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Safer South Derbyshire Partnership



**Safer Neighbourhood  
Area 2 - Mercia  
(6.15pm - 7.15pm)**

**Interval with light  
refreshments 7.15 - 7.30pm**

**and**

**Repton Area Forum  
(7.30pm - 8.30pm)**

**Tuesday, January 31,  
2017**

**Repton Village Hall  
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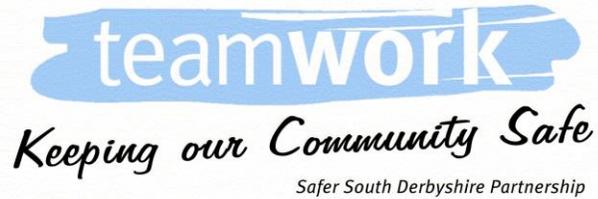


# Repton Village Hall, Askew Grove



**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS – JANUARY TO MAY 2017**

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b><u>JANUARY 2017</u></b>		
Environmental & Dev (Special-Budget)	Thu	05.01.17
Etwall JMC	Mon	09.01.17
Housing & Com Services (Special-Budget)	Tue	10.01.17
Finance & Management (Special-Budget)	Thu	12.01.17
Planning	Tue	17.01.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	18.01.17
COUNCIL	Thu	19.01.17
Employee H & S Committee	Wed	25.01.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	26.01.17
<b><u>FEBRUARY 2017</u></b>		
Housing & Community Services	Thu	02.02.17
Planning	Tue	07.02.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	08.02.17
Audit Sub	Wed	15.02.17
Finance & Management	Thu	16.02.17
Planning	Tue	28.02.17
<b><u>MARCH 2017</u></b>		
COUNCIL	Wed	01.03.17
Environmental & Development Services	Thu	02.03.17
Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Panel	Mon	06.03.17
Housing & Community Services	Thu	09.03.17
Finance & Management	Thu	16.03.17
Planning	Tue	21.03.17
Overview & Scrutiny	Wed	22.03.17
Audit Sub	Wed	29.03.17
<b><u>APRIL 2017</u></b>		
COUNCIL	Thu	06.04.17
Etwall JMC	Mon	10.04.17
Planning	Tue	11.04.17
Housing & Community Services	Thu	20.04.17
Employee Health & Safety Committee	Wed	26.04.17
Environmental & Development Services	Wed	26.04.17
Finance & Management	Thu	27.04.17
<b><u>MAY 2017</u></b>		
Planning	Tue	09.05.17
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thu	18.05.17
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thu	25.05.17



## **AGENDA**

### **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP - AREA 2**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6.15pm**  
**at Repton Village Hall**

**(Light refreshments will be served between 7.15 and 7.30pm)**

1. Chair's introduction. Apologies.
2. Nominations for vice-chair.
3. Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions.
4. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update.
5. Partnership Update / Funding / New project ideas.
6. Local issues – open forum (20 minutes).
7. Agreed priorities.
8. Date of next meeting.

Meeting close (7.15pm)

**AREA 2 – MERCIA SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

Present	Date of Meeting	Venue
<p>Councillor Peter Smith (Chairman), Shaun Woodcock (Safer South Derbyshire Community Safety Projects Officer), Sgt Graham Summers, PC Oliver Priddle, PCSO Kerry Wallington-Waite.</p> <p>D Barker, Ragnhild Dahl-Cunningham, Councillor Rob Davison, Anne Evans, Charles Fellows, JM Griffiths, Heather Hall, FJ Hill, Richard Lisewski, AD Lomas, Parmjit Mashiana, Peter Rainey, Councillor David Shepherd, Phil Smith, Steve Toone, Sam Watters.</p> <p>Also present: Tom Sloan (clerk).</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 4, 2016</p>	<p>Ticknall Village Hall</p>

