



derbyshire partnership forum

Derbyshire Partnership Annual Report 2009/10

I am pleased to welcome you to the Derbyshire Partnership Annual Report for 2009/10.

The last year has been one of significant change and challenge for partners working together in Derbyshire. There are further challenges ahead as we face both pressure on budgets and increased demand for services. However, Derbyshire has a strong history of partnership working and by working together and listening to our communities we are delivering high quality public services where they are needed most and we will continue to do so.

We are now at the end of the first year of the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009 – 2014, and this is a good time to look at what the partnership has done over the last year, and how this has made a difference to local people. This Annual Report gives a flavour of the projects, initiatives and events that have taken place locally and county wide over the past year to address the key issues residents identified to the partnership in the development of the Community Strategy. Running through the report are also examples of how we have tackled the partnership's three main priorities for 2009/10: to respond to the economic downturn; tackle harm caused by alcohol and to safeguard vulnerable people.

The breadth of this Annual Report reflects the wide ranging nature of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum's work and the projects the partners are working on together. I hope it is of interest to you and that it motivates us all to build on the many areas of good practice locally that have been developed by partners from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors.

Finally, I would like to thank all partners for their hard work, support and continued commitment to achieving our shared vision for everyone in Derbyshire to enjoy a good quality of life, both now and in the future.



Councillor Andrew Lewer

Chairman, Derbyshire Partnership Forum.

October 2010.

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2009/10 Highlights

Over the last year, partners have successfully worked together to make a difference to the lives of local people. Partners have:

- ◆ **Reduced overall crime levels**
- ◆ **Reduced alcohol related incidents in hot spot areas**
- ◆ **Reduced the number of people killed or seriously injured on Derbyshire's roads**
- ◆ **Encouraged over 90% of 16 year olds in Derbyshire to go into education, employment and training**
- ◆ **Helped to ensure fewer children experience bullying**
- ◆ **Seen falling cancer rates in target areas**
- ◆ **Helped more vulnerable and older people to live independently at home**
- ◆ **Increased visits to libraries, museums and parks**
- ◆ **Helped more Derbyshire adults participate in sporting activities**
- ◆ **Continued to increase the amount of waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting**
- ◆ **Helped more working age people gain a professional qualification**
- ◆ **Reduced the length of road in need of maintenance**

Safer Communities

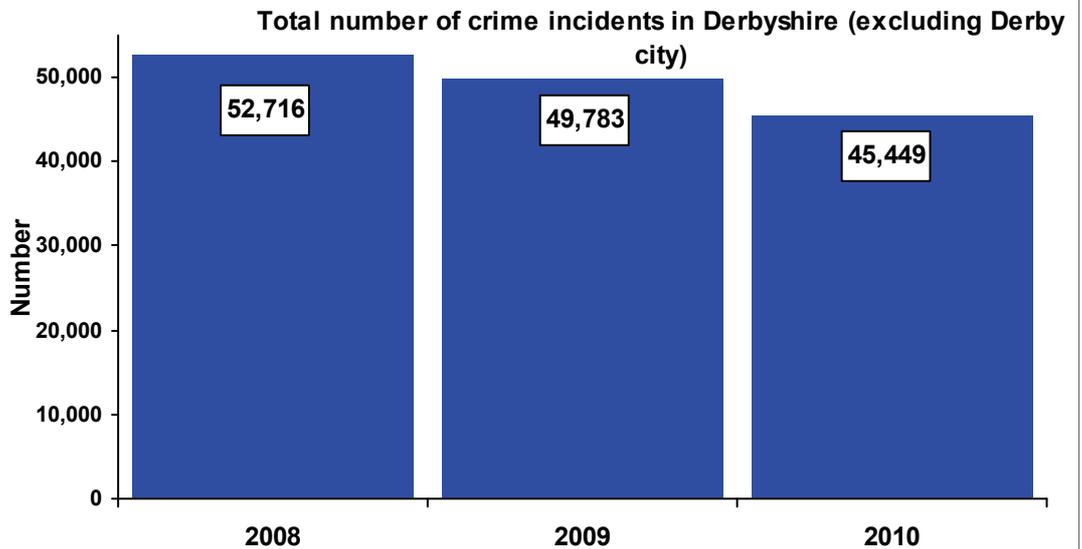
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We promised to reduce crime

A low level of crime is a key priority for the people of Derbyshire. 68% of residents stated this is the most important thing in making their area a good place to live. Crime rates are low in Derbyshire and in the last year overall crime has fallen in Derbyshire by 9%. The graph below shows this decreasing trend.



Serious acquisitive crime has reduced by 17%, and the rate of adults re-offending has reduced by a quarter. The number of young people coming to court for the first time has reduced as well.

While crime rates are low, fear of crime persists among local residents. However, more people in Derbyshire stated they feel safer in their local area in 2009/10 than in the previous year, an increase from 50% to 56%.

A wide range of partnership projects have contributed to the reduction in crime and fear of crime in Derbyshire.

The Police's Safer Neighbourhood Teams and partners have continued to work with communities in all areas of the county to effectively identify and respond to local issues, quickly and effectively.

The Partnership have fitted over 320 **burglar alarms** to victims of repeat burglaries since 2005. The burglar alarms were free to those in receipt of benefits. None of the households have been burgled since receiving the alarms.

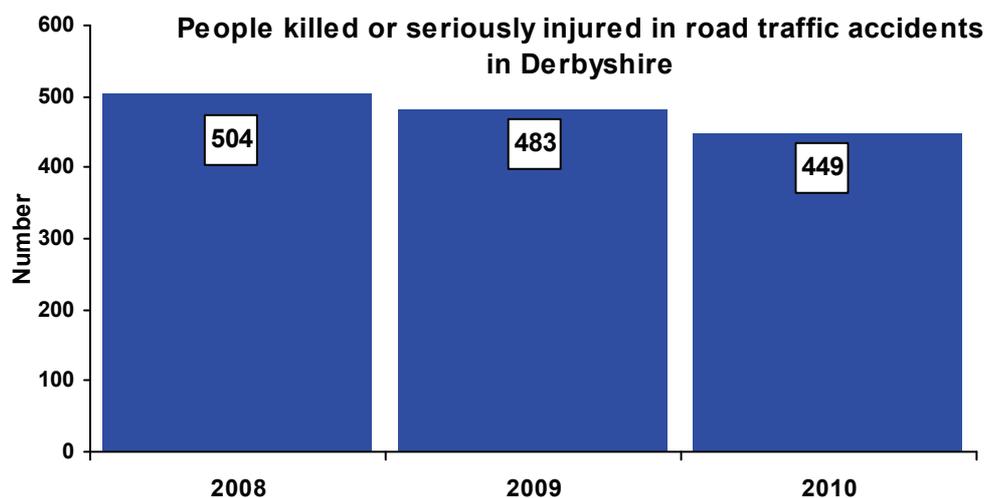
Over 20,000 **'dusk til dawn'** sensor light bulbs have been made available to vulnerable people, together with crime prevention leaflets and property marking kits.

The reduction in re-offending has been aided by the **Reach** project. Partners have worked with the most prolific offenders focusing on changing their behaviour. The number of convictions among prolific offenders has dropped from 726 at the end of March 2008 to 561 in March 2010.

