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2nd February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting of the South Derbyshire Partnership will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 10:00 am.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

Allison Thomas
Strategic Director – Service Delivery

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Voting Members of the Board:

Local Authority Sector

District Councillor Kevin Richards (South Derbyshire District Council) (Chairman)
Cllr Stephanie Marbrow (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils)
Councillor David Muller (Derbyshire County Council)
Allison Thomas (South Derbyshire District Council)
District Councillor Trevor Southerd (South Derbyshire District Council)
District Councillor Lisa Brown (South Derbyshire District Council)

Other Public Sector

Lena Ratcliffe (Derbyshire County Council – Children’s Services)
Steve Hall (The Pingle Academy)
Chief Inspector Fiona Kilgour (Derbyshire Constabulary)
Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health)
John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College)
Tina Brown (NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

Private Sector

Julie Langley (Toyota UK Ltd)
Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport)
Louise Driver | John Everitt (The National Forest Company)
Kim Coe | Rob Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade)
Chris Beech (Sharpe’s Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust)
Vacant

Voluntary/Community Sector

Sally Eccles (Home Start Derby & South Derbyshire)
Roger Moors (South Derbyshire CVS)
Dr Claire Teeling (Grow Outside C.I.C.)
Matt Buckler (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust)
Revd Dr Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote)
Vacant



Agenda

Time and Date 10am, 9 February 2022 – 10:00am

Venue Virtual

Item	Description	
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 20 October 2021 <i>(Attached)</i> .	
4	Matters Arising.	
5	South Derbyshire District Council Financial and Budget Update (Kevin Stackhouse).	10:10am
6	Heart of the Forest Draft Masterplan Vision (Louise Driver).	10:25am
7	South Derbyshire CVS Strategy (Roger Moors).	10:40am
8	Integrated Care Systems (Kate Brown).	10:50am
9	Covid Update (Vicky Smyth).	11:05am
10	Theme Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthier Communities (Vicky Smyth). • Children and Young People (Dave Beris). • Safer Communities (Chris Smith). • Stronger Communities (Roger Moors). • Sustainable Development (Mike Roylance). <p>Incorporating Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan updates - Appendix 1 <i>(Attached)</i>.</p>	11:15am
11	Budget Update. <i>(Attached)</i> .	11:40am
12	Feedback and Future Agenda Items.	11:45am
13	Date of Next Meeting: 28 June 2022 – 10:00am	Finish



**Agenda MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2021
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SDP/39. PRESENT

Local Authority Sector

District Councillor Kevin Richards (Chairman), District Councillor Trevor Southerd, Cllr Stephanie Marbrow (DALC), Allison Thomas (South Derbyshire District Council).

Other Public Sector

Dave Beris (Derbyshire County Council – Children’s Services), Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health), John Beaty (Burton and South Derbyshire College), Tina Brown (NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group), Sgt Tarjinderjit Nizzer (Derbyshire Constabulary).

Private Sector

Julie Langley (Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK Ltd), Kim Coe (Swadlincote & District Chamber of Trade), Julie Batten (Sharpe’s Pottery & Heritage and Arts Trust).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Louise Scott (South Derbyshire CVS), Revd Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote).

Also in Attendance

Mike Roylance, Chris Smith, Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council), Jenny Furness (Adult Social Care and Health), Joe Chapman (East Midlands Airport).

SDP/40. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Councillor David Muller (South Derbyshire District Council).
Chief Inspector Fiona Kilgour (Derbyshire Constabulary).
Kay Simcox (Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service).
John Everitt / Louise Driver (National Forest Company).
Steve Hall (The Pingle Academy).
Matt Butler (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust).
Justin Holford (Derbyshire County Council).
Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport).
Brian Martin (South Derbyshire CVS).

SDP/41. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTES

The Chair of the SDP, Councillor Kevin Richards, thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed the partners to the Partnership Board meeting.



SDP/42. Continued/...

Introductions took place.

Apologies noted.

Substitutes noted.

SDP/43. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were noted.

SDP/44. MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 April 2021 were taken as read and approved as a true record.

SDP/45. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

SDP/46. EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

Joe Chapman, Head of Public Affairs (Stansted and East Midlands Airports), presented a report on the impact of and recovery from Covid for Manchester Airports Group. This included significant losses recorded for the year ending 31 March 2021, with passenger numbers down 89% on 2019/2020. Increased cargo volumes provided some assistance, however EMA's income is heavily reliant on passenger travel. With two depleted Summer seasons and the slow recovery from the pandemic, it has been the most difficult 12 months in EMA's history.

EMA is a driver of economic growth in the region, directly supporting thousands of jobs on site as well as many more indirectly through an extensive supply chain. It also helps to attract other inward investors to the area. Research has shown that jobs in the aviation sector are typically higher paid than the average wages in the constituencies in which the airports are located.

A brief overview of the East Midlands Freeport was provided: An outline Business Case has been submitted and the Freeport Board is currently moving towards submissions of a Full Business Case, aiming for endorsement of the proposal by Government.

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**SDP/47. THEME UPDATES**
Healthier Communities

Vicky Smyth gave an overview of the work of Healthier Communities with regards to local partnership working and the projects delivered including: Covid recovery funding to the Financial Inclusion Group; The activities of 21 Covid information connectors which reached some 35,000 residents; Every household receiving a guide to support services leaflet; Distribution of food parcels; One to one digital learning sessions; and support for community testing. For more details on the projects delivered, South Derbyshire Locality Annual Report 2021 is attached.

ACTION: VS/SC.

The latest Covid data can be viewed in more detail in the surveillance reports which can be found on Derbyshire County Council's website. The most recent statistics put cases in South Derbyshire below the Derbyshire average.

