

Partnership Matters

December 2012



Message from the Chairman



Health and Wellbeing is a key theme at the moment. The Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy was approved at the end of September and the transition from Derbyshire LINK to Healthwatch Derbyshire is progressing well. The consultation undertaken on Healthwatch was very successful and I would like to thank everyone who contributed their views to help shape this new service.

As we are approaching Christmas thoughts turn back to the Summer and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The games were an overwhelming success and inspired many of Derbyshire's residents of all ages to become more involved in sport and active recreation. This will have

a positive impact on the future health and wellbeing of these residents for many years to come.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr Andrew Lewer - Leader of Derbyshire County Council



Healthwatch

Healthwatch is a new initiative set up by the Government to improve how local people can influence, challenge and get involved in the planning of health and social care services in Derbyshire. This covers services provided by hospitals, care home, GP surgeries, disability home care services and many others. This new independent organisation must be set up before April 2013 and will replace the Local Involvement Network (LINKs).

Healthwatch Derbyshire will give people in Derbyshire a powerful voice locally and nationally. It is all about local voices being able to influence the delivery and design of local services, not just for people who use them, but anyone who might need to in the future. Healthwatch Derbyshire will enable people to share their views and concerns about services and help build a picture of where services are doing well and where they need to be improved.

Consultation has been undertaken to help shape Healthwatch Derbyshire and determine what the service should focus on, the results of which will be available soon.

It was agreed to recruit an 'Implementer' to assist with the setting up of Healthwatch Derbyshire as a new not for profit organisation. Following a tender exercise Exact has been appointed as the Implementer. Exact is now leading on recruiting an executive board before they assist the new board members in the development and setting up of the new Healthwatch organisation.



Further information on Healthwatch can be found at www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/healthwatch

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Think Sprinkler

THINK SPRINKLERS – MATCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY WITH COUNCILS IS A SUCCESS

Continuing with the on-going success of raising the profile and benefits of domestic sprinklers, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service are delighted to announce that several councils and Housing Associations / Arms Length Management Organisations have agreed to match fund up to £20,000 with the Service to install domestic sprinklers in the homes of our most vulnerable persons at risk to fire within the County.

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority agreed to provide £200,000 funding towards the retrofit of sprinklers in domestic dwellings in Derbyshire. This is based on the criteria that £20,000 would be offered to each council, borough/district or Housing Association / Arms Length Management Organisation on the basis that this would be match funded by them up to the same amount.

Support and commitment to match fund has been received from a number of organisations. We appreciate this support and will continue to work with the remaining organisations within Derbyshire. This is a great opportunity, working in partnership, to ensure that we continue to reduce fire deaths.

Sprinklers can provide the ultimate protection to human life, property and the environment virtually eliminating fire deaths, reducing injuries by at least 80%, reducing property damage by 90% and substantially reducing damage to the environment from fire.

Please contact Jane Cork, Partnership and Funding Officer or Station Manager Robert Mackie on 01332 771221 for further



EcoTeams

Derbyshire County Council has commissioned Global Action Plan (an independent environmental charity) to run EcoTeams training for communities, small and medium enterprises and partner organisations across the county. The free workshops and resources will help individuals become Eco-Leaders, setting up EcoTeams with their peers to identify actions they can take to save money and reduce their environmental impact at home and in the workplace.

The training is for anyone with an interest in environmental issues or who would like to help colleagues and members of the public to learn what they can do to save money on utility bills. You do not need to be an expert, as the training will provide you with all the information you need.

We want to work with committed people within community groups, businesses and partner organisations. EcoTeams starts with a training session consisting of 10-25 people from either the same or mixed organisations. The EcoTeams will then work with Derbyshire County Council to reduce their environmental impact.