1	Chair's Introduction. Apologies	Action
	Councillor Martyn Ford, Brian Goodall, Councillor Michael Stanton.	
2	Minutes of last meeting (to be agreed) and update on actions	Action
	The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
3	Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant's Overview / Priorities Update	Action
	<p>Sgt Graham Summers explained how there were no statistics available because Derbyshire Police's crime recording system had switched to a different software platform. There was nothing immediate or urgent to discuss regarding crime figures for Area 2. There had been a flurry of non-dwelling burglaries in the Ticknall area plus a spate of dwelling burglaries in Repton. Crime prevention advice had been offered in Ticknall and a different patrol strategy had been put in place in Repton. No suspects had been apprehended for either flurry.</p> <p>In previous meetings, Sgt Summers had stated that there was no legislation in place to deal with anti-social parking. Legislation targeted at drivers parking on pavements was repealed in 1991. However, there was potentially other legislation which covered the issue. Section 137 of the Highways Act would allow police to pursue somebody who caused an obstruction on a highway, preventing its use. Anyone prosecuted using it would be a test case. Sgt Summers had spoken to officers in Derby who had similar issues. The problem was it was exceptionally subjective as to what an obstruction would be. Sgt Summers didn't know what the outcome would be if it went to court. But there were tools available to use if someone was causing a specific problem.</p> <p>A resident asked if windscreens could be ticketed. Sgt Summers replied that police could put notices on windscreens but it wouldn't involve Fixed Penalty Notices. Sgt Summers was reluctant to go down Main Street, Repton, and give everyone a ticket for putting their wheels on the pavement. If a vehicle was consistently blocking the pavement then he would. PC Oliver Priddle added that a parking ticket was for £30. If a driver contested it in court, the fine remained at £30 with a huge administration bill for the police – in Derby City, prosecutions were carried out by Derby City</p>	

	<p>Council, so the administration cost didn't exist for the police.</p> <p>A resident complained that people were parking on the pavement at the junction of Pilgrims Way and Grampian Way and it was causing a hazard. Sgt Summers said it was an example of where the police could use the tools he had identified.</p> <p>PC Priddle confirmed that Ticknall Community Speed Watch had restarted with a different group of volunteers.</p> <p>An Audi R8 supercar being driven in an anti-social manner in Repton had been dealt with by way of a Section 59 warning. If the driver was seen again in similar circumstances in the next year, he would be prosecuted and the car would be seized.</p> <p>Derbyshire's CREST team (Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team) [speed camera vans] had ruled that Wragley Way and the surrounding roads in Stenson Fields were not eligible for a speed camera van. However, due to the concerns of residents, police were going to conduct some roadside checks. Figures showing how many speeding motorists were caught would be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>Police in Derbyshire had been issued with body-worn cameras. They were very helpful, especially when dealing with incidents of anti-social behaviour. Positive results were already coming in from across the force. Sgt Summers added that there had been a 93% reduction in complaints against the police since the cameras had been introduced.</p> <p>PC Priddle reported that the burglary team was managing a break-in at Ticknall Village Stores.</p> <p>A resident asked what the police were going to do with regards to motorists using mobile phones. Sgt Summers replied that officers in plain clothes and an unmarked car would be out spotting drivers using a phone. The resident asked if Grampian Way could be targeted and Sgt Summers didn't commit to a location to combat an offence which was committed "everywhere".</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Partnership update / funding / new project ideas</b>	
	<p>Shaun Woodcock reported that no new funding applications had been received for Area 2. There was still £3,800 left in the pot for the financial year 2016-17.</p> <p>Hate crime had risen quite dramatically in the UK post-Brexit. The levels had now fallen back to what they were before the referendum. South Derbyshire had low levels of hate crime but victims could often be reluctant to come forward, making official statistics difficult to rely upon.</p> <p>Prison Me? No Way! sessions were being given to young people in the district on the consequences of committing crime. The sessions were also being delivered in the district's four secondary schools.</p> <p>A resident stated that they had been targeted three times with abuse in the wake of the referendum result. They hadn't reported it as there was nothing to really report, except abuse hurled from passing cars. They knew other people in the Grampian Way, Stenson Fields, area who had also been targeted. Mr Woodcock replied that despite the injured party not knowing who had done it, or the details of the car the abuse came from, it was vital it was reported. Sgt Summers asked if it had occurred since Brexit and the resident confirmed it had, following 30 years of never being subject to racist abuse. Mr Woodcock added that if anyone was uncomfortable</p>	

