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Dear Sir/Madam

### **BOARD MEETING**

A Board Meeting of the South Derbyshire Partnership will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 10:00 am.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully



**Heidi McDougall**  
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## **Voting Members of the Board:**

### **Local Authority Sector**

District Councillor Kevin Richards (South Derbyshire District Council) (Chairman)  
Cllr Stephanie Marbrow (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils)  
Councillor Amy Wheelton (Derbyshire County Council)  
Heidi McDougall (South Derbyshire District Council)  
District Councillor Trevor Southerd (South Derbyshire District Council)  
Councillor David Muller (Derbyshire County Council)

### **Other Public Sector**

Dave Beris (Derbyshire County Council – Children’s Services)  
Communities Chief Inspector Chris Thornhill (Derbyshire Constabulary)  
Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health)  
John Beaty (Burton & South Derbyshire College)  
Maggie Palmer (NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

### **Private Sector**

Julie Langley (Toyota UK Ltd)  
Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport)  
Louise Driver | John Everitt (The National Forest Company)  
Chris Beech (Sharpe’s Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust)

### **Voluntary/Community Sector**

Roger Moors (South Derbyshire CVS)  
Dr Claire Teeling (Grow Outside C.I.C.)  
Scott Blance (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust)  
Revd Dr Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote)



## Agenda

**Time and Date** 10am, Wednesday 15 February 2023

**Venue** Virtual

Item	Description	
1	Introductions, apologies and to note any substitutes appointed for the Meeting.	10:00am
2	Declarations of Interest.	
3	To receive the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 October 2022 (Attached).	
4	Matters Arising.	
5	Cadley Park and Revitalizing Rosliston (Chris Worman).	10.10am
6	South Derbyshire District Council – Financial and Budget Update (Kevin Stackhouse).	10.25am
7	South Derbyshire CVS - Strategic Changes and Service Delivery (Roger Moors).	10.40am
8	Theme Updates: QUARTER 3 (October – December 2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthier Communities (Samantha Elks for Vicky Smyth)</li> <li>• Children and Young People (Dave Beris)</li> <li>• Safer Communities (Inspector Mike Sisman)</li> <li>• Stronger Communities (Roger Moors)</li> <li>• Sustainable Development (Mike Roylance)</li> </ul> Incorporating Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan updates - Appendix 1 (Report attached).	10:55am
9	Partnership - Budget Update.	11:40am
10	Feedback and Future Agenda Items.	11:45am
	Date of Next Meeting: <b>Tuesday 27 June 2023 - 10:00am</b>	Finish





## **BOARD MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2022**

### **SDP/77. PRESENT**

#### **Local Authority Sector**

Councillor Amy Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council), Councillor Stephanie Marbrow (DALC).

#### **Other Public Sector**

Dave Beris (Derbyshire County Council – Children’s Services), Sergeant Tarj Nizzer (Derbyshire Constabulary), Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health).

#### **Private Sector**

Julie Langley (Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK Ltd), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport), Louise Driver (National Forest Company), Chris Beech (Sharpe’s Pottery & Heritage and Arts Trust), John Beaty (Burton and South Derbyshire College).

#### **Voluntary/Community Sector**

Roger Moors (South Derbyshire CVS) – Vice Chair, Revd Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote).

#### **Also in Attendance**

Mike Roylance, Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council), Kate McLaughlin (Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service).

### **SDP/78. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

Councillor Kevin Richards (Chairman) (SDDC)  
 County Councillor David Muller (Derbyshire County Council)  
 Councillor Trevor Southerd (SDDC)  
 Chris Smith, South Derbyshire District Council  
 Chief Inspector Chris Thornhill and Inspector Michael Sisman (Derbyshire Constabulary)  
 Tina Brown and Maggie Palmer (NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group)  
 John Everitt (National Forest Company)  
 Matt Butler (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust)  
 Kay Simcox (Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service)  
 Kim Coe (Swadlincote and District Chamber of Trade)  
 Carli Colley (Derbyshire County Council)

**SDP/79. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTES**

In the absence of Councillor Kevin Richards the Vice Chair of the SDP, Roger Moors (Chief Executive of South Derbyshire CVS), chaired the meeting. Welcome and Introductions took place.

Substitutes/Representatives noted as follows:

Councillor Kevin Richards substitute Roger Moors (Chair).  
Inspector Michael Sisman substitute Sergeant Tarj Nizzer.  
Kay Simcox represented by Kate McLaughlin.  
Carli Colley represented by Leanne Parry.

Apologies noted.

**SDP/80. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were noted from:

Councillor Amy Wheelton as follows: Covid Connector; Connect South Derbyshire Steering Group; and the Rural Action Derbyshire Trustee (as per District Councillor interests).

**SDP/81. MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 June 2022 were taken as read and approved as a true record.

