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Dear Sir/Madam

BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting of the South Derbyshire Partnership will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 10:00 am.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi McDougall".

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District Councillor Robert Pearson (South Derbyshire District Council) (Chairman)
Cllr Stephanie Marbrow (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils)
Heidi McDougall (South Derbyshire District Council)
District Councillor Daniel Corbin (South Derbyshire District Council)
District Councillor Gordon Rhind (South Derbyshire District Council)
County Councillor David Muller (Derbyshire County Council)

Other Public Sector

Laura Wilkinson (Derbyshire County Council – Childrens Services)
Communities Chief Inspector Chris Thornhill (Derbyshire Constabulary)
Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health)
John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College)
Maggie Palmer (NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group)
Michelle Oliphant (Principal of Granville Academy)

Private Sector

Julie Langley (Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK)
Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport)
Louise Driver/John Everitt (National Forest Company)
Chris Beech (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust)

Voluntary/Community Sector

Hollie Benton (South Derbyshire CVS)
Dr Claire Teeling (Grow Outside C.I.C.)
Scott Blance (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust)
Revd Dr Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote)
David Symcox (Citizens Advice Mid Mercia)



Agenda

Time and Date 10am, Tuesday 13 FEBRUARY 2024

Venue Virtual

| Item | Description | |
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| 1 | Introductions, apologies and to note any substitutes appointed for the Meeting | 10:00am |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest | |
| 3 | To receive the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 October 2023 (Attached) | |
| 4 | Matters Arising | |
| 5 | South Derbyshire District Council - Budget 2024/25 (Tracy Bingham) | 10:10am |
| 6 | Beat the Street evaluation, Revitalising Rosliston and Update on the Active Schools Partnership and Everyone Active (Sean McBurney) | 10:30am |
| 7 | Corporate Volunteering (Adrian Moore) | 10:50am |
| 8 | <p>Theme Updates: QUARTER 3 (01 October – 31 December 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Communities (Chris Smith) • Stronger Communities (Hollie Benton) • Healthier Communities (Vicky Smyth) • Children and Young People (Laura Wilkinson) • Sustainable Development, including UK Shared Prosperity Fund update (Mike Roylance) <p>Incorporating Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan updates Appendix 8A (Report attached).</p> | 11:05am |

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| 9 | Partnership Budget Update, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers funding application 2023/24 • Rosliston Repair Café • Summer Skateboard Coaching | 11:35am |
| 10 | Feedback and Future Agenda Items | 11:45am |
| 11 | Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27 June 2024 – 10:00am | Finish |



BOARD MEETING – 24 OCTOBER 2023

SDP/1. PRESENT

Local Authority Sector

Councillor Robert Pearson (Chair) (SDDC), Councillor Daniel Corbin (SDDC), County Councillor David Muller (Derbyshire County Council), Councillor Gordon Rhind (SDDC), Councillor Stephanie Marbrow (DALC).

Other Public Sector

Inspector Michael Sisman (Derbyshire Constabulary), Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health), Michelle Oliphant (Principal of Granville Academy).

Private Sector

Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport), Chris Beech (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust), Louise Driver (National Forest Company).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Hollie Benton (South Derbyshire CVS) (Vice Chair), Revd Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote), David Symcox (Citizens Advice Mid Mercia).

Also in Attendance

Councillor Amy Wheelton (Observing), Mike Roylance, Chris Smith, Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council), Kay Symcox (Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service).

SDP/2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Heidi McDougall (SDDC Strategic Director – Service Delivery).

Chief Inspector Chris Thornhill (Derbyshire Constabulary).

John Beaty (Burton and South Derbyshire College).

Justin Holford (Derbyshire County Council).

Mikey Heald (Collective Revolution CIC).

SDP/3. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTES

Councillor Robert Pearson welcomed the Board Members to the meeting and introductions took place.

Substitutes/Representatives noted as follows:

Chief Inspector Chris Thornhill substitute Inspector Michael Sisman.

Apologies noted.

SDP/4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest: None noted.

SDP/5. MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 June 2023 were taken as read and approved as a true record.

SDP/6. MATTERS ARISING

Agenda item 6 Collective Revolution CIC and Collective Hub Swadlincote (Mikey Heald) - discussion deferred to another meeting.

(Action SDP95) The SD CVS and the College have met and are talking about the different training activities.

(Action SDP8) Social Prescribing report has not yet been published. This will be circulated once the evaluation report is available.

SDP/7. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT, DERBYSHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY REFRESH AND JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Vicky Smyth from Derbyshire County Council's Public Health Department (Adult Social Care and Health) gave an update on three different pieces of work within the department and wider system. Firstly, the Director of Public Health Annual Report, which has focused on mental health and well-being. The report looks at mental health through the life course approach, from children right through to ageing well and contains information on support services. A quick overview was provided on the many factors that can influence mental health; some positive factors and protective factors such as positive relationships, community networks and support for literacy skills, how you manage stress and anxiety. Also, negative factors such as access to alcohol or drugs, violence, living in poverty which results in poor nutrition, poor quality housing and unemployment. It is important to reduce the risk factors and increase the protective factors for good mental health. Link to the Public Health Annual Report:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/about-public-health/public-health-annual-reports/public-health-annual-reports.aspx>

Support is available on the NHS Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing website and the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund, an emergency cash support.

