

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

LINTON – AREA 6

Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2022

Coton in the Elms Community Centre

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Amy Wheelton (Chair), Councillor Melanie Bridgen.

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Stuart Swann.

Derbyshire Police representatives

Councillor Melanie Bridgen.

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Claire Bradford – Coton in the Elms Parish Council
Karen Bradford – Coton in the Elms Parish Council
Karen Bradford – South Derbyshire CVS (SDCVS)
Drakelow Parish Council
Sheila Jackson – Castle Gresley Parish Council
Frank Lusk – Netherseal Parish Council
Paul Marbrow – Rosliston Parish Council
Stephanie Marbrow – Rosliston Parish Council
Kevin Tizzard – Linton Parish Council

Members of the public

Mrs Bailey, Richard Bailey, C. Barnes, Hazel Bush, Teresa Bush, James Cowell, Lana Cowell, Jim Davis, Mr & Mrs Deakin, Reverend Druco, Mr & Mrs Fletcher, Lynne Hammond, M. Hammond, Chris Harman, Sarah King, J. Leech, Sandra Lees, D. McCombey, G. McCombey, Steve Mills, Graham Mottram, Mr & Mrs Munro, Carole Page, Karen Preedy, Mary Price, Ella Severs, D. Shaw, Jane Sherriff, Graham Smith, Vera Smith, R. Thorpe, Alan Timmins, Rob Wale, Dave Whetton and Sally Wodston.

1. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies



Rebecca Lees, Overseal Parish Council and Councillor Dan Pegg.

c) Chair's Announcements

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](#)

Festival of Leisure

Thank you to the Events Team at SDDC and all the volunteers for their hard work at the Festival of Leisure which took place on 25th & 26th June. It was a great success and the event attracted thousands of Locals to Maurice Lea Park; lots of fun was had by all.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

None.



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

PCSO Thompson gave the following update:

Since the last forum meeting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have taken part in the Nationwide Biannual 'Op Sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week the SNT completed test purchase operations at different shops throughout the area to which no shops failed and did not sell any knives to individuals who they shouldn't.

The SNT set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages. Knife surrender bins were advertised and placed in different locations on different dates.

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

Pavements in local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre using stencils and chalk spray which were provided by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

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

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

Banners relating to parking near schools were funded by Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership and have been put up at local schools highlighting safe parking.

Horse road safety posts have been published on our social media pages, relating to issues with vehicles overtaking horses poorly.

Numerous speed checks have been carried out as part of our neighbourhood priorities.



Many vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and/ or driver's having no driving licence.

Following a spate of theft of vehicles throughout Derbyshire, SALCU have arrested and charged five men.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five WANTED persons being arrested, a positive outcome for everyone.

The Police and Crime Commissioner visited Swadlincote to engage with local residents and conducted a walk about Swadlincote with the SNT.

SNT have attended recent engagement events at Overseal Community Café, CO-OP in Overseal and CO-OP in Rosliston.

Sergeant Nizzer updated:

There are set to be five new Constables joining the team mid-August, with many PCSO's now returning to the team as PC's who will be based in the Call Out Response Team.

Within the SNT, Rob McGlade who was a PC within the team has now been promoted to Sergeant and will begin his new role soon.

In terms of visibility, we currently have fourteen PCSO's within the SNT and are currently going through the rigorous training and recruitment process. It is a matter which takes time, and we are competing with other industries, but this is a work in progress and something which we are working on. But it is our priority to staff the 24/7 response team to full capacity.

There has recently been a particular issue with Graffiti around the Scout Hut in Rosliston. PCSO Thompson gave them ASB signs and rang the local school – since the positive action was taken, there has been no further incidents.

In terms of E-Scooters, we have sent a message to all schools asking them to send it onto all parents relating to the Law and Safety around E-Scooters. We continue to engage and enforce those using E-Scooters.

A warrant was conducted in Castle Gresley where an individual was arrested for intent to supply.

Work is being carried out in Coton in the Elms regarding HGV Lorries. Two operations were carried out recently with no HGV's being found to be going through the village. The second operation led to two HGV's being stopped and advice given. There is a plan in place for another operation to be carried out in September when more Officers are on board.



On Mount Pleasant Road, there is an old derelict school whereby kids have been trespassing and causing ASB, starting small fires etc. PCSO Thompson has spoken with the owner of the building and made the fire service aware of the issues at the premises and the owners are going to go ahead with work to make it as safe as possible.

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.

A member of the public raised concerns over the Cross-Roads in Drakelow for Swadlincote, Burton and Rosliston.

Sergeant Nizzer explained that Mapping of the road with the Collision Investigation Team is an ongoing matter.

Councillor Melanie Bridgen read the following from Becky Lees:

The main issue for me at the minute is still a lack of police presence. On the recent walk around that Frank arranged, we had PC John Anwar in attendance. We reported the ASB around the shops and Bass' Crescent/Arthur Street and drug dealing that is being witnessed regularly around the Arthur Street MUGA. I was copied into an email where he asked for our local SNT officers to pay particular attention to this issue and also an address and also requested a speed check in the village due to the cars travelling in excess of 30mph through the village. Since this time, we have still had very little presence and I am still receiving reports regarding the drug issue around Arthur Street. As Castle Gresley had some of the highest crime rates over the past few months out of all the district six villages, I'm a little bemused as to why we have so little attention. Not sure of this is something you could raise perhaps? I have emailed Inspector Sisman but have had no response.