**SDP/82. MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

**SDP/83. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE YOUTH FORUM**

Leanne Parry kindly substituted for Carli Colley from Derbyshire County Council (Children's Services); both are community engagement workers. Leanne provided an overview of the South Derbyshire Youth Forum. Forums in each locality are at different stages of development. A toolkit has been created to share with groups that work with young people, aiming to ensure that young people in Derbyshire have the opportunity to share their views and opinions with their Locality Children's Partnership (LCP) in order to improve services for young people.

Some Derbyshire schools have forums but those not attending school do not have the opportunity to participate in those forums. The LCP want to engage a diverse range of young people in the forums, including those who do not attend full time education, who identify as LGBT, and who may have barriers to attending their school forums.

A Youth Forum seed fund can assist those setting up youth forums to pay for activity resources and to rent a meeting space. There is an expectation that forums will actively engage with their local LCP to feedback views. The maximum amount that can be applied for is £200 per year, with a simple application process.

Locality Children's Partnerships involve professionals, schools, community groups and organisations that are actively trying to achieve positive change for young people in their localities, exploring issues that affect young people. These are highlighted as main priorities and partners work together to achieve change and work through the youth forums to maintain a positive stream of engagement.

The forums can be incorporated into existing provision or be a new offer from a group. Assistance will be provided for the ongoing delivery of the youth forums by recruiting volunteers to support the facilitation of each forum. Derbyshire County Council has no capacity to facilitate forums, but can share good practice and resources and information created by the team. The youth forums will be standing agenda items on quarterly team meetings including distribution of the seed fund.

Carli Colley is moving roles and until a replacement has been recruited contact Adam Cope for further information.

John Beaty queried why colleges were not highlighted. Leanne to feedback to Carli with the offer of assistance from Burton & South Derbyshire College. The College can assist with feedback from their students (16-19 year-olds) coming from South Derbyshire. **ACTION: LP/CC**

Stephanie Marbrow asked whether any consideration is being given to contacting town and parish councils specifically as many have established Youth Forums, and whether they would be eligible to apply to the seed fund. Leanne replied that the application needs to be on behalf of a group of young people. SM to email LP for clarification from Adam. **ACTION: LP/CC**

Mike Roylance asked whether partner organisations can utilise the forums to consult on young people's views, or do the young people drive the forum's agenda and invite relevant organisations. Leanne replied that it was predominantly the latter with the forums youth-led. The opportunity to have discussions around different issues are presented to them. Erewash has worked well with the focus on ideas coming from the young people. Issues that relate to partner organisations would be fed back.

## SDP/84. HEART OF THE FOREST MASTERPLAN (Louise Driver)

The National Forest Company is looking to launch the Heart of the Forest Masterplan in November 2023. The Masterplan envisages a place-based demonstration of the National Forest's 25-year vision in a focused area. An update to the Board had been requested following consultation on the Draft with stakeholders, partners and the local community.

The National Forest Company has not drawn a specific line around the Heart of the Forest. If people are contributing or benefiting the Heart of the Forest, they are of interest and importance, whether they are businesses, communities, or residents. It is approximately 10 square miles sitting between Ashby de la Zouch, Swadlincote and Measham. This area has seen the highest level of restoration across the whole of the National Forest. Thirty years ago this area had 2% forest cover. It is now at about 40% forest cover.

A significant proportion of the landholding is now in charitable, local authority, Forestry England, Woodland Trust or National Forest Company ownership (particularly following the merger with the National Forest Charitable Trust on the 1 April).

North of Spring Cottage the clay stocking yard is going to be restored, first the northern side over the next couple of years and then the southern side over the next eight years, following which the site will be transferred to the National Forest Company. The Albion Landfill is currently being restored and was planted a couple of seasons ago.

551 participants took part in the Masterplan consultation survey. 97% supported the overall improvements, and 88% said the improvements were important to their family's health and well-being. They were interested in climate change, local habitat improvements in supporting their mental and physical well-being through connection to nature, and in creating local jobs connected with the forest-related sectors.

A summary of the vision was read out. The Master Plan outcomes are split into three themes: Place, Experience and Enterprise.

One area in which the National Forest Company will be looking to work with partners is in delivering sustainable travel, including the reopening of the Ivanhoe Line for passengers and developing a Green Web - improving the cycling and walking network, including off road cycle routes from the Ivanhoe Line stations at Castle Gresley and Ashby which will enable visitors to cycle into the Heart of the Forest.

It is proposed that Albert Lake will be designed specifically for non-powered water activities (e.g. open water swimming, kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding).

The National Forest Company recognises a need for more visitor accommodation and, through the development of the Sustainable Tourism Accommodation Guide, it is working with landowners to help them bring forward new schemes that will broaden the offer.

Opportunities for retail or creative studio space, workshops or incubator space at the Conkers Waterside Centre will be explored, along with the potential to develop Rosliston Forestry Centre as a national centre of excellence for woodland-based outdoor learning, including providing professional training for teachers.