Link to: <https://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk/adult>

ACTION: VS/SC - circulate the slides.

Michelle informed the Members that Granville Academy in South Derbyshire will be the hub base for Compass, the mental health support team, for onsite and outreach work. Involvement is direct with students and the local community, also providing support for parents.

Louise Driver asked for feedback on the next steps on the social prescribing pilots that the National Forest were involved in. Mike informed the Board that we are currently waiting for the final evaluation report. A follow up to discuss the report findings and how to take forward or influence the next steps to be considered for a future meeting. Vicky noted that other social prescribing projects are embedded in different organisations. GP surgeries have got a social prescriber working with CVS colleagues, which is a key way that we can support people.

ACTION: MR/CT

Cllr Muller requested an update on specific work being done with Derbyshire Police on mental health. **ACTION: VS** to update Cllr Muller.

Vicky gave a brief update on the process being followed for the Derbyshire Health and Well-being Strategy refresh. An outline was provided of the key priorities for Derbyshire, which will help inform public health delivery and how we collectively improve population health. An update on the timeline was provided: Public Health is currently in the process of writing up the draft strategy to be presented to the Health and Well-being Board in March 2024, with implementation from April 2024.

An update was provided on the work currently being undertaken countywide on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Often, we go down a route where we focus primarily on treatment of ill health - what Public Health want to focus on is preventing people getting poorly in the first place. Public Health is trying to work with partners to strengthen some of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) work and also to prevent duplication of work. An insight was provided into the data gathering, case studies and engagement with communities to advocate the most vulnerable populations. The aim is to establish what is going on in our local communities to enable a more targeted approach based upon greater understanding of what actions we need to take to improve health and well-being.

A question was asked about the data dashboard of the JSNA and how regularly the information is updated? Vicky responded that the team are constantly updating the live dashboard with data coming from the national sources.

Louise asked for details of hotspots in terms of geographical locations. Vicky responded that there is data for lower layer super output areas for the county. It was suggested to explore the data on the Observatory site. Any support required, please contact Vicky Smyth.

Link to Observatory: <https://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk/jsna/>

SDP/8. COLLECTIVE REVOLUTION CIC AND COLLECTIVE HUB SWADLINCOTE

Mikey Heald's presentation on the Collective Hub, Swadlincote was deferred until 13 February 2023. **ACTION: MR/SC**

SDP/9. CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Chris Smith provided a verbal update on planning for the Christmas festivities for South Derbyshire, a joint effort between the Council's Communities team and Economic Development team.

SDP/10. THEME UPDATE

Theme Group Leads provided an overview of their update reports.

Safer Communities - the Partnership contributed £10,000 to Derbyshire Constabulary for a new Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) vehicle (a standard police car with additional cameras front and rear which can identify number plates of cars around and provide intelligence). An update on the success of the ANPR vehicle was provided by Inspector Sisman.

There has been an increase in the Safer Neighbourhood funded small grant scheme which community groups and associations can apply for. Link to application form:

https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/forms/ShowForm.asp?fm_fid=69

Or contact Chris Smith for further information:

chris.smith@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Stronger Communities - Hollie Benton provided a brief update on the Derbyshire Home from Hospital Support Service and Swad Link transport pilot. A third pilot "Youth Shape" aims to inspire and develop young people over 16 to volunteer in their community.

The Food Hub continues to support vulnerable and disadvantaged people within South Derbyshire. Board members were asked to promote the appeal for Food Hub volunteers and donations of food items particularly in the run up to Christmas. Hollie to provide details of the cut-off point date to receive donations, along with the type of donations needed.

SDCVS is currently looking at solutions to expand the donation storage capacity of the Food Bank.

ACTION HB/SC.

A question from Michelle Oliphant on how local Schools can contribute to Swad Live? Hollie to liaise with Michelle on opportunities. **ACTION: HB/MO.**

Michelle raised a further point in relation to volunteering: Some of the Granville Academy students were interested in supporting the Food Bank. **ACTION: HB/MO.**

Healthier Communities – Changes are being made to how the Health & Wellbeing Group administrates its locality funding. Guidance will be circulated to Board members to promote and encourage community and voluntary sector organisations to apply to the fund once this has been finalised.

ACTION: VS/SC.

Children & Young People – No report. Members were made aware that Dave Beris retired from Derbyshire County Council Children's Services on the 1st August. The new representative is Laura Wilkinson, who is currently on leave. The Chair felt it appropriate to put the Board's thanks on record to Dave for supporting the Partnership over many years and wished him well in a long and happy retirement.

