

## SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

### SWADLINCOTE – AREA 4

Meeting minutes – Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023  
Goseley Community Centre

#### PRESENT: -

#### South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Mick Mulgrew (Chair), Councillor Vonnie Heath, Councillor Neil Tilley, Councillor Louise Mulgrew, Councillor Steve Taylor, Councillor Malc Gee, Councillor Gordon Rhind

Frank McArdle – CEO SDDC  
Heidi McDougall – Strategic Director of Service Delivery  
Sean McBurney - Head of Cultural and Community Services  
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager  
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant  
Max Boyce- Community Safety Enforcement Officer

#### Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Peter Smith, Councillor David Muller

#### Derbyshire Police representatives

PCSO Badham-Spalding, PCSO Egan Gibson, Inspector Mike Sisman

#### S/A15. Open meeting

##### **a) Introductions and housekeeping**

##### **b) Apologies**

Sergeant Tarj Nizzer, Cllr Trevor Southerd, Cllr Roger Redfern, Councillor Gary Musson

##### **c) Chair's announcements**

#### **Summer Activities 2023**

Bookings are well underway for our ever-popular Summer Activities. With 70% of available sessions booked within the first week of the booking window, Parish Councils have until Friday 10th February to secure sessions within their local area.

#### **Warm Spaces**



Derbyshire County Council have launched a warm spaces fund to support organisations to provide a warm refuge for residents and their families struggling to heat their homes. Voluntary, community and charity organisations in Derbyshire can apply for a grant to set up warm spaces this winter.

Various buildings and venues across the district are open as warm spaces. To find out where these are and for further information about grants to open a warm space visit [Warm spaces - Derbyshire County Council](#).

### **Parks & Green Spaces Events**

March Butterfly survey training – dates to be confirmed FREE TO ATTEND. Butterfly survey training will take place at Swadlincote Woodlands and Coton Park Nature Reserve in March. Training will be provided by the Parklife Officer. The training is provided to volunteers wishing to take part in a summer survey of butterflies at these sites. Each year the training is an opportunity to recruit new volunteers and retain some of the existing volunteers so that results can be recorded and submitted to Butterfly Conservation for monitoring of butterflies in the local area.

5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Coronation Teddy Trail event at Eureka Park 11.00am to 12.30pm FREE TO ATTEND – This event being led by the Parklife Officer and Get Active. A led walk around Eureka Park with Bertie the Bear and craft activity at end of walk.

#### **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**

CS updated as per the report back document in the Agenda pack.

### **S/A16. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) report and police Q&A**

The police updated that there is an additional Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant (Ben Frearson) starting soon. He will cover the three norther areas and Tarj Nizzer will stay in charge of the three south areas.

Three additional Safer Neighbourhood Officers are also due to start by the end of February. Advert has gone out for recruitment.

There are lots of new faces at the Station at the moment with a lot of officers receiving training. A new burglary Team has been set up who will deal with South Derbyshire burglaries.

Theft of vehicle crime has increased in the District, mostly in the North of the District where Fuel is targeted on A50 but cars also being targeted in nearby villages just off A50.



People advised to make sure they secure cars and anyone with keyless entry systems should keep them in faraday bags, both the police and Communities Team have a supply.

The Manchester anti-violence bee came to Swadlincote before Christmas and Granville school have done a Community Safety Poster competition which will be judged by the Inspector.

Drink/ Drug driving campaign took place before Christmas period, 180 arrests made across Derbyshire.

Cllr Smith stated there was a problem with misuse of e-scooters and speeding through the Hartshorne. Recent accident on Woodville Road. Police stated they are trying to encourage the community to join speed watch groups but need support from the public as it is a real problem.

Cllr Smith asked for the law on Scooters to be clarified. The Inspector responded that they can only be used on private land. The SNT Team are not tolerant with them, they try and educate but can also seize straight away. Prosecution will be taken. Education around the community is required too, lots of social media messages are put out.

Cllr Smith requested for the mobile speed van to be located near school on main street, the section between Repton Road going out towards Ticknall.

