

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

REPTON – AREA 2

Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2022 at 6:30pm

Ticknall Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Andrew MacPherson (Chair), Councillor Martin Ford, Councillor David Muller, Councillor David Shepherd.

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking Notes)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor David Muller.

Derbyshire Police Representatives

Inspector Mike Sisman
PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite
PC Stefan Bancroft
PCSO David Marley

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Susan Browne – Findern Parish Council
Paul Collyshaw – Ticknall Parish Council
David Dickinson – Repton Parish Council
Charles Fellows – Stenson Fields Parish Councils
Jonathan Sheldon – Repton Parish Council

Members of the Public

Eddie Bisknell, Vivien Taylor, Liz Wibberley.

1. Open Meeting

- a) Introductions and Housekeeping**
- b) Apologies**



Councillor Andrew Churchill, Councillor Kerry Haines, Councillor Lakvinder Singh, Tony Bates, Stella Collishaw – South Derbyshire CVS, Richard Lisewski – Stenson Fields Parish Council, Cliff Warner.

c) Chair's Announcements

Parklife

The Parklife Project has been developed to get local people more active in our parks by offering a range of free and low-cost events and activities.

The project aims to:

- Encourage more families to use the parks
- Attract people to the parks who are physically inactive and would like to be more active
- Work towards local ownership and greater community involvement
- Educate local people in the history and natural environment of the parks
- Improve the natural environment and biodiversity

[Parklife leaflet](#)

Children's Activity Leaflets – Summer Scheme

The South Derbyshire Summer Playscheme makes a return this year, after two years of absence due to the pandemic. Over 100 sessions of FREE activity have been booked and funded by Parish Councils and Safer South Derbyshire, across the whole of the district.

This will see the Play, Sport and Adventure Mobiles return to offer a programme of fun, active, engaging sessions for all the family to get involved in.

The Summer Activities 2022 leaflet can be downloaded from the below link (which will be circulated after the meeting), or hard copies are available and will be distributed to every school in the district.

[Active young people - School holidays | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

d) To receive the minutes of the last meeting

All received as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

e) Matters arising from the last minutes

All matters arising are contained within the Agenda Packs of the meeting.

2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite gave the following update:



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Since the last round of Area Forum Meetings, we have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatre which were set as:

- 1) Speeding
- 2) ASB in Open Spaces
- 3) School Parking

New priorities will be set after this round of forum meetings for the next quatre.

We have been attending a variety of crime prevention and engagement events. We have been doing targeted patrols following burglaries in Willington and we have undertaken crime prevention visits to those affected.

Also, we went along to an engagement event held at Calke Abbey, a Luncheon Club talk at Milton Village Hall and Repton Luncheon Club.

We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the weekend celebrations.

Signs have been put up around Willington Services following reports of theft from parked vans along with and crime prevention event held in the location.

A Water Safety Event was held at Foremark Reservoir and Church Watch Scheme visits and patrols have been conducted around the area's Churches.

Since the last Area Forum meeting your local SNT have taken part the Nationwide Bi-Annual 'Op Sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week SNT completed test purchase operations at shops throughout the area of which no shops failed. We set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages. Also, knife surrender bins were advertised and in different locations on different dates. We also visited a variety of schools to complete talks around knife crime. Pavements on local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre with chalk spray and stencils kindly donated by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to SNT to help us with patrols, the bikes have been funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership, so a huge thankyou to them for our E-Bikes.

SNT have given out banners to local schools which were funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership and have been put up by many of the schools highlighting safe parking outside of schools.

We have completed numerous school talks on 'How We Help', 'Stranger Danger', 'ASB', 'Knife Crime' and 'E Safety'.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five wanted persons being arrested, which was a great result for the team.



We have been carrying out joint targeted patrols around Rural Areas which have been conducted alongside the Rural Crime Team Officers. A couple of our own Officers have recently completed their Rural Officer Training too.

Our Partnership work with SNT and Environmental Enforcement Officers took place to locate two fly tipping offenders who were both issued with a £400 fine.

