

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

ETWALL – AREA 1

Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2022 at 6:30pm

Frank Wickham Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Lisa Brown (Chair), Councillor Gillian Lemmon, Councillor David Muller.

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources

Claire Rawlins – Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking Meeting Minutes)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite

PC Mark Holmes

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Charles Cuddington – Hilton Parish Council

Norman Ireland – Etwall Parish Council

Steve Ironbridge – Dalbury Lees Parish Council

Anne Muller – Etwall Parish Council

Barrie Payton – Etwall Parish Council

Ursula Towne – Etwall Parish Council

Members of the Public

Eddie Bisknell, Sandra Creeth, Tony Creeth, Angela Sargent, Ian Stubbs.

1. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Councillor Martyn Ford, Annette McMahon – South Derbyshire CVS, Councillor Roberts.

c) Chair's Announcements



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Parklife

The Parklife Project has been developed to get local people more active in our parks by offering a range of free and low-cost events and activities.

The project aims to:

- Encourage more families to use the parks
- Attract people to the parks who are physically inactive and would like to be more active
- Work towards local ownership and greater community involvement
- Educate local people in the history and natural environment of the parks
- Improve the natural environment and biodiversity

[Parklife leaflet](#)

Children's Activity Leaflets – Summer Scheme

The South Derbyshire Summer Playscheme makes a return this year, after two years of absence due to the pandemic. Over 100 sessions of FREE activity have been booked and funded by Parish Councils and Safer South Derbyshire, across the whole of the district.

This will see the Play, Sport and Adventure Mobiles return to offer a programme of fun, active, engaging sessions for all the family to get involved in.

The Summer Activities 2022 leaflet can be downloaded from the below link (which will be circulated after the meeting), or hard copies are available and will be distributed to every school in the district.

[Active young people - School holidays | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

Carriers Road/Egginton Road

Update given by Chair, Councillor Brown on behalf of Councillor Ford: *'A petition has been received at Derbyshire County Council from Egginton Parish Council regarding the ongoing collisions at the Carriers Road/Egginton Road crossroads. The procedure from here is that a report will be prepared by Officers and this report will be presented to the Cabinet Member for consideration of the recommendations. A meeting will be arranged with interested parties, hopefully before the report is finalised, to capture any areas that need further investigations.'*

Double yellow lines are to be installed at the junction of Willington Road and Main Street, the TRO to install the lines has been made.

Discussions around the EMIP Freeport and the D2/N2 Combined Mayoral Authority are ongoing. More details should be available for the next Area Forum.'



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South Derbyshire Local Plan

The decision to commence a formal review of the Local Plan Part 1 was agreed at Committee in August 2021. The first consultation as part of this review will be the publication of an Issues and Options document; this consultation document is expected to go to Committee in September 2022 for approval.

The responses made to the Issues and Options consultation will be used to help shape the draft Local Plan. It is through consultation on the draft Plan that proposed allocations (for example for housing and employment) are first publicly set out. The draft Plan will go to a Committee either during or after June 2023.

Chair asked at the end of the announcements for an action to be assigned to Councillor Ford to update further at the next meeting on the matters addressed in the update given on his behalf, in particular the freeport.

ACTION: Councillor Ford to feedback on further discussions around the freeport.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

All received as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

None.

2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite and PC Mark Holmes gave the following update:

Since the last Area Forum meeting your local SNT have taken part the Nationwide Bi-Annual 'Op Sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week, SNT completed test purchase operations at shops throughout the area of which no shops failed. We set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages. Also, knife surrender bins were advertised and in different locations on different dates. We also visited a variety of schools to complete talks around knife crime. Pavements on local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre with chalk spray and stencils kindly donated by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to the SNT to help us with patrols, the bikes have been funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership, so a huge thankyou to them for our E-Bikes.

We have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatre which were set as:

- 1) Speeding



2) ASB in Open Spaces

3) School Parking

New priorities will be set after this round of Area Forum Meetings for the next quater.