Sustainable Development – updates were provided on the unemployment position along with some large recruitment drives at The Pallet Network, Swadlincote and the MEG Derby bottling plant at Foston. Information about the Midlands Forest Network was also provided.

Shared Prosperity Fund – The SPF is currently in year two of the three-year programme, with around £650,000 of funds to distribute this year.

An update on the Shared Prosperity Fund programme of works and promotional activities was provided. This includes community and small business grant funds, and the delivery of a wider business support programme of training and workshops. A programme of free energy audits and carbon reduction grants for businesses is being launched, together with the delivery of an employability programme, known as Beyond Barriers South Derbyshire.

Two tenders are currently being advertised: (a) programme of social mobility work working with schools in South Derbyshire and (b) specialist skills training to tackle specific skills shortages.

SDP/11. BUDGET UPDATE

Mike Roylance provided an update on the Partnership budget outlining the financial position. Members had previously awarded some £9,000 across four projects, which will be supported in the current year.

The Partnership currently has some £13,000 of available funds.

SDP/12. FEEDBACK, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Future Agenda Items.

1. Deferred Agenda Item 6 Collective Revolution CIC and Collective Hub.
2. Concluding report – Derbyshire Social Prescribing Scheme.

Members to email any future Board Agenda items to:

economic.development@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The date of the next Board meeting will be 13 February 2024.

The Chair thanked everyone for participating/presenting and closed the meeting.



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| Agenda Item 8. | Report to the Board THEME GROUP UPDATES: QUARTER 3 (1 OCT – 31 DEC 2023) |
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1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform the Board on the Theme Groups work to date.

2.0 Detail

2.1 Performance reports for each of the Theme Groups are attached as Appendix 8A. These provide a summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy, note issues that the Partnership could add value to, and highlight any action required of partners such as attendance at or promotion of an event.

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THEME GROUP: SAFER COMMUNITIES

Highlight summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Derbyshire Rural Crime Team Award

Derbyshire Police's Rural Crime Team have been recognised as the most proactive team in the country in preventing farm machinery and plant theft.

Accepting the Rob Oliver Award, Sergeant Chris Wilkinson said: "I'm immensely proud of the achievements of this team, and their commitment to supporting our rural communities.

"It's an honour to win this for our efforts in getting essential equipment protected against theft, which we know has a devastating effect on people's lives and businesses.

"By offering a reduced cost for security marking and registration on the CESAR database, we've tagged more than £3 million worth of machinery. This works as a deterrent to theft as well as being instrumental in reuniting owners with stolen machinery.

The CESAR Datatag security kits are available in South Derbyshire having been funded by South Derbyshire CSP. To find out more please call 01784 778 310 or email: enquiries@cesarscheme.org and ask for a call back.

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 6th February, and as part of the work around the campaign the police Cyber Protect Officer held two online seminars which provided information on how to protect yourself and your family online. The sessions were aimed at anyone who uses the internet, email, smartphones and apps.

Derbyshire County Council have also recently refreshed the free "**Digital MOT**" tool which takes just 3 or 4 minutes to complete a set of questions about your use of technology and the internet. You'll receive simple, tailored advice to keep yourself safe online. You can take the Digital MOT by clicking on this link: [Welcome to your Digital MOT \(saferderbyshire.gov.uk\)](http://saferderbyshire.gov.uk)

The **Streetwyze Knife Crime 121 Support Sessions** have now commenced at Pingle, William Allitt, Granville and the South Derbyshire Support Centre. Supported by the CSP, feedback from the Schools has been extremely positive and Pingle have now approached the partnership about some additional group work for a targeted group of Year 9 students.

Safe and Sound continue to visit Swadlincote and Newhall to do valuable outreach work and have now added Hilton to their list of focused areas. The charity which focuses primarily on Child Exploitation are visiting the Youth Group at Hilton once a month.

Community Day at Repton

Over 1,500 people packed into Repton Village Hall and grounds on Saturday 20 January to celebrate a family community event organised by PCSO Dave 'Bob' Marley, South Derbyshire CVS and the Maple Tree Café.

Officers from Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service, Derbyshire Constabulary, Derbyshire Mountain Rescue and Derbyshire Blood Bikes were present, and visitors were also treated to live music, food, arts and crafts, history stalls, and lots of other information stands including local volunteering groups and local charities. Over £1,000 has been raised for good causes thanks to gifts given and sales generated at the event, proceeds will go to support the work of the local food bank and Repton youth club.



Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding

There will again be Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding available for projects during 2024/25. Each Area will have up to £4,000 Projects to receive grant funding so far, this financial year are as follows:

£500 awarded to Egginton Parish Council for the setting up of a new Speed Watch Scheme.

£400 awarded to help set up a new Speed Watch Scheme in Dalbury Lees.

£500 awarded to Barrow on Trent Parish Council for Wildlife Cameras to monitor fly tipping hotspots.

£2500 awarded to Woodville Parish Council to extend the CCTV system at Woodville Recreation ground to cover new play equipment.