To support professionals to refer and signpost vulnerable residents to essential services and self-help advice this winter, Derbyshire County Council has launched a Winter Pressure Single Contact Point. The service will run from Nov 2021 – March 2022. Access to the service is by professional route only. A referral form needs to be completed. Further details can be found by going to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/winterpressures

VS to share info about the Marches Energy Agency (MEA) fuel grants for the vulnerable with SD Food Bank to ensure it is linking together. **ACTION:VS**

An overview of the ongoing projects was provided, and Vicky identified some of the current issues that may impact on health and wellbeing including: Vaccine take up/hesitancy; Financial hardship; Mental wellbeing; and Social and digital inclusion. Partnership and collaborative working will be key to identifying the needs and plugging the gaps in the future.

Sgt Nizzer (Safer Neighbourhood Team) and Vicky to meet to discuss Covid information connectors and the use of the SNT social media channels to support Public Health in the dissemination of guidance/advice/information to vulnerable communities.

@SaferSouthDerbyshire
Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

@SwadlincoteSNT · Police Station
Swadlincote Police SNT

To become a Covid Connector
Email: selinaw@sdcvcs.org.uk

ACTION: VS/sgtTN.



Children and Young People

David Beris gave an overview of the delivery of essential children's services, which involve home visits and safety plans for vulnerable young people and families. Key data was provided along with details of group work/support activities that have been undertaken, including provision of youth groups and parenting groups. There is currently a higher level of demand for services in South Derbyshire, than elsewhere in the County. There has also been a growth in home schooling during the pandemic.

The rapid co-ordinated response from agencies to the knife crime incident in the Summer was highlighted. A confidential report had already been circulated to the board members.

Staff welfare and recruitment remain an issue amongst social work teams, with measures in place to increase the retention of staff.

Safer Communities

Chris Smith gave an overview of crime and disorder in South Derbyshire. Details of the September crime statistics show that crime levels have returned to pre-Covid levels, after increases were seen in some crime types during the pandemic. Acquisitive Crime remains low, with burglary, theft from and of vehicles still very low.

ASB, Hate Crime, Cyber Crime and Domestic Abuse all increased greatly during Covid but are now falling, with the only real increase over the last few months having been shoplifting.

In terms of the Partnership's activity, an event was held in Stenson Fields as part of National Hate Crime Awareness week. The event was attended by members of the Stenson Asian over 60s group, with more work to be done on hate crime in the future, especially around the urban core where hate crime incidents are higher.

'Safe and Sound' a charity based in Derby which specialises in talking to young people about child exploitation, has continued to visit the parks over the Summer and Autumn. They have engaged local youngsters and, on request, undertook consultation with them following the knife crime incident.

Multi Agency Meetings have continued over the Summer with regards to the ASB and parking issues at Foremark Reservoir. A number of preventative measures have been put in place, including Severn Trent fencing off the 'beach' area. A Public Space Protection Order will be considered if the issues return next Spring.

New radio links have been installed for Swadlincote Town Centre's CCTV system.

No further dog thefts have been reported in the area. @SwadlincoteSNT Facebook page had publicity posted by Sgt Nizzer on the work the Police had undertaken to return stolen pets to their owners.



Stronger Communities

In the absence of Brian Martin, Louise Scott provided an overview of the Social Mobility project. On behalf of the Partnership, a programme of ethnographic research has been undertaken by South Derbyshire CVS amongst households with disadvantaged children in the DE11 area. Families were approached through South Derbyshire CVS contacts, the three senior schools and requests from seven local service providers/agencies.

The report documents a range of insights from the interactions with the participants. The key findings included:

- participants have high aspirations for their children;
- participants experience multiple barriers to Social Mobility;
- more access to employment, and encounters with employers are needed to broaden the horizons of children and to broaden the options of boys; and,
- stakeholders should work to tackle this together.

Sustainable Development

Mike Roylance provided an overview of the recent developments in Sustainable Development. This included the anticipated future direct and indirect negative impacts of the pandemic for Derbyshire, as identified by Derbyshire County Council's report exploring 'COVID-19 Population Restoration and Recovery'.

Unemployment figures for the South Derbyshire local authority area were provided. There are currently over 1,800 jobs available within a ten-mile radius of Swadlincote.

The Universal Credit (UC) uplift ceased at the end of September. This is expected to have a knock-on effect on local services such as the foodbank, homelessness, mental health, debt and financial capability partners. The Financial Inclusion Group has been raising awareness amongst partner organisations of the impact of an increased demand for their services.

An overview of the recently launched Derbyshire Business Start-Up Programme was provided, along with the business advice sessions and virtual workshop delivered by the South Derbyshire Business Advice Service.

To date, South Derbyshire District Council has distributed over £24 million of grants to smaller businesses in the area. Two new grant programmes are now operating to distribute the latest tranche of funding: Events and Festivals Summer Rescue Scheme; and, Discretionary Restart Grant Scheme Round 2.

A new website has been launched: Visit South Derbyshire. The website can be found at: www.visitsouthderbyshire.co.uk

Details were highlighted of South Derbyshire's Welcome Back Fund programme.



Ahead of COP26, the SME Climate Hub has been launched – a one-stop-shop for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to make a climate commitment and access tools and resources. The Hub can be found at: www.smeclimatehub.org

SDP/48. BUDGET UPDATE

The Board agreed to:

- (a) support a funding award of £500 for the 50+ survey.

SDP/49. UPDATE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL FOREST COMPANY

Sustainable Tourism – The National Forest Company has produced a new Design Guide for Sustainable Tourism Accommodation to help steer and stimulate the next generation of accommodation developments as well as retrofit existing properties and support the move to net zero carbon. The Guide will be launched in December and will be accompanied by a new funding package to support landowners and developers with feasibility work and surveys to bring forward planning applications.

Arts and Culture – The NFC has distributed grants for arts and culture projects to encourage small businesses and arts groups to grow the cultural offer in the Forest. This will be an ongoing programme aiming to expand on the opportunities created by the Timber Festival.

Health and Wellbeing – The NFC is developing its own project under the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative to create a new community woodland in each parish of the National Forest as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The NFC will be contacting each parish to ask them to pledge their support and help identify new woodland opportunities, recognising that it will take a number of years to deliver the schemes.

SDP/50. FEEDBACK AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were raised for future Agenda Items. Email: economic.development@southderbyshire.gov.uk with any future items.

