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20 June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting of the South Derbyshire Partnership will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 27 June 2024 at 10:00 am.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully



Mike Roylance

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Voting Members of the Board:

Local Authority Sector

District Councillor Robert Pearson (South Derbyshire District Council) (Chairman)
Cllr Stephanie Marbrow (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils)
Mike Roylance (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)
Chief Inspector Lauren Woods / Inspector Daniel Potts (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, Thursday 27 JUNE 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 13 February 2024 (Attached) | |
| 4 | Matters Arising | |
| 5 | New Board Member Nomination | |
| 6 | South Derbyshire District Council - Council Plan 2024-2028 (Councillor Robert Pearson) | 10:15am |
| 7 | Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Samantha Elks) | 10:30am |
| 8 | South Derbyshire Carers Voice (Emma Handley & Emma Beeston - Derbyshire All Age Carers Support Service) | 10:45am |
| 9 | Citizens Advice Mid Mercia – Update (David Symcox) | 11:00am |
| 10 | South Derbyshire CVS Update (Hollie Benton) | 11:15am |

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| 11 | <p>Theme Updates: QUARTER 4 (01 January – 31 March 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger Communities (Hollie Benton) • Safer Communities (Chris Smith) • Healthier Communities (Sam Elks) • 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 11A (Attached).</p> | 11:30am |
| 12 | Partnership Budget Update | 11:50am |
| 13 | Feedback and Future Agenda Items | 11:55am |
| 14 | Date of Next Meeting: 17 October 2024 – 10:00am | Finish |



BOARD MEETING – 13 FEBRUARY 2024

SDP/1. PRESENT

Local Authority Sector

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), Julie Langley (Toyota UK).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Hollie Benton (South Derbyshire CVS) (Vice Chair), Revd Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote).

Also in Attendance

Councillor Amy Wheelton (Observing), Tracy Bingham, Sean McBurney, Mike Roylance, Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council), Kay Symcox (Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service), Adrian Moore (SDCVS).

SDP/2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Councillor Robert Pearson (Chair) (SDDC).
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).
Chris Smith (South Derbyshire District Council).
Councillor Daniel Corbin (South Derbyshire District Council).

SDP/3. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTES

Hollie Benton (Vice Chair) 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: Hollie Benton wished to note a Declaration of Interest regarding Agenda Item 9 – an application from South Derbyshire CVS for funding.

SDP/5. MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 October 2023 were taken as read and approved as a true record.

SDP/6. MATTERS ARISING

Social Prescribing final report has not yet been published, once available this will be reported to a future meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Mikey Heald from Collective Revolution CIC was not available today to present on the Collective Hub.

Item 10 – Action complete - Hollie and Michelle Oliphant had been in touch to look at how the schools can get involved in supporting the Food Bank.

Locality funding arrangements – Vicky to pick up in Healthier Communities update.

SDP/7. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL - BUDGET 2024/25

Tracy Bingham had been invited to update on the Council's forthcoming budget plans.

Background was provided on how the Council sets its budget. The new administration along with the Council's Leadership Team and Heads of Service have been preparing a draft Council Plan for the period 2024-28, setting out the priorities, aims and ambitions for the next four years. The budget is based upon the local government finance settlement, which is where the Government sets out the Council's funding for the forthcoming year. The Council has a statutory duty to consult on the budget, including with Business Rate payers, the public and parish councils.

An update was provided on the Revenue Account and General Fund which encompass everything that the Council does except Council Housing. The Council's costs have risen dramatically because of rising inflation impacting on fuel, utilities, staffing, contracts and supplies along with additional service pressures linked to the growth of the District, particularly in terms of household waste and recycling. Cost pressures are forecast to continue in the year ahead.

Background was provided on the Council's funding being a proportion of that collected through Council Tax, with the Council responsible for collecting Council Tax in the area, though only retaining 9% of the income. The remainder of the funding goes to partners - Derbyshire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority. The District Council is proposing, subject to Member approval, to raise its Council Tax charge next year by 2.99%.

In terms of Business Rates, the Valuation Office Agency set rateable values for business premises and on an annual basis, rates are varied by something called the multiplier, usually increasing in line with inflation. Next year, the Government has frozen the multiplier for small businesses. There is a general increase of 6.7%, although the Government has extended relief for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses.