**ACTION: SNT to carry out speed watch work around Hartshorne Parish with Cllr Smith.**

A member of public who uses a disabled scooter stated that the cars are parking partially on pavements at Highfield road in Swadlincote and that there is speeding of traffic on the road and on Alleyne Close. Cars are also illegally driving between Weston Street and Alleyne Close (over a grassed area outside flats) photos given to inspector.

**ACTION: SNT to monitor parking and speeding issues and CS to investigate about the grass land and request for an additional bollard.**

A member of public asked why the Mobile Speed van is always put it where people can see it, the police stated that law requires that they must be visible.

### **S/A16 South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood grants update**

CS updated on work of the community Safety Partnership.

#### **Safer Spaces Meeting**

This is a new meeting which has been set up to look at ASB and Crime issues in Urban Core, especially around the Parks and Open Spaces. A recent Contextual Safeguarding Survey carried out by Granville School showed fear of crime in parks - especially Eureka Park where there has been some high-profile incidents in recent



years. The group is carrying out further consultation in schools and with youth groups to see what would make young people feel safer in these areas.

### **Op Sceptre & Knife Crime Prevention**

This is an initiative we have supported the local Police Team in by providing chalk spray and stencils for use in the parks and for Social Media posts.

We have also been supporting Street Whyze in South Derbyshire Support Centre with 1-2-1 and group intervention around knife Crime.

Granville School have also bought in the 'Switch up' Theatre in Education Performance which is both interactive and engaging. Pingle have also booked the performance for this year and the Partnership will support the initiative in future years with a 50% contribution of each performance.

### **Safer Homes**

CVS have won the Tender for The Safer Homes Scheme and will continue to operate the scheme for the next three years. The service installs security measures to victim's and vulnerable people's homes free of charge. Self-referrals can be made, leaflets on the scheme are on the sign in table.

### **The Anti-Violence Bee**

The Manchester Anti-Violence Bee recently visited Swadlincote as part of the Derbyshire Tour. The bee was situated at Morrisons, Granville Academy and The William Allitt Academy on different occasions. The 11ft bee is a statue made entirely of guns and knives which were confiscated by police from the streets of Manchester.

### **CPNW's Issued & CBO Application**

Three new CPNW's have recently been issued to residents who are suspected of smoking cannabis at home which is having a detrimental impact on surrounding neighbours through the strong odour.

One CBO application is with the CPS for a juvenile offender who has been involved in incidents of crime and disorder within Swadlincote area.

### **Swadlincote Town Centre**

The Communities Team and the Police have worked with Schools to identify young people causing damage and ASB in Swadlincote Town Centre, using CCTV images. Partnership Warning letters were issued, and hand delivered to parents and some individuals have received banning orders from certain shops.

### **Safer Neighbourhoods Funding**



There is still Funding available for projects for the current financial year. Anyone with any projects should contact [community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk) for more information. There is still money left for new funding applications.

### **S/A17 Local community and voluntary sector projects/ update**

CVS updated about their services:

#### **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 74 individuals and had 219 contacts. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or [projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto: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 45 individuals and 540 contacts based on one visit per week. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or [connect@sdcv.org.uk](mailto: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 104 referrals and 142 visits. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or [handysupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto: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 three months we have supported 30 new open cases and 22 new referrals across South Derbyshire. 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. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 817417 or [home@dhfh.org.uk](mailto: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



completed 84 visits in South Derbyshire. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or [projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk)

## **Food Bank**

Our Food Bank is now well established in our new premises at The Hive Unit G First Floor, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE11 9AZ Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only. Due to the increase in demand for this service we are now open four days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.00am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. From October to December 2022 we distributed 335 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 426 adults and 334 children, provided 6840 meals through the distribution of the food parcels and signposted people to 47 different services To find out more contact Petra on 07458 305314 or email [petrap@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:petrap@sdcv.org.uk)

In 2022, the Food Bank supported a number of individuals in South Derbyshire: Findern (8), Willington (21), Repton (46), Stenson Fields (11), Eggington (2), Hilton (42), Hatton (16) and Littleover (23)

## **Partnership working with CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau)**

Since November 22 we have been working in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau. One of the CAB advisors is now located at the Food Bank twice a week offering support to clients who are experiencing debt and energy issues. This service started in November and in the first month the support given to clients saw the following financial gains - £17,192.00 in benefits and fuel support and £2,373.00 managing debt. This is a funded project and CAB have just secured a further 18 months funding to expand this service and support the Food Bank.

