like to get involved with volunteering can attend a free training course to get a Derbyshire Volunteer Passport. The training consists of five half day sessions which cover the key skills volunteers need to have to work with children and young people, including First Aid, Health and Safety and keeping children and young people safe.

When they have finished training, volunteers are awarded a certificate and a Volunteer Passport photo ID badge, providing they have proof of a CRB check. People can apply online by going to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/passport. They will then be contacted by their local volunteer centre with information on the nearest training sessions.

The Volunteer Passport training scheme is a partnership between Derbyshire County Council, the Councils for Voluntary Services, Volunteer Centres and district and borough councils. It has recently been extended to all areas in Derbyshire.

Derbyshire partner agencies as well as local community and voluntary groups can also take advantage of free Safeguarding Children Training, which is delivered by the Safeguarding Children Board Training Team. They run over 180 Sessions across the county. More information about the training is available on www.derbyshirescb.org.uk/training_development.



Residents 'Have their say' in Police consultation

Derbyshire Police Authority and Derbyshire Constabulary are currently running a county wide face-to-face consultation exercise to gauge public feeling on policing matters.

Residents are being asked to take part in a questionnaire to find out how satisfied they are with services, whether they are aware of their Safer Neighbourhood team, if they feel the service is providing value for money and what the most important task for the police in their area is.



The results of the questionnaire will help shape future services and prioritise resources to ensure local people's needs and concerns are being met. The information will also be shared with Community Safety Partnerships to help improve satisfaction levels.

The consultation has been running since June 2011 and there are still opportunities for local people to take part. The next face-to-face consultation event will take place on Monday 26 September at Derby University, Kedleston Road Campus in Derby. An online version of the questionnaire is also available on www.derbyshire.police.uk/News-and-Appeals/Have-Your-Say-2011.aspx.

Interim results of the consultation are now available on the website above and full results will be available later this year.

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Advice Derbyshire

Advice Derbyshire are looking to broaden their membership base and are welcoming independent advice providers that would like to join a growing and diverse network. There is no cost of membership, and members can expect to benefit from free and subsidised training opportunities, keep in touch with developments affecting the sector and promote their own organisation and services through their growing network.

Advice Derbyshire has existed since 2009 and is a member organisation made up of key advice agencies working across the county of Derbyshire. Members are committed to offering free and independent advice for the people of Derbyshire, on issues including debt, welfare benefits, employment, discrimination and housing. The services help to ensure that the people of Derbyshire have access to the advice, assistance and representation that is central to tackling inequality and improving people's lives.

Network members will also be able to use our Advice Derbyshire branding and will be included on our website which allows clients to search for advice by postcode.

For further information about Advice Derbyshire please contact Kris Ambler, Partnership Manager by emailing kris.ambler@advisederbyshire.org or phoning 01298 213833.



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Village Games going strong

The Derbyshire Village Games Team has had a successful first year and is currently working with over 50 communities across Derbyshire to develop clubs, activities, events and festivals.

There have been over 33,000 attendances at Village Games events, activities and clubs over the past year and 156 coaches and 160 volunteers have supported the activities, which have ranged from Return to Netball, Rounders, Streetdance, T'ai Chi, Jogging, Adventure Sport, Parkour, Tennis, Basketball, Boccia, Chair Based exercise, Futsal, Zumba, Pilates, Football, Table Tennis, Circuit training and much more.

Derbyshire Village Games is a community sport project using inter village competition, festivals and events to encourage people to participate in sport and recreation. A wide range of Derbyshire partners are involved with the project and a Village Games Coordinator is working in each of the six rural Derbyshire districts and boroughs.

For more information about Derbyshire Village Games, please contact Hayley Lever on 01663 751608 or visit www.villagegames.org.uk.



Some of this year's Village Games activities include a hockey group in Willington (above) and a Family Adventure Day in Buxton (right).



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Low Carbon Planning workshops

Local community groups, individuals, partners, councillors and officers with an interest in local planning are invited to attend a free one day workshop which aims to help communities get involved with the development of local renewable energy projects.

The workshop is funded by Groundwork East Midlands and is run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy in association with Marches Energy Agency. It will focus on how attendees can get involved in local plan making and will look at renewable energy technologies, climate change adaptation, community engagement and funding issues.



The workshop will take place:

Date: Saturday 8 October

Time: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Location: County Hall, Matlock

Pre-booking is essential. If you would like to attend, please email your name, job title, organisation, contact email address and phone number to kirsty.mitchell@cse.org.uk.

Future of SARC secured

The future of the county's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) has been secured until March 2014 thanks to a multi-agency commissioning group. The Centre opened in November 2004 as a result of a joint initiative between Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Rape Crisis. The service is now jointly funded and commissioned by Derbyshire Constabulary, NHS Derby City and NHS Derbyshire County, Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council.

Located in mid Derbyshire, the SARC acts as a central unit to provide care and support for victims of sexual assaults. It is staffed by Derbyshire Rape Crisis who work independently of the police to provide support and counselling to victims both immediately following the incident and in the longer term. Victims of crime, both male and female, can contact the SARC directly and then decide whether they make a formal complaint to the police or not.

Over the last year, the SARC, has dealt with more than 200 victims of sexual assaults via the Police, and of these, more than 120 medical examinations have been conducted. Several other victims have also self-referred to the service.

For more information on the SARC, please contact sally.goodwin@derbyshire.gov.uk

Meeting dates and contact information

Derbyshire Partnership Forum meetings are held at County Hall in Matlock. The next meeting takes place on 9 December 2011 at 10am.

For more information about the DPF and to access the DPF papers, presentations and an electronic version of this newsletter, visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum

To submit articles for the newsletter, please contact lia.ottosen@derbyshire.gov.uk