In terms of other funding, the Council continues to receive New Homes Bonus because of the housing growth in the District.

The Government has committed to undertake a review of local government funding in the next Parliament which could have implications for the amount of funding the Council receives in the future.

A summary of the Council's financial position was provided, which remains stable. The Council is currently working on a medium-term financial strategy, setting out a plan for managing the anticipated future budget gaps linked with its assumptions regarding local government funding reform.

An update was provided on the housing revenue account and expected overall budget gap of around £1.2 million next year. Rents are proposed to increase by 7.7% in line with central government's social rent policy. This will lead to an average increase of £6.72 a week, which will be invested back into the delivery of housing services.

A summary of the capital programme was provided – a multi-million-pound investment in new or existing assets is proposed in the District in the coming year. The Council has been provisionally awarded £1.1 million of Levelling Up Funds to further improve Swadlincote town centre. A significant investment in the fleet is proposed. Other schemes include a £1 million play area refurbishment programme and four-year programme to refurbish parks and green space infrastructure, together with a cemetery infrastructure replacement programme.

A question was raised by Stephanie Marbrow (DALC representative) regarding the need for clarification for parishes which had taken on additional responsibilities - and funding towards maintenance. Tracy to obtain further details and provide a response back to the Board and SM.

ACTION: TB

SDP/8. BEAT THE STREET EVALUATION, REVITALISING ROSLISTON AND UPDATE ON ACTIVE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP AND EVERYONE ACTIVE

Sean McBurney provided a verbal update on the '**Beat the Street**' project including a post-game report. Headline outcomes were provided and the detailed report will be circulated with the minutes. **ACTION: SMcB/SC**

An update was given on plans for this year's Beat the Street game taking place across the whole District. Each area will have its own mini game with beat boxes near schools and around local streets, parks and areas of interest. Participants can travel to other parts of the District to get more points. The game will start on 15 May to coincide with the National Forest Walking Festival and run through to 26 June 2024.

The next update was on revitalising **Rosliston Forestry Centre**. A public consultation has been undertaken receiving just under 600 responses. A copy of the report to be circulated.

ACTION: SMcB/SC

The Council is also working with Huq to look at mobile phone data. Using anonymised data they can look at where people visiting a particular site over a period of time have travelled from. It also records the volumes of people coming through – for the last 12 months, this averaged 468 visitors a day, or 170,000 visits for the year. The caveat is that this does not include those without a mobile phone or smartphone, so adding in children for example would be expected to boost this to some 200,000. This is informing current investment including footpath signage and refurbishment of lodges. The Council will be working up a more detailed business plan for the site for the future.

The Council's **active school's partnership** delivers PE, school games, Bikeability, holiday activity funds and other activities. Delivering school swimming programmes is a particular challenge. Performance on this is reviewed by Ofsted. The possibility of hiring a mobile pool is being explored to enable schools to undertake crash courses.

Everyone Active has been awarded the leisure contract to operate Greenbank Leisure Centre and Etwall Leisure Centre from the 1st of April this year. They will bring some new investment into the centres, including new gym kit, redecoration and redesigning the layout of some of the areas. There will also be new offers, for example, anyone living with Parkinson's will have a free membership and up to three carers will get free memberships to accompany them. Any children that are in care and any care leavers up to the age of 25 will also get free membership.

SDP/9. CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING

Adrian Moore gave a presentation on the corporate volunteering initiative, which was launched in March 2023, supporting businesses to achieve their Corporate Social Responsibility and community engagement aims. To date, 86 individuals have been placed in volunteering opportunities, such as decorating and ground works, on projects such as Findern Footpaths wildflower meadow.

Feedback from companies, volunteers and beneficiary charities has been positive: 76% of volunteers would volunteer again; 24% would consider volunteering again.

Julie Langley highlighted that Toyota have apprentices looking for volunteering opportunities. They also provide £2,000 to each project towards the cost of materials.

Adrian will circulate his presentation slides. **ACTION: AM/SC**

SDP/10. THEME UPDATE

Theme Group Leads provided an overview of their update reports.