The Chair thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting at 11:36am.



Agenda Report to the Board

Item 6. THEME GROUP UPDATES: QUARTERS 3 (OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2021)

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 A. 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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APPENDIX A - QUARTERS 3 (October – December 2021)

THEME GROUP: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

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

Vaccination Engagement Stall



At the beginning of December 2021, a vaccination engagement stall was held on Swadlincote Market in partnership with the District Council and South Derbyshire CVS. The aim of the stall was to engage with the community to identify any barriers people may have in accessing either covid vaccinations or covid testing. The stall also provided free face masks, hand sanitiser and lateral flow testing kits.

The stall was incredibly well received by the community and it ran out of stock before it was due to end. During the day we spoke to 134 individuals, the majority of who were between the ages of 50-80 years old, who were fully vaccinated and had received or were booked in for a booster. The stall highlighted that there is some confusion around the access to lateral flow testing kits, with multiple people reporting that they thought they could no longer collect kits from pharmacies. This is incorrect; however, you do need to present a code from the government website. We have worked with local stakeholders to strengthen communication messages and have used the intelligence collected on the day to help inform further plans for vaccination opportunities in South Derbyshire.

For further information please contact [Vicky Smyth](#)



Well for Winter

The Well for Winter booklet has been designed to encourage people to make a personal plan, to help people prepare for the winter months and to take steps to maintain their wellbeing by using the Five Ways to Wellbeing. This year 'Get Organised' has been added to encourage people to think about their finances and to plan for the future, particularly as energy prices are on the increase. Key information about support services is included in the booklet to ensure people can access help if they need it. The booklet has been sent to residents that are in receipt of Careline as well as hard copies being made available at key locations such as the Bank and the Library. A social media campaign will also accompany the leaflet which SDDC Communications Team is supporting.

For more information please contact either [Lee English](#) or [Samantha Elks](#)



Health and Wellbeing Webpage

Pre-pandemic, we took the decision to combine content from the Healthier South Derbyshire (HSD) website with the District Council's website, by developing a standalone Health and Wellbeing section of the SDDC website. The pandemic paused some of this work, however the new webpage has now been created and is based around the national 5 Ways to Wellbeing approach. Contained within this page is a variety of support options and links to improve or sustain South Derbyshire resident's Mental Health and Wellbeing. There will also be a section to promote the latest health and wellbeing advice, news and updates. We will work with partners in the coming months to strengthen and add additional content.

For Further information or comments please contact [Lee English](#)

Click the link to find out more: [South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing](#)

Connect South Derbyshire

Additional funding through Public Health has enabled the Connect South Derbyshire project (formerly Social Connectedness) to be extended until September 2022. South Derbyshire CVS will continue to co-ordinate the approach locally. A steering group has been created and has identified access to community groups as a key priority. Place-based networks are being established in Hilton and Hatton, which will bring together community groups to strengthen the community and voluntary sector infrastructure. An activity budget is also available to support this piece of work.

A key challenge that has been highlighted is that many community groups have not returned to face to face delivery yet due to pandemic. In addition, some community members are apprehensive about attending groups due to a loss of confidence because of Covid-19 restrictions. To try to remove this barrier, the steering group are looking to develop a template Welcome Pack which groups can provide to new group members.

If you are aware of any community that would like to be part of the project please contact [Bethany Odell](#) or [Samantha Elks](#)

THEME GROUP: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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

During the lock down and presently Children Services have remained delivering an essential service which has involved home visits and safety plans for the most vulnerable young people and families in our communities. It remains an essential service where home visits are undertaken in all cases.

South Derbyshire and Dales Children Services Key Data 1/2/22. No. of children who/on:

Children in Care	92
Child Protection Plan	115
Children in Need	383
Early Help Services	138

Group work Activities:

- Parenting Support Groups
- Children Centre Groups
- Youth Groups

Staff have been undertaking community work, home visits, supervising family time and youth work while being split working from home and being based in buildings. Children Services currently have 4 buildings open with Covid Health and Safety measures in place:

- Rink House - staff
- Elms – staff and families
- Woodville Children Centre – Staff
- Etwall – Staff and families

There are plans underway for staff to return to the office on a more regular basis rather than one in every four weeks rota. There is currently a drive for all staff to assist with the financial inclusion agenda with initiatives such as Household Living Fund (supporting families to access finances when in need). There is strong partnership within Schools which provide the basis for group work delivery according to need.

The Locality and Children Partnership (which pulls all agencies together) two aims – School Readiness and Emotional Well Being of young people is active in SDSD area with full representation amongst all agencies. The themes covered links into the wider agenda of promoting Social Mobility and Social Inclusion. There is current plans to encourage young people to share South Derbyshire priorities/services delivery and for service users to have a greater say in service delivery in the area.

Staff and Recruitment remains an issue amongst Social Work teams and there are various measures planned to increase retention of staff within this sector.

THEME GROUP: SAFER COMMUNITIES

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

Young people are more aware and informed about risks to their safety from child sexual exploitation, sexting and drugs:

Anti-Social Behaviour:

Over the Christmas holidays and into January an increase was seen in ASB caused by a group of young people in Swadlincote Town Centre. Incidents were reported of young people causing a nuisance in several businesses and riding dangerously and inconsiderately on E-Scooters in the Town.

The police created a problem management plan and have been working closely with the SDDC ASB Officer and Community Safety Officer to address the issues. Several warning letters have been hand delivered by police to the parents of those identified and engagement has taken place with local schools and the businesses who have been affected, who have subsequently issued banning letters to several individuals. Fortunately, issues have decreased since the quick Partnership action was taken. We will be working with the Schools in the run up to February half-term to get the message out to all pupils and parents that ASB will not be tolerated.

More people feel safe and secure in their home and in the community particularly those who are most vulnerable:

SNT Community Engagement

Local Police SNT teams have been busy meeting with local communities with a series of community engagement events around the District. On Saturday 29th January 2022 hundreds of local shoppers stopped to meet the Swadlincote SNT and signed up to Derbyshire Alert and received crime prevention advice and items including purse bells and card blockers. Other recent events have taken place at Willington Village Hall (van crime prevention and bike marking), Melbourne beat office and the Mease in Hilton (both bike marking).