We have been aware of some small fires set in the Hilton Woodlands by youths. We have been progressing this and have spoken to several youths relating to the fires as well as working with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service on prevention moving forward. In relation to this ASB, we have reiterated via our Derbyshire Alert and social media channels the importance of reporting incidents to us rather than on 'spotted' sites. We do not monitor social media sites and reporting it that way is not reporting it to us. You can call 101, visit www.derbyshire.police.uk, report via @derpolcontact on twitter and via the main Derbyshire Constabulary Facebook page via Direct Message.

We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the weekend celebrations.

We have held numerous engagement events within the area such as visiting Hilton WI, Pop Up events for Crime Prevention and Derbyshire Alert sign ups and surveys and Etwall Well Dressings.

SNT have given out banners to local schools which were funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership and have been put up by many of the schools highlighting safe parking outside of schools.

We have completed numerous school talks on 'How We Help', 'Stranger Danger', 'ASB', 'Knife Crime' and 'E Safety'.

In terms of speed checks, we have completed numerous as part of our neighbourhood priorities as well as setting up and supporting Etwall Community Speed Watch Scheme. If any other areas are interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch Scheme, when six volunteers have been agreed please contact us and we will arrange the relevant training and support.

Several vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and/or no driving licence and recently, we located a stolen motorbike in Hilton.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five wanted persons being arrested, which was a great result for the team.

We have been carrying out joint targeted patrols around Rural Areas which have been conducted alongside the Rural Crime Team Officers. A couple of our own Officers have recently completed their Rural Officer Training too.

PCSO Greville has now moved over to our Melbourne Area Team, and we are looking forward to PCSO Phillip Taylor arriving on the 12th of July to the team. Phil is an experienced PCSO who has transferred from another force area.

Dalbury Lees Parish Council raised speeding concerns within the area and asked the SNT to consider completing a speed check in the area.



ACTION: SNT to complete a speed check in the Dalbury Lees area.

Hilton Parish Council raised concerns over ASB in village of Hilton and questioned whether an increased number of patrols will take place over the school holiday.

PC Holmes reassured Hilton Parish Council about the matter raised and explained there will be increased patrols over the school holidays and security measures have proactively been put in place regarding a particular issue which the Parish Council are aware of.

A member of the public raised concerns over traffic issues on Bellfield Road. To which Chair, Councillor Brown explained that Etwall Parish Council currently have a programme on this matter.

PCSO Wallington-Waite agreed the traffic issues on Bellfield Road are not ideal but reassured everyone the SNT are doing what they can.

PCSO Wallington-Waite discussed with a member of the public, how a Community Speed Watch Group could help with the traffic issues with regard to speeding. A member of Etwall Speed Watch Community Group introduced herself to which Councillor Brown suggested to both members of the public to discuss Speed Watch matters after the meeting. PCSO Wallington-Waite agreed and offered help and support in the matter outside of the meeting.

A member of the public raised concerns of ASB down Boundary Road; in particular drug dealing.

PCSO Wallington-Waite reassured the member of the public that the SNT are doing regular patrols around that area and to date, nothing has been found when on patrol.

PCSO Wallington-Waite encouraged attendees of the meeting to ring in any issues at the time they are taking place and going forward, the SNT will continue to check Boundary Road as an area of interest.

A member of the public raised an issue regarding graffiti in the Hilton and Hatton areas. The member of the public explained how the graffiti is no longer just on the Skate Park, but in the bus shelter, on goal posts of the playing field and also other areas.

Claire Rawlins reassured the member of the public that SDDC are very proactive in tackling such behaviour and is happy to work with the Parish Council going forward.

Claire agreed to take an action forward to obtain a Graffiti Removal Kit for Hilton Parish Council.

ACTION: Claire Rawlins to look into obtaining a Graffiti Removal Kit for Hilton Parish Council.

A member of the public raised concerns over the Double Yellow Lines outside of the Chip Shop in Etwall, which have taken an awful long time to get in place. However, now people are ignoring them and still parking there. A question was raised to SNT if they would patrol here more frequently and raise their profile on this matter.



