



Safer Neighbourhoods Funding Project Information 2007/08

The Safer Neighbourhoods Scheme

The Safer Neighbourhoods Scheme is co-ordinated in South Derbyshire by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership.

The Scheme is designed to ensure that concerns of those living and working in an area relating to Crime and Disorder issues are recognised and acted upon by providing dedicated and accountable resources to specific geographical areas.

A multi-agency approach is taken to tackle problems and quarterly meetings are held in each of the six Safer Neighbourhoods Areas to which representatives of the statutory agencies and members of the public are invited. The aim is to reduce the fear of crime and create safer environments.

The Safer Neighbourhoods Areas

The six areas are: -

North West - Area 1:

Etwell - Hilton - Hatton - Burnaston - Egginton - Foston - Scropton - Church Broughton

Mercia - Area 2:

Willington - Findern - Repton - Newton Solney - Twyford – Bretby - Stenson Fields

North East - Area 3:

Melbourne - Aston - Weston - Shardlow - Thulston – Elvaston- Barrow-on-Trent - Smisby

Central Area - 4:

Swadlincote - Woodville - Church Gresley - Hartshorne

Newhall and Midway - Area 5:

Newhall - Midway - Stanton

South - Area 6:

Overseal - Linton - Netherseal - Coton - Castle Gresley- Walton-on-Trent - Lullington - Rosliston

Safer Neighbourhoods Fund

The Safer Neighbourhoods Fund is a small grants programme available to Neighbourhoods groups. The aim of the programme is to give local people the opportunity to initiate and develop projects to make their community safer.

The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership recognises that local people are crucial to the development of Safer Neighbourhoods and we are looking to encourage worthwhile projects, which will help reduce crime and the fear of crime in local communities. We particularly encourage projects that help with the issues we are focusing on in 2008 to 2011 – violent crime, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour, fear of crime and acquisitive crime.

The Safer Neighbourhoods Fund for the whole of the South Derbyshire District is £30,000 per year, this equates to £5,000 per Neighbourhoods area.

Successful bids

The Safer Neighbourhoods Fund supported a wide range of projects and initiatives last year. Details of some of them are highlighted below:

NORTH WEST - AREA 1

CCTV for Heath Fields Primary School, Hatton

In 2007 over £6,000 worth of damage was caused to Heath Fields Primary School in Field Avenue, Hatton which Headmaster Gordon McBurnie said as well as impacting on finances also had an effect on the running of the school because classrooms and the kitchen had to be closed.

Hatton resident Danny Taylor made an application for funds on behalf of the School from the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership for the system and it was agreed that a contribution of £5,000 could be made.

As a result, a state-of-the art system consisting of 14 dome cameras, hemisphere lighting, a hard drive recorder capable of storing up to three weeks footage and a monitor have all been installed. Signs saying that the system is in operation have also been put up on the school building.

The new equipment appears to be having a dramatic impact on criminal damage and anti-social behaviour on this site with police saying that since its introduction early in 2008 there have been no incidents on the site.

The total cost of the equipment together with training and maintenance added up to more than £11,000 and local companies provided the additional money required.

Workshops for Hilton Teenage Action Group

The idea of creating and applying artwork to the Skate Park in Hilton came from young people who initially discussed the idea with PCSOs working in the village.

The PCSOs then contacted the Teenage Action Group to see if it could help make this happen. After the suggestion was made, young people came forward with plenty of ideas regarding what they would like to do.

The TAG applied for Safer Neighbourhoods Fund money and also received contributions from a village resident and the parish council.

The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership agreed to award £1,650 to the project, which involved the employment of professional graffiti artists supplied by South Derbyshire community Arts organisation People Express.

Around 40 young people joined in the project over a period of five days, creating some very attractive artwork in the park. Since its installation it has not been defaced in any way and other village organisations are so impressed they are considering similar work for their own facilities.

Other Area 1 Projects

Other projects that have benefited from Safer Neighbourhoods funding in Area 1 are flood-lighting at Hatton Multi Use Games Area; security lighting for Peartree Court in Etwall; Hatton Youth Club Positive Outcomes project which actively involved the young people of Hatton in the organisation of the village carnival and new Roller doors for Hilton Village Hall to prevent vandalism.

MERCIA - AREA 2

Removal of disused pumping station, Newton Solney

An old pumping station building located on the bank of the River Trent at the end of Trent Lane in Newton Solney had been causing concern for some time.

