

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

LINTON – AREA 6

Meeting Minutes – February 16th, 2023 St Matthews Church Hall, Overseal

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Amy Wheelton (Chair), Councillor Amy Brigden

Ardip Sandhu –	Head of Legal and Democratic Service
PCSO Thompson -	Derbyshire Police
PC Holmes -	Derbyshire Police
Sean McBurney -	Head of Cultural and Community Services(SDDC)
Rosie Collins –	Service Assistant (SDDC) (Taking notes)
Max Boyce -	Environmental Health

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Cllr Stuart Swann

Derbyshire Police Representatives

Sgt Tarj Nizzer
PCSO Andrea Thompson

N/A 15. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Councillor Ackroyd, Councillor Redfern, Councillor Corbin & Councillor Pegg.

c) Chair's Announcements

Summer Activities 2023

Bookings are well underway for our ever-popular Summer Activities. With 70% of available sessions booked within the first week of the booking window, Parish Councils have until Friday 10th February to secure sessions within their local area.

Warm Spaces



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Derbyshire County Council have launched a warm spaces fund to support organisations to provide a warm refuge for residents and their families struggling to heat their homes. Voluntary, community and charity organisations in Derbyshire can apply for a grant to set up warm spaces this winter.

Various buildings and venues across the district are open as warm spaces. To find out where these are and for further information about grants to open a warm space visit [Warm spaces - Derbyshire County Council](#).

Parks & Green Spaces Events

March Butterfly survey training – dates to be confirmed FREE TO ATTEND. Butterfly survey training will take place at Swadlincote Woodlands and Coton Park Nature Reserve in March. Training will be provided by the Parklife Officer. The training is provided to volunteers wishing to take part in a summer survey of butterflies at these sites. Each year the training is an opportunity to recruit new volunteers and retain some of the existing volunteers so that results can be recorded and submitted to Butterfly Conservation for monitoring of butterflies in the local area.

5th April 2023 – Coronation Teddy Trail event at Eureka Park 11.00am to 12.30pm FREE TO ATTEND – This event being led by the Parklife Officer and Get Active. A led walk around Eureka Park with Bertie the Bear and craft activity at end of walk.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate report.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

N/A 16. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Thompson updated:

The SNT have had an extremely busy period with Christmas and New Year. With regards to drink and drug driving, there have been over 180 arrests made over South Derbyshire. CREST have been out frequently within the area monitoring speeding.

If there is anyone who would like to be involved in Community Speed Watch – please get in touch and the SNT can get you enrolled onto the training.

School patrols continue each week, as well as educational school talks too.



HGV's were previously set as a priority for the area, they see the issue on a daily basis. There has been a lot of hard work on the issue within the area by the team and partner agencies and please be assured, work will be ongoing for this matter.

Most feedback from the companies is that the Driver's Tom Tom's are not working correctly. The SNT have contacted over 30 different companies, never the same twice. The transport managers have taken the information on board, and we have received really good feedback from them too. We need to remember though, that on occasion, there will be some HGV drivers delivering locally.

The SNT recently took part in an Animal Welfare Warrant with the help of SDDC EH Team whereby the individuals being prosecuted pleaded guilty resulting in a positive outcome for us and SDDC.

The SNT have been working with the local Horse-Riding Community "pass slow and wide" scheme. We will be looking to support them further in the coming months.

Another good result for the team, a 42-year-old has been arrested on possession with intent to supply drugs.

At the recent awards night, your SNT won team of the year!

Op-sceptre will commence again on 15th May 2023.

Burglary Action Week will commence, 21st November 2023.

There have been numerous Vehicle Related Offences RE: no insurance and/or no license as well as both Drink and Drug Driving Offences.

Working with Stapenhill officers on a cross boarder Nuisance Motorbike issue around Burton sailing club area.

Sgt Nizzer updated that, in terms of the HGV issues in the area, it is a work in progress, and we will again be visible on operations which are up and coming.

Regarding staffing, there is going to be another PCSO added to the area working opposite shifts to Andrea. In the next coming months, there will be additional PC's added to the team too.

The Chair, Councillor Wheelton thanked SNT for their work.

Police Q&A:

A member of the public asked, in terms of E-Scooters what evidential aspects are needed to take action where a member of the public sees someone riding a scooter.

PCSO Thompson if it is a child riding the scooter, we would need their details so we could speak with their parents to educate them on the matter. Also, if it is an



adult riding them, again details would be needed, and we would expect them to be educated on the rules and regulations around them so the scooter would be seized.