PCSO Wallington-Waite empathised with the member of the public but explained it is the Council Parking Enforcement Team who hold the power on such matters. Only if a vehicle is an obstruction, the Police can deal with it.

A member of the public raised a concern over a vehicle which is permanently parked on Chestnut Grove, partially covering the footpath.

PC Holmes and PCSO Wallington-Waite agreed to take a look at the matter after the meeting.

ACTION: SNT to do a vehicle check on the vehicle which is permanently parked on Chestnut Grove.

A member of the public raised concerns over an incident which took place on Carriers Road on April 5, 2022. Questions were raised as to why these sorts of accidents keep happening and how the names of Police in attendance can be found.

PCSO Wallington-Waite informed the meeting that the Police are not able to give opinions on that junction as it is a matter which lies with Derbyshire County Council Highways Authority and Officers would not be able to comment on any particular incident.

PCSO Wallington-Waite advised the member of the public to contact Derbyshire CREST who will be able to give any information which is available. CREST will give statistics but not details about any incident.

A member of the public raised concerns of HGV's carrying out three point turns on Bellfield Road.

PCSO Wallington-Waite explained there are no weight restrictions on that road so there is very little the Police can do.

Councillor Muller added that many HGVs are using basic car Sat Nav's which are not suitable for HGV use.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood

Grants Update

Claire Rawlins gave the following update:

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.

Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as Section 106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary Sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant Scheme.



Liberation Day 2022

Liberation Day took place on Wednesday 18 May 2022, where over 350 over 60's attended and were treated to great weather, 'big band' music, afternoon tea and cake, advice and information stalls and guest speakers including Police Inspector Mike Sisman and the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire. The event was a great success.

Street Whyze Project

We have been working closely with the South Derbyshire Support Centre (previously known as Newhall Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to commission knife crime education input into the centre. A local organisation known as the Street Whyze who have previously worked in Birmingham, have been approached to provide the input. The delivery will include twelve weekly group sessions and six identified individuals will receive six weekly one-to-one sessions.

Electric Bikes

In response to a request made by PC Robert McGlade, two new Electric Bikes have been funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership for use by the South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is planned that the bikes will be used in and around the Urban Core as well as in more Northern Areas of the District.

Banners

Thirty new road safety banners, also funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership are being distributed to Schools across the District by local SNT Officers. Two different designs were purchased, one which states 'DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAGS and another which states 'THINK BEFORE YOU PARK'.

Operation Sceptre

Operation Sceptre, a National Knife Crime Awareness Week dedicated to tackling and preventing knife crime took place between Monday 16 and Sunday 22 May, 2022. During the week of action there was a series of press releases, knife sweeps in local parks, social media posts, a knife amnesty bin located in Swadlincote and chalk paint stencilling in our Urban Core parks and open spaces.

Pubwatch

There was a great turn-out to the latest South Derbyshire Pubwatch meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, whereby sixteen pubs were in attendance. An informative presentation was given by the Licensed Trade Charity (LTC) and the Police provided an update on fake ID's.

Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant



Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster has launched a second round of funding from her Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant worth £100,000 for projects that take positive action against Anti-Social Behaviour. These could include sports and creative arts diversionary programmes, drop-ins for young people, CCTV, community clean-ups, and mentoring projects.

Grants of up to £5000 will be allocated to successful applicants who can show evidence of how they will make a difference to the local community. More information can be found on the PCC's website.

Scams Awareness Fortnight

Between June 13th and 19th, we supported Scams Awareness Fortnight; social media posts were created to promote this via the Councils website and social media channels as well as on the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Facebook page.

Safer Neighbourhood Funding

There is currently £4000 still available for this area and funding applications are available on the website.

If you require any help or support, please contact Chris Smith.

Chair, Councillor Brown raised a query regarding the Community and Environmental Grant Scheme and when this will become available again.

ACTION: Claire Rawlins to contact Sally Hemsley regarding money allocations from the Community and Environmental Grant Scheme and to find out if the grant will become available again.

4. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Bethany O'Dell gave the following update:

Active Travel

This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last three months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Befriending

Since March 2020 our Befriending Service has been carried out through telephone calls. We are beginning to talk to volunteers and service users who want to resume face to face visits. In the last three months we have supported 50 individuals, 600 contacts based on one visit per week. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or connect@sdcv.org.uk.



Handy Person Help at Home Support Service

This service provides practical solutions for those who need a bit of help to stay independent in their own homes. We can help with grab rails, key safes and other minor adjustments. In the last three months we have received 70 referrals.

Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or

handysupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This service has been continuing to support people throughout the pandemic. We have been helping people with shopping and prescription/ medication collection doing doorstep deliveries and these are continuing too. In the last three months we have supported 135 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City and Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and with procedures in place to keep everyone involved safe. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 817417 or home@dhfh.org.uk.

Safer Homes

This service is available to offer advice and practical assistance to people who have been victims of crime or are vulnerable. People will feel safer at home and have some things in place to protect their home. Over the last three months we have supported 93 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank is now operating from Hill St Baptist Church in Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the last three months the Food Bank have supplied 356 food parcels and supported 449 adults and 260 children. Please telephone 07458 305314 for referrals or information.

Community Development Team

The team support local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. Our aim is to provide support, information and advice to volunteer trustees, voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information please email, development@sdcv.org.uk.

Connected South Derbyshire

This project aims to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their



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communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact BethanyO@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Volunteer Force

The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information, please contact Volunteer@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project – to set up a Covid Connectors Network throughout South Derbyshire

Since January 2021 the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more on health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information please contact, Selinaw@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Communications

Digital (Website, Facebook and Twitter)

We have just launched our new website which holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us at www.sdcvs.org.uk.

As well as:

- Sending out regular e-bulletins
- External events/training
- Job vacancies
- Volunteering opportunities
- Funding

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website www.sdcvs.org.uk, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Non-Digital

- Sharing information through our outreach work – handing out leaflets and posters which can be displayed on parish notice boards.
- We've been looking at using the different community magazines which have an enormous reach out to local people in South Derbyshire.
- Attending more community events to chat to local people and raise our profile.

Surveys



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Digital Inclusion

SDCVS want to understand the challenges and extent of digital exclusion in South Derbyshire. We need the local community to help us establish why some people are digitally excluded. What are the barriers to connecting and using digital equipment and how can we help people become more connected?

Accessibility

SDCVS are keen to understand the issues and concerns residents of Swadlincote may have in relation to access to the retail and leisure facilities in the town centre.

We're undertaking a survey to help us understand the needs of the community we serve. We are especially keen to engage with people who have a disability or mobility issues, which make accessing the Swadlincote town centre difficult.

Office Move

46-48 Grove Street has now been sold and we are currently looking for new premises in Swadlincote where we will also re-locate the Food Bank.

A member of the public wished to congratulate SDCVS on their incredible work and efforts and raised a question on the new premises.

Bethany explained venues are currently being explored and there is hope it will be in Swadlincote Town Centre or the High Street.

5. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Festival of Leisure

The Festival of Leisure was back this year following a two-year absence due to Covid-19. The special Jubilee themed event took place last weekend at Maurice Lea Memorial Park and attracted thousands of visitors into the area. There was some great coverage of the event in the Burton Mail and attractions included local brass bands, motorcycle stunt display, gun dog display and a variety of local stalls.

Heathy Homes Assistance Fund (Housing)

As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, members should be aware of the availability of the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund. This is a project, funded through the Better Care Fund, which has now been successfully operating for two years.

The Fund provides funding of up to £10,000 as discretionary assistance to ensure vulnerable or disabled households living in private sector properties can live in homes that are safe and free from serious defects or hazards, are warm and secure.

The purpose of this assistance is to remove significant hazards in people's homes or to provide security and/or energy efficiency measures to reduce fuel poverty.



Works eligible for assistance is at the discretion of the Council and in general relate to the removal or help to remedy defects or deficiencies within the home that impact on health. Work typically involves:

- Essential repairs to make the property safe, warm, weatherproof or healthy.
- Installation or replacement central heating systems or improve the energy performance of the home.
- Work to prevent falls around the home.
- Additional security measures.