To find out more and arrange a date for the training contact Nick Pigula Nicholas.pigula@derbyshire.gov.uk or 01629 538304 for details. You can get a sneak preview of the EcoTeams resources on the Global Action Plan website : <http://www.globalactionplan.org.uk/ecoteams>



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Digital Derbyshire

Derbyshire County Council is leading the Digital Derbyshire programme to deliver the county's biggest ever broadband transformation by 2015 – investing £15m to improve speeds and encourage residents and businesses to make the most of online opportunities.

Technological advances have placed an increasing reliance upon digital telecommunications in recent years and with the roll out of more sophisticated applications such as streaming media, video on demand, and increasing use of the Internet for day to day living, there will be further demand for improved broadband access.

We need partners' support to help us attract a private sector partner to invest in and deliver our ambitious programme by promoting our registration tool within your organisation and to think about how improved broadband can be maximised in your own organisation.

Where possible could partners please encourage your customers to pledge their support online for the programme at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/digitalderbyshire. It will only take a couple of minutes and there is no obligation to sign up for services.

We have an information pack to support our Digital Derbyshire campaign. The A4 pack is used to promote the Digital Derbyshire campaign at events across the county, through partner organisations, in communities via our broadband champions and includes a poster to encourage people to complete our demand registration form.

If you would like a copy of the pack, or for more information on how to get involved email your details to broadband@derbyshire.gov.uk or call 01629 538243.

Village Games

Derbyshire Village Games is a highly visible, accessible community spirited sport project across rural Derbyshire. It uses inter village competition, festivals and events to encourage people to participate in sport and recreation. It is the catalyst to a programme of club development, coach development and volunteer recruitment, and builds village identity and social interaction.

You may be interested to see the Derbyshire Village Games Impact Report, assessing the innovative three year pilot project to get people fit and active, doing regular exercise right here on the doorstep in villages all over Derbyshire. Visit www.villagegames.org.uk to see the report.

The headline figures demonstrated what has been achieved in partnership with the many organisations that have support this project.

- Over 25,000 participants in more than 100 villages
- Over 120,000 attendances at 190 weekly clubs and activities and 180 events
- Over 1,100 volunteers and 833 coaches

In the coming months we will be launching a major campaign to keep the project going after its initial 3 year funding cycle finishes next year.

For further information on village games contact hayley@communitysportstrust.co.uk



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Community Building Grants

The £1 million Community Building Grant scheme was launched in June to fund community building projects, or permanent equipment to strengthen local communities. The deadline for receipt of applications was 30 September and the scheme has proved extremely popular with seventy two applications requesting funding of just under £6.5 million pound being received. The grants were categorized into small £10,000 to £25,000, medium £25,001 to £100,000 and large £100,101 to £250,000. To date decisions have only been made on projects applying for small and medium grants.

The following projects have been allocated funding

- Tansley Village Hall
- Milton Village Hall
- Swanwick Methodist Church
- 155th Derby (Etwall) Scout Group
- Friends of Hadfield Hall
- The Parochial Church Council of St Thomas Brampton
- Hope Sports Club
- Alfreton Cricket Club
- Loundsley Green Community Trust
- Eyam Sports Association

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Integrated Offender Management

A DVD publicising the Integrated Offender Management scheme has recently been created for staff and partners. It aims to raise awareness of the scheme by promoting its purpose, outcomes and provision across Derbyshire. Integrated Offender Management improves the way in which criminal justice agencies and other partners share information and work together to control, manage and supervise a small, targeted group of offenders who are assessed as being highly likely to re-offend.

Success is measured in terms of a reduction in re-offending, and for Derbyshire a reduction of 28% has been recorded between June 2011 and May 2012. This equates to more than £1m savings to the public purse. The DVD contains insightful and moving accounts from offenders who have benefitted as well as input from partners delivering the scheme.

For further information visit http://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/what_we_do/e_offender_management/offender_management/default.asp

Meeting dates and contact information

Derbyshire Partnership Forum meetings are held at County Hall in Matlock. The next meeting takes place on Friday 28 June 2013 at 10am.

For more information and to access Derbyshire Partnership Forum papers, presentations and an electronic version of this newsletter, visit www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk

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