A future engagement event is booked at Repton Village Hall at 9.30am on Saturday 19th February.





Hate Crime Awareness Week

As part of Hate Crime Awareness Week the Communities Team organised and attended a Hate Crime awareness event in Stenson Fields on Monday 11 October. Chris and Debbie were joined by the local Police SNT, members of the local Asian over 60's group, Parish Council Vice Chair Richard Lisewski (Vice-Chairman) and Mark Hunt from CVS Safer Homes scheme. Officers engaged with local residents and teachers from the local primary school and listened to their concerns and experiences.



SNT Priorities

Every Quarter (running alongside day-to-day incidents and commitments) South Derbyshire SNT will be setting Safer Neighbourhood Priorities.

The priorities are now decided using the following:

- Incidents reported
- Engagement/concerns raised in the community via our social media
- Discussions and meetings with partner agencies (Community Safety Partnership)
- Derbyshire Alert message replies
- Derbyshire Talking surveys in the community

The main concerns raised and recorded for this quarter and what will be our Neighbourhood priorities are: -

1. Speeding
2. Anti-social behaviour open spaces (parks etc.)
3. Anti-social behaviour Swadlincote Town Centre
4. School parking



Area Forums/Community Meetings

Public Community Meetings took place before Christmas with 6 meetings held over Microsoft Teams. The meetings are attended by Police, Council Officers and Councillors, CVS, Parish Councils and members of the public. Issues raised for the Partnership to tackle included parking and road safety concerns and E-Scooter nuisance.

E Bikes for Local SNT

The Community Safety Partnership has also agreed to fund two new Electric Bicycles for the SNT to use to get around the rural areas. The bikes have been tested in other areas of Derbyshire and are now being rolled out across the Force. The Police will be providing 2 bikes for South Derbyshire but the CSP will be providing two additional bikes, enabling one to be located at both Melbourne and Hilton Police Stations and two to be located at Swadlincote. The SNT team should be seen out and about on the bikes from Spring-time.

Council CCTV

5 new cameras security CCTV Cameras have been installed on the outside of the Civic Offices overlooking the public car parks.

Don't Get Wrecked Christmas Campaign

The Communities Team supported the Police Christmas drink/drug drive campaign by paying for vehicle graphics which were displayed on local SNT vehicles in the run up to Christmas. The 'don't get wrecked' campaign involved South Derbyshire SNT conducting marked/unmarked and plain clothes patrols alongside Road Policing Unit, stopping vehicles day and night. The graphics will remain in place although the Christmas wording will be removed.





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

Police Cyber Awareness Sessions

A Cyber Awareness Webinar is taking place on Tuesday 8th February, to coincide with National Safer Internet Day 2022. The online webinar will help you to use the internet and email more safely.

This is a non tech awareness session to warn the public of cybercrime, fraud and scams - and how you can protect yourself online.

This session is of benefit to anyone who uses the internet and email.

Session will cover:

- Device safety/protection
- Password guidance and account security
- Protecting your personal information
- Using social media safely
- Social engineering and phishing emails/texts
- Online shopping and online banking safely
- Keeping youngsters safe online
- Safer Internet Day – using tech responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively
- Signposting to further sources of support and resources
- Where to report

The session is being run twice – Tuesday 8th February 1400h

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/signin/?referrer=%2Fmyevent%3Fid%3D259302409487>

And again, on Thursday 10th Feb 1830h

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/signin/?referrer=%2Fmyevent%3Fid%3D260057568187>

If you prefer not to click on links, run a web search for Eventbrite Derbyshire Police Cyber Crime Unit

The event is free of charge, but you are required to book a ticket via Eventbrite to reserve your place and be provided with the link to the online meeting.



Safer Homes Scheme

The scheme works by giving advice on crime prevention and home security. In some cases including for victims of crime and domestic abuse, they can install additional door and window locks and other appropriate equipment free of charge.

The scheme is funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership and is operated on a day-to-day basis by South Derbyshire CVS.

Referrals for the scheme can come from any of the following:

- Social Services - Adult Services
- South Derbyshire District Council
- Derbyshire Police
- South Derbyshire Primary Care Trust
- Housing Associations
- Citizens' Advice
- South Derbyshire CVS
- Self-referrals if over 60's, disabled or vulnerable

For further information or to make a referral you can contact South Derbyshire CVS either by email: projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk

Or call 07458 304316

<https://www.sdcvs.org.uk/services/safer-homes-south-derbyshire>

THEME GROUP: STRONGER COMMUNITIES

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

There has been no meeting of the Stronger Communities group within the last quarter.

Progress highlights from South Derbyshire CVS:

The Social Mobility report was published and shared to the SDP.

The 50+ Survey has been completed.

The response from the public in South Derbyshire was really good with 391 surveys completed. The report of the results is in draft and currently being proof-read ready for publishing. Roger Moors will be able to present the report to the SDP meeting on 9/2/22.

The 9 Protected Characteristics – this work has been to research factors affecting individuals and groups within the district of South Derbyshire. Looking at the support that those in the characteristic's groups need and the networks that exist or need developing. The findings are currently being compiled and written into a report.

The work of Covid Information Connectors continues to share public health messages across South Derbyshire. This work has had an extension to funding until December 2022.

Community Engagements Online: 3 community forums on Digital Inclusion (CAB), Derbyshire Wish, Children and Young Peoples Network Forum.

CVS has supported 78 community groups in this quarter.... including, funding searches, governance, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and management. New Community network developed in conjunction with Social Connectedness in Hilton.

This was 325 individual contacts.

CVS also continues to support individuals through the Direct Services offered to support individuals.



Please see below detailing support CVS has provided to the community during the pandemic.

In the last 20 months SDCVS and it's volunteers have:

- Made 19,320 befriending calls
- Made 1,040 shopping deliveries to vulnerable people
- Made 390 medication deliveries to vulnerable people
- Helped 469 people to get to vaccine/health appointments
- Provided 32,751 meals from our Food Bank
- Supported 588 volunteers
- Helped 212 community groups
- Helped 4,557 service users

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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).