£2500 awarded to Collective Revolution CIC to help start up the new Collective Hub which will include a new youth group and other sessions in Swadlincote Town centre.

£691 awarded to Goseley Community Centre to improve their CCTV system.

£85 awarded to St Peters Church in Hartshorne, to fund traffic cones to help with traffic management and parking issues.

£2460 awarded to Overseal Parish Council to purchase 2 x new speed activated signs to help slow speeding traffic.

£460 awarded to Rosliston Parish Council towards new security Lighting at Strawberry Lane Pavilion.

Issues that the Partnership could add value to (time will be given at the Board meeting for partner input/solutions to each theme group).

N/A

Any action required of Partners i.e. attendance or promotion of an event.

Help promote the Safer Homes Scheme, the Digital MOT via social media channels, and the Safer and stronger Neighbourhoods Funding stream.



Safer Homes Service

A FREE service helping people to feel safe in their homes.

The Safer Homes Service can improve home security for older people (aged 60+), disabled people or vulnerable people living in Erewash or South Derbyshire.

The Safer Homes operative will give free crime prevention advice and will be able to provide and fit (free of charge) equipment such as door chains, spy holes, window alarms, shed alarms, and padlocks to help secure the home.

We take referrals from agencies and other services including Derbyshire Police. You can also self refer to the scheme for advice.

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www.sdcvs.org.uk/practical-help-in-the-home

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Erewash CSP Safer Communities

Derbyshire Police

[Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Fund 2022-23 guidance for applicants | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

[Safer Neighbourhood grant application | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

[Welcome to your Digital MOT \(saferderbyshire.gov.uk\)](http://saferderbyshire.gov.uk)

THEME GROUP: STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Highlight summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The work of South Derbyshire CVS services in our community during quarter 3:

Active Travel – SDCVS work in partnership with Connex Community Support to deliver this service in South Derbyshire. From October - December 23 we have supported **230 individuals and completed 432 journeys**.

Befriending - This Quarter we have supported **112 people and received 35 new referrals**.

Handy Person Help at Home Support Service – From October – December 23 we have received 140 referrals **and made 156 visits**.

Home From Hospital - From October – December 23 we have supported 81 **open cases and 45 new referrals across South Derbyshire**.

Safer Homes - From October - December 23 we have completed **109 visits in South Derbyshire**.

Mental Wellbeing Support – was a new service to South Derbyshire CVS in the Autumn of 2022 following the closure of South Derbyshire Mental Health Association and Bank House. We are delighted with how the team have continued to support those with Mental Ill Health in the district through 1-1 support and group sessions at Swadlincote Community Fire Station. **This Quarter the service supported 132 people and received 19 new referrals**.

Funding has been secured to enable the development of a group in Hilton.

Food Bank - From October – December 23 we distributed **299 food parcels** to families/single people/homeless people, supported **370 adults and 283 children**, provided **2917 meals** through the distribution of the food parcels.

We continue to seek donation points across the district to make it easy for people to donate items and for volunteers to collect them and bring them to the food bank. We are also exploring ways to have distribution points for those that need access to emergency food closer to where they live.

Community Development work continues in the following ways:

Community Connectors Project

There are now **42** Community Connectors covering South Derbyshire supporting us to share information in their local communities regular Health and Wellbeing bulletins are sent out covering support around health and wellbeing, cost of living crisis, events and training sessions.

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).

Connect with CVS Roadshows

Are a way to take information about our Community Development work and all our services out of Swadlincote and into every area of South Derbyshire to ensure individuals and the community know that we can support them through our work.

Social Connectedness in South Derbyshire

Social Connectedness continues to improve South Derbyshire's residents' wellbeing by decreasing loneliness through interventions and group support. Warm Spaces are operating across the district to provide a safe, welcoming space to enjoy a hot drink and social interaction. The profile of the project and the importance of Social Connection in reducing the impacts of loneliness has continued to be raised to enable people to identify the signs and symptoms of loneliness and the steps to take to overcome it.

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. In the period Oct – Dec 23, we successfully placed **49** corporate volunteers', we organised community projects in Findern, Swadlincote and Willington amounting to 294 community volunteering hours. Roles included conservation, redecoration and rejuvenation, groundwork, and outdoor gardening tasks.

New Initiatives

Youth Shape

In October, we launched a new pilot project, initially targeting South Derbyshire, aimed at inspiring and developing young people aged 16+ to take up active participation in volunteering in their community. The project embeds 'Gateway to Youth Volunteering' training within the programme, which is AIM Quality Marked, to enable young people to work towards South Derbyshire Youth Volunteer Champion Award as part of the scheme. We are currently speaking to educators, restorative justice, and local youth groups to start the roll out of the programme.

Swad Link

This is a pilot running from November 2023 - March 24, after an initial 6-month implementation. Funding from South Derbyshire District Council, which was originally to provide a shop mobility type services is being repurposed. Swad Link provides accessible transport from surrounding areas into Swadlincote Town Centre on Tuesdays between 9:30 -2pm. The service is booked by residents and free to DCC Gold Card Members.