A project board, along with task and finish groups, and a wider forum where more people can get involved will be established. The Company is currently developing an implementation plan and recruiting a Heart of the Forest Programme Manager, plus a Commercial Director focusing on Conkers. Working with partners to deliver the Masterplan and to identify funding opportunities and bring investment into the area will be very important.

Cllr Amy Wheelton declared an interest as a farmer that has participated in the National Forest planting scheme, and queried the opportunities for South Derbyshire recognising that the Masterplan area is predominantly in North West Leicestershire. Louise replied that it is more about the businesses and communities that are supporting the Heart of the Forest than specifically drawing a boundary line. There is scope to develop relationships and connections, working with South Derbyshire to make sure that activities are complementary.

Roger Moors offered his assistance to explore social investment opportunities.

**ACTION: SC** - presentation slides to be circulated.

## SDP/85. THEME UPDATE

Theme Group Leads provided an overview of their update reports, including:

### **Healthier Communities**

Update on warm spaces – a report has been approved by Derbyshire County Council establishing a grant scheme for voluntary and community sector partners providing warm spaces across Derbyshire.

### **Children & Young People**

Preventative work with schools regarding knife crime is continuing. The cost of living crisis is leading to family breakdown issues. Internet dangers grew significantly during lockdown. Partners were made aware that some frontline training around gambling related harm for professionals is available. **ACTION: SC** - circulate with the minutes.

### **Safer Communities**

Tarj Nizzer had a technical issue with sound and was unable to provide a verbal update - the full report had been circulated prior to the meeting with the Agenda.

### **Stronger Communities**

SDCVS has moved into the former South Derbyshire Mental Health Association premises, previously known as Bank House. The building has been named 'The Hive', and is looking at being fully operational from November. The food bank has opened and increased in capacity. To fund the resources SDCVS is launching their Winter Giving Campaign.



There was a request for anyone who can support the food bank to contact SDCVS. The organisation is currently working closely with the CAB to provide 'wrap-around' support and advice. SDCVS will be delivering the Time Swap contract from January 2023.

Kate McLaughlin (Derbyshire Fire & Rescue) commented that they are currently planning their Christmas event with Morrisons supermarket which will be in support of the Food Bank.

### **Sustainable Development**

The Council continues to prepare for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which is expected to begin soon. The announcement of a further allocation in the form of the Rural England Prosperity Fund takes the total allocation to around £2.5 million over the next couple of years.

## **SDP/86. BUDGET UPDATE**

The Board agreed:

- To provide funding of £2,000 for the South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers project, with additional support coming from the National Forest Company.

The overall budget of the Partnership for 2022/23 is around £21,000. With allocations already made to match fund two public health projects (ALICE and Work Club), there is a remaining budget available of some £16,000. There is currently a call-out for additional projects.

Councillor Amy Wheelton requested assistance with funding for a Repair Shop at Rosliston Forestry Centre. It was agreed an email with further details to be sent to Mike Roylance who will liaise with the SCG.

**ACTION: AM/MR**

## **SDP/87. FEEDBACK, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members to email any future Board Agenda items to:

[economic.development@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:economic.development@southderbyshire.gov.uk)

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 15th February 2023.

The Vice Chair thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting at 11:30am.



<b>Agenda Item 8.</b>	<b>Report to the Board THEME GROUP UPDATES: QUARTER 3 (October – December 2022)</b>
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## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To inform the Board on the Theme Groups work to date.

## **2.0 Detail**

2.1 Performance reports for each of the Theme Groups are attached as Appendix A. These provide a summary of progress against priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy, note issues that the Partnership could add value to, and highlight any action required of partners such as attendance at or promotion of an event.

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**THEME GROUP: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES**

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

**Resilient Me Programme**


The Resilient Me Programme will be delivered by South Derbyshire Active Schools Partnership and will begin after the February half term. This project has been allocated funding via the Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People Fund. The programme is designed to equip young people with strategies to help them become more resilient in their everyday lives. The programme incorporates a mixture of physical activity, self-reflection, individual activities, and team-based tasks, to improve emotional health and wellbeing. This is a 6-week programme, which will be delivered over 1-hour weekly sessions at Green Bank Leisure Centre and/or Etwall Leisure Centre. The sessions will focus on students who are transitioning from Primary School (aged 9-11) to Secondary School (11–14-year-olds). The team will work closely with schools, particularly pastoral staff to identify students who would like to take part.

For more information contact [Samantha Elks](#) or [Ian Gee](#)


**Being Active in the Outdoors/ Walk Derbyshire**

Walk Derbyshire aims to make every day walking the norm for all residents of Derbyshire. Two stakeholder events have been held in South Derbyshire, the first focused on ‘a systems approach to walking’, below is a summary of the key messages.