In terms of E-Scooters, all schools have been emailed asking them to assist with passing our messages to parents around the use of E-Scooters. Numerous E-Scooter offences have been dealt with by the team.

A vehicle that failed to stop whilst on Speed Checks was located a short time after abandoned with a quantity of drugs inside which was then seized.

A drink driver was caught in Repton blowing 75 which is twice the legal limit, she was arrested and charged.

Numerous Traffic Offence Reports were issued for those drivers caught speeding on checks made. Six vehicles have been seized by the team for a variety of offences ranging from vehicles being unroadworthy, no insurance and/ or no licence.

In terms of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in parks and open spaces, this has not been a huge issue within the Mercia area however, patrols have been completed and any ASB found has been dealt with pro-actively by the team.

Partnership meetings regularly take place with the rangers at Foremark Reservoir and SNT who work closely together to combat any issues and prevent them occurring.

Regarding school parking, regular school patrols have been completed throughout the area and engagement within schools and with parents has taken place.

200 Cannabis Plants were located at an address in Stenson Fields by the team and a 21-year-old male has been arrested and charged.

PCSO's Marley, Robbins and Greville received a hat trick of commendations from the force:

- 1) Finding a female who required the officers to conduct CPR.
- 2) Locating a person who had taken an overdose and attempted to electrocute themselves.
- 3) Whilst finishing a shift and on his way home PCSO Marley came across a Road Traffic Collision involving a drink driver; PCSO Greville also just off duty swiftly joined him to assist. PCSO Marley managed to defuse the situation and detain the male until Police arrived and PCSO Greville managed to conduct traffic control until units arrived at the scene.



Some of the good results from our RPU and Roads Crime Team in the Mercia Area have included an arrest made and approximately £24,000 seized, along with a large quantity of suspected cocaine. A sentence of three years in Prison was given.

A joint operation with Staffordshire RPU at Willington prohibited several vehicles and an arrest of a wanted male was made.

A drink driver arrested in Newton Solney and speed checks in Ticknall have been complete by the RPU.

A joint operation relating to seat belt and child seat safety held with SNT, RPU and DCC took place.

You can call 101, visit www.derbyshire.police.uk, report via @derpolcontact on twitter and via the main Derbyshire Constabulary Facebook page via Direct Message.

Inspector Sisman added, as an overview of what is going on within the Team at the moment; five new PC's are due to start in August which will boost the numbers in the Response Team which will then impact positively on the SNT.

In terms of the SNT, we are short staffed at the moment, however we do have two new PCSO's starting in September. Also, one of our Officer's has been promoted to Sergeant, which is great news. With regard to the PCSO numbers at the moment, it is something which is a national problem. We are working on it and hope to see results soon.

At the moment, Domestic Abuse is the bulk of our work, these are the 24/7 crimes which not everyone sees.

We have invested heavily in our call centre, the 101-call handling should begin to improve with the new system in place. Inspector Sisman thanked the attendees for their patience with the matter.

In terms of the Merica area, our Teams from elsewhere can get here faster than what we can from Swadlincote, so please bare this in mind when reporting incidents or issues.

We have an incredibly strong relationship with South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership and along with Claire Rawlins, the ASB Officer has been dealing positively with any issues in and around the area and working closely with partner agencies.

Councillor Neil Atkin gave an update on two incident that recently took place within the area. The Police, County Council and Canal Trust are all aware of the matters. The Canal Bridges in Stenson Fields and Barrow upon Trent have undertaken damage due to the incidents and the relevant parties are dealing with the people who caused the damage. A caravan top-sided after a collision with an Uber driver in Stenson causing a head on collision with the bridge. The wall which took the impact is not safe



and the road will need closing for the repair work to take place. Work is being done with DCC to make sure certain roads are not closed at the same time, which would cause issues for road users.

Councillor Shepherd explained there has been some mild ASB incidents within the Stenson Fields area which have been discussed with Chris, Claire and the Police and thanked all involved for their hard work as positive action has been taken.

A member of the public raised an issue concerning the noise of Police vehicles when travelling through Main Street to High Street in Repton.