Safer Communities – Inspector Michael Sisman provided an overview on how the Derbyshire Police rural crime team have evolved; with their pro-active approach to help prevent farm machinery theft. An update on the Safer Internet Day and the recently refreshed DCC free digital MOT tool to keep you safe online. An update on the excellent community event held at Repton in January, something that the neighbourhood team would like to recreate elsewhere in the district.

Details were provided on projects funded by the Safer Neighbourhood small grant scheme which community groups and associations can apply for. Partners are asked to promote the available grant scheme. The application form is linked below:

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 an update on continued support and work delivered in terms of health and wellbeing services. Funding had been secured to enable the development of a group in Hilton to replicate the excellent work being done in Swadlincote. Continuing to seek food bank donation points across the district.

Support in promoting the Walk Derbyshire Development Apprentice opportunity and the Time Swop Service was requested.

Healthier Communities – Vicky Smyth provided updates, currently working with the new leisure centre operators to refine the supported exercise scheme, Exercise by Referral offer for the district. A short update was provided on the support offered on the warm and welcoming spaces.

A request to support the promotion of the South Derbyshire Small Grants Scheme.

Children & Young People – No update.

Sustainable Development – Mike Roylance provided a summary on the unemployment figures in South Derbyshire and the delivered support through the South Derbyshire Business Advice Service.

Details were provided on the 25th Anniversary of the relationship between Derbyshire and Toyota City and the East Midlands Investment Zone programme.

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

Public realm works are underway in Swadlincote town centre. Community and business grant schemes are operating. Town centre promotional activities and events are being supported and a dedicated Community Safety Enforcement Officer (Town Centres) has been appointed. A programme of business support, including workshops, training and green audits has been launched under the 'South Derbyshire Accelerator' branding. 'Beyond Barriers South Derbyshire' has commenced providing tailored employability support to individuals who are economically inactive.

SDP/11. BUDGET UPDATE

Mike Roylance provided an update on the Partnership budget outlining the financial position.

Members considered and voted on four grant applications as follows:

South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers 2023/24 (Environmental Education Project). Request for £2,000.

Voting: 9 responses; 9 For

Approved

Rosliston Repair Café (Environmental Education Project). Request for £1,050.

Voting: 9 responses; 9 For

Approved

Summer Skateboard Coaching (South Derbyshire District Council). Request for £1,440.

Voting: 9 responses; 8 For; 1 Abstain

Approved

Swad Live (South Derbyshire CVS). Request for £5,198.

Voting: 10 responses; 9 For; 1 Abstain

Approved

Supporting the above projects leaves the Partnership with a positive balance of some £8,500.

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 27 June 2024.

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



Agenda | **Report to the Board**
Item 11. | **THEME GROUP UPDATES: QUARTER 4 (01 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2024)**

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.

Since the previous meeting Inspector Mike Sisman has left to take a new position as Chief Inspector of Partnership and Prevention at Police Headquarters. He has been replaced with Inspector Dan Potts who has moved to Swadlincote from being a reactive Inspector at Derby City. Dan is unfortunately not able to attend this next meeting but will attend in future to introduce himself.

6 x new CCTV cameras have been to be installed within Swadlincote Town Centre to help police investigate cases of Crime and ASB. The cameras are overlooking the new car park on Midland Road, cover a previous blind spot on The Delph and cover the bottom part of the town centre where there previously wasn't any coverage. There will be further CCTV installed in the new car park on Midland Road in the coming months.

Street Whyze has continued to provide mentoring intervention on knife crime and gang ASB in the three local Secondary school and the South Derbyshire Support Centre. A number of individuals who were part of a group causing issues in the town centre and urban parks have been referred on by the schools for one to one mentoring over a six week period.

On 23rd April, the Communities Team at South Derbyshire District Council led on the first of the new ASB tasking meetings via the ECINs case management system. The new meeting discusses individuals causing ASB out in the community and hotspot locations and is attended by Police, Schools, Childrens Services and SDDC Officers from Housing, the Communities Team and Environmental Health.

A new Youth Engagement Team has started work in the District. The team of two PCSO Karen Coldicott and PC Tina Lewis will have a specific remit to work with young individuals causing ASB in the District. They will be working closely with our ASB Officer Claire Rawlins, Schools and Childrens Services and will be referring young people on for early intervention as well as using enforcement action where appropriate.