## Summary – Key messages



- Activity levels have been relatively stable
- Almost 1 in 3 adults in South Derbyshire don't walk
- Those that don't walk are much more likely to be inactive
- The proportion of those not walking peaked during the pandemic but has now reduced to below pre pandemic levels
- Adults with a limiting illness or from minority ethnic groups have the highest rate of non walkers
- Young adults not walking has seen an improvement, but remains high
- Compared to other ethnicities, Black and Asian communities in Derbyshire are least likely to walk
- Walking rates are lower for students and for unemployed adults
- Higher levels of deprivation are associated with lower levels of walking
- People in hard-pressed living communities are least likely to walk
- Within the lower socio economic group:
  - Males, young adults and those with a limiting illness have higher levels of inactive walkers
  - Non walkers don't do other activities either
  - Time spent walking for leisure has almost doubled within lower socio-economic communities since 17-18, whilst walking for travel has halved
- Children and young people within Derbyshire CC:
  - Walking rates improved for all 5-16 year olds despite the pandemic
  - Girls and those in low affluence families have the highest walking rates
  - Boys and high affluence are the lowest



[South Derbyshire Stakeholder engagement meeting and local area insight - Walk Derbyshire](#)

The second stakeholder event brought partners and community members together to discuss local opportunities and to co-produce an action plan for South Derbyshire. Furthermore, a collaboration of organisations in South Derbyshire will have the opportunity to access £20,000 of funding each to support learning and engagement on how to increase levels of walking, to create better connected and safer communities.

For more information contact [Jade Gresham](#) or [Lee English](#).

**Warm Spaces Grants and South Derbyshire Cost of Living funding – Derbyshire County Council**

Derbyshire County Council 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 South Derbyshire have been invited to apply for a grant to set up warm spaces this winter and join a directory so people know where they can go to get warm and connect with their local community between November 2022 and March 2023.

Organisations can apply for up to £1,000 towards the cost of opening community venues or to extend their opening hours during the colder months.

To qualify for the grant, organisations pledged to offer a heated space during the winter months, providing seating, offering refreshments such as a warm drink and a biscuit and this is free of charge to people accessing the space. People visiting warm spaces may also be offered information to help them with the cost-of-living support, as well as advice on looking after their mental health and well-being

The South Derbyshire Financial Inclusion Group has collated a list of local Warm Spaces which is being kept up to date.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council has provided the South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership with an additional £10,000 of small grant money to support cost of living interventions in the area. This funding will be administrated by SD CVS on behalf of the partnership in line with existing small grant processes.



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Warm Spaces.docx

For more information follow this link [Warm spaces - Derbyshire County Council](#)

### **South Derbyshire Partnership Contacts for Residents (Council Tax letter leaflet)**

Once again, the partnership is developing a key contact leaflet for residents which will provide information on the local support available to help with the cost of living. Partners from the South Derbyshire Financial Inclusion Group have supported this by providing up dated information and suggestions of items to include. Funding is being provided by South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Group.

For further information contact [Samantha Elks](#)

## THEME GROUP: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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

This has been a challenging time for Children Services with a significant increase in demand on services and challenging circumstances with recruitment and retention of staff - Early Help Preventative Services and Social Work. Children Services staff have returned to the offices on a rota system and in line with new ways of working, and home visits and contacts with vulnerable children and families have remained a key aspect of the role during lock down and post lock down.

South Derbyshire and Dales Children Services Key Data  
30/1/23 no. of children who/on:

Children in Care	129
Child Protection Plan	112
Children in Need	440
Early Help Services	142

#### Group work Activities:

- Parenting Support Groups
- Children Centre Groups
- Youth Groups – delivery in local schools and detached work with partner agencies.

Children Services currently have 4 buildings open with Health and Safety measures in place:

- Rink House - staff
- Elms – staff and family's access
- Woodville Children Centre – staff and family's access
- Etwall – staff and families and families' access

There has been an increase of care proceeding for the most vulnerable young people in South Derbyshire and this in been evidenced in an increase in parenting assessments which are a requirement for court proceedings, again placing pressure upon services. Staff remain committed to the services and delivery and are providing a range of activities to support families, above and beyond direct case work management. There is a range of partnership work to support young people, detached work in the community with Safe and Sound and partnership meetings – Children at Risk of Exploitation which directs resources towards individuals and also locations/adults which are considered a concern.

South Derbyshire and Dales Children Partnership priorities for 2022/23 are:

- Supporting young people improve oral health
- Providing safe areas of young people – response to knife crime and surveys
- Inclusion of Young People within decision making.

This partnership meets every two months and there is a good representation amongst all agencies and working groups provide updates in relation to these priorities and emerging concerns. Recently there has been young people voices and opinions heard within in partnership which is a theme which we intend to develop.

