

South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership

Report to the LSP Board

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2008/9 Year End Report

Issue

The following report provides a summary of the work of the South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership (SDLSP) over the last year, 2008/9. This report includes a summary of the Community Strategy Action Plan, examples of significant achievements, financial implications and the general improvement work upon which the LSP Board has undertaken on behalf of the SDLSP.

2008/9 Community Strategy Action Plan

During the last year the LSP, through its Theme Groups has delivered the annual action plan. The following table illustrates the performance against targets.

Community Strategy Action Plan – performance against targets

Theme	Achieved	Failed	Total
Sustainable Development	13	1	14
Vibrant Communities	35	3	38
Safer Communities	6	3	9
Healthier Communities	12	2	14
Total	66 (88%)	9 (12%)	75 (100%)

The main achievements can be summarised as follows:

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

- Reduce fear of crime associated with groups of young people
- √ 16 Media articles completed so far around good news stories involving young people including three Safer Neighbourhood Projects that involve Young People including the U Magz project, new lights at Hilton Muga, consultation with young people around Maurice Lea Muga, the Hilton TAG group sk8 project, the Theatre in the park projects and the South Derbys Sports Awards.
- √ £25,000 funding secured to aid improvements at Newhall Park. OZ box to commenced in September. MUGAs at Salisbury Drive and Goseley provided. Friday night Club started at Granville School.

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- Reduce the consumption of Alcohol by under 18's
- √ Two Binge Drinking Campaigns delivered. The posters have been distributed to various locations, warning drinkers to drink sensibly
- Reducing criminal damage in hotspot areas
- √ Business Watch launched in Sept and meetings continue to take place every 2 months. £10,000 provided to purchase Alert Box System installed in 40 businesses.
- Reduce alcohol related violent crime
- √ New Tier 4 Treatment Services planned for coming year.
- √ VAL Group established to coordinate licensing and alcohol related crime reduction.

Healthier Communities

- Encouraging smoke free environments
- √ Employed Specialist Stop Smoking Advisor and Healthy Schools Specialist Tobacco Control Advisor
- √ 12 under 25s and two pregnant women smoking quitters
- Promoting Healthier Lifestyles (in acc. with choosing health priorities)
- √ Pilot community food project in Newhall delivered. A total of 502 people involved.
- √ Community Sports Coach set up opportunities to establish outreach physical activity initiatives in identified areas of deprivation and/or vulnerable groups across the district and achieved 2542 participations.
- √ Two mental health impact assessments delivered.
- √ Young peoples dance project achieved 5750 participations this year
- √ Get Active In The Forest National Lottery Award - Best Sports Project winner. 13078 participations with 3306 participants during the year.
- √ Older Peoples Needs Survey completed with 834 returns.
- √ Arts Lottery Bid successful and funding secured for an Arts Officer to develop opportunities.
- √ 11 Health Trainers recruited.

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- Reducing the number of vulnerable people and families living in non-decent homes
- √ 69 non decent homes made decent and 63 improved to ensure they stay decent.
- Primary Care
- √ CAB provision for all seven surgeries

Sustainable Development

- Understanding and supporting local businesses
- √ 30 businesses assisted to date and 5 environmental improvements completed: Buckler & Spencer and Butlin Classic Cars in Swadlincote; Box Club, Woodville, the Post Office and Green Deli in Willington.
- Attracting and supporting businesses which can support vulnerable people
- √ SDDC and DDEP funded Economic Development Officer appointed
- Developing the workforce
- √ 35-40 children from South Derbyshire trained as 'peer tutors' during Summer 2008 by Derbyshire County Council
- √ 10 young people involved in volunteering
- Improving access to employment opportunities, especially by public transport
- √ Public consultation forums held at Marston Montgomery and Etwall. Postal questionnaire distributed to every household in Study Area and Study completed.
- Progressing projects which have an immediate impact on the local economy
- √ Rosliston Forestry Centre Cabins and the 'Glade' arena completed and launched in September.
- √ Conkers Circuit Extension completed
- √ Feasibility Study completed for business units at Rosliston Forestry Centre and capital funding secured from DDEP to build
- √ Coton in the Elms - proposed development of 9 rural housing units - planning application successful.

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- √ Funding bids to Emda approved for the development of Swadlincote Town Centre
- Improving access and choices for learning and skills development
- √ Healthy Cooking for Over 50s – Demonstration sessions and a course delivered.

Vibrant Communities

- Tackling climate change
- √ Carbon Footprint project commenced in Overseal.
- √ Feasibility study commenced for woodfuel heating at proposed new Council depot.
- Improve Biodiversity
- √ Biodiversity leaflet produced and sent to all 44 Parish Councils with presentation to Forum in January
- √ A Biodiversity Management Statement produced for Swadlincote Woodlands and 1.3ha of land at Midway Fishponds now being positively managed for Biodiversity
- √ 36 hectares of land now managed positively for biodiversity.
- Increasing environmental awareness and community engagement
- √ Sandhills Consultation event held in June 08. Eureka Park consultation days held in May, June and August 08.
- √ 20 environmental education events completed.
- √ 8 volunteers from Toyota for 2 days to build a community garden, part of a project with Pingle School
- √ 2 conservation work days at Rosliston with Rolls Royce staff. (17 work days)
- √ The Citizens Panel has been used to recruit Environment Forum members. A local environmental group (Findern Footpaths) is also supporting the Forum development
- √ Inaugural Environmental Forum meeting held 4th November 40 attendees from statutory and voluntary organisation and members of public.
- √ BTCV have carried out 7 work days at Midway Fishponds with 70 volunteers.
- Reducing waste and recycling more