A new ASB Youth Early Intervention approach has been introduced across the County to try to prevent low level ASB escalating.

The first tier involves issuing warning letters, engaging with Parents, and referring on to Immediate Justice, and the Police Youth Engagement intervention workshop.

Tier two will involve working closely with Schools and Childrens Services to consider additional support including an Early Help Assessment and the Youth Justice led Turnaround Programme.

Acceptable Behaviour contracts can also be agreed with the child and parents at an appointment in the Police Station.

Tier Three will involve ensuring all partners involved in the Team Around the Family are aware of the increase in the level/seriousness of ASB and ASB Leads will attend TAF meeting or Child In Need (CIN) meetings. YJS will continue to look at further intervention and consultation will begin at the ASB Tasking meeting on more formal enforcement action; i.e. Criminal Behaviour Order or ASB Injunction.

Tier Four - Work with partners to apply for the CBO or injunction and develop the associated support package. Formal consultation with YJS and ensure all partners who are involved / could be involved with the young person and their family are involved and consulted. Legal Advice will be sought by ASB Officer.

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.

We are designing a new Leaflet to promote the Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding Stream. Would be grateful if you could help promote this once it's been completed.

We will send round the final version.



What is it?

The Safer and Stronger Neighbourhood Funding stream is open to local community groups, parish councils, clubs, associations, and non-profit organizations. Its goal is to empower local residents to launch and advance projects that promote community safety and improve the local area.

How much can I apply for?

The maximum amount that can be requested is £2,500, and applications are open continuously. Once applications meet the specified criteria, they will be presented to the appropriate Area Forum for approval.

For requests exceeding £500, match funding is mandatory. The amount of matching funds needed will vary based on the grant amount.

What must my project show?

For eligibility, your project should demonstrate progress in addressing one or more of the priority areas outlined by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

The key areas where your project should make an impact include:

- Anti-social behavior (disorder and criminal damage)
- Acquisitive crime (burglary, theft) and managing offenders
- Domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Fostering stronger communities
- Safeguarding the most vulnerable individuals
- Addressing alcohol-related harm and substance misuse

How do I apply?

For more assistance in submitting a successful application, please visit: www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/crime-and-community-safety/safer-neighbourhoods

You can also obtain a copy of the application form and related guidance by reaching out to the Communities Team through the following contact details:

Tel: 01283 595924

Email: community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk

THEME GROUP: STRONGER COMMUNITIES

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

The work of South Derbyshire CVS services continues in our community during Quarter 4:

Active Travel – From January - March 2024 supported **338 to make 618 journeys.**

Befriending - in Quarter 4 we have supported people in South Derbyshire through **379 befriending hours.** We have **44 volunteers** supporting this service. This service is at risk beyond March 2025 as Derbyshire County Council consult on the discretionary grant which provides funding for this service.

Handy Person Help at Home Support Service From January - March 2024 we have supported **165 people.**

Home From Hospital – During Quarter 4 we have had **44 new referrals across South Derbyshire.**

Safer Homes – The team have supported **116 new referrals across South Derbyshire.**

Mental Wellbeing Support – This Quarter the service **has received 27 new referrals.** Support has been given through **65.5 hours of 1-1 support and 69 group hours.**

Food Bank – From January – March 2024 we issued **346 food parcels** to families/single people/homeless people, supporting **422 adults** and **283 children.**

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 utilising 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 **48 Community Connectors** covering South Derbyshire sharing crucial health and wellbeing messages across the district.

Community Development Team – continues to support community groups and have supported **20 new groups in this quarter.**

The team have planned a calendar of events to attend over the spring and summer to ensure maximum engagement.

Social Connectedness in South Derbyshire – This project has supported an **incredible 650 participations** in the last quarter. People who are isolated are enabled to make social connections within their communities. We are focussed on seeking funding to continue this important work beyond September 2024.

Volunteer Force - The Volunteer Force sees a **100% retention rate of those volunteering.** 140 volunteers are part of SDCVS service delivery.