We promised to improve the safety of local people

The safety of local people both in their homes and on Derbyshire's roads is a key priority for the partnership.

The Partnership has improved knowledge about risks associated with motorcycles. **Bike Plus tests** have helped motorcyclists ride safely whilst the **Bikers guide to Derbyshire** provides information on the county's 'hot routes'. The graph below illustrates the decline in the number of people killed or seriously injured on Derbyshire's roads.



A range of multi agency initiatives have resulted in a 25% reduction in 17-25 year olds killed or seriously injured on Derbyshire's roads and the lowest rate of children killed or seriously injured for 15 years.

The number of fires reduced in 2009/10. The **Firesafe Advisory scheme** has taught young people who are identified as being at risk from fire setting about the dangers of playing with fire and given advice to parents. The **Firesafe Young Offenders Programme** has worked with 77 young offenders convicted of arson or other fire related offences. 96% of these young people did not go on to commit further arson offences.

The Partnership's **Scamnesty** encouraged residents to report scam mail resulting in 110 scams being reported across Derbyshire, while **Operation Liberal** increased people's awareness of how to avoid distraction burglaries.

The partnership funded a 24 hour third party reporting and support line provided by **Stop Hate UK** for victims and witnesses of hate crime. The **Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline** has also been extended to provide 24 hour support from trained advisors.

The **Safer Derbyshire Website** continued to provide news and information on projects, events and initiatives carried out by the Community Safety Partnerships in Derbyshire. It also provided advice on how the public can stay safe.

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We promised to reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol

Drug and alcohol misuse has far reaching effects for individuals, families and communities and over 90% of prolific offenders have a drug or alcohol problem.

Although locally and nationally more people are being admitted to hospital for alcohol harm, in Derbyshire the rate of increase has slowed recently. In the 2009 Derbyshire Residents Survey fewer respondents reported feeling that people being drunk or rowdy in a public place was a problem compared to the previous year, from 30% to 27%.

Over 70 projects have taken place across the partnership to tackle all aspects of alcohol harm. For example, the recently launched **Alcohol Diver-sionary Scheme** has already seen 40 people attend an alcohol awareness course. The scheme offers offenders in receipt of a penalty notice for alcohol related offences the opportunity to reduce their fine by attending the course.

A particular concern in Derbyshire is the rise in young people drinking. The partnership has co-coordinated targeted campaigns and projects to address this. A recent survey of school students indicated that this has had a positive impact on young people. The numbers of 14-15 year olds drinking alcohol has fallen from 51% in 2007 to 47% in 2009.

The **Are You Old Enough** campaign targeted premises that sell alcohol to under age teenagers. In 2009, young volunteers made 280 attempts to purchase alcohol. Twenty five illegal sales occurred compared to 77 in the previous year.

The **B-Safe** scheme, which targeted hot spot areas where young people use and abuse alcohol resulted in a 16% reduction in alcohol related incidents.

The award winning **Cocktales** campaign used a website and two videos to highlight the dangers of drinking and promoted responsible behaviour. Over 31,000 people watched the videos and when surveyed, 45% of 18-24 year olds agreed that the videos "would make you think twice about how much you drink".

Partners have also worked to successfully improve services for drug users. People who required treatment for their drug use got the assistance they needed, quicker. At the end of 2009/10 85% of those in need of assistance for drug abuse entered treatment within three weeks.

Across the county the partnership have worked to raise awareness of the dangers of drug use. For example, key messages about the risks of **legal highs** have been communicated using a series of leaflets produced for young people, parents, carers and professionals while the **2 faces of coke - which one are you?** campaign raised awareness about the risks of cocaine use.

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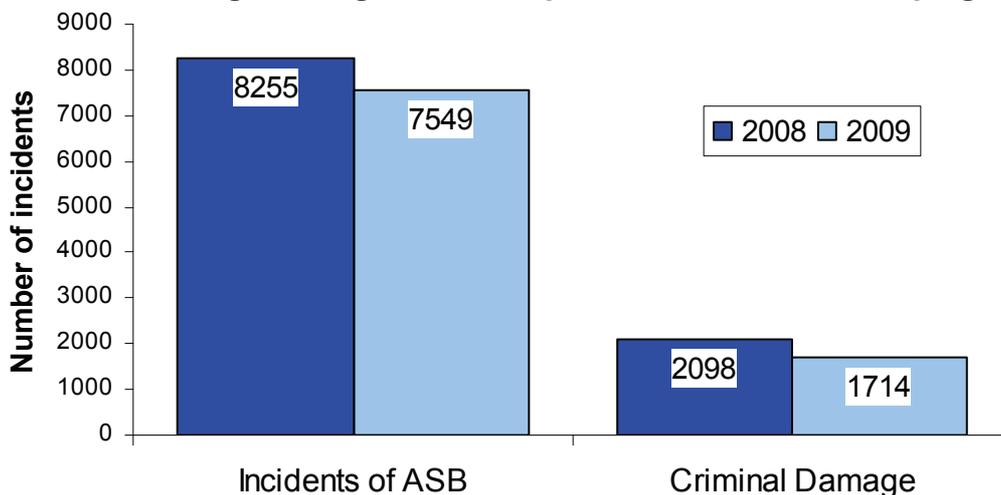
We promised to tackle anti social behaviour (ASB)

Many local concerns in Derbyshire relate to anti-social behaviour (ASB). Groups of teenagers hanging around on the streets and people using drugs are the major concerns, closely followed by graffiti and vandalism.

Although there have been no significant changes in people's perceptions of ASB over the last year, partners have worked hard to tackle the concerns of local people.

For example, **Operation Relentless** is a key annual initiative where partners promote and deliver sustainable activities aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour. Interventions in 2009 included diversionary activities, environmental clean ups, consultation events and enforcement action. Compared to the same six week period in the previous year there were 384 fewer victims of crime in 2009.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and criminal damage during six week Operation Relentless campaign



The **family intervention project** assigns key workers to families who are involved in serious and persistent anti-social behaviour. The key worker co-ordinates a multi-agency approach to address the families problems and works with all members of the family. The project worked with 39 families over 5 areas in Derbyshire in 2009/10, with the result that no families were evicted during this time.

A **theatre-in-education** intervention was delivered to 700 students in six secondary schools across the county. The drama explored perceptions and consequences of ASB and was followed by workshops where these issues were discussed. A 19% reduction in ASB was seen in the areas around the selected schools.

The **Ozbox** project has encouraged young people in hot spot areas of ASB to take part in boxing based fitness sessions. During the Ripley Ozbox sessions the number of calls to the police to report nuisance behaviour fell by 50%.

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**Improved
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local issues**

Children and Young People

**During
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We promised to enable children and young people to be healthy

A healthy start in life helps learning, future achievement and increases life expectancy.

Research has shown breastfeeding enhances health and gives children a good start in life. Compared to last year there was a slight decrease in the number of infants breastfed. However mothers who were visited at home and offered advice and support through projects such as **Little Angels** were more likely to be breastfeeding at 6 weeks.