Due to various factors the Stronger Theme Group has not met for some time. We aware this report focuses on the work of South Derbyshire CVS rather than involving other groups more widely.

South Derbyshire CVS would welcome the opportunity to revisit the terms of reference and aims of the Stronger Theme Group. It would be good to establish whether other community groups want to be part of the group and involved in engaging with the group.

We recognise that there is a difference in reporting that reflect the wider community groups and involvement rather or simply reporting from a CVS perspective and knowledge.

It would be helpful to discuss this with the partners.

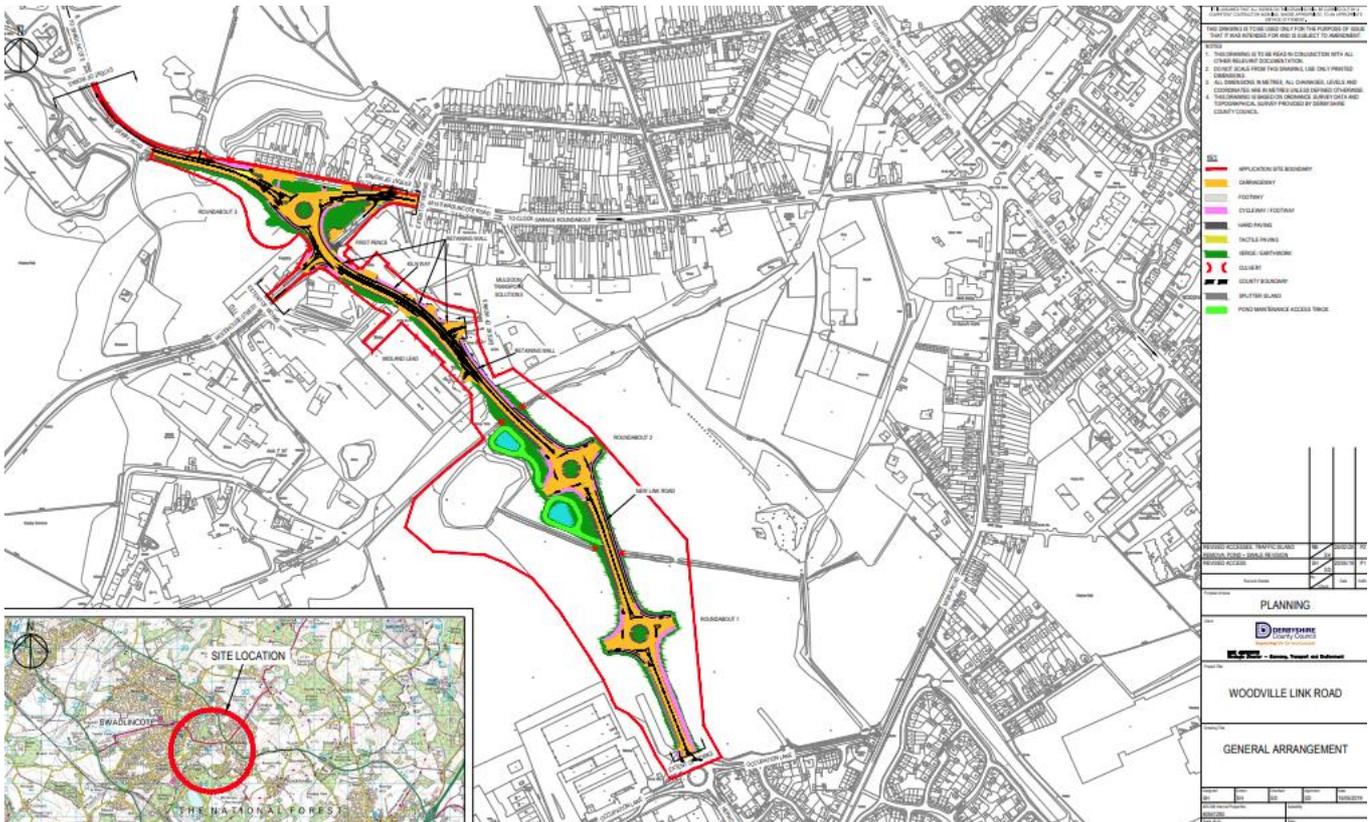
THEME GROUP: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

Woodville Regeneration Route

The new road between Swadlincote and Woodville opened to traffic on 22 December 2021. Landscaping works alongside the road are ongoing and expected to be completed over the next couple of months. The road provides a new vehicle, pedestrian and cycle route from the Woodville Woodlands area at Occupation Lane to the town centre, joining Swadlincote Road at the Snowsports Centre. In doing so, it forms the final section of the link between the A514 through Swadlincote town centre and the A511 Ashby bypass, helping to relieve through traffic from the congested Clock Island in the centre of Woodville.

The new arterial route will immediately open up a site of approx. 20 Hectares for mixed commercial and residential development, and it is anticipated will lead to further investment in the wider area. The road has been funded by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and Derbyshire County Council, together with contributions from housing developers in the area.





Unemployment

South Derbyshire local authority area (Claimant Count).

Dec 20	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Change on month	Change on year	GB Dec 21
3.8%	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%	-4%	-35%	4.4%
2,620	1,855	1,765	1,700			

There are currently over 1,600 jobs available within a ten-mile radius of Swadlincote. To date, the conclusion of the Job Retention Scheme (furlough) and Self Employment Income Support Scheme has not resulted in an upturn in unemployment.

South Derbyshire Business Advice Service

The South Derbyshire Business Advice Service has delivered 90 advice sessions in the third quarter of 2021/22, including to both new starts and established businesses.