New Initiatives

Swad Link – This Pilot is continuing until September 2024 in order to see if there is increased usage over the summer months.

Swad Link

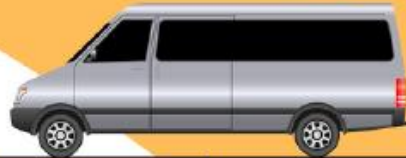
An accessible minibus service for people wishing to visit Swadlincote town centre.



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. |

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Youth Mentoring/ Work Experience – Two members of our staff team have signed up to mentor students undertaking the Career Ready programme this year from January – December. We will be hosting them for their internships this summer too.

We have also hosted a Year 10 student on work experience in March and will be hosting one from 12 for their work experience week in June. In addition, we have had a health and social care student with us for one day each week between March and June.

Walk Derbyshire Development Apprentice – we are still working to host an apprentice for the Walk Derbyshire Consortium however this has been very difficult with no success in recruiting. We are hoping that as exam season ends some students may be interested from local schools.

Future Focus - our Mental Wellbeing Team are working on a project to support those in recovery from difficulties with drugs and alcohol. Offering sessions that focus on looking after their own wellbeing and recovery journey and connecting with society and activities to aid this. Delivery starts Q1 24/25 until Q4 25/2.

FUTUREFOCUS

Supporting people in recovery from drug & alcohol use to improve their confidence, skills and resilience.

Future focus is a 6 week training and support programme designed to assist people in recovery from drug and/or alcohol use across South Derbyshire.

The programme offers a range of flexible modules including personal resilience, developing independence skills and making choices. Other modules may focus on individuals hobbies and interests and learning about their local community.

Participants also have the option to be introduced to The Derbyshire Time Swap Service which can offer flexible short term volunteering opportunities.

Future Focus is delivered in Swadlincote, Hilton and Melbourne throughout the year. To learn more, or to make a referral, please get in touch.



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

SDCVS would welcome support of the partnership as we look to secure longer term funding for the following services:

- The mental wellbeing support team, specifically for the group work in Swadlincote and 1:1 support offered to residents across the district.
- The befriending service which supports residents aged over 18 across the district by provision of telephone and face to face befriending visits weekly.

These services are identified as being at risk in terms of funding.

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

SDCVS would like to draw attention to county consultation activity that would directly impact local delivery.

[End of discretionary grant funding - Derbyshire County Council](#)

SDCVS would welcome support to promote food bank and volunteer appeals which are an ongoing activity.

THEME GROUP: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

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

New approach to the allocation of funding

The South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Group have piloted a new approach to the allocation of Public Health Locality Funding. We have implemented a grant funding process, which includes funding guidance, an application form and a funding panel. The funding panel comprises of representatives from partner organisations; South Derbyshire CVS, Active Derbyshire, South Derbyshire District Council and Joined Up Care Derbyshire (Place). The first funding panel meeting took place in April, at which the following projects were approved for investment:

| Project | Organisation | Funding Allocated |
|--|--|--|
| Job Club | Old Post Centre | £5,000 (plus £3,000 match funding from SDDC) |
| Food Hub | South Derbyshire CVS | £24,960 |
| Melbourne Dementia Cafe | Melbourne & District Community Care | £1,120 |
| Wellbeing support for parents experiencing child to parent abuse | PEGS (Parental Education Growth Support) | £7,752 |

This financial year (24/25) the partnership will receive the following funds from Derbyshire County Council's Public Health department for investment:

- £54,382 Locality Funding
- £10,000 Small Grants
- £100,000 Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

Healthier Communities Plan

The South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Group have recently updated the Healthier Communities Plan after engaging with members about current health data, local intelligence, activities/services already take place and any identified areas of need. As a result, the group have agreed the following priorities for 2024/25:

- Health inequalities between different communities are reduced by building community resilience
- People are supported to move more and become more active in everyday life
- People are supported to age well, including those living with dementia and other long-term conditions, and their carers
- Improving emotional health and mental wellbeing
- Enable children and young people to start well



Healthier
Communities Plan 202

Funding and partnership resources will be allocated to deliver against these priority areas throughout 2024/2025.