Swad Link
An accessible minibus service for people wishing to visit Swadlincote town centre.



The service offers 14 places and is available for people who struggle to gain access to the town centre (for reasons such as mobility/health issues).

The service offers members affordable weekly transport on a Tuesday between 9:30am and 2pm to help residents get their shopping done, or to help with socialising.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE CALL 01283 219761

| Service Areas | Fares |
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| Linton, Overseal, Castle Gresley, Hartshorne, Church Gresley, Woodville, Newhall, Midway, Swadlincote | £2.50 for single journey, £4.50 for return journey. Gold card members travel free of charge. |

www.sdcvs.org.uk




Swad Link Leaflet 2023 (A4 to Cut to A5).pdf

Youth Mentoring

Last summer SDCVS hosted 2 year 12 students from Pingle Academy for 2-week paid internships as part of a programme with national Social Mobility Charity Career Ready. This was a really successful experience for SDCVS and as a result 2 members of our staff team have signed up to mentor students undertaking the Career Ready programme this year from January – December. We anticipate hosting them for their internships this Summer too.

We are also committed to hosting a student from year 10 and one from year 11 for their work experience weeks.

SDCVS view this as a really positive way to support young people in South Derbyshire, increase social mobility, raise awareness of the VCSE sector as a potential career choice and build skills in young people and our own staff team.

Information on Career Ready: [Career Ready - National Social Mobility Charity](#)

Walk Derbyshire Development Apprentice

Work is well underway for South Derbyshire CVS to host a Coach Core apprentice who will work with the Walk Derbyshire Agenda for South Derbyshire District Council. This work is being developed with SDDC, Coach Core and Active Partnership. The Apprentice will be based with SDCVS and be part of the Community Development Team, their work will be for the Walk Derbyshire Consortium within South Derbyshire. This is to support families, particularly those with disabilities and long-term health conditions, to engage in everyday walking in the areas of Cadley Park, Church Gresley and Newhall. They will also be studying and working to achieve a Level 3 Community Sport and Health Officer qualification over the course of 15 months.

[Coach Core - Sports coaching apprenticeships for young people in the UK](#)

THEME GROUP: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

Highlight summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Walk Derbyshire

The consortium is focussing on a community listening and bottom-up approach to engagement. They have decided to work with their audiences to truly understand what is needed to increase everyday walking and physical activity levels. It has been established that the capacity to take this on isn't there within the organisations and individuals within the group.

They have therefore progressed with advertising an apprentice role, based at South Derbyshire CVS, supported by Coach Core. This role comes with an additional £3,500 of funding from Coach Core to develop and support the apprentice.

The role will be focussed on:

- Understanding current walking habits within the local community, including routes, barriers, and motivations.
- Understanding enablers to engage more residents in everyday walking, is it motivation (nudges), knowledge of routes (maps), path conditions (staff support or physical interventions), group activity (walking group or family events).
- Gathering suggestions, ideas and community champions details that could support more everyday walking in the community.
- Working closely with local community groups, physical activity providers and stakeholders to gather insights into barriers and opportunities around everyday walking.
- Engaging in community listening practises from door knocking, to attending events and activities and asking questions and listening to people.
- Attending consortium meetings with partners.
- Support the organisation, planning, and manning of stands at events to gather insights from the community.
- Providing activation recommendations.
- Supporting the delivery of activation activities.

The position is hoping to be filled by the start of April 2025.

Exercise by Referral

Everyone Active, who have over 230 centres nationwide already successfully operate several leisure facilities in neighbouring areas including East Staffordshire, North West Leicestershire and Derby have been awarded a five-year contract to manage the Leisure Centres in South Derbyshire.

The delivery of Exercise by Referral has been written into the contract and they are going to be delivering a gym-based offer across both locations at Etwall and Greenbank. The Active Communities and Health team at SDDC will be working with them over the coming months to refine this offer and will communicate this out to referrers and the wider system at a Webinar on 6th March, there will be more details to come.

There has been a change in the commissioning process for EbR and there is now a focus on delivering a community-based offer. To understand the community needs, and the existing activity already taking place in the community, South Derbyshire CVS have been commissioned to undertake some research to:

- Map out physical activity providers including Active Volunteering opportunities such as Swad in Bloom, Conservation Volunteering and more.
- Understand barriers to accepting referrals,
- Recommendations for building capacity in the community to accept referrals.
- Gather potential interest and appetite.

This will be reported back by April 2025, with regular progress reports to Active South Derbyshire each quarter.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

The emotional wellbeing of children and young people is a priority in Derbyshire. Additional funding of £100,000 has been approved by DCC Public Health to support the South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Group to develop a preventative approach that enables the expansion of mental health awareness, promotion of protective factors, early identification, early intervention, and support for the emotional wellbeing of children and young people through a place-based approach. This is building on the previous funding from 2021-2023 which has been invested in projects such as Safe and Sound Outreach Youth Work, Skateboarding Sessions, Resilient Me and Family Support Derbyshire.