The Parish Council had tried to establish ownership, but without success. Residents in the area were concerned that the 10 ft by 20ft structure with a flat concrete roof was a danger to children playing in the area and a potential "hiding hole" for drug takers and other law breakers.

The unsightly appearance of the building also made residents and visitors to the area feel unsafe in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership agreed to pay half towards the cost of demolishing the pumping station and removing the debris in an environmentally acceptable way.

Following the removal of the pumping station the Parish Council says that the area is safer and no longer offers a potential location for anti-social behaviour. They feel that the whole village and anyone visiting the area has benefited.

New equipment for Milton Krav Maga Club

The Krav Maga club meets on a weekly basis in the village hall in Milton to provide members with martial arts training.

Krav Maga is a modern and practical style of self-defence that the club says helps to make people feel safer and provides everyone with a positive activity. Its male and female members range in age from 16 to 65.

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The training provided deals with real life scenarios and helps people increase their personal safety and protect themselves against restraint, chokes and strangles and knife attacks.

To enable the club to offer the full range of training and cater for a growing membership it applied for Safer Neighbourhoods funding to help buy new equipment.

Shields, punch pads, shin guards, hand and feet protection, gym mats have been purchased with the help of the £1,800 awarded by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership.

The club says the equipment has made a huge difference and their membership continues to grow, helping to reduce fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and violent crime.

Other Area 2 projects

Other projects that have benefited from Safer Neighbourhoods funding in Area 2 are hiring in play facilities for Repton children during the summer break and a grant to Youth Services for the rural positive activities group (Willington, Findern, Repton) which enabled young people to participate in activities throughout the summer holidays.

NORTH EAST - AREA 3

SmartWater for Church Lane and Grange Close Neighbourhoods Watch, Ticknall

Neighbourhoods Watch (NHW) co-ordinators in Ticknall applied for funding for Smart Water kits for use in houses which included older people's almshouses.

SmartWater is invisible to the naked eye but glows under ultra-violet light and is impossible to remove entirely. It is a forensically coded liquid with similar properties to DNA. It is used in properties and on items that might be stolen and means property can be linked without question to its owner and criminals to the crime scene.

Stickers saying that SmartWater has been used in the properties concerned are used to deter any would-be offenders.

The NHW co-coordinators showed householders how to apply the SmartWater and homes with a total of 46 residents benefited. Kits for empty properties have been retained for use when they become occupied.

Although it will take some time to see if burglary has been eradicated by installation of SmartWater protection the NHW group says the action, for which Safer Neighbourhoods funding provided £500, has had an immediate and very positive impact on fear of crime in the area.

CCTV camera for Aston on Trent

Aston on Trent Parish Council had worked with residents, voluntary groups, Neighbourhood Watch, parents and the police to look at an issue of young people gathering at various points in the village and subjecting residents and property to abusive and anti-social behaviour.

While some of the approaches dealt with some of the issues, a decision was eventually taken to install a small CCTV camera to monitor key areas in the village and to reassure residents and deter and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The Parish applied for £2,000 from the Safer Neighbourhoods Fund to put towards the total cost of £8,500 and was successful.

The high-resolution pan-tilt-zoom camera has been installed and can be remotely controlled by broadband to focus on a specific incident. It is centrally controlled by radio signal.

The Parish Council says that initially young people were not convinced that the camera could be used, but several pieces of footage have been passed to the police for follow-up action and the effectiveness of the camera appears to be being strengthened.

Reports about the way in which the camera has helped are sent to a quarterly village newsletter to keep residents reassured that it is being used to keep them safe.

Police have also praised the quality of the system and the footage that it provides.

CENTRAL - AREA 4

Mosquito project for Gresley Old Hall

Young people gathering are not necessarily doing anything wrong, but they can very occasionally prevent other people from doing the things they want to and this was the situation at the Indoor Bowling Centre in Gresley Old Hall.

Hundreds of people use the centre but the crowd of young people gathering around the building they needed to get into was sometimes so large, bowlers went home rather than going through it.

A solution was needed that would keep the youngsters away from the entrance to the building at the times when the club was open, and after much investigation and discussion it was decided that the use of a mosquito device was best.

Gresley Old Hall Welfare Centre applied to Safer Neighbourhoods funds for £500 towards the scheme and was granted the money.

The device is only used when staff at the centre feel there is an issue with young people gathering. Staff say that the fact that centre users know it is there acts as a reassurance for them.

MUGA lighting, Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Consultation with young people carried out by the Youth Service highlighted the need for lighting at the popular Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in Maurice Lea Memorial Park, Church Gresley.