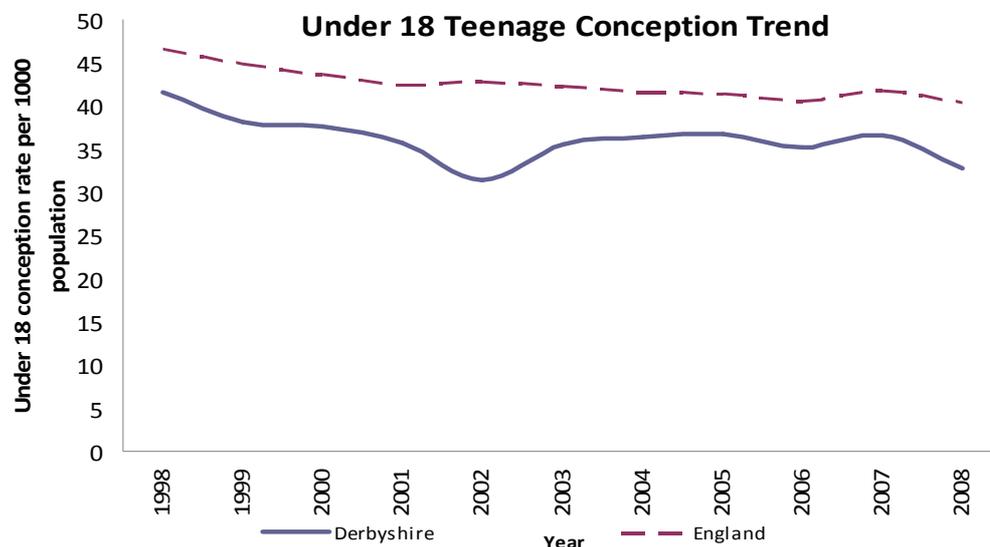
Across Derbyshire 42 **Childrens Centres** have assisted and supported children under 5 and their families so they can have a healthier start in life and have provided health, parenting and employment advice to their families.

Healthy eating and exercise campaigns in schools and children's centres have encouraged families to have healthier lifestyles. Whilst there was a slight increase in the numbers of obese children in both Reception Year and Year 6, Derbyshire has a lower childhood obesity rate when compared both nationally and with similar areas. Our aim continues to be to halt the rise in childhood obesity.

The Derbyshire **Education Leisure Time Activities** scheme gave over 300 young people outdoor activity breaks they would otherwise not have had due to their family circumstances.

**Reduced the
rate of
teenage
pregnancies**

Resources aimed at reducing the numbers of teenage pregnancies have been moved to target the places in Derbyshire with the highest conception rates. Services have worked with young people on raising aspirations, sex and relationship education and alcohol use. A significant reduction in the number of young women becoming pregnant has been achieved, as shown in the graph below.



We promised to enable children and young people to enjoy and achieve

A good education helps young people to make informed choices and to benefit from better life opportunities as they grow in to adults. In Derbyshire as well as nationally there is a gap between the educational attainment of children from disadvantaged backgrounds and other children. The **Peers Early Years Partnership (PEEP)** programme is designed to prepare children for school and close this gap. The PEEP programme now operates in every Children's Centre in Derbyshire. More Derbyshire children are achieving good results in the Early Years Foundation Stage and the gap has narrowed between the highest and lowest achievers.

Behavioural standards are important in helping children achieve well at school and more Derbyshire schools were judged to have good or outstanding standards of behaviour over the last year. There were also less schools in special measures and those that were took less time to get out of special measures. During 2009/10 attendance at Derbyshire schools reached an all time high.

Compared to the previous year more young people in Derbyshire achieved 5 or more A* to C grades at GCSE and this result was better than the results nationally.

We promised to ensure children and young people stay safe

The protection of children from abuse and neglect remains a main priority of the Children's Trust. Improved preventative services have identified more children in need with increased numbers of children subject to a protection plan and many more being taken into care.

Over the last 7 years bullying was the most frequent concern reported to Childline. Last year in Derbyshire, less children (in years 6, 8 and 10) reported that they had experienced bullying. The **ABC Poster Campaign** has helped in this. The campaign urged people to challenge bullying and gave details of where to go for advice and help.

The **Derbyshire Runaways Project** has listened to and supported 186 young people in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire and drastically reduced the number of times that these young people ran away.

Over 800 children in care, their carers and volunteers attended the Big Book Bash, an annual event that celebrates and promotes reading for pleasure. As in previous years the feedback from participants was very positive. 85% of carers who responded to the evaluation indicated that attending the Big Book Bash has led to them sharing books more and their children showing more interest in books.

The Partnership has checked over 150 child car seats and demonstrated how to make them safe.

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We promised to enable children and young people to make a positive contribution

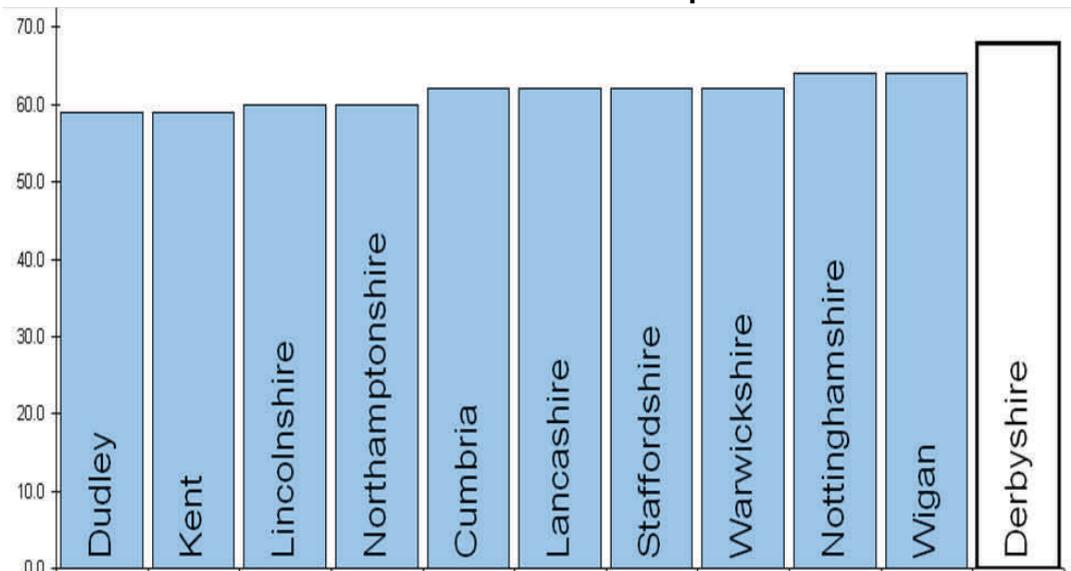
Participation in positive activities promotes self confidence. This benefits young people as they are more likely to take on challenges and pursue better life opportunities. Communities also benefit from positive choices and contributions that young people make.

The **TooDoo** website kept young people informed about opportunities in their area by publicising details about more than 5,000 activities and events. Almost two thirds (65%) of young people in Derbyshire participated in an organised community activity such as sport, music, or drama.

**Delivered
services for
disabled
children
that were
very highly
rated by
parents**

The **Aiming High Short Breaks** project provided positive, enjoyable activities for over 800 disabled children and young people. The project encouraged them to develop personal skills and reduce their social isolation. Improvements in the quality of services for disabled children in Derbyshire resulted in parents rating them amongst the best in the country, as shown on the graph below, which makes comparisons with Derbyshire's benchmarking group.