Funding guidance has been developed using local intelligence which will be open to applications imminently.

For more information, please contact [Samantha Elks](#)

The Health and Wellbeing Group have recently approved an investment of £20,000 to Active South Derbyshire to deliver Sports Mentoring. The project will enable intensive one-to-one sports mentoring sessions with vulnerable young people between the ages of 8-16 years old in the Swadlincote urban core. The Sports Mentor will work with children and young people to understand their interests and needs in order to design a series of sessions which will improve their emotional health and wellbeing, improve their physical activity levels, and increase social interactions by linking them with local activities and groups.

For more information about Sports Mentoring please contact [Laura Winter](#).

Living Well

Living Well Derbyshire is focussed on helping local people recover from mental health illness within the community and aims to offer more accessible support for people's mental health and wellbeing. The new Living Well Derbyshire service will encompass both a shorter-term and longer-term offer. The service will be accessed by a multi-agency service single point of access (SPOA) which will enable easy access via the GP. The multi-agency team includes workers such as Peer Support Workers, Wellbeing Coaches, Social Care Practitioners, Occupational Therapists and Community Psychiatric Nurses. It is anticipated that the programme will be mobilised in South Derbyshire from March 2024.

In addition, a Living Well Collaborative has been established to create a safe and inclusive space for everyone to contribute to a more compassionate and effective approach to mental health in South Derbyshire. This includes organisations, healthcare professionals, and community leaders who share a common goal of fostering better mental health support systems.

For more information visit www.livingwellederbyshire.org.uk or contact Liam Statham liam@erewashcvs.org.uk

Warm & Welcoming Spaces

Voluntary, community and charity organisations in Derbyshire can apply for a grant to support warm and welcoming spaces this winter. Organisations can apply for up to £1,000 towards the cost of opening community venues or to extend their opening hours during the colder months. Applications will be accepted up to 1 March 2024, or until the funding allocated to the programme has been fully spent (whichever is sooner). To qualify for a grant, organisations must pledge to offer a heated space during the winter months, provide seating, offer refreshments such as a warm drink and a biscuit, and be free of charge. In South Derbyshire there are 10 warm spaces located in, Swadlincote (3), Rosliston, Etwall, Hilton, Findern, Melbourne, Coton in the Elms.

Further information on applying for a grant can be found: [Warm and welcoming spaces - Derbyshire County Council](#)

To find your local Warm & Welcome Space [Warm Welcome Campaign](#)

Any action required of Partners i.e. attendance or promotion of an event.

We would be grateful if the partnership could help to promote the South Derbyshire Small Grants Scheme which is administered by South Derbyshire on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Group. The [small grant scheme](#) aims to reduce health inequalities between different communities; this means giving everyone the same opportunities to lead a healthy life, no matter where they live or who they are. Micro grants are available up to £200 for groups kickstarting work, and small grants of up to £1,500 for activities which:

- **Reduce health inequalities** between different communities; this means giving everyone the same opportunities to lead a healthy life, no matter where they live or who they are
- **Support people to live healthy lives** including physical and mental wellbeing for example the Five Ways to Wellbeing (Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give). These activities are simple things individuals can do in their everyday lives which have been proven to help improve people's mental and physical wellbeing.
- **Support people with dementia** to have a good quality of life, retain their independence for as long as possible, and receive the support they need.
- **Support people with other long-term conditions and their carers** to have a good quality of life, retain their independence for as long as possible, and receive the support they need.



Small Grants



Small Grants

Guidance 2023.docx Application form.doc

THEME GROUP: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Report to follow.

THEME GROUP: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Highlight summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Unemployment

South Derbyshire local authority area (Claimant Count).

| Dec 22 | Oct 23 | Nov 23 | Dec 23 | Change on month | Change on year | GB Dec 23 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 2.1% | 2.2% | 2.3% | 2.3% | 0% | +0.2% | 3.7% |
| 1,395 | 1,515 | 1,535 | 1,570 | +35 | +175 | |

There are currently some 740 jobs available within a ten-mile radius of Swadlincote (DWP Find a Job). Swadlincote Jobs Fair took place in October: 36 employers and support agencies attended the event, offering more than 300 vacancies; 287 jobseekers attended the event.

South Derbyshire Business Advice Service

The South Derbyshire Business Advice Service delivered 60 advice sessions in the third quarter of 2023/24, including both new starts and established businesses.

<https://twitter.com/SDerbysBAS>

The Service exhibited at the Swadlincote Job Fair in October at Green Bank Leisure Centre. An Introduction to Marketing workshop was held in Swadlincote in November.

Derbyshire - Toyota City

2023 was the 25th anniversary of the international relationship between Derbyshire and Toyota City. South Derbyshire hosted a visit from representatives of Toyota City in October, including the Mayor of Toyota City. The trip included visits to Burton & South Derbyshire College, the National Forest Company and Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK, which featured tours of the new Used Vehicle Refurbishing and the Hydrogen Hilux projects.