May we take this opportunity to thank the local residents and businesses in South Derbyshire that have supported the Food Bank over the past year with financial and food donations. This valued support has meant that many vulnerable and disadvantaged people have been able to access this service and start receiving other support including debt and benefit issues, domestic abuse and more recently the cost-of-living crisis.

## **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 contact [development@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:development@sdcv.org.uk)



In the period July – September 2022 the Team supported 43 individual groups with 402 contacts with those groups during the three-month period supporting them with funding searches, governance, community engagements, finance and volunteer recruitment.

### **Connected South Derbyshire**

A project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Our new Development Officer, Helen Adcock started in October and has been engaging with a number of community networks in Etwall, Hatton, Hilton and is now starting to develop networks in Repton and Willington. Helen has also been supporting some of the Warm Hubs and a Dementia Café in Hilton. For more information contact [helena@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:helena@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 and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information contact [Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk)

### **Corporate Volunteers**

We have started to work with corporate businesses who are keen for their staff to volunteer to give something back to their local community and be more aware of the many issues that residents in South Derbyshire are experiencing. An example is Amazon and ElectroLube who supported the Food Bank with the Christmas rush – helping in the Food Bank to bring in the donations and making up the food parcels to give out to local residents.

### **Community Connectors Project**

This was originally the Covid Connectors Network supporting local communities sharing public health information updates relating to Covid. The project has now been renamed to the Community Connectors Project and focuses more on health and wellbeing, what services are available and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information email [Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk)

### **Communications**

We continue to send out regular newsletters/e-bulletins, events, training, job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and funding – [www.sdcv.org.uk](http://www.sdcv.org.uk)

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website – [www.sdcv.org.uk](http://www.sdcv.org.uk), and if you would like anything advertised, please email [communications@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:communications@sdcv.org.uk)



We continue to target our non-digital audiences through our outreach work – leaflets/posters on parish notice boards, using the community magazines and attending more community events.

### **Education and Training at SDCVS**

Following a period of planning and change of staff, the new SDCVS Education and Training Manager will be launching a range of new courses for adult learners. The first of these courses will begin in late February with a focus on supporting adult family members who are experiencing economic disadvantage, disability, poor mental or physical health, learning disabilities, unemployment, rural or social isolation, lack of confidence or low aspirations. Attending this course will improve personal and social skills, confidence, resilience, wellbeing and employability.

For more information on this course and future courses at SDCVS, please contact Dave Protheroe, [davep@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:davep@sdcv.org.uk)

### **Derbyshire Time Swap**

We've recently secured a brand-new contract with Derbyshire County Council called Derbyshire Time Swap. This contract is about supporting people across the county to embrace the benefits of Timebanking which is a way of exchanging skills without any money changing hands. You do what you love, when you want to... and get a little help when you need it. For every hour you spend helping someone, you earn an hour back from your time bank.

Our new team are now in place and are starting to work out in the different areas in Derbyshire:

- Stuart Martin – South Derbyshire & Erewash
- Jane Davison – Amber Valley & South Derbyshire Dales
- Lindsey Coombs – High Peak & North Derbyshire Dales
- Natalie Evans – Bolsover & North East Derbyshire
- Lucy Exton – our Admin Support Assistant

For more information please email [derbyshiretimeswap@sdcv.org.uk](mailto:derbyshiretimeswap@sdcv.org.uk)

### **Swadlincote Performing Arts**

SDCVS is pleased to announce the launch of a fantastic, innovative and community driven project is currently being developed in Swadlincote.