Percentage of parents who thought the quality of services for disabled children was acceptable



**Encouraged
27,000
young
people to
vote for the
Derbyshire
Youth
Council**

Young people were introduced to local democracy via the **Big Vote** which saw more than 27,000 young people vote to decide who would represent them in the next Derbyshire Youth Council. The Youth Council has elected a Youth Cabinet which makes funding decisions about positive activities, sits on the Children's Trust Board and influences how services are developed. Local **Youth Forums** have been developed in all districts to bring together young people from different backgrounds and have enabled them to get involved in local decision making.

The **What's Stopping You?** campaign used events and competitions to raise the aspirations of 11 to 16 year olds. In the district of Bolsover more than 3,000 young people were reached by the campaign and 91% of the 1,100 young people who attended a motivational presentation fed back that they "enjoyed it", "it was really good" or "it was great". The 11th annual **Young Achievers Awards** recognised 75 exceptional young people aged 3 to 18.

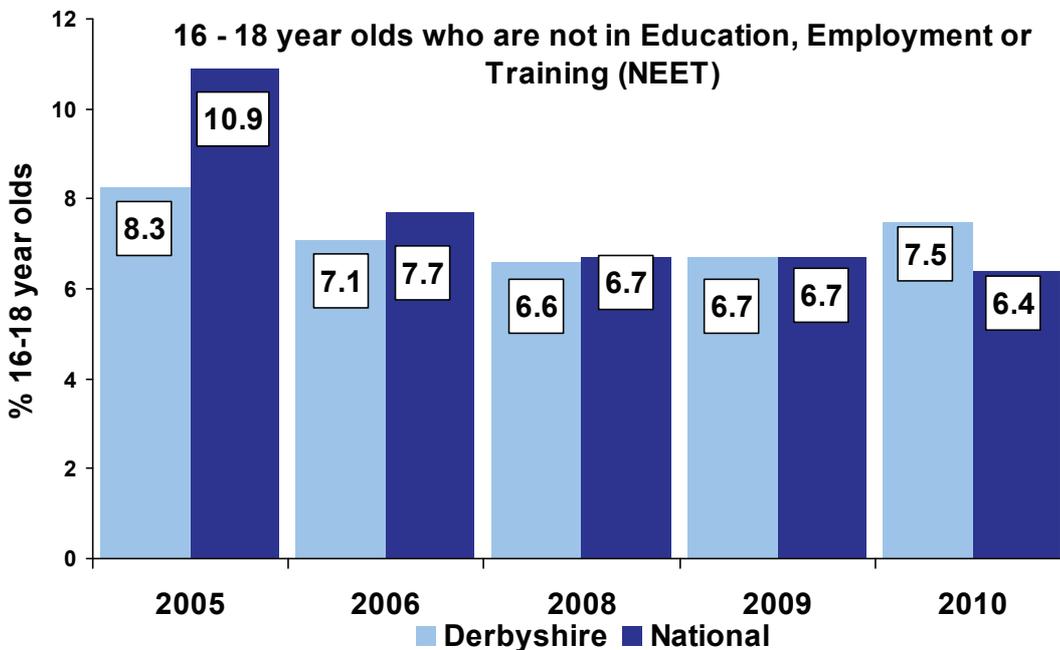
We promised to help children and young people achieve economic wellbeing

The involvement of young people in education, employment or training increases their employment prospects and earning potential.

The majority of young people progressed from school into education, employment or training.

This was achieved through good partnership working between schools and career services, increased availability of **apprenticeships**, the introduction of **Learning Diplomas** which widened the curriculum and the **Youth Inclusion** programme which targeted and supported young people most likely not to be in education, employment or training.

However the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) increased in 2009/10 as illustrated on the graph below. Derbyshire has been affected by the recession with relatively new NEET and adult unemployment hot spots in Erewash, Swadlincote and High Peak.



Derbyshire services have been effective at getting 16 year olds into learning (approx 90% in 2009), but have not been as effective at keeping them in learning. In the future improvements will focus on tackling the high drop out rates and the lack of progression when young people complete their courses.

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Health and Wellbeing

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We promised to promote health and wellbeing, and reduce health inequalities

We are addressing a wide range of challenges that affect the life expectancy and health of people in Derbyshire, including addressing health inequalities.

We are continuing to promote healthy lifestyles, through information and support to eat healthily, drink responsibly and to stop smoking. Through our stop smoking services, last year we supported over 5,000 people to stop smoking. We're promoting active lifestyles through projects such as the **Jog Derbyshire** initiative. Jogging groups, led by volunteers or leisure centre staff, have been set up across Derbyshire and have so far recruited 200 participants, 25% of whom are new to exercise. The **GP Referral** scheme refers patients for exercise and Leisure centre staff, trained to work with these patients then help to improve their health.

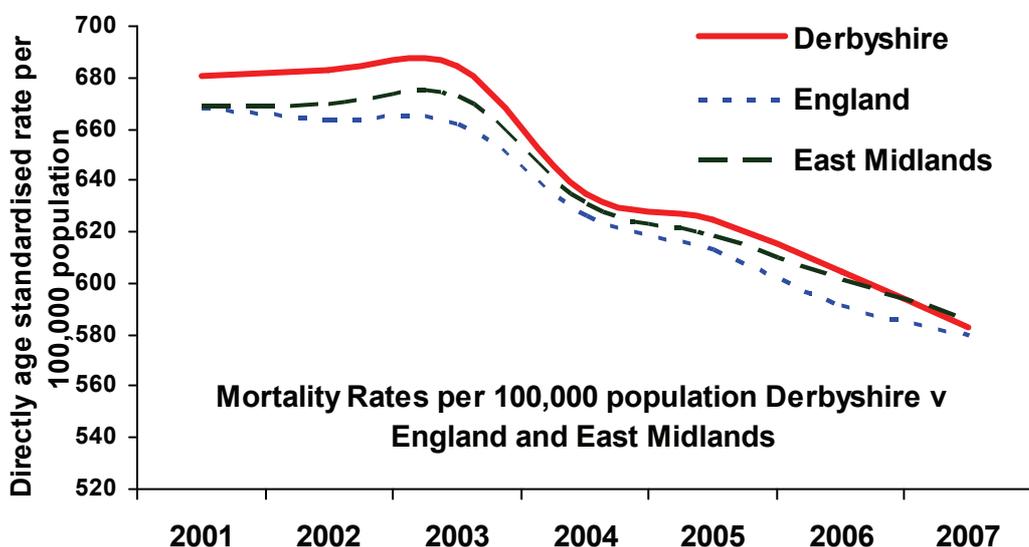
We are working in particular areas where life expectancy is low compared to other areas in Derbyshire. A wide range of projects helping people to stop smoking and eat healthier food in 18 deprived communities has resulted in falling cancer rates. In Bolsover we are addressing the main needs, which are adults with circulatory disease, respiratory disease and cancer. As a result mortality rates have fallen for men in Bolsover though rates for women have increased slightly.

More widely, premature mortality rates across Derbyshire are decreasing as can be seen in the graph below and is now lower than the East Midlands average.

A new digital mobile van has been purchased to provide breast screening services to women across North Derbyshire, and the provision of the HPV vaccine has been rolled out to reduce the risk of women developing cervical cancer. To date 81% of 12-13 year old girls in Derbyshire have received the vaccine.