<https://www.destinationsouthderbyshire.co.uk/toyota-city/>

East Midlands Investment Zone

In the Autumn Statement the Government confirmed the next set of Investment Zones, including the East Midlands Investment Zone encompassing parts of Derby, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. This is expected to focus on green industries and advanced manufacturing. The Government also doubled the flexible funding envelope for each Investment Zone from £80 million to £160 million by extending the programme and associated tax reliefs from five to ten years.

Christmas 2023

A programme of events were delivered in Swadlincote town centre and events promoted throughout South Derbyshire.

The Lights Before Christmas saw Swadlincote celebrate the festive Christmas lights switch on with glittering illuminated street entertainment, live music from choirs and local bands, crafts and artisan makers, street food and fairground rides.

A Festive Fun Day featured a Land Train offering free rides along the High Street and many other attractions, including Santa's Grotto and Melbourne Town Band. Throughout the period Rudolph's Passport Trail entertained younger visitors finding Rudolph hidden in businesses around the town centre.

East Midlands Hydrogen

East Midlands Hydrogen is a new, industry-led initiative that aims to boost the energy revolution in the East Midlands by growing the UK's largest inland hydrogen cluster. Plans for regional hydrogen production, distribution and industrial use are gathering momentum and East Midlands Hydrogen will support and accelerate these plans, supporting decarbonisation of industry, mobility and power generation.

It aims to create new highly skilled jobs and the deliver the training facilities that this growing sector will require. This would enable major industries in the area, along with business start-ups and scale-ups, to support the UK's plans for net zero and energy independence.

East Midlands Hydrogen covers Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and the northern half of Leicestershire, where there is a concentrated cluster of prospective industrial hydrogen customers, and the potential for large-scale hydrogen production, connected by a section of Cadent's proposed East Coast Hydrogen pipeline.

<https://eastmidlandshydrogen.co.uk/>

Shared Prosperity Fund

South Derbyshire has been allocated £2,156,374 through the Shared Prosperity Fund over the period 2022/23-2024/25. Some £650,000 is available in 2023/24.

The current position of the Investment Plan for South Derbyshire programmes is as follows:

Communities and Place

- Town centre public realm works are underway in Swadlincote. Schemes for the refurbishment of The Delph market square and the redevelopment of the vacant/derelict Bank House/Sabine's Yard site to create additional free public car parking and a pocket park are nearing completion.
- Town Centre promotional and community activities, including visitor promotion, events and activities are underway focusing during Quarter 3 on the extension of the Christmas programme. An additional Community Safety Enforcement Officer is focusing on environmental crime and anti-social behaviour issues in town centres.
- A community grant fund for third sector organisations, voluntary and community groups has been launched to offer grants of between £2,000 and £25,000 (up to 80% of total project costs). Projects that could be supported include property improvements, energy efficiency and generation measures, green space enhancements, or arts, cultural, tourism and heritage initiatives. Grant awards are now underway.

Supporting Local Business

- A grant scheme for smaller businesses has been launched, open to sole traders, partnerships and limited companies with less than 50 employees. Grants of £1,000 - £50,000 (up to 80% of the total project costs) are available. Projects that could be supported include purchase of equipment, the introduction of new products/services or processes/techniques, starting or growing exports, and initiatives to increase productivity. Grant awards are now underway.
- The Derbyshire business start-up programme is being extended. This scheme is open to people who are starting their own business, or have set up a business in the last 12 months. It offers expert advice, together with grants of up to £10,000. The UKSPF-supported programme will commence in Jan 2024.
- A business support programme, known as “South Derbyshire Accelerator”, has been launched, including free workshops, events and specialist advice. It also includes energy audits and a carbon reduction grant scheme for small and medium-sized enterprises.

People and Skills

- The “Beyond Barriers South Derbyshire” programme has been launched. The programme is being delivered in partnership with local charity Groundwork Five Counties and offers free support to people who are out of work in South Derbyshire. Beyond Barriers is an employability programme which is moulded around the individual, based on their needs. The focus is on building confidence and readiness for work, through a blend of one-on-one coaching, group sessions, and online resources. People between the ages of 18-64 can gain new skills, make connections in the local community and improve their chances of finding a job.
- Contracting is underway to launch the following programmes in 2024/25:
 - Supporting aspirations amongst young people in order to raise social mobility.
 - Addressing skills gaps through training courses or learning bursaries.

Rural Economic Prosperity Fund

South Derbyshire has been awarded £400,000 from the Rural Economic Prosperity Fund (REPF), which will operate alongside the Shared Prosperity Fund during two financial years, 2023/24 and 2024/25. Some £100,000 is available in 2023/24.

Any organisation with legal status can apply for funding to deliver a Rural Fund intervention. This may include: local authorities; public sector organisations; higher and further education institutions; private sector companies; voluntary organisations; registered charities; and, arms-length bodies of Government.