The young people consulted rejected plans for a new MUGA at Woodhouse Skate Park in favour of the lighting at Maurice Lea, emphasising its importance to them. The floodlighting would enable them to use the MUGA after school throughout the year rather than just during the summer months when the evenings are light.

The installation of lighting would also mean there would be new opportunities for use of the facility by Youth Services, Youth Engagement Through Sport (YETS) and the Community Sports Coach programme.

Planning permission for the lighting had to be gained and consultation for this purpose with local residents resulted in the condition that the lights are switched off at 9pm.

The total cost of the lighting was £12,000. Derbyshire County Council provided £10,000 and the remaining £2,000 was awarded by the Safer Neighbourhoods fund.

The project was delivered by South Derbyshire District Council with Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire acting as project managers for the design, specification and installation.

Other projects

Other projects to have been conditionally awarded funding in Area 4 are proposed additional lighting for a passageway between Davis Road and Toulmin Drive and a contribution towards a new perimeter fencing for Granville School, both of these grants are pending match funding and planning approval being obtained.

NEWHALL & MIDWAY - AREA 5

Establishing and running the William Allitt Debate Group

The idea for an unusual project to raise awareness of the ways in which crime affects people came from the Swadlincote District 50+ Forum, which wanted to set up a debate group involving 13 year old students from William Allitt School in Newhall, members of its own organisation and representatives from organisations such as the police, fire & rescue service, PCT and Citizens' Advice.

The idea was to get young people talking with older people about a range of issues, making them think about things happening within their own community and the world beyond.

Money was required to fund refreshments, travel expenses, newspapers, magazines, films to provoke debate and photographic equipment to collect visual materials for use in discussion.

Safer Neighbourhoods fund money of £400 was added to money from the 50+ Forum's own funds to help ensure the project could be set up and run.

Issues covered so far have included sport, eco towns, drugs and alcohol and murder and death. The police were due to join the group for its first session of the 2008/09 school year to discuss crime and sentencing.

The Forum says that the group is helping to break down barriers between the generations and is raising awareness of the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour on the community.

South Derbyshire Football Tournament

Derbyshire County Youth Services youth workers, from their area base in Swadlincote, organised football coaching and two tournament days for young people in partnership with South Derbyshire District Council and Derby County Football Club.

The coaching led up to a football tournament during a school holiday period involving 12 teams from across the district, four of which were from the Newhall and Midway area.

The project was funded, for the most part, from the Youth Opportunity fund but an additional £500 was required to support the cost of coaching and the transport of teams from Newhall and Midway.

The project was designed to help reduce anti-social behaviour and substance misuse by providing positive activities for young people. It also proved successful in building relationships between young people in the community and with organisations including the police.

The total cost of the project was £4,200 and the Safer Neighbourhoods fund awarded £500 to ensure young people from Newhall and Midway could take part.

Other projects

The other projects to have benefited from Safer Neighbourhoods funding in Area 5 are window guards for St John's Church Newhall and a contribution towards funding CCTV for Newhall Methodist Church.

SOUTH - AREA 6

U-Magz young people project

The U-Magz project was an idea that actually came out of the Area 6 Safer Neighbourhoods meetings.

The project aimed to create a website for young people in the area which would provide them with a platform to air their views on local issues and eventually could be used to provide information and messages to the young people.

Derbyshire Youth Service gave £1,000 for the project and Safer Neighbourhoods funding provided the same amount.

A group was created under the leadership of the Police Community Support Officers on the area, a youth worker and an IT software consultant. Meetings were held weekly for the duration of the project and this particularly led to good relationships between the young people involved and the PCSOs.

The project has also encouraged young people to attend Safer Neighbourhoods meetings in the area themselves, ensuring that there is a good cross-section of the community involved in discussions and decision making.

Overseal Village Hall security

Overseal Village Hall had been subjected to a number of vandal attacks resulting in broken windows, graffiti, door locks being jammed, door handles ripped off and gutters and downspouts torn down.

Fire doors installed on a Friday had the outer skin broken on Sunday and the inner skin smashed on Monday.

The cost of the damage ran into hundreds of pounds.

Overseal Parish Council felt that CCTV coverage and improved lighting to the car park would have a significant impact on the anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the area and asked Safer Neighbourhoods for £2,500 towards the total £4,673 that the equipment and its installation would cost.

People attending the Area 6 Safer Neighbourhoods meeting thought this was a good idea and felt that it would benefit the whole village and not just the site of the village hall.