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The Partnership has also helped over 3,500 people by providing citizens advice at GP surgeries. This has protected their emotional wellbeing.

We promised to enhance dignity and safety

It is important that the people of Derbyshire are well looked after by the people who care for them. Over 90,000 carers in Derbyshire are looking after relatives, neighbours and friends. We want to improve the help and support available to them to ensure they are fully supported in their caring role and that they can maintain a good quality of life. 22% of carers who provide high levels of care and support have now received a detailed assessment of their needs, which identifies additional services they are entitled to which may be of benefit. This is up from 17% in 2008/09.

240 carers have been issued with a **Carer's Emergency Card** so that in the event of an emergency, anyone assisting the carer will know that there is someone who relies on them for support and can make arrangements for that person.

During the year more people have been able to die at home rather than in hospital, if that is their choice. We have promoted advanced care planning to enable people to plan their end of life care and support and worked to ensure they receive effective, high quality services. The **Liverpool Care Pathway** and **Gold Standard Framework**, which are recognised as the best practice approaches to tackling end of life care, are being implemented across the county.

We promised to improve inclusion and contribution

It is important that people in Derbyshire have a say about the health and social care services they use and participate fully in community life.

The Partnership has agreed a way forward through action plans for carers, older people, people with learning disabilities and younger and older disabled people.

This has been through consultation with local people who use services, carers, the voluntary sector organisations, independent care providers, health commissioners, primary care, mental health and housing staff, Local Involvement Networks and older people's forums over the health and social care services they want.

The Partnership has also assisted 133 disabled people into employment through the **Working in Derbyshire** project, both in the public and private sectors in Derbyshire. At present the project is currently working with 279 people.

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We promised to increase independent living

It is important that the people of Derbyshire enjoy the benefits of living at home for as long as possible. The partnership has helped more than 22,800 vulnerable people to live at home, through support with personal care and practical tasks.

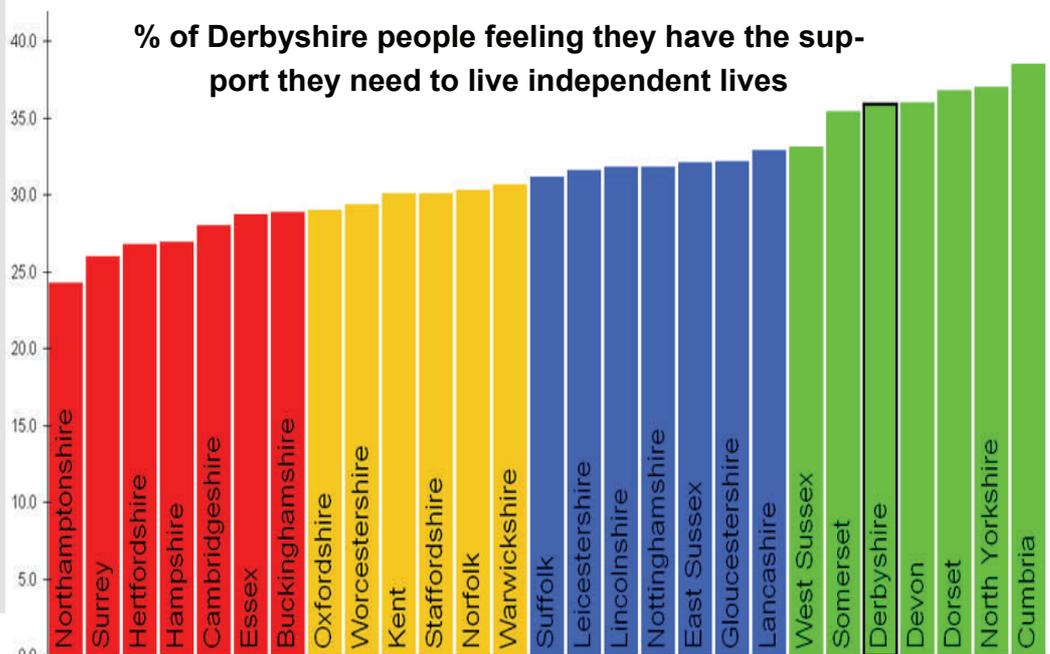
We have developed the **Supporting People Programme** to provide housing related support to assist vulnerable people to live independently, through sheltered housing, women's refuges and support in their residence. In Derbyshire latest figures show 99.4% of vulnerable people are supported to maintain independent living, this figure is the highest compared to other counties. 88% of vulnerable people have moved away from supported accommodation into independent living, an increase from 82% in 2008/09.

We have further undertaken a range of projects to support people to live independently and to maintain their quality of life. For example, the **Handy Van service** has made it safer for older and vulnerable people to live in their own homes. It has carried out more than 10,500 practical household tasks, during the last year and 91% of people using the service would recommend it to others.

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Vulnerable and older people have been protected from rogue traders through the **Trusted Trader** scheme. All trusted traders who are part of the scheme are subject to checks by the County Council's Trading Standards division. 99% of users report feeling more confident in calling out traders due to this scheme.

The graph below shows that in comparison to other County areas, more Derbyshire people feel they have the support they need to live independent lives, placing Derbyshire amongst the best.



We have also improved the quality of life for people in care homes by helping poorer performing care homes to improve standards. Feedback from service users and an independent assessment has shown they have improved their performance.

One of the biggest challenges facing us is the rise in the number of older people with dementia. To help the people of Derbyshire with this, we have built a new purpose built Community Care Centre in Staveley.

This is the first of a proposed 8 centres across the County. They will provide long term, respite and intermediate care beds together with day activities and community services.

Swadlincote Community Care centre will include extra housing schemes and six more await approval.

The partnership has introduced a **Housing Options Service**, run by Age Concern, to provide advice and support about accommodation and housing to older people.

We promised to promote choice and control

There is an increased need for people in Derbyshire to have access to health and social care which is centred around their unique, personal needs and is within easy reach.

We have rolled out a new “**Making Care Personal - Your Choice, Your Life**” programme. As part of the programme we have assessed over 1,900 people and provided over 1,000 people with support plans. These people are given their own personal budget which they can spend on their own choice of care and support.

We have also introduced a “**First Contact**” scheme to make it easy for people to get the support and services they need. If someone from a partner organisation visits a person and identifies other needs their service can’t address, they ask the person to fill in a checklist which can help pin point other services or support they may need. The relevant agencies are then contacted and in turn they get in touch with the person direct to offer help and support. During its trial in the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales, over 550 checklists were filled out and over 1,600 referrals were made.

Improved community transport has also helped community groups, older residents and disabled people to get from A to B using easy access vehicles. Extra funding has been put in place to improve links to health care, helping people to get to places such as doctor’s surgeries, health centres and hospitals.

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**Opened
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Culture

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We promised to increase participation in arts and cultural opportunities

More Derbyshire residents have visited libraries, museums and parks/open spaces in 2009 than the year before. 69% of Derbyshire Residents stated they visited a library compared to 66% the previous year. Over 5,500 people took part in learning activities in libraries during 2009/10.

Their satisfaction with these services has increased too, up from 57% to 60%.

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Bookstart enables young children to develop a love of books from an early age, and Derbyshire is well above the national average in gifting books in this scheme. This is important to the partnership as evidence suggests that an early engagement with books leads to better educational attainment later in life.