Capital grants are available to spend on lasting assets such as a building or equipment that:

- support rural businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams.
- support new and improved community infrastructure, providing essential community services and assets for local people and businesses to benefit the local economy.

Grant awards have been made to a range of rural businesses and community organisations.

Any action required of Partners i.e. attendance or promotion of an event.

To raise awareness of the initiatives highlighted above and make referrals, including:

- **Beyond Barriers South Derbyshire** – employability programme
<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/fivecounties/five-counties-employment/beyond-barriers/>
- **South Derbyshire Accelerator** – business support programme
<https://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/starting-up/planning-your-business/start-up-funding/south-derbyshire-accelerator/>
- **Derbyshire Business Start-up Programme** – advice and grants
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/support-advice/vision-derbyshire/vision-derbyshire-business-support.aspx>
- **Grant schemes** for businesses and community organisations in South Derbyshire funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund – further information:
<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/business-and-investment/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-grants-and-programmes>
<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/business-and-investment/rural-england-prosperity-fund>

These projects are funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills. For more information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>



1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the financial position of the Partnership.
- 1.2 To provide funding of £2,000 to the South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers 2023/24 project (Environmental Education Project, SDDC).
- 1.3 To provide funding of £1,050 to the Rosliston Repair Café project (Environmental Education Project, SDDC).
- 1.4 To provide funding of £1,440 to the Summer Skateboard Coaching project (South Derbyshire District Council).

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The District Council acts as accountable body for the South Derbyshire Partnership. This report provides an overview of the Partnership's current financial position.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Partnership provides funding to the following projects:

- South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers 2023/24 (Environmental Education Project, SDDC): £2,000 to be delivered in 2023/24

Aim: The Rangers group is the hub for formal and on the job training and then this feeds out into other volunteering groups locally. The Environmental Forum is the online hub where opportunities and information are shared and groups supported e.g. in finding experts or particular training. Practical training is delivered through Rosliston Rangers and additional training is being provided by the National Forest Company. Company volunteering is also supporting Rosliston Rangers, with local firms sending volunteers on rotation to join in - providing another means of cross-sector working. A copy of the grant application can be found at Annex A.

- Rosliston Repair Café (Environmental Education Project, SDDC): £1,050 to be delivered in 2024/25

Aim: We are trying to generate interest in the Repair Café movement where people can save their broken stuff – electricals to fabrics, etc, and bring it to be fixed free of charge by knowledgeable volunteers. We are working with Circularity.Org based in Woodville and they are able to mentor and support our efforts to get it going in the rural south of the District. A copy of the grant application can be found at Annex B.

- Summer Skateboard Coaching (South Derbyshire District Council): £1,440 to be delivered in 2024/25

Aim: Increase the number of opportunities for young people to be physically active during the summer holidays. To hire Team Rubicon to provide qualified coaching staff to deliver a programme of skateboard coaching sessions at Swadlincote Skatepark. Sessions will be structured to cater for varied ages and abilities. All sessions will be free at the point of access. Equipment is available to borrow at all sessions. A copy of the grant application can be found at Annex C.

If all 3 projects were approved, it would be a total investment of £4,490.

2023/24 Distribution of Funds

- 3.2 South Derbyshire District Council has provided £10,000 of funding to the Partnership for 2023/24.

| 2023/24 | £ |
|---|------------------|
| Income | |
| Balance from previous years | 11,897.25 |
| SDDC contribution for 2023/24 | 10,000.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 21,897.25 |
| Expenditure | |
| • Project Awards: | |
| Space to Create (Arts Melbourne) – balance of funding awarded in 2022/23 | 2,028.75 |
| Swadlincote Performing Arts (South Derbyshire CVS) – balance of funding awarded in 2022/23 | 2,500.00 |
| Work Club (Old Post Regeneration Association) – match funding for £6,000 from Derbyshire County Council (Public Health Locality Funding). | 3,000.00 |
| Volunteer Celebration Event (South Derbyshire CVS) | 1,320.00 |
| • Project Proposals: | |
| South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers 2023/24 (Environmental Education Project) | 2,000.00 |
| Rosliston Repair Café (Environmental Education Project) | 1,050.00 |
| Summer Skateboard Coaching (South Derbyshire District Council) | 1,440.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 13,338.75 |
| BALANCE | 8,558.50 |

- 3.3 A number of the projects supported by the Partnership also attract match funding contributions from other public, private and voluntary/community sources, in particular Public Health Locality funding from Derbyshire County Council.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Partnership currently has a positive balance of £13,048.50.
- 4.2 Supporting the proposed projects would leave the Partnership with a positive balance of £8,558.50.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Partnership is able to directly and indirectly influence significant expenditure taking place in the District, through its own budget and the match funding this attracts and, in particular, through the involvement of the Theme Groups in allocating resources and influencing organisations' activities in the local area.

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