All works must be deemed as reasonable and practicable having regard to the age and condition of the property.

In the last two years the Fund has been used to help 92 different households across the district.

Referrals generally come from colleagues working in Social Services, the Fire Service, and the Police, however anyone (Councillors included) are welcome to make referrals.

The Fund is administered through the Public Health and Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Services who employ Stephanie Thandi to run the project. Stephanie has many years of experience of working with highly vulnerable clients and has an extensive network of connections across the region to get the best possible set of interventions to help people in need.

Referrals to the project can be made by contacting:

environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The Hospital Discharge Scheme (Housing)

A discretionary assistance for people in hospital or health or social care funded placement whose discharge is delayed due to the conditions of their home, or the assistance will prevent emergency admission into one of these places.

The applicant must be deemed capable as living independently and works will be determined on case-by-case basis. Eligible works can include:

- Urgent adaptations that allow access in or around a person's home.
- Urgent repairs to remove serious hazards.
- Heating repairs or improvement.
- Property clearance and one off deep cleans of hoarded goods etc.
- This not exhaustive and any works will be considered that reduces bed blocking.

Again, referrals can be made to environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk.



The aim of both the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund and the Hospital Discharge Scheme is to:

- Increase the number of people living at home independently and safely.
- Reduce the number of serious hazards.
- Improve the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people living in our district.
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) is a Government/ Local Authority funded initiative to install energy saving measures in Council properties. In total South Derbyshire District Council has £1.6 million to spend in this wave.

Approximately 111 properties are included in South Derbyshire District Council's Wave 1. Installed measures may include cavity, loft and external wall insulation, A+++ window glazing, insulated doors but could include other appropriate measures that will raise the overall energy performance to a 'C' rating.

Surveys are complete and installation is expected to start in August 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2023.

South Derbyshire District Council will be bidding for Wave 2 Funding in the late Summer of 2022.

Community Survey 2022 –Shaping Future Services

South Derbyshire District Council is asking people who live or visit the District to complete a short online survey to help shape future leisure and community services.

The Council is reviewing its leisure offer across the District to ensure it is fit for purpose, and meets the needs of residents and the growing population.

A vital part of this review process is for the Council to understand how South Derbyshire residents and visitors use the current local leisure facilities alongside people's general attitude towards physical activity and exercise.

Answers provided will help the Council understand what barriers may be preventing people from being more physically active and using local leisure facilities more, and what can be done to help overcome these.

The survey's questions focus on people's leisure, sport and physical activity habits. All responses are anonymous, and the survey is open to people aged 15 plus who live or visit South Derbyshire.

To complete the survey, please visit [Online Community Survey 2022](#) or there is a QR code which can be scanned on your mobile phones.

The survey is open until 22 July 2022.



A member of the public raised an action for a report back on the Social Decarbonisation Fund.

ACTION: KS to feedback/ report on the Social Decarbonisation Fund.

6. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
Councillor Ford to feedback on further discussions around the freeport.	Councillor Martyn Ford
SNT to complete a Speed Check in the Dalbury Lees area.	SNT
SNT to pay close attention to the newly placed double yellow lines outside the Chip Shop in Etwall RE: parking issues.	SNT
SNT to do a vehicle check on the vehicle which is permanently parked on Chestnut Grove.	SNT
Claire Rawlins to look into obtaining a graffiti removal kit for Hilton Parish Council.	Claire Rawlins
Claire Rawlins to contact Sally Hemsley regarding money allocations from the Community and Environmental Grant Scheme and to find out if the grant will become available again.	Claire Rawlins
Claire Rawlins to liaise with SDDC Depot RE: hedge cutting at Pear Tree Court.	Claire Rawlins
Kevin Stackhouse to feedback/ report on the Social Decarbonisation Fund.	Kevin Stackhouse

7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022 at Foston and Scropton Village Hall.

Councillor Lisa Brown
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:35pm

