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a sustainable South Derbyshire

# Partnership News

Aiming to keep you up to date with the latest developments from  
the South Derbyshire Partnership. *September 2015.*

## Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of the **Partnership News**. Its purpose is to keep you and your colleagues up to date with news from the South Derbyshire Partnership, its theme groups and the forums and voluntary groups who deliver our projects in the community.

## Sustainable Development



The Swadlincote Jobs Fair took place in June at Green Bank Leisure Centre, offering more than 1,000 roles. There was a greater emphasis on careers and the opportunity for exhibitors to offer 'have-a-go' activities so that visitors could try new skills. Schoolchildren were involved for the first time, enabling them to meet local employers and think about future options. With some 74 exhibitors, the event attracted more than 170 benefits claimants, around 50 members of the public and 200 schoolchildren.

The Sustainable Development Group has granted two projects £1,500 each, which will be matched with funding from the Locality Public Health Plan. 'Work Clubs' will be operated in areas of higher unemployment, providing free and informal help and support on a drop-in basis to jobseekers. The Accessible Learning In Creative Environments ('ALICE') project will be led by South Derbyshire CVS to assist those facing barriers to entering work. These might include lone parents, those relocated following domestic abuse and people forced to use food banks.



The National Forest Walking Festival was staged from May 16 to 28 and more than 1,000 visitors took part in 74 walks. The event was staged with the support of around 30 partner organisations including local trusts, clubs, groups and businesses who volunteered their time.

The third Swadlincote Festival of Transport saw an expanded event staged in the town centre in May, attracting hundreds of classic vehicles and thousands of visitors. The event, led by the Box Motor Club and the Rotary Club of Swadlincote, included a market, live performances and exhibits from numerous local businesses.

## Safer Communities



The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership (SSDP) again supported the Summer Activities Programme in the urban core, with 32 sessions hosted at Maurice Lea Memorial, Eureka and Newhall parks.

The programme is delivered by South Derbyshire District Council's Sport and Health team. All sessions are free and include laser games, sports mobile and the play mobile.



Liberation Day 2015 was a huge success. Held for the first time in 12 years at Church Gresley Old Hall, the event featured a talk on bogus callers from Inspector Nigel Lidsey and the entertainment for the 300-plus guests was provided by tribute band the Bootleg Beatles.

Work to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour outside Swadlincote Library and the Market Hall is having a real impact. Eleven individuals have been placed on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and the police have enforced several dispersal orders. A temporary camera has been put up to monitor the area affected, while the SSDP has provided the library with a recycled CCTV system from a charity shop which has now closed.

Intelligence suggests that some of the group involved with causing anti-social behaviour in the town centre have been using 'legal highs', with an ambulance being called out on more than one occasion. In response, the SSDP has been working with the county council, police and local secondary schools to educate staff, pupils and parents of the risks of legal highs and what to look out for. The slogan 'Just because they are legal doesn't mean they are safe' has been promoted widely.

## Health and Wellbeing

The Health and Wellbeing Group has provided £12,000 of locality funding this year to support the South Derbyshire Voluntary Single Point of Access (vSPA). This community referral scheme is match funded by Southern Derbyshire Clinical

Commissioning Group (CCG) and provides a referral pathway to voluntary and community services that support older people to maintain their independence. From April to August 2015, vSPA has taken 79 referrals in South Derbyshire and is therefore is on target to exceed the original target of 120 referrals.



A £5,000 investment from the South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing locality fund has been matched by £10,000 from the Public Health Housing and Health pot to initiate a South Derbyshire Food Hub project, which aims to deliver basic cooking skills sessions benefiting the most vulnerable social housing tenants in South Derbyshire. It seeks to develop links with the South Derbyshire Food Bank and provide at least 500 healthy hot meals within 12 months to local tenants and residents. Informal sessions on topics such as healthy eating advice, physical activity and food shopping/hood hygiene advice are also planned.

Work has now started on a project called 'Moving Forward', which aims to provide enhanced Home-Start support to families where domestic violence has been identified. The project has made links with both the county and district council community safety teams and suitable risk assessment guidelines have been established. Thirteen volunteers and two staff have been provided with domestic violence awareness and safety training, while referral pathways have been developed between partners and Home-Start. So far Trident Reach, Next Step and a local children's centre have made referrals to the scheme.

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