A number of partnership projects have encouraged people to use Derbyshire libraries and engage in positive activities. The **Book Chat** scheme with over 400 reading groups, the **Literature Festival** and **Quest Seekers**, which engaged in excess of 10,000 young people, have all contributed to this.

The **Poet Laureate Scheme** has engaged thousands of people in local communities, linking libraries commitment to reading and literature whilst promoting local history and heritage.

24 hour library online has seen a 37% increase in people using online resources from home.

The **Derbyshire Reading Champion** scheme is a two year project which was established in March 2010. Berlie Doherty, the Carnegie winning writer, has already inspired hundreds of children and young people to engage with reading and share their love of books.

**Encouraged
more regular
volunteering**

A programme of arts and mental health development work including a **Wellbeing Reading project** in partnership with a range of organisations has been very successful with positive feedback from participants. 3 reading groups have been set up and creative writing taster sessions have taken place, all of which have been well attended.

During 2009/10 the Derwent Valley Mills Heritage Site partnership work has begun to reinvigorate the area with the aim of making it a world class visitor destination.

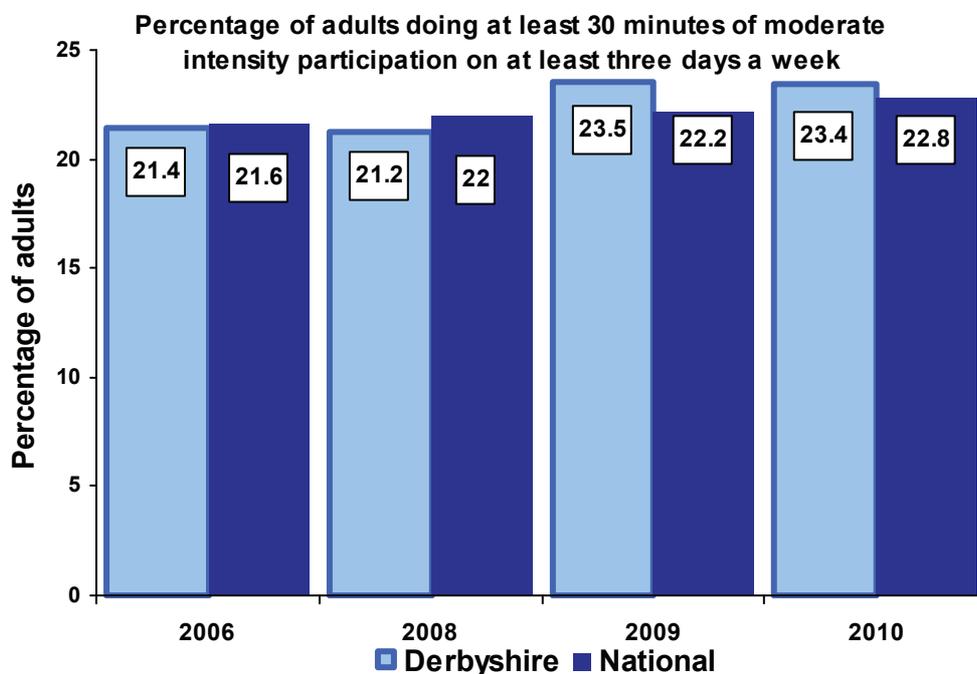
Blue Plaques have celebrated the lives and historical importance of famous local people demonstrating their connection with local communities.

More Derbyshire people have participated in regular volunteering too, from 22% to 28% in the last year, including more volunteering in sport, art and libraries.

We promised to increase participation in sporting opportunities

People in Derbyshire like to engage in a range of local activities and events and enjoy their free time.

Derbyshire was one of the very few counties to see more people participate in sport and leisure activities from 21% to 23%. The chart below shows that Derbyshire has come from a participation rate lower than the national average to one that is now exceeding it. This was helped by a co-ordinated approach across Primary Care Trusts, District and Borough Councils and Derbyshire Sport.



The **Active Ability** project gave more disabled people a chance to participate in sport. 23 volunteers and 6 coaches were recruited to support nearly 2,700 people with sensory, learning or physical disabilities.

Safer Communities Through Sport involved around 900 young people leading to a reduction in anti-social behaviour in eight target wards.

Walking Festivals combine the benefit of maintaining healthy lifestyles with visiting local heritage sites. These have been popular in Amber Valley, Erewash and the Peak District and has resulted in an increase in the numbers participating and the consequent economic benefit this brings to an area in terms of tourism spend.

People with mobility problems have been able to use rights of way and facilities at Visitor Centres with the provision of off road scooters.

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Sustainable Communities

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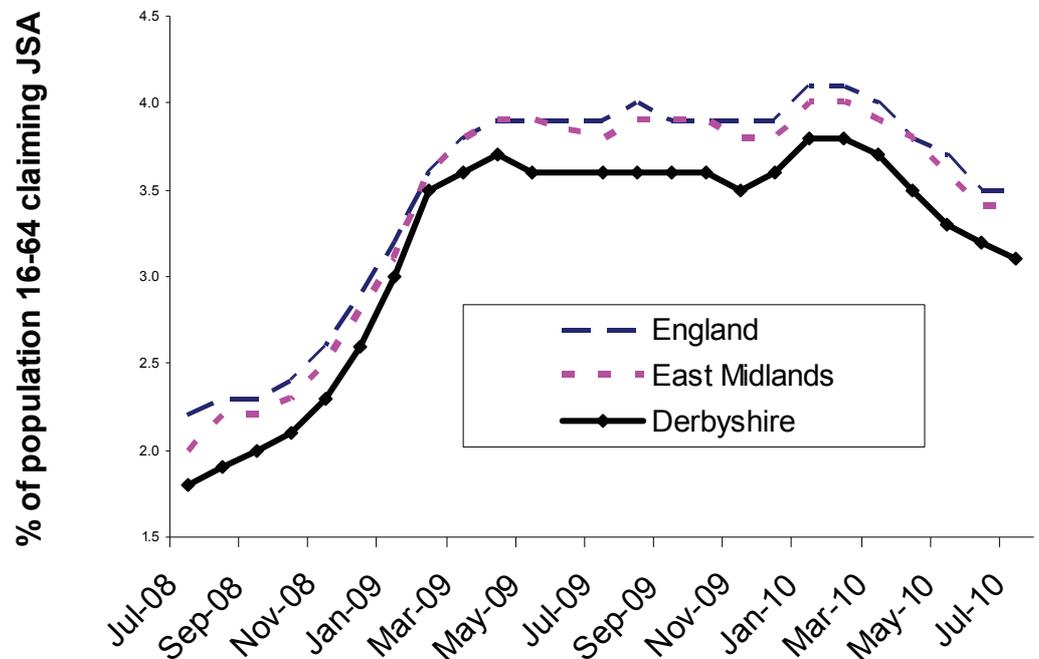
We promised to support a thriving local economy

The economic downturn has had an impact on the businesses and the people of Derbyshire. The employment rate and average earnings have decreased slightly over the year.

Towards the end of 2009/10 there was a small increase in the number of people claiming job seekers allowance (JSA), however this rate is below the average rate for both the East Midlands and England (see below graph). Initial figures for 2010/11 suggest that the rate is now falling.