	contacting the police they could get in touch with a nationwide charity called Stop Hate UK. Details were at the meeting.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Local issues – open forum (20 minutes)</b>	
	<p>Councillor David Shepherd reported recent incidents of ASB in Stenson. A Neighbourhood Watch contact had challenged two burglars who had broken into his garage and he was attacked with a knife. DCC now had a policy, which Councillor Shepherd agreed with, of shutting down lights at certain times. What was the police's response if a lack of lighting was shown to have been a factor in the burglary which took place? Sgt Summers replied that if it was a factor then the police would present that as evidence if DCC wanted to review the situation. The police would not instruct the county council to turn the lights back on. PC Priddle said he understood the offence had occurred in the hours when the lights were on.</p> <p>A resident stated that there had been two serious accidents in the previous three months in Knights Lane. An air ambulance had to attend on both occasions. Could anything be done about the road markings? Sgt Summers replied that it was a highways issue and to bring it up at Repton Area Forum.</p> <p>Councillor Rob Davison said the lights which had been mentioned earlier would not be going back on all night because there had only been two incidents – and both took place when the lights were on. Any incidents which had gone unreported needed to be placed on the record. Regarding Goathland Close, Councillor Davison offered to visit residents who had suffered and take statements from them. He would report his findings to DCC and then pass them onto the police.</p> <p>A member of the public asked what the situation was regarding the playing fields in Findern. They had suffered more than 10 years of ASB. Proposals for zip wires and seating areas would draw people to the park from all areas and the situation would worsen after a few quiet years.</p> <p>A resident reported a whole day of gunfire in the Findern area the previous Saturday. They had been forced to tranquilise their dog as a result. PCSO Kerry Wallington-Waite replied that it was usually farmers' gas guns. PC Priddle added that in this case it was sport and there was little the police could do as those firing the guns had not broken any laws.</p> <p>A resident reported that in Willington a neighbour had suffered a break-in to his van and the theft of tools during the hours of darkness. What was the tipping point for DCC? Councillor Smith said every case would be assessed on its merits. In his ward of Repton, several areas saw lights kept on. Councillor Davison added there were no fixed criteria.</p> <p>A member of the public stated that cars using the road past the Hillside playing field in Findern were travelling at speeds in excess of 40mph. PCSO Wallington-Waite said she would report it to the Community Speed Watch.</p> <p>A resident asked if there was any record of accidents taking place at Peacehaven road junction, in Etwall. PC Priddle replied that he was unaware of any accidents at the location.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Agreed priorities</b>	
	No priorities were agreed. Councillor Smith reported that two articulated lorries had met on Ingleby Lane trying to avoid the 7.5 tonne weight limit on Swarkestone Causeway and caused an impasse. Sgt Summers replied that it was an issue for Derbyshire County Council's highways team.	

<b>7</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	The date and time of the next meeting to be advised in due course.	

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# SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM REPTON**

(Covering Bretby, Calke, Findern, Foremark, Ingleby, Milton, Newton Solney, Repton, Smisby, Stenson Fields, Ticknall, Twyford & Stenson and Willington).

**Meeting to be held at:**

**Repton Village Hall  
Askew Grove  
Repton  
DE65 6GR**

**on Tuesday, January 31, 2017  
at 7.30pm**

### Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Peter Smith (Chair) and Councillors Manjit Chahal, Martyn Ford, Andrew MacPherson, David Shepherd and Michael Stanton.

County Councillors: Councillors Mrs Linda Chilton, Rob Davison and Martyn Ford.

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## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. Chairman's announcements.
4. To note the minutes of the meeting held on October 4, 2016 (copy attached).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last meeting.
6. Public questions on issues raised by residents.
7. County council issues.
8. District council issues.
9. Date of next meeting (TBA).