COVID Business Support Grants

The District Council has distributed millions of pounds in Covid business support grants to smaller businesses in South Derbyshire over the last 18 months. Most recently, the Government has announced support for businesses impacted by the Omicron variant, as follows:

- Omicron hospitality, leisure and accommodation grant - This grant is aimed at rated hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses who have had their trading impacted by the recent surge in Covid cases because of the new Omicron variant. The scheme offers one-off grants ranging from £2,667 up to £6,000 depending on the rateable value of a business.
- Omicron rescue grant scheme (ARG) - This grant scheme offers grants of between £1,000 and £6,000 to businesses across South Derbyshire who have been negatively affected by COVID lockdown measures, including the recent Omicron variant, but are not eligible for the Omicron hospitality, leisure and accommodation grant

<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/covid-19/business-rates-support-and-grants>

The Heart of the Forest Draft Masterplan Vision

The Heart of the Forest is approximately 10 square miles in the centre of the National Forest, a landscape previously scarred by coal and clay mining which has been transformed since the creation of the National Forest in the early 1990s. The Draft Vision builds upon existing assets including Conkers, Hicks Lodge Cycle Centre, Moira Furnace Museum, YHA National Forest and the Camping and Caravanning Club site, alongside opportunities from ongoing restoration of the area.



The Draft Vision sets out ambitious interventions and investments which will create not just a place for leisure activity in an attractive forest landscape, but one which will actively contribute to the mitigation of climate change and help achieve net zero targets ahead of national timetables.

Financial Inclusion Group

The pandemic has led to closer partnership working in a number of areas. One simple and successful example was a guide to support services available to residents from multiple agencies that was collated by the Partnership and distributed with the 2021 Council Tax bills and at testing/vaccine centres. This focused on support for struggling households and individuals during the pandemic. The leaflet is currently being updated to repeat the promotion in 2022.

South Derbyshire District Council has been supporting Derbyshire County Council's promotion of Pension Credit take-up. It is estimated that around 17,000 Derbyshire pensioners are entitled to, but not claiming, the pension top-up, with the take-up rate for those aged over 75 at only 60%. The District Council has been raising awareness by contacting potential recipients and inviting them to contact the County Council's Welfare Benefits Team for a review of their income. This approach has led to an increase in take up and incomes of over £250,000 – and may now be rolled out in other areas of the County.

Civic Offices

The pandemic has seen a significant migration of customers to telephone and digital services. Face-to-face contact now tends to be document drop-offs and more vulnerable people who require a booked appointment.

A trial of altered face-to-face services at the Civic Offices is underway. A new Customer Services Access Point will see an additional self-serve kiosk area created for drop in customers at the front of the building, as well as more face-to-face booked appointments offered to customers. The new access point will operate much like a doctor's surgery – customers will be able to drop into a warm/dry space to ask quick queries or drop-off evidence. If they then need more in-depth support an appointment can be booked for them. Customers, staff and partner organisations will be able to give their views on the new arrangements as part of a six-month pilot.

South Derbyshire Careers Hub

A new Careers Hub which will support young people has been launched. The South Derbyshire Careers Hub is one of four led by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership, working with the Careers and Enterprise Company. The Hub covers the local authority areas of Amber Valley, Derby, Erewash and South Derbyshire. It aims to provide schools with additional support, resources and training to deliver modern, 21st Century careers education for every child, no matter their background or circumstance.

The new hub brings together school staff, particularly those who lead on careers education, with employers, further education colleges and apprenticeship and in-work training providers, to make sure young people in the region know about the options available to them after they leave education, and the different jobs open to them.



Welcome Back Fund

South Derbyshire has received European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) through the Welcome Back Fund. The Fund was established to support and promote the safe and successful reopening of the public environment for local trade and tourism, including running publicity campaigns and assisting with events that will boost footfall and encourage people back into the high streets and thereby supporting local businesses.

Following a number of events in Swadlincote and Melbourne during the Autumn, Swadlincote hosted Raymond Brigg's 'The Snowman™' and 'Snowdog' characters from 20 November to 16 January, in the form of a sculpture trail around the town centre. The Snowman™ and Snowdog Trail has attracted thousands of visitors to the town centre, not only local residents but also visitors who have travelled to the area specifically to take part. Town centre businesses have reported direct benefits from the Trail and accompanying programme of Christmas events. A video promoting the town centre's small retail and hospitality businesses was also produced to coincide with Small Business Saturday and has been viewed thousands of times on social media.

The Snowman™ and Snowdog Trail: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkw8Eego66w>
Discover Swadlincote: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmTWAC4cLKU>

D2N2 Local Skills Report

The new Local Skills Report sets out the actions needed to make sure everyone has the skills which will allow them to get good jobs, both now and in the future - and how they will also help the region address other issues, from climate change to regional inequality. The report outlines how stakeholders can assist to build more inclusive and sustainable economies and societies:

- **Government:** Provide funding continuity; increase access to reskilling; use skills advisory panels to enable a strategic focus on skills encompassing all funding streams and audiences.
- **Post-16 Skills Providers:** Continue to reassess delivery against the shifting needs of the economy; build collaborative skills pathways; embed digital and low carbon in all learning pathways.
- **Schools:** Provide senior support of careers activity; promote all technical skills pathways; embed careers inspiration and core digital skills in the curriculum.
- **Local Authorities:** Work from this common evidence base for new developments such as County Deals; facilitate relationships between local employers and schools.
- **Employers and Business Representative Organisations:** Make skills core to recovery and growth planning; engage with colleges, universities and other providers in the skills system to develop the future workforce; support your workers in retraining, reskilling and upskilling.

https://d2n2lep.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/D2N2-Skills-Report-Refresh_January_2022_compressed-2.pdf



Derbyshire Cultural Framework

The Framework includes a blend of short-term measures to support recovery along with longer-term interventions to enable the sector to become more resilient, re-orientate, grow, capitalise on new opportunities and support Derbyshire's place-shaping strategies, in particular the visitor economy and market towns renewal. The Framework identifies five key themes:

- Derbyshire Hothouse: developing and diversifying Derbyshire's creative talent.
- The Derbyshire Story: celebrating Derbyshire's cultural heritage, stories, landscape and people.
- New Market Place: harnessing culture and creativity to build vibrant, welcoming cultural hubs for residents and visitors.
- Shine a Light: developing distinctive signature projects, of scale and quality, to dramatically improve the offer for local communities and visitors.
- Collective Derbyshire: providing leadership and a shared voice to support sustainability and collaboration across the county and city.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/pdf/business/economic/cultural-framework-report.pdf>

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:

- Covid-19 Business Support Grants:
www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/covid-19/business-rates-support-and-grants
- Green Entrepreneurs Fund - A £2 million grant fund for businesses interested in developing and investing in green energy and carbon reduction schemes, supporting training and game changing proposals in alternative energy, clean fuel and carbon reduction.
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/green-entrepreneurs-fund/



**Agenda Report to the Board
Item 11. PARTNERSHIP BUDGET UPDATE**

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To support a funding award of £2,000 for the South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers.