**Its mission** “*To aid economic development and a sense of Pride in Swadlincote, the project will provide the community with entertainment, bringing to the fore local and regional talent, supporting Swadlincote's aim to be a vibrant and attractive visitor destination*” A standalone organisation will be established, to bring all of the arts together and will cumulate in an event at the end of August. The organisation will then continue to provide events and activities for the arts in the area. Anyone who





would like to know more or be involved in the project please contact [helena@sd cvs.org.uk](mailto:helena@sd cvs.org.uk).

**Derbyshire Befriending** – Our new Derbyshire Befriending website ...is now LIVE [www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk). You can find out all about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer

**Our Social Impact Report** - <https://bit.ly/3jZ7LsD>

### **S/A18 Local authority update and public Q&A**

Cllr Mulgrew thanked Frank for his hard work for 40 years at the District Council and wished him well for the future.

The following Local Authority was given:

#### **Beat the Street**

Beat the Street is coming to Swadlincote! From 15<sup>th</sup> March to 26<sup>th</sup> April, Swadlincote is being transformed into a giant game! Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking cycling and wheeling game, which gets staff, pupils and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy.

Beat the Street is designed to get children and communities moving by helping people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve physical and mental health and help embed physical activity into everyday life. So far, 1.6 million people and 5, 000 schools have taken part in games in 154 places across the UK and beyond.

School children and local communities will be able to collect their game cards and register to play. Game card readers called 'Beat Boxes' will be positioned around Swadlincote including outside schools and in parks. Each time a player taps the Beat Boxes with their registered cards, they will earn points for their school or community team. The total number of points will be counted on the leader board, and winning teams will win prizes for their efforts.

We will have lots of events and pop-up games taking place between 15<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> April, so keep checking the website: [www.beatthestreet.me](http://www.beatthestreet.me)

#### **Public Spaces Protection Orders extended for 3 years**

Throughout September 2022 the Council consulted on a proposal to renew seven Public Spaces Protection Orders.

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) are a control measure, intended to deal with specific nuisances or problems in a defined area that are "detrimental to the local community's quality of life".



PSPOs have a lifespan of three years and the seven existing Orders were due to expire in January 2023. The consultation processes identified widespread support for the continuation of the Orders and so the Council have extended them all until January 2026.

The seven PSPOs include:

Dog Fouling PSPO. Which makes it an offence for any owner not to pick up after their dog in all land open to the public in South Derbyshire.

Dogs on Lead PSPO. This makes it an offence for any owner not to keep their dog on a lead in any of the 23 parks and open spaces named in the Order.

Littering from Vehicles PSPO. This made the registered owner of a vehicle legally responsible for any litter thrown from their vehicle.

And the Staker Lane & Lowes Lane PSPOs. Which give the Council the power to put a gated entrance to a small length of public highway and prohibited unauthorised vehicles from accessing the lanes which are flytipping hotspots.

Breach of any of the PSPOs can result in a £100 fixed penalty notice or prosecution carrying a fine up to £1,000.

Copies of all of the Orders are published on the [PSPO section of the Councils website](#) and the Councils Environmental Health Facebook account contains regular information about recent fixed penalties which have been issued.

### **Delph works to start in Swadlincote town centre**

Work is due to start in February to remove and replace the existing Sandstone paving on the Delph with new hard wearing granite disruption with pedestrian access to the businesses around The Delph remaining available at all times.

The works are anticipated to be completed by the end of April 2023 but will depend on weather conditions during the winter.

During the works Swadlincote Market will be relocated to High Street. Market days and times will be as normal - Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

South Derbyshire District Council has also recently completed works to improve the frontages to Numbers 5-15 West Street, with contemporary grey cladding installed across the top of the building and matching first floor windows for the shops fronting on to The Delph.

Works to regenerate the vacant land between Midland Road and Belmont Street, known as Bank House/Sabine's Yard will also get underway in the coming weeks.



## **Social Housing Decarbonisation Funding – Wave One**

Phase 1 works to extract and replace cavity wall insulation and install additional loft insulation have been completed at Kendricks Close (Hartshorne) and residents are already reporting being able to reduce the settings of their heating controls whilst remaining comfortably warm.

Work at Peniston Rise (Melbourne), Resthaven (Swadlincote) and Bailey Avenue (Overseal), has commenced and the final scheme at Gresley Woodlands commences in early February.