Councillor Bridgen raised an incident in Rosliston whereby a resident was subject to a hit and run with an aggressive driver. A complaint was not dealt with in a timely manner, Cllr Bridgen asked how the police would deal proportionally with a serious incident like that, would this not be given higher priority?

Sgt Nizzer explained due to the incident being an ongoing investigation a comment cannot be made. However, there is a phrase called “golden hour” whereby we will look at what else is going on across the division and put our resources where they need to be in accordance with what else is going on. A discussion took place about the time span of an investigation.

ACTION: SNT to update Cllr Bridgen in response to specific incident raised.

Linton parish asked, will the police act on reports of illegal number plates?
Sgt Nizzer explained you can report them via the DVLA.

N/A 17. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Safer Spaces Meeting

This is a new meeting which has been set up to look at ASB and Crime issues in Urban Core, especially around the Parks and Open Spaces. A recent Contextual Safeguarding Survey carried out by Granville School showed fear of crime in parks - especially Eureka Park where there has been some high-profile incidents in recent years. The group is carrying out further consultation in schools and with youth groups to see what would make young people feel safer in these areas.

Op Sceptre & Knife Crime Prevention

This is a national campaign to prevent knife crime, we have supported the local Police Team in by providing chalk spray and stencils for use in the parks and making Social Media posts.

We have also been supporting Street Whyze in South Derbyshire Support Centre with 1-2-1 and group intervention around knife Crime.

Granville School have also bought in the ‘Switch up’ Theatre in Education Performance which is both interactive and engaging. Pingle have also booked the performance for this year and the Partnership will support the initiative in future years with a 50% contribution of each performance.

Safer Homes



CVS have won the Tender for The Safer Homes Scheme and will continue to operate the scheme for the next three years. The service installs security measures to victim's and vulnerable people's homes free of charge. Self-referrals can be made, leaflets on the scheme on the sign in table.

The Anti-Violence Bee

The Manchester Anti-Violence Bee recently visited Swadlincote as part of the Derbyshire Tour. The bee was situated at Morrisons, Granville Academy and The William Allitt Academy on different occasions. The 11ft bee is a statue made entirely of guns and knives which were confiscated by police from the streets of Manchester.

CPNW's Issued & CBO Application

Three new CPNW's have recently been issued to residents who are suspected of smoking cannabis at home which is having a detrimental impact on surrounding neighbours through the strong odour.

One CBO application is with the CPS for a juvenile offender who has been involved in incidents of crime and disorder within Swadlincote area.

Safer Neighbourhoods Funding

There is still Funding available for projects for the current financial year. Anyone with any projects should contact community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk for more information. There is still money left for new funding applications.

N/A 18. 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 three months we have supported 74 individuals and had 219 contacts. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcvs.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 45 individuals and 540 contacts based on one visit per week. We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver this service. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or connect@sdcvs.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 104 referrals and 142 visits. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or handysupport@sdcvs.org.uk

Home From Hospital

This scheme 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 30 new open cases and 22 new referrals across South Derbyshire. 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. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver this service. 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 completed 84 visits in South Derbyshire. Referrals and enquiries can be made to 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk

Food Bank

Our Food Bank is now well established in our new premises at The Hive Unit G First Floor, Sharpes Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE11 9AZ Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only. Due to the increase in demand for this service we are now open four days a week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.00am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. From October to December 2022 we distributed 335 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 426 adults and 334 children, provided 6840 meals through the distribution of the food parcels and signposted people to 47 different services To find out more contact Petra on 07458 305314 or email petrap@sdcvs.org.uk

In 2022, the Food Bank supported a number of individuals in South Derbyshire: Findern (8), Willington (21), Repton (46), Stenson Fields (11), Eggington (2), Hilton (42), Hatton (16) and Littleover (23)

Partnership working with CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau)

Since November 22 we have been working in partnership with the Citizens Advice Bureau. One of the CAB advisors is now located at the Food Bank twice a week offering support to clients who are experiencing debt and energy issues. This service started in November and in the first month the support given to clients saw the



following financial gains - £17,192.00 in benefits and fuel support and £2,373.00 managing debt. This is a funded project and CAB have just secured a further 18 months funding to expand this service and support the Food Bank.

May we take this opportunity to thank the local residents and businesses in South Derbyshire that have supported the Food Bank over the past year with financial and food donations. This valued support has meant that many vulnerable and disadvantaged people have been able to access this service and start receiving other support including debt and benefit issues, domestic abuse and more recently the cost of living crisis.