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

The Partnership approved the following project via correspondence in December 2021:

3.1 Work Club

Project Overview:

To support local job seekers who are ready to re-enter the workforce but need additional support, help and guidance in an accessible non-threatening venue located in the heart of one of the most deprived areas of South Derbyshire. This year the project will ensure a particular emphasis on those who have been affected by redundancies and job losses as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Support and help consists of building confidence and motivation, developing/increasing IT skills, CV writing, interview skills, improved letter writing and form completing skills, support setting up and using email accounts and Find a Job.

Objectives:

- To reduce the amount of benefit claimants via increasing the amount of people re-entering the workforce, volunteering and entering training opportunities.
- To improve mental and emotional wellbeing by providing a friendly, informal and unique service which endeavours to provide every individual with quality time and support, including on a one to one basis.
- Improve the quality of family life and financial stability by providing individuals with the confidence, skills, self-belief and motivation along with tangible tools, such as a professionally written CV, covering letter and interview skills to look for and secure employment.
- Increased skills base in low/poorly educated adults – IT skills, ability to complete forms/write letters and the ability to communicate effectively and calmly.



- Offering specialist one to one, confidential help to those requiring a little extra support, privacy and guidance.
- Work in partnership with other local service providers and county level services such as BBO, ALICE, CAB Digital Learning, National Careers Service and Financial Inclusion Group, etc to share best practice, keep abreast of rules and legislation and signpost clients to maximise support, ensuring all pockets of the community get the help required.
- Maximise funding to achieve targets.
- Work closely with Swadlincote Jobcentre and South Derbyshire District Council Housing Officers to maximise referrals and ensure all job seekers are given the opportunity to attend.

Outcomes:

12 Work Club sessions
26 new participants (individuals)
52 participants (repeat visits)
26 new CVs

- 3.2 The Partnership has received the following funding request (See Appendix for further details).

South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers

Project Overview:

The Rangers Group is the hub for formal and on the job training and then this feeds out into other volunteering groups locally e.g. "Birding for Beginners, Trent and Mersey Canal volunteering, The Conservation Volunteers, Heartwood Community Woodfuel group etc. The Environmental Forum is the online hub where opportunities and information are shared and groups supported e.g. in finding experts or particular training.

Objectives:

- To improve practical skills and knowledge of the environment and conservation.
- To widen knowledge about climate issues and personal impact opportunities.
- To encourage social and physical mixing within different age groups (retired and young people) and mixing geographically across the District (skill sharing between groups).
- To make tangible improvements to habitats and the local environment – both directly through Rosliston Rangers and indirectly by supporting wider networks and other groups.

Outcomes:

- Improved mental wellbeing of participants.
- Reduced isolation for some participants who have identified this as a reason for attending.



- Improvements to the local area through conservation volunteering.
- Increasing conservation skill levels for participants.
- Increased employability skills for participants (eg team working, understanding health and safety, timekeeping).

Rangers:

- At least 15 participants per session, with around 20 different people attending over the time period.

Environmental Forum online community:

- At least three relevant posts per week by the Team and other members of the community.
- Reach at least 20 people per post.
- Opportunities to support people new to social media e.g. the Group has been asked to help the local insect group to set up more of a social media presence.
- Supporting positivity rather than doom and gloom re environmental emergency – i.e. positive contributions, personal impact, increased understanding of the issues and solution ideas.

Networking event:

- At least 25 people representing at least 15 different groups.



2021/22 Distribution of Funds

3.3 South Derbyshire District Council has provided £10,000 of funding to the Partnership for 2021/22.

2021/22	£
Income	
Balance from previous years	7,424.05
Underspend from Community Awards 2019/20	1,526.80
SDDC contribution for 2021/22	10,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	18,950.85
Expenditure	
• Project Awards:	
ALICE Project (South Derbyshire CVS) – match funding for £3,500 from Derbyshire County Council (Public Health Locality Funding)	1,500.00
South Derbyshire Community Heroes: Roll of Honour (SDDC) virtual community awards – match funding sought by SDCVS through sponsorship.	2,026.80
50+ Survey (SDDC/SDCVS) – matched in-kind by staff time.	500.00
Work Club (Old Post Centre) - match funding for £1,264 from Derbyshire County Council (Public Health Locality Funding)	1,500.00
• Project Proposals:	
South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers – match funding of £1,935 in cash/kind by SDDC and the National Forest Company	2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,526.80
BALANCE	11,424.05

3.4 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 Supporting the proposed project will leave the Partnership with a positive balance of £11,424.05.



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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Appendices:

1. Application Form: South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers



APPENDIX 1

**Application for Funding
(April 2021 – March 2022)**

Please complete all sections of this form

1. Applicant Details

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2. Project Details

Title of Project: South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers

Please give a brief summary of the action to be taken and the main objectives:

Brief description of the Project: (eg. target locality, target group and how you will deliver the programme)

Background

The Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers are interdependent.

The Rangers Group is the hub for formal and on the job training and then this feeds out into other volunteering groups locally e.g. "Birding for Beginners, Trent and Mersey Canal volunteering, The Conservation Volunteers, Heartwood Community Woodfuel group etc.

The Environmental Forum is the online hub where opportunities and information are shared and groups supported e.g. in finding experts or particular training.