**Helped to
increase the
number of
working age
people who
have a
professional
qualification**

Claimant Count Unemployment Jul - 08 to Jul - 10



Partners have been working even harder in the last year to help businesses to be more competitive and ensure people have the right skills and qualifications to support the economy. The graph opposite demonstrates the increase in the number of working age people who are qualified to level four or higher.

The county council waived all rental increases for its business units. A number of successful partnership campaigns have been run including 'Buy Local', business networking events and ensuring eligible businesses claim small business rate relief.

More jobs have also been created at **Markham Vale**, contributing to the aim of bringing 5,000 jobs to the area. The Environment Centre within the business park is now fully occupied.

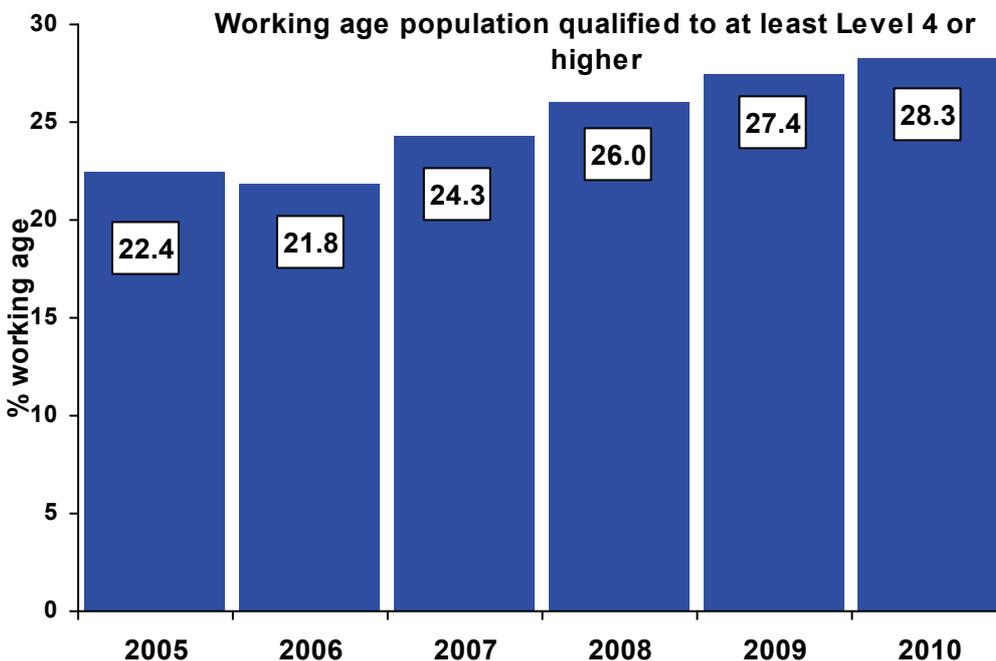
Wheels to Work has helped residents access employment, training and education opportunities, when they would otherwise have been prevented from doing so due to transport difficulties. 91 people are being supported by this scheme.

The '**Quids In**' magazine was distributed to all 330,000 households in Derbyshire, providing people with help and advice on making the most of their resources during the economic downturn, how to deal with debt and how to find out what financial assistance they may be entitled to.

More than 51 businesses attended workshops offering support during the economic downturn. Funded by the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DDEP) as part of the **Market Towns Initiative**, the workshops consisted of a series of short, informal presentations by retail and trade specialists. The majority of businesses reported that they had applied practical tips and ideas to their business as a result of the training.

Partners put back £1/2 million into the local economy by sourcing local materials in the development of **affordable housing** on Bakewell Road, Matlock. In total, 478 affordable homes were built in Derbyshire in 2009/10. This exceeded the target of 453.

The **Family Employment Initiative** partnership project provides one to one support to help people find suitable training and employment. In 2009/10 the project engaged with a total of 653 people. Of these, 389 were assisted to undertake further training and 308 have entered employment.



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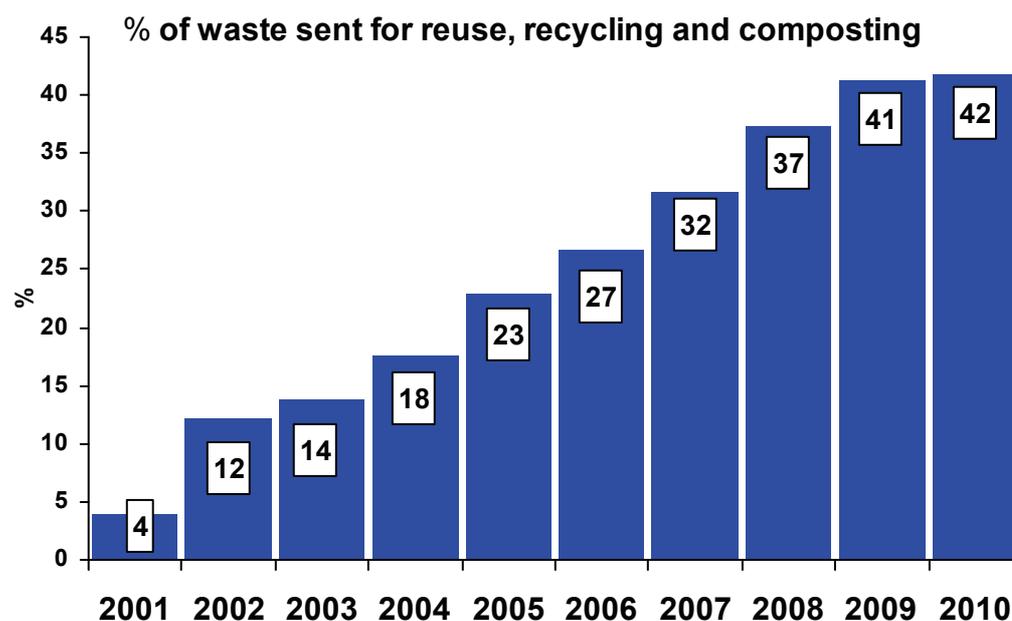
We promised to improve and protect the natural environment

Derbyshire has a unique and beautiful countryside which we are continually working to protect to ensure everyone can enjoy it.

70% of Derbyshire residents think we are making the local area cleaner and greener.

Derbyshire residents reused, recycled or composted 42% of their waste in 2009/10, exceeding the target of 40%. The graph below shows this is a continuation of a positive trend over the last decade.

**Increased
the amount
of waste
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Partners have worked together to ensure the area's natural resources are not harmed. The **Everybody's talking about climate change** campaign raised awareness of how changes in public behaviour can help to reduce carbon emissions.

The **Cost Monitors** project enabled Derbyshire residents to see how much energy they were using in their house. 1,584 monitors were loaned in 2009 and as a result, residents have saved an average of £70 and 0.3 tonne of CO₂ per household per year.