PCSO Wallington-Waite explained it is a legal requirement for the Police to have both sirens and blue lights on when travelling to an emergency incident.

Ticknall Parish Council raised concerns over 101 call times.

Inspector Sisman reiterated that a lot of work has gone into the call centre and changes should soon be noticeable.

ACTION: Inspector Sisman to take back concerns over 101 call times.

Ticknall Parish Council also raised concerns over the amount of time it took for an Officer to visit an incident after the original call was made to Police.

Inspector Sisman explained that all of their response is based on risk and threat, for example, an Officer may be with a victim of Domestic Abuse at the time.

ACTION: Inspector Sisman to take back concerns of time for Officer Presence after a 101 call.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite explained that the call centre will advise individuals when on the call as to when the Officers will be in attendance and explain the situation.

A question was raised about how to contact the Police to report crime rather than calling 101, due to the call time.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite explained there are other ways to report crime and disorder, via Twitter, Facebook and Crimestoppers. All the contact details can be found within the Agenda Packs for these meeting on the Useful Contacts page.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Chris Smith gave the following update: -

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.



Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as Section 106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary Sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant Scheme.

Liberation Day 2022

Liberation Day took place on Wednesday 18 May 2022, where over 350 over 60's attended and were treated to great weather, 'big band' music, afternoon tea and cake, advice and information stalls and guest speakers including Police Inspector Mike Sisman and the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire. The event was a great success.

Street Whyze Project

We have been working closely with the South Derbyshire Support Centre (previously known as Newhall Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to commission knife crime education input into the centre. A local organisation known as the Street Whyze who have previously worked in Birmingham, have been approached to provide the input. The delivery will include twelve weekly group sessions and six identified individuals will receive six weekly one-to-one sessions.

Electric Bikes

In response to a request made by PC Robert McGlade, two new Electric Bikes have been funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership for use by the South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is planned that the bikes will be used in and around the Urban Core as well as in more Northern Areas of the District.

Banners

Thirty new road safety banners, also funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership are being distributed to Schools across the District by local SNT Officers. Two different designs were purchased, one which states 'DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAGS and another which states 'THINK BEFORE YOU PARK'.

Operation Sceptre

Operation Sceptre, a National Knife Crime Awareness Week dedicated to tackling and preventing knife crime took place between Monday 16 and Sunday 22 May, 2022. During the week of action there was a series of press releases, knife sweeps in local parks, social media posts, a knife amnesty bin located in Swadlincote and chalk paint stencilling in our Urban Core parks and open spaces.

Pubwatch



There was a great turn-out to the latest South Derbyshire Pubwatch meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, whereby sixteen pubs were in attendance. An informative presentation was given by the Licensed Trade Charity (LTC) and the Police provided an update on fake ID's.

Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster has launched a second round of funding from her Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant worth £100,000 for projects that take positive action against Anti-Social Behaviour. These could include sports and creative arts diversionary programmes, drop-ins for young people, CCTV, community clean-ups, and mentoring projects.

Grants of up to £5000 will be allocated to successful applicants who can show evidence of how they will make a difference to the local community. More information can be found on the PCC's website.

Scams Awareness Fortnight

Between June 13th and 19th, we supported Scams Awareness Fortnight; social media posts were created to promote this via the Councils website and social media channels as well as on the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Facebook page.

Safer Neighbourhood Funding

We have received an application for Safer Neighbourhood Funding from Repton Parish Council to help with contributions to their purchase of a footpath light in Matthews Jitty.

Repton Parish Council are asking for a contribution of £1410 to a total cost of £1880.

Chris Smith put the application to the floor to which the application was approved.

4. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Active Travel

This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last 3 months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Befriending

Since March 2020 our Befriending Service has been carried out through telephone calls. We are beginning to talk to volunteers and service users who want to resume face to face visits. In the last three months we have supported 50 individuals, 600 contacts based on one visit per week. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or connect@sdcvcs.org.uk.



Handy Person Help at Home Support Service

This service provides practical solutions for those who need a bit of help to stay independent in their own homes. We can help with grab rails, key safes and other minor adjustments. In the last three months we have received 70 referrals.

Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or

handysupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This service has been continuing to support people throughout the pandemic. We have been helping people with shopping and prescription/ medication collection doing doorstep deliveries and these are continuing too. In the last three months we have supported 135 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and with procedures in place to keep everyone involved safe.

Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 817417 or home@dhfh.org.uk.

Safer Homes

This service is available to offer advice and practical assistance to people who have been victims of crime or are vulnerable. People will feel safer at home and have some things in place to protect their home. Over the last three months we have supported 93 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank is now operating from Hill St Baptist Church in Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the last three months the Food Bank have supplied 356 food parcels and supported 449 adults and 260 children. Please telephone 07458 305314 for referrals or information.

Community Development Team

The team support local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. Our aim is to provide support, information and advice to volunteer trustees, voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information please email, development@sdcv.org.uk.

Connected South Derbyshire

This project aims to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their



communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact BethanyO@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Volunteer Force

The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information, please contact Volunteer@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project – to set up a Covid Connectors Network throughout South Derbyshire

Since January 2021 the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more on health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information please contact, Selinaw@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Communications

Digital (Website, Facebook and Twitter)

We have just launched our new website which holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us at www.sdcvs.org.uk.

As well as:

- Sending out regular e-bulletins
- External events/training
- Job vacancies
- Volunteering opportunities
- Funding

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website www.sdcvs.org.uk, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Non-Digital

- Sharing information through our outreach work – handing out leaflets and posters which can be displayed on parish notice boards
- We've been looking at using the different community magazines which have an enormous reach out to local people in South Derbyshire.
- Attending more community events to chat to local people and raise our profile

Surveys



Digital Inclusion

SDCVS want to understand the challenges and extent of digital exclusion in South Derbyshire. We need the local community to help us establish why some people are digitally excluded. What are the barriers to connecting and using digital equipment and how can we help people become more connected?

Accessibility

SDCVS are keen to understand the issues and concerns residents of Swadlincote may have in relation to access to the retail and leisure facilities in the town centre.

We're undertaking a survey to help us understand the needs of the community we serve. We are especially keen to engage with people who have a disability or mobility issues, which make accessing the Swadlincote town centre difficult.

Office Move

46-48 Grove Street has now been sold and we are currently looking for new premises in Swadlincote where we will also re-locate the Food Bank.

5. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Frank McArdle gave the following update:

Festival of Leisure

The Festival of Leisure was back this year following a two-year absence due to Covid-19. The special Jubilee themed event took place last weekend at Maurice Lea Memorial Park and attracted thousands of visitors into the area. There was some great coverage of the event in the Burton Mail and attractions included local brass bands, motorcycle stunt display, gun dog display and a variety of local stalls.

Heathy Homes Assistance Fund (Housing)

As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, members should be aware of the availability of the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund. This is a project, funded through the Better Care Fund, which has now been successfully operating for two years.

The Fund provides funding of up to £10,000 as discretionary assistance to ensure vulnerable or disabled households living in private sector properties can live in homes that are safe and free from serious defects or hazards, are warm and secure.

The purpose of this assistance is to remove significant hazards in people's homes or to provide security and/or energy efficiency measures to reduce fuel poverty.

Works eligible for assistance is at the discretion of the Council and in general relate to the removal or help to remedy defects or deficiencies within the home that impact on health. Work typically involves:



- Essential repairs to make the property safe, warm, weatherproof or healthy.
- Installation or replacement central heating systems or improve the energy performance of the home.
- Work to prevent falls around the home.
- Additional security measures.

All works must be deemed as reasonable and practicable having regard to the age and condition of the property.

In the last two years the Fund has been used to help 92 different households across the district.

Referrals generally come from colleagues working in Social Services, the Fire Service, and the Police, however anyone (Councillors included) are welcome to make referrals.

The Fund is administered through the Public Health and Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Services who employ Stephanie Thandi to run the project. Stephanie has many years of experience of working with highly vulnerable clients and has an extensive network of connections across the region to get the best possible set of interventions to help people in need.