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM**

**REPTON**

**October 4, 2016 at Ticknall Village Hall**

**PRESENT:-**

**District Council representatives**

Councillor Peter Smith (Chair), Councillor David Shepherd.

Kevin Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services), Tom Sloan (Clerk).

**Derbyshire County Council representatives**

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton, Councillor Rob Davison.

Paul Jameson (Area Forum Liaison Officer).

**Parish Council / Meeting representatives**

Charles Fellows (Stenson Fields Parish Council), Fred Hill (Newton Solney Parish Council), Richard Lisewski (Stenson Fields Parish Council), Peter Rainey (Repton Parish Council), Steve Toone (Bretby Parish Council).

**Members of the public**

Anne Evans (Findern Footpaths Group), Heather Hall (Findern Footpaths Group), John Orme, Sam Waters.

RA/10 **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Manjit Chahal, Councillor Martyn Ford, Brian Goodall, Councillor Andrew MacPherson, Councillor Michael Stanton.

RA/11 **Declarations of interest**

None.

RA/12 **Chairman's announcements**

Councillor Peter Smith had no announcements to make.

RA/13 **The minutes of the meeting held on July 5, 2016**

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

RA/14 **Report back on issues raised at the last meeting**

**Derbyshire County Council issues:**

**Askew Grove, Repton – carriageway condition**

Paul Jameson reported that there is currently no funding available to carry out carriageway patching works to improve the condition of Askew Grove in this financial year. The condition of the carriageway will continue to be monitored and any actionable defects will be made safe.

**Overgrown hedgerows / verges**

Councillor Rob Davison said there didn't seem to be a system to get hedges cut back and he had personally been forced to report locations each year. He felt that DCC needed to show more resolve when dealing with landowners. He had suggested sending a text to every landowner telling them to cut vegetation back before the nesting season started. If DCC couldn't keep a footpath at the side of the road clear, then the electorate extrapolated that DCC couldn't run other services well. Another problem was vegetation growing over signs.

A resident reported that grass was growing across the pathway along the road between Repton and Willington.

Councillor Mrs Linda Chilton reported some bracken growing by the parapets on the south side of Swarkestone Causeway. There was also some debris from what little kerb stones there were littering the causeway.

**Trent Barton 'V3 Villager' service**

Mr Jameson stated that if a resident wanted to see a change in a bus service, they were better off going straight to the operator rather than to the local authorities.

**Stenson Road, Stenson Fields – request for 30mph limit**

Councillor David Shepherd reiterated that he would keep pushing for the speed limit to be reduced from 40mph despite the road not meeting criteria for the lower limit.

**National Speed Limit – Stenson Fields, Stenson**

A resident had asked why a section of carriageway in Stenson, between a 30mph and a 40mph zone, had remained under the National Speed Limit. They cited the example of the B587 between Stanton-by-Bridge and Ticknall. Mr Jameson said the change in speed limit on the B587 dated back to 2007 and was part of a more wide-ranging scheme to reduce speed limits around Melbourne. Department for Transport criteria were met and supported by DCC's cabinet member. The road cited in Stenson had no surrounding properties and no injury collisions had been reported. The National Speed Limit was considered appropriate. Councillor Mrs Chilton asked what the rationale was behind a reduction in the speed limit at Barrow Lane, Swarkestone. Mr Jameson replied that he wasn't sure.

**Bretby Lane, Bretby – drainage issues (from October 2015 meeting)**

A resident asked for an update on the issues experienced in Bretby Lane, where DCC and Severn Trent had been negotiating to get drains upgraded. Mr Jameson had heard nothing from Severn Trent regarding the location. Councillor Davison said it was a subject likely to come up at a scrutiny meeting at DCC. Councillor Smith asked for Mr Jameson to once again chase the matter up and provide a report back.