We have and continue to build a constructive working relationship with the contractor and the customer engagement activities are bringing positive benefits as evidenced by very few customer queries or complaints being received.

Phase 2 works to install high heat retention double glazing and doors at all properties is expected to start in early February with all works expected to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## **Voter Identification**

From May 2023, all electors who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic identification (photo ID) at polling stations before being provided with a ballot paper.

The Cabinet Office has decided to introduce this requirement to reduce cases of voter fraud. The requirement was brought in under the Elections Act 2022, and the relevant sections are now in force.

This requirement will apply to:

- UK Parliamentary General Elections
- Local Elections
- Local Referendums
- Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
- Recall Elections

The first poll this will apply to will be the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

A comprehensive communications campaign will advertise the requirements in plenty of time across a broad range of channels before this policy is implemented nationwide.

### **What types of photo ID will be accepted?**

Poll Clerks will be able to accept many forms of identification, including:

- Various concessionary travel passes
- PASS cards
- Ministry of Defence identity cards



- Photocard parking permits issued as part of the Blue Badge scheme
- Driver's licenses
- Passports

Expired photo ID will also be accepted, as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of the elector.

If you have any other questions or queries, please contact the Council Elections Office, or the Councils Website.

A question was asked about how many cases of voter fraud in south Derbyshire, FM stated he had seen none.

Cllr Smith reported that he has witnessed rubbish being thrown out of cars from people who have visited food outlets in swad and asked if we can we do anything?

MB responded that witnesses can report this, with evidence if possible to the Environmental Health team at SDDC, they will always look to investigate.

Cllr Rhind, as a resident and Councillor thanked Frank McArdle for his long service to the Council

A member of public raised that he thought Wards scrap yard had its scrap piled up too high. A response stated that it is licensed by the County Council and their officers will should investigate. Cllr Muller stated he will talk to County Councillor Gary Musson.

**ACTION: Cllr Muller to speak to Cllr Musson RE: Wards Scrap Yard.**

A question was asked what will happen to TC Greens?

FM stated that it is privately owned, it will need huge investments to restore. They need to be maintained, the Council are also concerned and we do speak to the owner.

An update was asked for regarding to the trees in the High Street in Swadlincote Town Centre. FM stated that the head of the contract area work will meet with DCC officer next week, trees have been named and numbered already for cutting. We know the work which needs to be done and are awaiting for it to be completed.

The new purple frontaged newsagents on the high street was raised and questioned if it was allowed to be so brightly coloured in a conservation Area.

**ACTION: FM to take back concerns over Purple fronted Shop to Conservation Officer.**

A representative from the Goseley community centre stated that clean team had come out and cleaned up some graffiti but it could still be seen.

**ACTION: Chris smith to take back to Clean Team to re-visit.**



The traffic island near Springfield school was raised, drivers still coming down and not stopping on the roundabout. Hedges need removing totally.

**ACTION: Officers at DCC to be made aware of Springfield Island.**

Cllr Heath raised the traffic lights at the top of Midway Road and problems turning right.

**ACTION: Midway Road – concerns over traffic lights to be raised with DCC.**

### S/A19 Summary of agreed actions

Action	Person responsible
SNT to carry out speed watch work/ speed checks around Hartshorne Parish with Cllr Smith.	SNT
Contact NCHA about Bollards to stop vehicles cutting through to Weston Street from Alleyne Close Communities Team	Communities Team
SNT to monitor parking and speeding issues on Highfields Road and Alleyne Close	SNT
Councillor Muller to liaise with Councillor Musson RE: Health and Safety of Wards Scrap Yard.	Cllr Muller
Chris Smith to raise graffiti issues in Goseley with the Clean Team .	Communities Team
Officers at DCC to be made aware of Springfield Island.	Communities Team
Report to DCC over concerns on Midway County Council to report Road RE: traffic lights.	Communities Team
Contact DCC Highways about Hedge in middle of round about near Springfield School	Communities Team

### S/A20 Close and date of next meeting

Next meeting date TBC

**Councillor Gordon Rhind**

CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 6:46pm