Referrals to the project can be made by contacting:
environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The Hospital Discharge Scheme (Housing)

A discretionary assistance for people in hospital or health or social care funded placement whose discharge is delayed due to the conditions of their home, or the assistance will prevent emergency admission into one of these places.

The applicant must be deemed capable as living independently and works will be determined on case-by-case basis. Eligible works can include:

- Urgent adaptations that allow access in or around a person's home
- Urgent repairs to remove serious hazards
- Heating repairs or improvement
- Property clearance and one off deep cleans of hoarded goods etc.
- This not exhaustive and any works will be considered that reduces bed blocking.

Again, referrals can be made to environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk.

The aim of both the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund and the Hospital Discharge Scheme is to:

- Increase the number of people living at home independently and safely
- Reduce the number of serious hazards



- Improve the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people living in our district.
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) is a Government/ Local Authority funded initiative to install energy saving measures in Council properties. In total South Derbyshire District Council has £1.6 million to spend in this wave.

Approximately 111 properties are included in South Derbyshire District Council Wave 1. Installed measures may include cavity, loft and external wall insulation, A+++ window glazing, insulated doors but could include other appropriate measures that will raise the overall energy performance to a 'C' rating.

Surveys are complete and installation is expected to start in August 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2023.

South Derbyshire District Council will be bidding for Wave 2 Funding in the late Summer of 2022.

Community Survey 2022 –Shaping Future Services

South Derbyshire District Council is asking people who live or visit the District to complete a short online survey to help shape future leisure and community services.

The Council is reviewing its leisure offer across the District to ensure it is fit for purpose, and meets the needs of residents and the growing population.

A vital part of this review process is for the Council to understand how South Derbyshire residents and visitors use the current local leisure facilities alongside people's general attitude towards physical activity and exercise.

Answers provided will help the Council understand what barriers may be preventing people from being more physically active and using local leisure facilities more, and what can be done to help overcome these.

The survey's questions focus on people's leisure, sport and physical activity habits. All responses are anonymous, and the survey is open to people aged 15 plus who live or visit South Derbyshire.

To complete the survey, please visit [Online Community Survey 2022](#) or there is a QR code which can be scanned on your mobile phones.

The survey is open until 22 July 2022.

South Derbyshire Local Plan

The decision to commence a formal review of the Local Plan Part 1 was agreed at Committee in August 2021. The first consultation as part of this review will be the



publication of an Issues and Options document; this consultation document is expected to go to Committee in September 2022 for approval.

The responses made to the Issues and Options consultation will be used to help shape the draft Local Plan. It is through consultation on the draft Plan that proposed allocations (for example for housing and employment) are first publicly set out. The draft Plan will go to a Committee either during or after June 2023.

Repton Parish Council raised a question concerning Repton within the Local Plan.

Chair, Councillor MacPherson explained, there is a plan at the moment and it is being revised and amended as necessary. The Community Neighbourhood Plan can be embedded into it as well, so it will all be aligned with each other.

Frank McArdle added that Repton has a Neighbourhood Plan for three years which will go straight into the Local Plan.

Frank McArdle discussed the plans for Swadlincote Town Centre with the members of the meeting. Explaining that there have been deals agreed with eight new businesses to come into Swadlincote Town Centre and they are names that will be recognised.

Councillor Shepherd added that due to the growth of the District, [we] have written to the MP with concerns from the District Council. Work is being done to provide more health needs for the District.

Councillor Shepherd gave an update of issues and concerns from the Stenson Ward with matters for both District and County Council. The pre-submitted notes made to Rosie Collins have been forwarded to those necessary and all actions will be updated on in the full report back in the next Agenda Pack for the Autumn Area Forum Meetings.

6. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
Inspector Sisman to take back concerns around 101 call times.	Inspector Sisman
Inspector Sisman to take back concerns of time for Officer Presence after a 101 call.	Inspector Sisman
Councillor Atkins to update Rosie on Councillor Shepherd's DCC matters.	Councillor Atkin

7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at Stenson Fields Community Centre

Councillor Andrew Macpherson
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:30pm