**ACTION: Paul Jameson to seek an update to the flooding issues on Bretby Lane**

**South Derbyshire District Council issues:**

**Flood Liaison minutes**

A resident reported that the Flood Liaison minutes had not been published on SDDC's website. He asked if they could be issued as a draft. Councillor Smith replied that minutes would be published on the council's website and that there was another meeting being held in November.

**Electrical substation in Stenson Fields**

Councillor Shepherd said residents weren't convinced that nothing could be done to prevent ball games around the electrical substation, but the reasons had been well set out by Zoe Sewter in her report back.

**RA/15 Public questions on issues raised by residents**

A resident again raised the issue of the V3 Villager bus service, stating that it had been founded in 1923 as a service for a rural area. Mr Jameson replied that the feedback provided had come from DCC's public transport unit and they had recommended the public approach the operator directly. Residents who wanted a change to the route would have more weight in numbers by contacting Trent Barton directly. Councillor Davison said any request to

change a bus service would have more weight with a survey behind it. The resident asked if DCC and SDDC had a forum in which they spoke with transport operators. Mr Jameson replied that he didn't know.

**ACTION: Councillor Peter Smith to ask Councillor Martyn Ford to speak to the resident**

A member of the public reported that two serious collisions had occurred at Knights Lane, Bretby, with an air ambulance required on both occasions. They asked if road markings could be improved and verges trimmed to avoid another such incidence. They felt the road was narrow and with no speed restrictions or road markings. Mr Jameson replied that Bretby Parish Council had written to DCC's traffic team over the issue. It was now with a senior technician who dealt with the area. Mr Jameson believed that SLOW carriageway markings were in place on the approach to the Mount Road junction.

**ACTION: Paul Jameson to get a copy of DCC's responses for the forum**

Councillor Shepherd asked how Grampian Way, Stenson Fields, could be added to the list for a Vehicle Activated Sign. Mr Jameson replied that collision data was taken from the police. The problem was the difficulty with gathering data for damage only collisions where there wasn't an injury. DCC couldn't justify spending public money on an area where there weren't any injury collisions. Councillor Mrs Chilton added that Shardlow had been given help by DCC to get such a sign. Mr Jameson said that the village either met the criteria or got one before the new criteria were adopted in 2012. Councillor Davison said he would meet the cost out of his Community Leadership Scheme. Mr Jameson replied that there would still be issues regarding the location not meeting the conditions of DCC's current policy.

A resident reported that cats eyes had still not been put back into Stenson Road after surface dressing between Wragley Way and Grampian Way.

**ACTION: Paul Jameson to provide a report back regarding the cats eyes**

Councillor Smith reported that HGVs were using nearby narrow lanes to get around the weight restriction on Swarkestone Causeway. Was there anything which could be done to extend the limit into Ingleby Lane and Milton Lane? Councillor Mrs Chilton added that the area was rural and it was a very, very difficult situation. Often, foreign truckers would realise their error and turn in the road, causing chaos. Mr Jameson replied that DCC was aware of the problem.

Councillor Smith asked why 30mph signs had not been moved in Milton Road, Repton following a housing development. Mr Jameson replied that the

work had been issued to DCC contractors, who would have three months to complete it.

RA/16 **County Council issues**

Councillor Davison said a safe route across the road was needed for the 500 homes being built in Stenson Road. He had conducted an informal survey and the area was a long way off the criteria for getting a crossing installed and he felt it would be some time before the threshold was reached.

Councillor Mrs Chilton reported that lighting at Bladon House School would come up again as another petition was being compiled.

RA/17 **District Council issues**

Kevin Stackhouse updated the meeting on changes to legislation which brought parish councils in line with district and county authorities when it came to capping rises in Council Tax. Should a parish with an annual precept of £500,000 and a Band D Council Tax of £75 set a rise of more than 2% then it would automatically trigger a local referendum. The new rule was unlikely to affect South Derbyshire parishes in the short-term but may be a matter which could need further consideration in some parishes in future years.