## THEME GROUP: SAFER COMMUNITIES

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

### **Safer Spaces Meeting**

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has set up a new meeting to look at ASB and Crime issues in parks and open spaces, especially around the urban core. A recent Contextual Safeguarding Survey carried out by Granville School showed fear of crime in parks amongst young people - especially Eureka Park where there has been 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. The group will also be looking at Hilton Village Hall where there have been recent ASB issues.

### **Op Sceptre & Knife Crime Prevention**

The CSP continues to support knife crime intervention in local Schools. 'Street Whyze' have been delivering 1-2-1 and group sessions at South Derbyshire Support Centre since July and discussions are currently taking place about extending this work.

The Head of the Centre stated the following about the Street Whyze intervention; 'The pupils are engaging well with him, and I believe if we can organise off-site visits, they will be even more successful. If there is any possibility of the mentoring continuing, we would be thrilled. It's been so valuable to have someone the pupils can relate to and that they see as an outside, unbiased and reliable male role model'.

'Right now, we have a few pupils who have escalated in concerning behaviours after the Christmas break and Danny is someone that they are still willing to engage with in a positive manner, and they are refusing many other services currently.

### **Safer Homes**

South Derbyshire CVS have won the Tender for delivering 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 also be made.

### **Vehicle Crime Initiatives**

The A50 corridor is currently a Police and Partnership priority having seen an increase in theft of vehicle incidents in recent months. This is a dual problem with lorries being targeted on the A50 (car parks and laybys) and cars and vans being targeting in areas close to the A50, with Hilton, Aston and Willington all having increases in vehicle crime. In response, Community Engagement events have taken place around the villages where tool marking kits were provided for van owners. In addition, we are currently liaising with Balfour Beattie regarding some new A50 Signage.



## **Nuisance Motorcycle Work**

Off-road bikes have been an issue on a large area of private land (owned by Severn Trent Water) in the Etwall /Egginton area. Contact was made with landowners, who confirmed that they had not given permission for the land to be used by bikes. Extensive patrols were undertaken, and warning letters /home visits were undertaken with a number of registered keepers of vans parked in the location and believed to be transporting the motorbikes. The VRMS of the vehicles were provided by members of the public.

Seven Trent Water erected a new fence, the motorbike track was cultivated up and the “shack” that had been built on the land was removed. Signs were also put up around the location by Police/CSP. We have since had no further reports, but the area continues to be monitored by SNT.

## **ASB at Featherstone Road**

Following reports of ASB at Featherstone Road (Boulton Moor) play area, joint Partnership meetings were held with the Police, Riverside Housing and the Communities Team to look at tackling the concerns. Leaflet drops were done in the area to encourage reporting to the appropriate agencies, as reports were not being made to the Police or the Communities Team. Riverside Housing Officers also undertook visits to victims and SNT have increased patrols on the area. The area is continuing to be monitored.

## **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 and 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.

## **ASB Warning Letters**

The Communities Team have issued a number of ASB Warning letters in Partnership with the Police in relation to a group of nuisance youths who have been recently causing issues between Sainsburys in Swadlincote and Rink Passage. In conjunction with the letters home visits have also been undertaken with parents to make them aware of their child's behaviour and consequences should it continue. If behaviour does not cease, then individuals will be asked to attend Swadlincote Police Station and dealt with by way of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in order to put conditions around their behaviour.

### **Midway Community Centre**

The Communities Team and the Police have worked with Schools to identify young people causing damage at Midway Community Centre, using CCTV images. Partnership Warning letters were issued, and hand delivered to parents.

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

### **Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding Stream**

Funding is still available for local community groups, parish councils, clubs and associations and not for profit organisations. The aim of the funding is to give local groups and organisations the opportunity to develop projects to make their community feel safer and stronger and to enhance the local community. The maximum amount that can be applied for (per project) is £2,500 and applications will need to demonstrate how the project will impact on reducing or preventing crime and disorder/ anti-social behaviour/ support development of new community groups and projects.

For more details, please visit the Council Website or contact Debbie Punter in the Communities Team on 01283 595858 or email [community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@southderbyshire.gov.uk).

## THEME GROUP: STRONGER COMMUNITIES

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

As mentioned last reporting period The Stronger Group have not met. Discussions are ongoing about how we can more effectively engage with community groups to participate and feed into the Stronger Communities Group.

South Derbyshire CVS have remained very busy and there is a lot to update on our work across South Derbyshire and in some cases beyond.

SDCVS have now moved into our new premises at The Hive, Top Floor Unit G, Sharpe's Industrial Estate, Alexandra Road, Swadlincote DE119AZ (formerly premises used by Bank House / South Derbyshire Mental Health Association).

Work to decorate and adapt the building for our purposes have been going on to ensure we can house our offices, Food Bank, Training and meeting space.

Our **Food Bank** became operational from The Hive by October as we moved from Hill Street. It is a positive move to have the Food Bank under the same roof as the rest of the CVS once again. From December we started opening the Food Bank on 4 days per week – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There has been increased demand for the service due to the Cost of Living Crisis and increased opening and increased capacity for storage of food has been vital to meet those needs.