Another thing is regarding your recent email in relation to bin collections and lids, perhaps not something for the forum but something you could take back to District. A number of bins weren't collected on recycling day, and these were older residents who do not have social media/internet access. They are unaware of the bin lid policy, and I wondered if perhaps this could be something put on the new bin collection calendars when they are done next. We have done posters and will be putting them on notice boards, and we have also asked the shops and Mount Pleasant Inn to display them, but not sure this will still get to everyone.

PCSO Thompson explained that on May 25, 2022 a speed check was carried out in the village where between 13:20 and 14:20. 140 cars went through the speed check, and only five cars sped over 35mph.

PCSO Thompson encouraged members of the public to report any problems they see as if it is not reported, the Police cannot do anything about it.



Regarding the dustbin issues, Allison Thomas explained there have been additional training programmes which have recently taken place for staff. In terms of the bin lids being open, when collected it will break the vehicle due to the weight of the bin. What the Council do offer is for residents to pop a box next to their bin in a tidy state which will be collected.

ACTION: SNT to continue patrols around Castle Gresley.

A member of the public raised concerns over drug activity within the area.

PCSO Thompson assured members of the public, the Police are doing what they can and encourage people to use Crimestoppers to report anything they see.

Councillor Stuart Swann explained that the priority for this Area Forum Meeting is the HGV issue for villages such as Coton in the Elms and surrounding areas.

Sergeant Nizzer explained that the Police are aware of the issues and are working with the CREST and Collision team on the matter.

PRIORITY: HGV's travelling through Coton in the Elms and the surrounding villages.

A member of the public raised concerns over the HGV's which have been travelling through the area for the festivals at Catton Park and damaging the trees – leaving a mess on the road which is a danger to cyclists.

ACTION: Councillor Wheelton/ Chris Smith to enquire with SDDC licensing to see if anything can be done regarding events and HGV's in the village of Coton in the Elms. i.e. traffic management plan.

Chris Smith encourage people to report such issues so matters can be followed through.

A discussion was held at length about HGV's, local events and the disruption caused.

A member of the public asked why there is a Speed Watch sign 200m before the speed gun.

PCSO Thompson explained the sign has to be in place for the Health and Safety of the team – it is a legal requirement.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood grants update

Chris Smith 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 S106 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 where 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 12 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. 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 whereby x16 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. During the meeting two, three year Banning Orders were agreed to by members of the scheme in relation to two separate incidents involving females that had assaulted bar staff.

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 antisocial 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

June 13th-26th was 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 money still available for this area and funding applications are available on the website.

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

4. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Karen Bradford 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 3 months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. For referrals and enquiries, please call 01283 219761 or contact projectsupport@sd cvs.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 3 months we have supported 50 individuals and 600



contacts based on 1 visit per week. For referrals and enquiries please call, 01283 219761 or email 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 3 months we have received 70 referrals. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or handysupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This scheme 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 3 months we have supported 135 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and procedures will be put in place to keep everyone involved safe. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 817417 or email 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. Over the last 3 months we have supported 93 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 219761 or email 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 3 months the Food Bank have supplied 356 food parcels and supported 449 adults and 260 children. Please telephone 07458 305314 for any enquiries.

Community Development Team

The team supports 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 contact development@sdcv.org.uk

Connected South Derbyshire



This is a project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwell and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact, BethanyO@sdcv.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. Whilst providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information please email, volunteer@sdcv.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project

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@sdcv.org.uk.

Digital (Website, Facebook and Twitter) Communications

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

- Send 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.sdcv.org.uk, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcv.org.uk

Non-Digital Communications

- 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

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. We will update on this matter once more detail has been confirmed.

5. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Allison Thomas gave the following update:

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 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.

Allison Thomas made members of the public aware of a scam which is replicating the Councils Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. Allison urged members of the public to contact the council with any information if they're approached.

A member of the public raised a question concerning private rented accommodation.

Allison Thomas explained the SDDC Environmental Health Officers are extremely proactive in dealing with Landlords making sure the accommodation is up to housing standards along with the Private Sector Housing Team. In terms of Carbon Efficiency, Allison explained all Private Landlords have to have an energy certification of C or above. Allison urged people, if they are aware of issues to contact the Environmental Health Team at South Derbyshire District Council.

Reverend Druco raised a concern over a homeless person in the area who had trouble finding accommodation from P3 and the Council.



Chris Smith explained we have had a few incidents recently whereby individuals have rejected our [the Councils] help to house them.

A member of the public raised concerns over parking issues on Elms Road, Coton in the Elms, particularly around school time.

ACTION: SNT to look into the parking issues on Elms Road, Coton in the Elms, particularly around school time. (The Bubble Inn carpark is available for parents to park at school drop-off and pick-up).

A member of the public put forward a discussion about the problem of HGV's in the area.

Councillor Stuart Swann explained the DCC are aware of the matter and also, that the Parish Council are working on it too.

Karen Bradford confirmed the matter is on the agenda for the next Coton in the Elms Parish Council meeting and encouraged people to attend.

6. Summary of Agreed Actions

Priority	Person responsible
HGV's travelling through Coton in the Elms and the surrounding villages.	N/A
Action	Person responsible
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7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Lullington Village Hall.



Councillor Amy Wheelton
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:52pm



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