A resident said he had noticed that SDDC had turned down a request for a parish council to be formed at Newhall and Stanton. Why was it fair that some areas of the district were parished and others not, with the parished areas having to pay a precept to their parish council? Councillor Shepherd answered that work was undertaken in parished areas that did not take place in the unparished parts of the urban core.

A member of the public asked whose responsibility it was to deal with Japanese Knotweed growing on private land and then impinging on the public highway at Burton Road, Findern. Mr Jameson replied that it was the landowner's issue and if it was growing across the highway, DCC could instruct them to clear it.

RA/18 **Date of next meeting**

To be announced in due course.

**Councillor Peter Smith**  
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 8.30pm.

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**REPTON AREA FORUM**

(Covering Bretby, Calke, Findern, Foremark, Ingleby, Milton, Newton Solney, Repton, Smisby, Stenson Fields, Ticknall, Twyford & Stenson and Willington)

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

**REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

At the last Repton Area Forum held on October 4, 2016, at Ticknall Village Hall, the following issues were raised and a progress report is provided.

**Derbyshire County Council issues:**

**1. Vegetation growing over the footway in Repton Road, Willington**

A resident reported that grass was growing across the pathway along the road between Repton and Willington. This came after stray branches which were impeding the footway had already been cut back by the landowner.

**A job had previously been issued to our contractor to cut back the vegetation along the footway. The works had initially been held back until the landowner cut back the hedgerow but clearance of the undergrowth subsequently took place towards the end of October.**

**2. Drainage in Bretby Lane**

A resident asked for an update on the issues experienced in Bretby Lane, where DCC and Severn Trent had been negotiating to get drains upgraded. Paul Jameson had heard nothing from Severn Trent regarding the location. Councillor Rob Davison said it was a subject likely to come up at a scrutiny meeting at DCC. Councillor Peter Smith asked for Mr Jameson to once again chase the matter up and provide a report back.

**Any available updates will be provided at the forum.**

**3. Road markings in Knights Lane**

A member of the public reported that two serious collisions had occurred at Knights Lane, Bretby, with an air ambulance required on both occasions. They asked if road markings could be improved and verges trimmed to avoid another such incidence. They felt the road was narrow and with no speed restrictions or road markings. Mr Jameson replied that Bretby Parish Council had written to DCC's traffic team over the issue. It

was now with a senior technician who dealt with the area. Mr Jameson believed that SLOW carriageway markings were in place on the approach to the Mount Road junction.

**The parish council's requests are still under investigation and a full response will be provided to them shortly. A copy of the response will be issued for the information of the forum.**

#### **4. Cats eyes in Stenson Fields**

A resident reported that cats eyes had still not been put back into Stenson Road after surface dressing between Wragley Way and Grampian Way.

**Following the surface dressing of Stenson Road a decision was taken to not reinstate the road studs (cats eyes). The road studs along this section of Stenson Road pre-dated the existing street lighting, reduced 40mph speed limit and recent adjacent development. Chapter 5 of the Traffic Signs Manual 2003 states that retroreflective road studs...are used:**

- **Where traffic flows are high.**
- **Particularly on roads without street lighting.**
- **Areas prone to fog.**
- **In conjunction with double white line systems.**
- **On motorways.**
- **Recommended for use on high speed all-purpose roads.**

**Part of the surface dressing operation usually involves removing road studs beforehand, as in the case of Stenson Road. This gave opportunity to review the need for the studs and, through applying the above criteria, highways officers determined there was no need to go to the costly expense of reinstating the studs.**

#### **5. Japanese Knotweed in Burton Road, Findern**

It was reported that Japanese Knotweed was growing in a field on Burton Road / Doles Lane and had started to encroach onto the highway. The field was located on the western edge of the road, just after passing the 30mph terminal signs, prior to a detached property.

**Works have been issued to deal with the Knotweed on the highway verge. The adjacent landowner has also been notified so that they can make arrangements to treat the Knotweed on their land and dispose of it appropriately.**

**Paul Jameson**  
Area Forum Liaison Officer  
Derbyshire County Council