Over Christmas we saw an immense response from the local public in terms of donations – the attached picture below shows some of the vast numbers of items that came through our door. We had to utilise space in our training room to accommodate.

In November we began a project with the Citizens Advice Bureau called **RAFT** (Reassurance Advice and Food Together) to support people coming for food parcels with support and advice around benefits and debt management from a CAB advisor. The aim of the project being to link people, needing support with emergency food, to specialist support to help them improve their situation. An advisor is available at the Food Bank one and a half days per week for pre-bookable and sometime ad hoc appointments. Our Food Bank Officer offers the opportunity to those coming for emergency food.

20 people have been supported within the first 2 months and over £18,767 pounds worth of income gained through work such as new benefits claimed, increase to existing benefits, change of energy supplier, grants, debt advice etc.

Our move has seen a great opportunity for **Education and Training** to expand and develop. We have increased training space and following work at The Hive including the building of a wall to separate Training from Food Bank we are looking forward to utilising the space from February/March 2023. Our new Education and Training Manager Dave Protheroe joined us in September 22 and is developing our Education and Training function. Dave is responsible for internal training needed by our own staff, the development and delivery of our function as an AIM

accredited training centre, the ALICE project. He is also looking to expand the training that we offer to our volunteers and community groups.

We are looking forward to seeing this develop and have impact in making our community stronger in 2023. Photo attached below of the work completed to create our training space.

With the closure of South Derbyshire Mental Health Association 3 members of their staff transferred their employment to South Derbyshire CVS. Two of those staff remain with us and form our **Mental Wellbeing Team**. The focus over the last quarter has been to maintain contact with those individuals supported by Bank House previously and seek their permission (if they wished support to continue) to transfer their details to SDCVS. The team also ensured that individuals were getting support from statutory mental health services if required especially when they did not want to transfer details to CVS.

Much of the work of the team this quarter has been providing 1-1 support especially for those who need support with form filling and appointments due to their mental health. Work going forward will focus on mental wellbeing and resilience support – helping people to engage with the appropriate support and services.

A weekly group session takes place at Swadlincote Fire Station for individuals to meet for support from the team, company and activity.

South Derbyshire CVS were successful in securing the contract to deliver **Derbyshire Time Swap**. Derbyshire County Council previously delivered Time Swap and after a pause during the Covid 19 pandemic decided to commission the service and invited tenders from other organisations. Mobilisation meetings took place with DCC and SDCVS from July and in November SDCVS took over delivery. 5 members of staff were recruited in November for the Derbyshire wide project. 4 Development Officers covering Amber valley and Dales, Bolsover and NE Derbyshire, High Peak and Dales, South Derbyshire and Erewash and a Support and Admin Assistant commence their work with CVS in January.

Time Swap Members swap tasks and activities and bank time - for every 1 hour given members can have an hour back. Time is the only currency, people can swap talents eg teaching a musical instrument or practical tasks such as gardening and lifts. Groups and corporate organisations can join the Time Bank and there are so many opportunities for individuals and organisations to support others in their community and receive support themselves.

From July 2021 to Dec 2022 we were funded by the Better Care Fund via SDDC to pilot our **Handy Person Help at Home Service**. The service provides Handy Person support to residents living in their own or private rented accommodation in South Derbyshire district to stay independent and safely in their own homes. Measures that keep people safe and independent and able to live with dignity and privacy eg key safes, grab rails, curtain poles and minor repairs can be provided by our operative. In addition, our Support Coordinator ensures individuals using the service are linked to other support services offered by ourselves and others.

We are delighted that this service is to be funded for another year from Jan – Dec 2023. It is a really valuable service and is enabling people to return from hospital safely and in some case keep them safe and therefore avoid admission to hospital. We are looking to further develop and expand the reach of this service which links really well with the Home from Hospital service.

Issues that the Partnership could add value to (time will be given at the Board meeting for partner input/solutions to each theme group).

Other things of note:

- The Derbyshire Home from Hospital Support Service is assisting with extra measures to support the NHS with hospital discharges from the acute hospital to free up beds and ease winter pressures. We continue to work with our commissioner at DCC and the ICB on this. As mentioned above the Handy Person Service especially supports this in South Derbyshire eg when someone being discharged from hospital needs a key safe to enable them to come home safely.
- We are continuing to explore options with colleagues at SDDC to develop the work of the Handy Person Service and do more in terms of Minor Adaptations.
- Work has started on behalf of SDDC to develop Swadlincote Performing Arts. One of our Community Development Officer's is working on this project and beginning engagement with individuals and groups in preparation for an event in August 2023.

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

We will be planning an open day at The Hive in due course which we will extend an invitation to see us in our new home.



## THEME GROUP: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

### Unemployment

South Derbyshire local authority area (Claimant Count).