For further information contact: Vicky.smyth@derbyshire.gov.uk

South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership Annual Report

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership has shared its Annual Report, that highlights the key successes of the Health and Wellbeing group over the last year.

Highlights include:

Delivery of 38 one-to-one Work Club sessions aimed at supporting people back into employment. As a result, 81 people have been supported to create or update CVs and 31 people have secured employment. Overall, the project has contributed to the improvement in wellbeing, confidence, and employment skills of 97 people.

Through our support for the Beat the Street programme, the delivery of summer skateboarding sessions, and allocation of small grant funding, 6,700 people have been supported to increase their levels of physical activity.

Social Connect South Derbyshire has supported up to 1,000 people over the age of 65 to connect with their local community. The project supports activities & groups which encourage social connection to reduce loneliness & social isolation, thus supporting people to age well.

2,210 young people have been supported with their emotional health & wellbeing, as a result of engagement with, Safe and Sound, Family Support Derbyshire, South Derbyshire Active Schools Partnership and Active South Derbyshire.

1,319 Food parcels distributed which has supported 2,753 people to access food and wrap around support. A Cost of Living support leaflet was also delivered to every household in South Derbyshire alongside end of year council tax bills.

Click on the PDF below to view the full report.



[South Derbyshire
Annual Report \(6\).pdf](#)



For more information on any of the projects mentioned please contact:
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claire.reece@derbyshire.gov.uk

Move More and Connect with Nature Campaign

The Move More and Connect with Nature campaign was launched for Mental Health Awareness Week on the 13th May 2024. South Derbyshire District Council supported the campaign by displaying banners outside of the main parks in Swadlincote and at the Mental Health Awareness Community Allotment Event at Swadlincote Woodlands.



For more information on any of the projects mentioned please contact:
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THEME GROUP: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Report to follow.

THEME GROUP: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

Burton and South Derbyshire College

The College has received an 'Outstanding' rating in all areas in its latest inspection by OFSTED, including quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development and leadership and management. It was also praised in having a significant impact in meeting local industry needs.

The upgraded and revitalised facilities have been made possible through a £3.5 million investment from the Government's Stronger Towns Fund which has seen the creation of a range of innovative facilities, including a Cyber Security Lab, Games Development Studio, Mechatronics Lab, Health Simulation Suite, Biome (creative hybrid space) and Immersive Learning Suite.

In the Health Simulation Suite, learners have access to simulated healthcare environments, allowing them to develop essential skills under realistic conditions. The Biome, a creative hybrid space, fosters collaboration and innovation, while the Mechatronics Lab prepares students for the fourth industrial revolution with hands-on experience in robotics and automation.

The Cyber Security Lab provides a secure environment for students to hone their skills in defending against cyber threats, while the Games Studios offer a platform for creativity and industry collaboration. The addition of an Esports Arena and VRX Immersive Learning Suite further enhances the College's suite of new facilities.

Unemployment

South Derbyshire local authority area (Claimant Count).

| Mar 23 | Jan 24 | Feb 24 | Mar 24 | Change on month | Change on year | GB Mar 24 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 2.1% | 2.4% | 2.4% | 2.5% | +0.1% | +0.4% | 3.8% |
| 1,455 | 1,600 | 1,655 | 1,705 | +50 | +250 | |

There are currently some 860 jobs available within a ten-mile radius of Swadlincote (DWP Find a Job). Many of the area's larger employers are currently recruiting, including new inward investors MEG Derby and Terinex Flexibles.

South Derbyshire Business Advice Service

The South Derbyshire Business Advice Service delivered 72 advice sessions in the fourth quarter of 2023/24, including both new starts and established businesses.

<https://twitter.com/SDerbysBAS>

A Thinking of Starting a Business workshop was held in February and an Introduction to Marketing workshop was held in March – both at Swadlincote Innovation Centre.

Storm Babet - Flood grants

The District Council distributed flood recovery grants and Business Rate relief to businesses affected by Storm Babet.

Inward Investment

A suite of new promotional films has been produced to promote Invest in Derbyshire – these can be viewed at: <https://www.investinderbyshire.co.uk/resources/>

Inward investment projects in a number of locations in South Derbyshire have come to fruition this year, including The Pallet Network which is now operating at Tetron Point, Swadlincote.