The security equipment has now been installed and does appear to be having the desired effect of preventing criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. People in the area have been reassured too.

Other projects

The other projects to have benefited from Safer Neighbourhoods funding in Area 6 are the proposed youth shelter in Netherseal (yet to be completed); new mats for the Endoshima Judo Club; a graffiti wall/shelter in Castle Gresley and CCTV for Rosliston Village Hall

Appendix 1 – All funded Projects 2007-08

Area 1

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Heath Fields Primary CCTV	A1/002	Danny Taylor	Heathfields School	£ 5,000.00	£ 12,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Roller Doors at Hilton Village Hall	A1/003	Clare Orme	Hilton Parish Council	£ 2,000.00	£ 3,082.00	£ 2,000.00
Hilton TAG Graffiti Project	A1/004	Jenny Keery	TAG	£ 1,650.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,650.00
Hatton Positive Project	A1/005	Theresa Cain	Youth Serv/ Youth Club	£ 300.00	£ 1,330.00	£ 300.00
Peartree Court Lights	A1/006	Mr A Jenner	Etwell NHW	£ 1,959.00	£ 3,919.00	£ 1,959.00
Hatton MUGA Lighting	A1/008	Chris Lees	Hatton Community Project	£ 4,000.00	£ 8,000.00	£ 4,000.00

Area 2

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Milton Krav Maga Club	A2/003	Ian Steel	Milton Krav Maga	£ 1,800.00	£ 2,400.00	£1,800.00
Removal of Pumping Station	A2/004	David Buchanan	Newton Solney PC	£ 1,900.00	£ 1,800.00	£1,900.00
Rural Projects Positive Activities	A2/005	Theresa Cain	Youth Services	£ 3,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£2,500.00
Play Facilities for Repton	A2/007	Roger Paulson	Repton Parish Council	£ 750.00	£ 950.00	£ 400.00

Area 3

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
CCTV in Aston	A3/001	Steve Graham	Aston parish Council	£ 2,500.00	£ 8,500.00	£ 2,000.00
Ticknall Smartwarter Project	A3/002	Tony de Blaquire	Ticknall NHW	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	£ 500.00

Area 4

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Lighting to Davis Road	A4/004	Neil Tilley	DCC	£ 1,000.00	£ 4,000.00	£1,000.00
Lighting to Maurice Lea MUGA	A4/005	Zoe Sewter	SDDC	£ 2,000.00	£ 10,000.00	£2,000.00
Perimeter fence at Granville School	A4/006	Barrie Scott	Granville School	£ 5,000.00	£ 14,000.00	£2,500.00
Mosquito at Gresley Bowls Club	A4/007	Roy Hyde	Gresley Community Welfare	£ 450.00	£ 900.00	£ 440.00

Area 5

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Security at Newhall Church	A5/003	Mrs J N Carter	Newhall Church Council	£ 1,978.00	£ 3,956.00	£1,978.00
South Derbys Football Tournament	A5/004	Michelle Younger	DCC Youth Services	£ 500.00	£ 4,200.00	£ 500.00
William Allit Debate Group	A5/005	Gill Farrington	Over 50's Forum	£ 400.00	£ 600.00	£ 400.00

Area 6

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
U Magz Young People CCTV at Rosliston Village Hall	A6/003	Ian Stevens	DCC Youth Services	£ 975.00	£ 1,650.00	£ 975.00
Mats for Endoshimo Judo Club	A6/004	Paul Marbow	Rosliston Village Hall	£ 800.00	£ 1,100.00	£ 800.00
Netherseal Youth Shelter	A6/005	Joe Eyley	Edoshima Judo Club	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,150.00	£1,500.00
	A6/006	David Coxon	Netherseal Parish Council	£ 2,500.00	£ 10,000.00	£2,500.00

Appendix 2 - Table showing Spend Totals for Each Area 07/08

Area	Carry frwd from 06/07	Allocation for 07/08	Total Allocation for 07/08	Total Spent in 07/08
Area 1: North West	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 14,909.00
Area 2: Mercia	£ 3,280.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 8,280.00	£ 6,600.00
Area 3: North East	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 2,500.00
Area 4: Central	£ 717.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,717.00	£ 5,940.00
Area 5: Newhall and Midway	£ 3,088.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 8,088.00	£ 2,878.00
Area 6: South	£ 1,500.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 6,500.00	£ 5,775.00
	£ 13,585.00	£ 30,000.00	£ 43,585.00	£ 38,602.00