Dec 21	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Change on month	Change on year	GB Dec 22
2.4%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%	+0.1%	-0.3%	3.7%
1,670	1,385	1,350	1,415	+65	-255	

There are currently over 1,111 jobs available within a ten-mile radius of Swadlincote (DWP Find a Job).

### South Derbyshire Business Advice Service

The South Derbyshire Business Advice Service has delivered 79 advice sessions in the third quarter of 2022/23, including both new starts and established businesses.

<https://twitter.com/SDerbysBAS>

### Business Awards

The East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire Business Awards 2023 produced a large number of winners from South Derbyshire including: Employer of the Year: Playtonic (Bretby); Small Business of the Year (1-20 FTE): MIH Solutions (Bretby); Best Customer Service Performance: The Colville Arms (Lullington); Young Employee of the Year: Aimee Thatcher, Ground Solutions (Swadlincote); Rising Star Award: Samanta Jegorova, QT Products (Hilton); Manufacturer of the Year: IVC Brunel (Swadlincote); Best Use of Innovation or technology: Anoki Restaurant (Egginton); and, Leisure, Hospitality & Retail Award: Potters Snooker & Pool Club (Swadlincote).

<https://www.business-awards.co.uk/>

### Ukraine Business Start-Up Event

A well-attended event was held by the South Derbyshire Business Advice Service specifically for Ukrainians being hosted in the UK that were interested in starting their own business, or transferring an existing business to the UK. The event was held at the Creative Melbourne Gallery with interpretation and transport provided from elsewhere in the District. It was supported by a number of partners in addition to Arts Melbourne, including the D2N2 Growth Hub, Department for Work & Pensions and Derbyshire County Council.

### Toyota Hydrogen Fuel Cell Hilux

Toyota has been promoting a multi-path approach to reducing emissions for more than 20 years. This strategy encompasses all technologies from Hybrid Electric, Plug-In Hybrid Electric, Battery Electric through to Fuel Cell Electric.



Hydrogen is seen as one of the key building blocks towards carbon neutrality, using fuel cell technology for mobility and in the wider economy beyond transport. TMUK has recently announced plans to develop a Hydrogen fuel cell powered Hilux pick-up truck at Burnaston. It is anticipated that small scale production of initial prototype vehicles will take place at Burnaston throughout 2023. Then based on the outcome, this could result in small series production at the plant.

### **Xmas Programme**

A programme of festive activities was staged to support the town centre businesses in Swadlincote. This ran from late November until mid-December and encompassed three main event weekends: The Lights before Christmas (switch on); a Festive Fun Day on Small Business Saturday; and, a Festive Market. Alongside this the Santa's Passport Trail encouraged participants to explore the town centre and its independent businesses. The programme attracted a large audience and positive feedback from both the local community and businesses.

### **Shared Prosperity Fund**

South Derbyshire has been allocated £2,156,374 through the Shared Prosperity Fund over the period 2022-25. The Investment Plan for South Derbyshire has been approved by Government, and envisages a package of measures:

#### *Communities and Place*

- Town centre public realm works, including refurbishment of The Delph market square and redevelopment of the vacant/derelict Bank House/Sabine's Yard site.
- Promotional and community activities, including visitor promotion, events and activities, and an additional Community Safety Enforcement Officer.
- Grants to third sector organisations.

#### *Supporting Local Business*

- Capital and revenue grants for smaller businesses, with associated advice.
- Extension of the Derbyshire business start-up programme, with expert advice.
- A business support programme, including workshops and events, and specialist advice.
- Energy audits and a carbon reduction grant scheme for smaller enterprises.

#### *People and Skills*

- Employability activities to support those furthest from the labour market.
- Supporting aspirations amongst young people in order to raise social mobility.
- Addressing skills gaps through training courses or learning bursaries.

### **Rural Economic Prosperity Fund**

The District Council has submitted proposals to Government for an Addendum to the Investment Plan for the Rural Economic Prosperity Fund. The Rural Economic Prosperity Fund is expected to operate alongside the Shared Prosperity Fund during two financial years, 2023/24 and 2024/25, providing additional capital funding to support rural businesses and community organisations.



## Multiply

Delivery of the Government's Multiply Programme has commenced. Multiply aims to increase the levels of functional numeracy in the adult population across the UK. Government have identified the following success measures for the programme at a national level:

- More adults achieving maths qualifications courses (up to, and including, Level 2).
- Improved labour market outcomes.
- Increased adult numeracy across the population.

Workpays has been appointed to deliver several elements of the programme in South Derbyshire focusing upon:

- Employed learners, with a flexible offer to fit around work and home commitments.
- Unemployed learners, both through Jobcentre Plus and in the community.
- Hard to reach learners in target communities, with flexible hours and delivery to suit individual learners/groups, including in community centres and libraries.