The MEG Group's bottling plant at Dove Valley Park, Foston has a production capacity of 380 million bottles per year and recently started supplying to Lidl stores across Great Britain. The new facility has created around 90 high-skilled jobs for the local economy and sits on a site the size of approximately nine football pitches. The facility will bottle water and produce a variety of soft drinks.

By localising production, the move will simplify transport logistics and significantly reduce the distance the products travel to stores, thereby improving Lidl's carbon footprint and reducing costs. The plant will also provide a boost to the local economy with the creation of about 90 new jobs.

Terinex Flexibles £8m state of the art facility on a 3-acre new site at Dove Valley Park. The new factory will initially be 46,000 sqft and will significantly increase capacity of the factory and warehouse and accommodate the expanding team at Terinex Flexibles. The company is expecting to increase its staff numbers in the first year, with hires across production and engineering. The Research & Development department will also move from its current location in Oxford.

The new facility will have advanced sustainable energy systems such as a regenerative thermal oxidiser that efficiently recovers heat to the printing process for reuse and the roof will be fitted with solar PV panels for generating power to operate the factory. In addition, heat will be reclaimed from the compressors to send warm air to the curing room for the lamination process and the staff and visitor car park will have electric charging points.

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

Refurbishment of The Delph market square is underway, including the installation of additional bollards to prevent unwanted vehicle access onto the square, resurfacing of the main square and restoration of the Town Hall steps. The majority of the works were completed by the end of Year 2 and the site has since been used for markets and events.

Redevelopment of the vacant derelict Bank House/Sabine's Yard site is underway to create additional free public car parking with Electric Vehicle charging points and a pocket park on Belmont Street. The majority of the work was completed by the end of Year 2 and the site is open to the public.

An additional Community Safety Enforcement Officer dedicated to addressing environmental crime and anti-social behaviour issues in town centres has been appointed. They have undertaken almost 200 duty of care visits to businesses, attended more than 75 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents and a similar number of shoplifting incidents, along with more than 30 incidents of criminal damage and a similar number of public disorder incidents. Crime levels in South Derbyshire are already amongst the lowest in the County and the aim is to improve further on this.

Promotional and community activities in town centres have been supported to attract footfall and spend. Events supported have included Melbourne Festival, Heritage Open Days, Swad Live and the Swadlincote Christmas 2023 programme.

A community grant fund for third sector organisations, voluntary and community groups has been launched offering grants of between £2,000 and £25,000 (up to 80% of total project costs). Projects that can be supported include property improvements, energy efficiency and generation measures, green space enhancements, or arts, cultural, tourism and heritage initiatives. Grants have been implemented by Mid Mercia Citizens Advice for IT equipment and St Matthews Community Centre (Overseal) for a new kitchen, windows and doors.

Supporting Local Business

A grant scheme for smaller businesses has been launched, open to sole traders, partnerships and limited companies. Grants of £1,000 - £50,000 (up to 80% of the total project costs) are available. Projects that can be supported include purchase of equipment, the introduction of new products/services or processes/techniques, starting or growing exports, and initiatives to increase productivity. Grants have been implemented by an engineering company in Swadlincote for new equipment and an electronics business in Church Gresley for a 3D scanner.

The existing Derbyshire business start-up programme was extended from January 2024 with UKSPF funding. 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 first awards in South Derbyshire have been made to two new enterprises - a vet and a marketing company.

East Midlands Chamber has been appointed by local authorities in Derbyshire to deliver a programme of business workshops and events under the 'Accelerator' branding. This also includes working with businesses to undertake decarbonisation audits of their activities and a carbon reduction grant scheme for smaller enterprises.

People and Skills

'Beyond Barriers South Derbyshire' has been launched following the appointment of Groundwork Five Counties to deliver the programme. The initiative is supporting economically inactive residents further from the labour market to gain new skills, build up confidence, make connections in the local community and improve their chances of finding a job, through an employability programme moulded around individuals' needs.

The contract to deliver 'Jumpstart' in Year 3 is being finalised. This will provide a range of short training courses for unemployed residents who are closer to the labour market. The courses are designed to help individuals back into work or further training, with courses linked to sectors with significant vacancies, such as hospitality & catering, logistics and health & care.