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 contact development@sdcv.org.uk

In the period July – September 2022 the Team supported 43 individual groups with 402 contacts with those groups during the three-month period supporting them with funding searches, governance, community engagements, finance and volunteer recruitment.

Connected South Derbyshire

A project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Our new Development Officer, Helen Adcock started in October and has been engaging with a number of community networks in Etwell, Hatton, Hilton and is now starting to develop networks in Repton and Willington. Helen has also been supporting some of the Warm Hubs and a Dementia Café in Hilton. For more information contact helena@sdcv.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 contact Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk

Corporate Volunteers

We have started to work with corporate businesses who are keen for their staff to volunteer to give something back to their local community and be more aware of the many issues that residents in South Derbyshire are experiencing. An example is Amazon and ElectroLube who supported the Food Bank with the Christmas rush –



helping in the Food Bank to bring in the donations and making up the food parcels to give out to local residents.

Community Connectors Project

This was originally the Covid Connectors Network supporting local communities sharing public health information updates relating to Covid. The project has now been renamed to the Community Connectors Project and focuses more on health and wellbeing, what services are available and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information email Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk

Communications

We continue to send out regular newsletters/e-bulletins, events, training, job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and funding – www.sdcvs.org.uk

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@sdcv.org.uk

We continue to target our non-digital audiences through our outreach work – leaflets/posters on parish notice boards, using the community magazines and attending more community events.

Education and Training at SDCVS

Following a period of planning and change of staff, the new SDCVS Education and Training Manager will be launching a range of new courses for adult learners. The first of these courses will begin in late February with a focus on supporting adult family members who are experiencing economic disadvantage, disability, poor mental or physical health, learning disabilities, unemployment, rural or social isolation, lack of confidence or low aspirations. Attending this course will improve personal and social skills, confidence, resilience, wellbeing and employability.

For more information on this course and future courses at SDCVS, please contact Dave Protheroe, davep@sdcv.org.uk

Derbyshire Time Swap

We've recently secured a brand-new contract with Derbyshire County Council called Derbyshire Time Swap. This contract is about supporting people across the county to embrace the benefits of Timebanking which is a way of exchanging skills without any money changing hands. You do what you love, when you want to... and get a little help when you need it. For every hour you spend helping someone, you earn an hour back from your time bank.

Our new team are now in place and are starting to work out in the different areas in Derbyshire:



- Stuart Martin – South Derbyshire & Erewash
- Jane Davison – Amber Valley & South Derbyshire Dales
- Lindsey Coombs – High Peak & North Derbyshire Dales
- Natalie Evans – Bolsover & North East Derbyshire
- Lucy Exton – our Admin Support Assistant

For more information please email derbyshiretimeswap@sdcvs.org.uk

Swadlincote Performing Arts

SDCVS is pleased to announce the launch of a fantastic, innovative and community driven project is currently being developed in Swadlincote.

Its mission *“To aid economic development and a sense of Pride in Swadlincote, the project will provide the community with entertainment, bringing to the fore local and regional talent, supporting Swadlincote's aim to be a vibrant and attractive visitor destination”* A standalone organisation will be established, to bring all of the arts together and will cumulate in an event at the end of August. The organisation will then continue to provide events and activities for the arts in the area. Anyone who would like to know more or be involved in the project please contact helena@sdcvs.org.uk.

Derbyshire Befriending – Our new Derbyshire Befriending website ...is now LIVE www.derbyshirebefriending.org.uk. You can find out all about befriending, what it is, how to find services or maybe even become a volunteer

Our Social Impact Report - <https://bit.ly/3jZ7LsD>

CVS Q&A

A member of the public asked, how do you know people turning up to the foodbank genuinely need it?

CVS responded that there is a system which we constantly revise within the CVS Food Bank Scheme.

N/A 19. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Beat the Street

Beat the Street is coming to Swadlincote! From 15th March to 26th April, Swadlincote is being transformed into a giant game! Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking cycling and wheeling game, which gets staff, pupils and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy.

Beat the Street is designed to get children and communities moving by helping people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve physical and mental health and help embed physical activity into everyday life. So far,



1.6 million people and 5, 000 schools have taken part in games in 154 places across the UK and beyond.

School children and local communities will be able to collect their game cards and register to play. Game card readers called 'Beat Boxes' will be positioned around Swadlincote including outside schools and in parks. Each time a player taps the Beat Boxes with their registered cards, they will earn points for their school or community team. The total number of points will be counted on the leader board, and winning teams will win prizes for their efforts.