<https://www.workpays.co.uk/programmes/multiply/>

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

To raise awareness of the initiatives highlighted above and make referrals, including:

- Derbyshire Business Start-up Programme – offering grants and advice to new start businesses:  
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/support-advice/vision-derbyshire/vision-derbyshire-business-support.aspx>
- Green Entrepreneur Fund - grant fund for businesses interested in developing, investing and training in green energy and carbon reduction schemes:  
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/business/green-entrepreneurs-fund/green-entrepreneurs-fund.aspx>
- Airway 9 - Derbyshire County Council is supporting the service linking Burton, Swadlincote, Melbourne and Ashby with new employment opportunities at East Midlands Airport and the East Midlands Gateway employment site.  
<https://slp-emg.com/>



**Agenda Item 9. Report to the Board - PARTNERSHIP BUDGET UPDATE**

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
1.1	To note the approval of two additional projects – Space to Create and Swadlincote Performing Arts.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
2.1	The District Council acts as accountable body for the South Derbyshire Partnership. This report provides an overview of the Partnership’s current financial position.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Detail</b>
3.1	<p>Following the South Derbyshire Partnership’s call for projects, two proposals were received and approved by the Board (via email) in November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Space to Create: Arts Melbourne CIC</b>  Grant Awarded: £4,025.78  Overview: </li> </ul> <p>Aim: We will build a community enterprise to foster and support local artists and creatives, run by the voluntary sector, to champion the arts and creative industries in Melbourne and South Derbyshire.</p> <p>Spaces to Create will be marketed to artists as an affordable place to work, and network, in a supportive environment surrounded by like-minded people. In this context, ‘artist’ can mean anyone involved in any creative work – e.g. creative artists, digital artists, web-designers, graphic designers, writers, etc. The spaces will also be available on a casual basis if space is available.</p> <p>Objectives: To provide a space for artists to develop their work, build a business plan for the future and launch their careers in the creative industries. Providing development opportunities for professional and amateur artists through introduction to advisors and peer engagement.</p> <p>Outcomes: Artists will use their time at Creative Melbourne to develop their skills, develop a CV and a business plan and to build their confidence to launch themselves as self-employed creative or step into employment. The artists will develop social skills and improve mental health through working alongside others and receiving support from the Arts Melbourne Team and their peers.</p>

Space to Create is a new project designed to launch, test and fine tune the effectiveness of provide short term spaces for artists to work in for up to a year.

- **Swadlincote Performing Arts: South Derbyshire CVS**

Grant Awarded: £5,000

Overview:

Aim: The overall objective is to form a new stand-alone not for profit organisation (charity, CIC, other). Once created, this body will develop, promote and curate a range of annual 'live' events in the town bringing to the fore local and regional talent. This may include, but not exclusively live music, performing arts, plays and spoken word.

Objectives:

1. To support Swadlincote's aim to be a vibrant and attractive visitor destination, complementing existing attractions/events and in doing so bring more people into the town centre.
2. To aid economic development in the town, in particular support for retailers.
3. To help develop a sense of Pride in Swad, helping to combat low level disorder particularly relating to youth where there may be a paucity of activities to be involved in.
4. Increased opportunities for volunteering (marshalling, organisation etc).

Outcomes: (e.g. improved mental wellbeing)

- Youth engagement.
- Improved revenues for retailers.
- Promotion and encouragement of arts.
- Combat low level disorder.

## 2022/23 Distribution of Funds

- 3.2 South Derbyshire District Council has provided £10,000 of funding to the Partnership for 2022/23. Several projects planned for 2021/22 were not able to go ahead and these funds have been carried forward to 2022/23.

2022/23	£
<b>Income</b>	
Balance from previous years	11,424.05
Adjustment (correction for Community Awards and carry forward for ALICE)	-26.80
SDDC contribution for 2022/23	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>21,397.25</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
• <b>Project Awards:</b>	
ALICE Project (South Derbyshire CVS) – match funding for £3,500 from Derbyshire County Council (Public Health Locality Funding) – postponed from 2021/22 due to pandemic restrictions.	1,500.00
Work Club (Old Post Regeneration Association) - match funding for £3,500 from Derbyshire County Council (Public Health Locality Funding).	1,500.00
South Derbyshire Environmental Forum and Rosliston Rangers project (Environmental Education Project).	2,000.00
Space to Create (Arts Melbourne)	4,028.75
Swadlincote Performing Arts (South Derbyshire CVS)	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>14,028.75</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>7,368.50</b>

- 3.3 A number of the projects supported by the Partnership also attract match funding contributions from other public, private and voluntary/community sources, in particular Public Health Locality funding from Derbyshire County Council.

### 4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Supporting the proposed project will leave the Partnership with a positive balance of £7,368.50.

### 5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Partnership is able to directly and indirectly influence significant expenditure taking place in the District, through its own budget and the match funding this attracts and, in particular, through the involvement of the Theme Groups in allocating resources and influencing organisations' activities in the local area.

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