The contract to deliver Mobility South Derbyshire in Year 3 is being finalised. The contractor will work with secondary schools to deliver tailored activities that will support aspirations amongst young people, targeting the more disadvantaged in order to raise their social mobility.

Rural Economic Prosperity Fund

The Rural Economic Prosperity Fund provides capital grants to organisations located in the Government's designated rural areas of South Derbyshire. Any organisation with legal status can apply for funding. 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.

Grants have been implemented by three businesses to purchase new equipment, including for food production (Bretby), printing (Etwall) and engineering (Barrow).

Grants have been implemented by two organisations to improve community infrastructure, including Aston & Weston Bowls Club and Barrow on Trent Village Hall.

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.

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

To raise awareness of two forthcoming events:

- **Swadlincote Small Business Showcase, 20 July 2024.** Small and new businesses will have the opportunity to showcase their products and services to the local community plus network with fellow local business, free of charge. Further information: <https://www.visitsouthderbyshire.co.uk/event/swadlincote/swadlincote-small-business-showcase/>
- **Support & Grow for South Derbyshire Manufacturers, 16 July 2024.** This free business breakfast event aims to introduce manufacturers in South Derbyshire to relevant support services from East Midlands Chamber, D2N2 Growth Hub, East Midlands Manufacturing Network and other partners. Further information: <https://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/events/support-grow-for-south-derbyshire-manufacturers/>

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

- **Beyond Barriers South Derbyshire** – employability programme to assist unemployed residents to overcome barrier to work
<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/fivecounties/five-counties-employment/beyond-barriers/>
- **Jumpstart** – short training courses for unemployed residents
<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/business-and-investment/business-news/2024/may/jumpstart-your-career>
- **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>



Agenda Item 12. Report to the Board - PARTNERSHIP BUDGET UPDATE

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 To note the financial position of the Partnership.

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 Following the last Board meeting the below project was approved via email in April 2024:

- Community-based Work Club project 2024/25 (Old Post Regeneration Association): £3,000 (matching support from the South Derbyshire Healthier Communities Locality Fund).

Aim: To continue an established community work club to reduce health inequalities in the community and improve emotional health and mental well-being. The objectives of the project are to:

- Reduce the amount of benefit claimants via increasing the amount of people re-entering the workplace, volunteering, and entering training opportunities.
- Support those in financial hardship later in life who are having to leave retirement / delay retirement to be able to afford the rising cost of living, by supporting them to re-enter the workforce.
- To improve mental and emotional well-being by providing a friendly, informal, and unique service which endeavors to provide every individual with quality time and support, including on a 1-1 basis.
- Improve the quality of family life and financial stability by providing individuals with confidence, self-belief, and motivation along with tangible tools to move into employment / training / volunteering.
- Increase skill base in low / poorly educated adults – IT, form filling, letter writing, communication skills.
- Offering specialist 1-1, confidential help.
- Work in partnership with other local and county level service providers such as DWP, Citizens Advice, South Derbyshire CVS, Financial Inclusion Group, National Careers Service etc.
- Work with Swadlincote JCP and South Derbyshire District Council to maximise referrals and ensure all job seekers are given opportunity to attend.

The project aims to deliver 38 sessions between April 2024 and June 2024 and September 2024 and March 2025.

3.2 2024/25 Distribution of Funds

South Derbyshire District Council has provided £10,000 of funding to the partnership for 2024/25.

| 2024/25 | £ |
|---|---------------|
| Income | |
| Balance from previous years | 11,048 |
| SDDC contribution for 2024/25 | 10,000 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 21,048 |
| Expenditure | |
| • Project Awards: | |
| Summer 2024 Skateboard (SDDC Sport & Health) | 1,440 |
| Ros Repair Café 2024 (EEP) | 1,050 |
| Swad Live 2024 (South Derbyshire CVS) | 5,198 |
| Work Club 2024/25 (Old Post Regeneration Association) – match funding for £4,996 from Derbyshire County Council (South Derbyshire Healthier Communities Locality Fund). | 3,000 |
| • Project Proposals: | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 10,688 |
| BALANCE | 10,360 |

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 £10,360.

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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