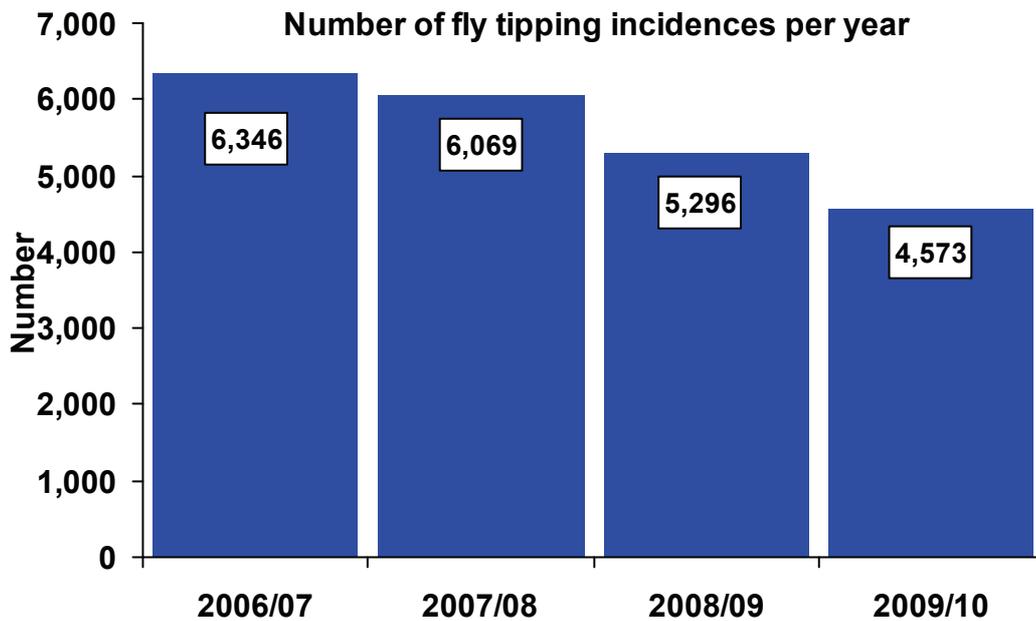
The **'We're not Wasters'** poster campaign has encouraged residents to reduce, reuse and recycle more of their waste.

The new **Buxton Household Recycling Centre** is one example where a local facility has encouraged residents to recycle and reduced carbon emissions due to shorter journeys.

The **Fly Tipping** project has decreased the number of fly tipping incidents by 14% over the last year (see graph on opposite page), and increased the number of enforcement actions taken by 34%.

**Reduced
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The **Moors for the Future** partnership showed how restoration of degraded moorland reduced risk of flooding, improved water quality and eroded carbon deposits.



We promised to provide well connected communities

Getting about in Derbyshire is important for business, education, access to services and leisure activities.

Fewer main roads were considered in need of maintenance compared to the previous year, down from 11% to 10%.

However, some 46% of Derbyshire residents told us that they think our roads and pavements need improving. £27million will be invested to improve and maintain roads, pavements, transport and footpaths during 2010/11.

Some 37% of Derbyshire residents have told us that the level of traffic congestion needs improving. We have limited increases in traffic growth across the county in the last year to reduce traffic congestion and will continue to do more to keep Derbyshire moving.

The number of bus journeys originating in Derbyshire increased dramatically between 2006 and 2009, however, the number has fallen in 2010. This reflects the national trend which is thought to be due to the recession reducing the numbers of commuters.

The **You report it, we'll sort it** campaign provided people with a simple way of reporting issues on Derbyshire's roads, such as potholes or faulty street lights. In the past year we have dealt with 8,800 reported problems and the campaign has been widely praised by residents.

Good street lighting helps people feel safe. 99% of street lighting was working at any time during the year.

During 2009/10 partners have...

Reduced the length of roads considered in need of maintenance

Ensured 99% of street lighting worked at any point in the year

Community Cohesion

Community Cohesion is the 'glue' which binds communities together. This glue is strengthened when people get on well together and feel they can influence decisions in their local area. It can be weakened when people feel they do not enjoy the same life opportunities as others.

In Derbyshire many local people have told us that community spirit is still strong. However, local people do worry that this is diminishing and a 2008 survey of Derbyshire residents suggested that fewer people in Derbyshire feel that people from different backgrounds get on well together than in many other areas across the county.

Partners have been working together to understand more clearly why this is the case, and have developed a range of actions which enable communities in Derbyshire to get on well together. We have launched the '**Bringing People Together**' Small Grants Fund to enable local groups to deliver community events and activities which will help to bring people from different backgrounds together. 59 projects have been supported through the fund.

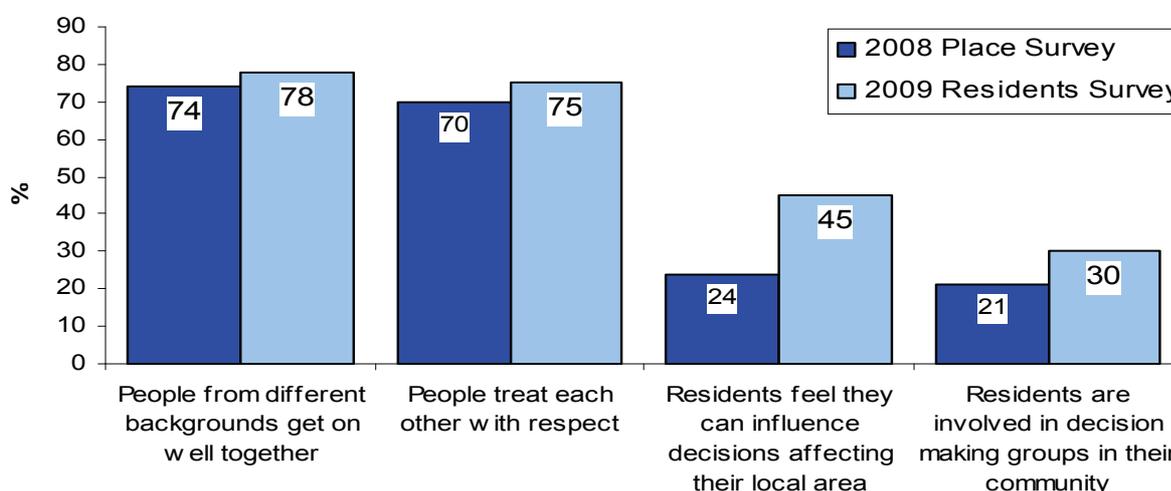
A targeted programme of support has begun in the Langley Mill and Aldecar area which has involved residents and local agencies getting together to develop the community and improve community cohesion.

A **Migrant Communities Project** has been set up to support and enable migrant communities across Derbyshire to access services. The project includes raising awareness about migrant communities and their cultures.

Through the **Diverse - Bringing People Together** project 80 young people from a range of different backgrounds have taken part in a range of film, fashion, music technology, drama and dance workshops to perfect a final performance which will take place at the Donut Creative Arts Studio in Chesterfield.

In the 2009 survey of Derbyshire residents more people responded positively to questions around community cohesion, as illustrated in the chart below.

Measures of Community Cohesion in Derbyshire



Contacts and information

Derbyshire Partnership Forum

For more information about the Derbyshire Partnership Forum visit:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum

Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2014

The Derbyshire Community Strategy is the partnership's guiding framework for partnership working in Derbyshire, reflecting the collective priorities of over fifty local organisations. It can be viewed here:

<http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/partnerships/strategy/default.asp>

Derbyshire Local Area Agreement Performance Reports

The partnership has selected over 30 key indicators to monitor its performance against priorities. Detailed reports on the partnership's performance can be viewed here:

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/partnerships/derbyshire_partnership_forum/how_we_are_doing/quarterly_performance/default.asp

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