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- √ Groundwork attended 7 events based at largest bring sites promoting recycling and responsible use of the bring sites. Doorstep campaign in March targeting low recycling streets (to be funded by DCC)
- Improving parks, open spaces and public rights of way
- √ The National Forest Walking Festival pilot was completed in May 2008.
- √ The 'Green Flag' accreditation has been retained at Rosliston Forestry Centre. Maurice Lea Memorial Park has been awarded a 'Green Flag'
- √ Disability Access Audits completed for Maurice Lea Park, Eureka Park, Newhall Park & Swadlincote Woodlands.
- √ A 'greenway' from Swadlincote to Moira completed.
- Increase the number and range of leisure, arts and heritage opportunities
- √ Cultural Events Group established.
- √ District Events Guide published.
- √ 5 cultural events/initiatives supported-Swadfest, Liberation Day, Sports Awards, Walking Festival, Cultural Calendar produced
- Engaging Hard to Reach Groups
- √ Celebrating diversity event included within 'Fit for the Future' event
- Developing volunteering
- √ Community Events Toolkit launched
- √ Strategic Volunteering Group established
- Provision of community buildings
- √ Directory of Community Buildings Produced

LSP Improvement Plan

To develop the effectiveness and impact of the SDLSP an Improvement Plan was produced which identified a number of areas for development during the year. The principle element was the production of the new Sustainable Community Strategy which is picked up in a subsequent section.

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Other work concentrated on the LSP's Communication and an external report was commissioned to examine current communication and future actions. The report included these findings:

- There is widespread consensus that the **LSP is "adding value"** – meaning that things are happening (or further and faster) because of the strong relationships in place at the Board and theme groups. **Better together** was how one described the benefits. People make
- The process (from current plan to mark 2) is **robust and thorough** – developing the detailed evidence base of the area and challenges and needs, the various and innovative consultation events eg, visioning day at Toyota and the review of what's been achieved through the current strategy.
- There is **much support for the new 'model'** – with the leadership board level "driving" the strategy/ overall work and the "engine room" of revised theme groups at the doing level. The right people seem to be contributing at the right level.
- All feel that **improving communications is important** and indeed is needed to share achievements wider and in an accessible form – but most agree this should focus on the **benefits to residents** – rather than promoting the LSP as a goal in own right.

Sustainable Community Strategy

The Sustainable Community Strategy is set to replace the Community Strategy with its focus being on a much longer vision. The work required to produce a Strategy has been significant and a multi agency project group under the chair of Jo Smith, Chief Executive of South Derbyshire CVS has been charged with completing the task. Significant progress has been made to the point of bringing to the Board, for its approval, a draft set of aims, objectives and outcomes.

The work undertaken has included:

- Preparation of Evidence Base
- Consultation on Priorities (Place Survey etc)
- Review of 2005-2010 Strategy
- Appointment of Consultancy Support (ICARUS)
- Fit for the Future Event (Evaluation provided)
- Target Setting Workshop

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The Strategy will be completed in the first quarter of 2009/10 and approved by the Board in June.

Finance

In 2008/9 the SDLSP had an allocation of funding for the general work of the Partnership and a number of the Theme Groups had specific funding to deliver their work. The breakdown is as follows:

LSP Core Funding – £26,446 in the LSP's Reserve which was carried over from previous years. £3,125 from Derbyshire County Council which has to be spent on projects which fit their criteria and an annual allocation of £10,000 from the District Council.

This means the total unringfenced funding available to the LSP in 2008/9 was £39,571.

In terms of the theme groups the Healthier Communities group receive an annual allocation of £50,000 Choosing Health funding from the Derbyshire County PCT, the Sustainable Development Group received £150,000 from the Derby and Derby Economic Partnership for regeneration projects, the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership had a budget of over £500,000 (including Officer costs) to deliver its Partnership Plan.

In order to support Community Strategy Plan actions that were not in receipt of the theme group budget allocations above, core LSP funds were allocated. These are as follows:

Development of Environmental Forum	£1,000
Development of Cultural Events Group and Initiatives	£2,000
Multi Cultural Event	£1,000
Community Facilities Directory	£750
Community Facilities Website	£750
Volunteer Development	£1,000

These allocations totaled £6,500 of which it the County Council agreed the use of their £3,125 allocation.

In terms of expenditure £10,000 was allocated towards the completion of the Sustainable Community Strategy and £2,500 for the Communication Review.

The Theme Groups have been very successful in obtaining external funding to assist in delivering actions. This included:

£25,000 from Area Based Capital Grant towards Newhall Multi Use Games Area and £10,000 towards Alertbox in Town Centre.

£440,000 from the Big Lottery to ensure the future of Next Step.

£515,000 (£365,000 DDEP, 150,000 NFC) confirmed towards Business Units and over £500,000 (DDEP and Growth Point) spent on 'The Glade In The Forest' and associated projects at Rosliston Forest.

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£35,000 from the Arts Lottery towards arts provision.

Further funding will be identified and included in a formal Year End Report document to be produced.

Recommendation

The LSP Board is requested to note the achievements of the Partnership over the past year.

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