The project

Running volunteering sessions for mixed age groups, sign-posting to specific training courses (e.g. first aid, brush cutter training, coppicing training, carbon literacy) and providing on the job training to extend their skills in environmental conservation and environmental/ Climate Change/ carbon footprint awareness. Also enabling people to develop employability skills and experience in team working, risk assessment/health and safety and managing self, including timekeeping.

Supporting a networking event for various groups to meet and swap ideas (covid permitting) in March 2022.

Aim is that all sessions will be free and that training that is facilitated or led will be free. (The Team may signpost to some local training with a small fee as well as the free opportunities).

Four sessions will run in February and March.

Focal points for late winter and early spring 2022 are:

- a Jubilee project creating a new meadow area and hedgerow and planting commemorative trees.
- a networking event in March.

Target participations



Rangers:

- People unemployed and looking to retrain.
- Young people and others leaving training and needing experience in order to get jobs.
- People needing a boost for their mental health.
- Retired people keen to make a difference and support / improve/ learn about their local area.

Environmental Forum online community:

- At least three relevant posts per week by the Team and other members of the community.
- Reach at least 20 people per post.
- Opportunities to support people new to social media e.g. the Group has been asked to help the local insect group to set up more of a social media presence.
- Supporting positivity rather than doom and gloom re environmental emergency – i.e. positive contributions, personal impact, increased understanding of the issues and solution ideas.

Aim: to run events and activities for conservation volunteering on site and also to support wider digital engagement with the environment – merging the two where possible.

Objectives:

- To improve practical skills and knowledge of the environment and conservation.
- To widen knowledge about climate issues and personal impact opportunities.
- To encourage social and physical mixing within different age groups (retired and young people) and mixing geographically across the District (skill sharing between groups).
- To make tangible improvements to habitats and the local environment – both directly through Rosliston Rangers and indirectly by supporting wider networks and other groups.

Outcomes: (e.g. improved mental wellbeing)

- Improved mental wellbeing of participants.
- Reduced isolation for some participants who have identified this as a reason for attending.
- Improvements to the local area through conservation volunteering.
- Increasing conservation skill levels for participants.
- Increased employability skills for participants (eg team working, understanding health and safety, timekeeping).

Outputs: (e.g. number of beneficiaries, number of sessions)

Rangers:

- At least 15 participants per session, with around 20 different people attending over the time period.

Environmental Forum online community:

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3. Describe how your project is supporting the South Derbyshire Partnership?	Please refer to the South Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2020: 2017 Refresh (available on SDDC website)
Priority	Activity
Healthier Communities	Physical fitness is improved through conservation activities.
Healthier Communities	Improved mental health has been linked to community volunteering, physical activity and engagement with nature.
Safer Communities	By increasing local pride in the area, it is hoped that damage e.g. to public open space will be reduced i.e. if an area is shabby and full of rubbish that tends to attract more rubbish. By improving an area (and supporting local groups to do so) it is hoped that it will remain well looked after.
Vibrant Communities	Active volunteering is a key factor in encouraging thriving, vibrant communities. This project would also support making South Derbyshire an attractive place to live in, work in and visit and increase the knowledge base of local biodiversity. A conservation working group would be able to support local village groups with practical task-orientated training for low or no cost to the village groups/participants. Interlinks between this group and other local groups across the District from Overseal and Coton to Melbourne and Aston.

3. What are the Project costs?

Breakdown of total Project costs:

Environmental Forum:

£400 (10hrs @£40/hr) – social media support for groups (Nature Journaling; Insect Group).

£400 (10 hrs online networking and sourcing/sharing info January/February/March 2022).

Equipment:

£750 for brushcutter which anyone attending the free training would be able to borrow for their group.

Hosting a wider network event in March 2022 for up to 15 different groups:

£600 staffing to facilitate workshops e.g. on volunteer tasks and management - two x staff ½ day planning and ½ day delivery @£40/hr / 15 hrs total.

£0 use of venue – in kind (SDDC).

£25 refreshments (basic tea and coffee flask refills).

£40 (1 hr) marketing support/publicity for the event.

Jubilee trees:

£300 for holly, buckthorn.

£150 for 3 x half standard greengage trees.

Rosliston Rangers:

£1,200 two x additional leaders Feb-March £25/hr @ six hours each per session for four sessions.

£50 for two x additional first aid kits and extra resources (haemostatic pads for bleeds).

Plaque for Jubilee trees (to acknowledge SDP):

£20.

Total Cost: £3,935.



How much funding towards the Project is sought from the South Derbyshire Partnership and what would this be spent on?

£2,000

This would be spent on contributing to all elements of the project but particularly the networking and training opportunities

4. Will the grant be used for match funding? Yes / No (please circle)

If yes, how much funding will be drawn from elsewhere (and the source)?

A grant from the National Forest Company (Dec 2021) will contribute 50% of material and planning costs for Rosliston Rangers.

The National Forest Company is also providing some of the training courses and networking opportunities.

5. Please explain how the need for this Project has been determined?

The Team cannot keep pace with the number of volunteers that want to do environmental conservation. There is funding for one leader per week and this has been costed at one x leader per week to the covid grant as the Group had to be split to minimise contact.

Four-five leaders are needed per session now on a regular basis and to keep the sessions free additional funding is required.

There are two new trainee leaders and they need to build up their skills to be able and confident to take a group on their own.

Numbers have been building gradually since Covid began from an average of five to seven each time. W/c 10 and 17 Jan 17-20 people attended and therefore there is a need for an additional two leaders per session, more first aid kits and some more equipment. They also want to come more often than once x per fortnight, which cannot currently be facilitated.

The work they are doing is great and it is wonderful to see they have taken their skills to other groups and other sites too. This "outreach" is not a specific project need for the Team but is beneficial to a wider area.

6. How will Project be monitored and evaluated?

Numbers and tasks are recorded at each session and photos taken.

7. Please provide details of any other funding your organisation currently receives from South Derbyshire District Council?

Core staffing costs for project managers and facility hire are met by SDDC.

Please complete and return to;

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