We will have lots of events and pop-up games taking place between 15th March and 26th April, so keep checking the website: www.beatthestreet.me

Public Spaces Protection Orders extended for 3 years

Throughout September 2022 the Council consulted on a proposal to renew seven Public Spaces Protection Orders.

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) are a control measure, intended to deal with specific nuisances or problems in a defined area that are "detrimental to the local community's quality of life".

PSPOs have a lifespan of three years and the seven existing Orders were due to expire in January 2023. The consultation processes identified widespread support for the continuation of the Orders and so the Council have extended them all until January 2026.

The seven PSPOs include:

Dog Fouling PSPO. Which makes it an offence for any owner not to pick up after their dog in all land open to the public in South Derbyshire.

Dogs on Lead PSPO. This makes it an offence for any owner not to keep their dog on a lead in any of the 23 parks and open spaces named in the Order.

Littering from Vehicles PSPO. This made the registered owner of a vehicle legally responsible for any litter thrown from their vehicle.

And the Staker Lane & Lowes Lane PSPOs. Which give the Council the power to put a gated entrance to a small length of public highway and prohibited unauthorised vehicles from accessing the lanes which are flytipping hotspots.

Breach of any of the PSPOs can result in a £100 fixed penalty notice or prosecution carrying a fine up to £1,000.

Copies of all of the Orders are published on the [PSPO section of the Councils website](#) [and](#) the Councils Environmental Health Facebook account contains regular information about recent fixed penalties which have been issued.



Social Housing Decarbonisation Funding – Wave One

Phase 1 works to extract and replace cavity wall insulation and install additional loft insulation have been completed at Kendricks Close (Hartshorne) and residents are already reporting being able to reduce the settings of their heating controls whilst remaining comfortably warm.

Work at Peniston Rise (Melbourne), Resthaven (Swadlincote) and Bailey Avenue (Overseal), has commenced and the final scheme at Gresley Woodlands commences in early February.

We have and continue to build a constructive working relationship with the contractor and the customer engagement activities are bringing positive benefits as evidenced by very few customer queries or complaints being received.

Phase 2 works to install high heat retention double glazing and doors at all properties is expected to start in early February with all works expected to be completed by 31st March 2023.

Voter Identification

From May 2023, all electors who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic identification (photo ID) at polling stations before being provided with a ballot paper.

The Cabinet Office has decided to introduce this requirement to reduce cases of voter fraud. The requirement was brought in under the Elections Act 2022, and the relevant sections are now in force.

This requirement will apply to:

- UK Parliamentary General Elections
- Local Elections
- Local Referendums
- Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
- Recall Elections

The first poll this will apply to will be the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

A comprehensive communications campaign will advertise the requirements in plenty of time across a broad range of channels before this policy is implemented nationwide.

What types of photo ID will be accepted?

Poll Clerks will be able to accept many forms of identification, including:

- Various concessionary travel passes
- PASS cards
- Ministry of Defence identity cards



- Photocard parking permits issued as part of the Blue Badge scheme
- Driver's licenses
- Passports

Expired photo ID will also be accepted, as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of the elector.

If you have any other questions or queries, please contact the Council Elections Office, or the Councils Website.

Local Authority Q&A

County Councillor's were asked to address the state of the road from Linton to Rosliston. Councillor Swann explained this matter had already been reported.

A member of the public raised from Coton Park to the Railway Bridge – we have been calling out the clean team fortnightly, can we have some covert cameras or signage on that road? Max Boyce from SDDC Environmental Health, explained this is covered by the PSPO. We ask for evidence from members of the public i.e. dash cam, CCTV etc. We will arrange to go out and check for signage.

ACTION: Max Boyce (SSDC EHO) to visit the road from Coton Park to the Railway Bridge towards Swadlincote RE: flytipping/ littering.

A Parish Councillor raised, regarding the upcoming elections how are the estimated cost of elections to Parish Council's worked out? It has recently arrived, but this is after we set the precept. There is no breakdown as to why it cost so much.

ACTION: Ardip to forward Breakdown of Cost to Parish Councils for the upcoming elections.

A discussion took place about the traffic issues in Walton-on-Trent.

N/A 20. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
SNT to update Cllr Bridgen in response to specific incident raised.	PCSO Thompson
EH to visit the road from Coton Park to the Railway Bridge towards Swadlincote RE: flytipping/ littering	Max Boyce
Breakdown of cost to Parish Councils for the upcoming elections to be sent.	Ardip Sandu

N/A 21. Close and Date of Next Meeting

TBC. Venue to be confirmed.

Councillor Amy Wheelton
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 19:45pm

