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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 Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 10:00 am.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully



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Voting Members of the Board:

Local Authority Sector

District Councillor Robert Pearson (South Derbyshire District Council) (Chairman)
Cllr Stephanie Marbrow (Derbyshire Association of Local Councils)
Heidi McDougall (South Derbyshire District Council)
District Councillor Daniel Corbin (South Derbyshire District Council)
District Councillor Gordon Rhind (South Derbyshire District Council)
County Councillor David Muller (Derbyshire County Council)

Other Public Sector

Laura Wilkinson (Derbyshire County Council – Childrens 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)
Michelle Oliphant (Principal of Granville Academy)

Private Sector

Julie Langley (Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK)
Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport)
Louise Driver/John Everitt (National Forest Company)
Chris Beech (Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust)

Voluntary/Community Sector

Hollie Benton (South Derbyshire CVS)
Dr Claire Teeling (Grow Outside C.I.C.)
Scott Blance (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust)
Revd Dr Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote)
David Symcox (Citizens Advice Mid Mercia)



Agenda

Time and Date 10am, Tuesday 24 October 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 27 June 2023 (Attached)	
4	Matters Arising	
5	Director of Public Health Report (Annual Report 2023), Derbyshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy Refresh and, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (Vicky Smyth)	10.10am
6	Collective Revolution CIC and Collective Hub Swadlincote (Mikey Heald)	10.35am
7	Christmas Events (Chris Smith)	10.50am
8	<p>Theme Updates: QUARTER 1 and 2 (01 April – 30 Sept 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Communities (Chris Smith) • Stronger Communities, including CVS update (Hollie Benton) • Healthier Communities (Vicky Smyth) • Children and Young People (Laura Wilkinson) • Sustainable Development, including UK Shared Prosperity Fund update (Mike Roylance) <p>Incorporating Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan updates Appendix 8A (Report attached).</p>	10.55am



9	Partnership Budget Update	11:40am
10	Feedback and Future Agenda Items	11:45am
11	Date of Next Meeting: 13 FEBRUARY 2024 - 10:00am	Finish



BOARD MEETING – 27 JUNE 2023

SDP/1. PRESENT

Local Authority Sector

Councillor Robert Pearson (Chair) (SDDC), Councillor Daniel Corbin (SDDC), Councillor Gordon Rhind (SDDC), Councillor Stephanie Marbrow (DALC), Heidi McDougall (SDDC Strategic Director – Service Delivery).

Other Public Sector

Dave Beris (Derbyshire County Council – Children’s Services), Inspector Michael Sisman (Derbyshire Constabulary), Samantha Elks (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health), John Beaty (Burton and South Derbyshire College), Michelle Oliphant (Principal of Granville Academy).

Private Sector

Julie Langley (Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK), Colleen Hempson (East Midlands Airport), Chris Beech (Sharpe’s Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust), Gill Forrester (National Forest Company).

Voluntary/Community Sector

Hollie Benton (South Derbyshire CVS) (Vice Chair), Dr Claire Teeling (Grow Outside C.I.C.), Scott Blance (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust).

Also in Attendance

Councillor Amy Wheelton (Observing), Sean McBurney, Mike Roylance, Chris Smith, Sally Cope (South Derbyshire District Council).

SDP/2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from:

County Councillor David Muller (Derbyshire County Council).
 Revd Mike Firbank (Churches Together in Swadlincote).
 Chief Inspector Chris Thornhill (Derbyshire Constabulary).
 Vicky Smyth (Derbyshire County Council – Public Health).
 Louise Driver (National Forest Company).
 Justin Holford (Derbyshire County Council).
 Maggie Palmer (Derby & Derbyshire CCG).
 Kay Symcox (Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service).
 David Symcox (Citizens Advice Mid Mercia).

SDP/3. INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTES

Councillor Robert Pearson introduced himself as the new Chair of the Partnership.

Welcome to Michelle Oliphant, the Principal of Granville Academy, Michelle is the new representative on behalf of the secondary schools in South Derbyshire.

Introduction and welcome also to Hollie Benton, who is the new Vice Chair of the Partnership, and Interim Chief Executive of South Derbyshire CVS.

Hollie nominated Citizens Advice Mid Mercia, to become a Board Member. Stephanie Marbrow seconded the nomination.

A vote of the Board Members took place; It was agreed that Citizens Advice Mid Mercia would become a Board Member of the SDP.

Substitutes/Representatives noted as follows:

Chief Inspector Chris Thornhill substitute Inspector Michael Sisman.

Vicky Smyth represented by Samantha Elks.

Louise Driver substituted by Gill Forrester.

Apologies noted.

SDP/4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest: None noted.

SDP/5. MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 February 2023 were taken as read and approved as a true record.

SDP/6. MATTERS ARISING

Action SDP/95. (John Beaty) A colleague Amrit Bitk met with Dave from SDCVS to explore the potential for collaborative opportunities in training provision. Discussions will continue to mutually benefit all. Discussion to progress on performing arts learners supporting any performances.

ACTION: JB to provide an update.

(Mike Roylance) There was also a request for a regular update on the Shared Prosperity Fund, which is on today's agenda.

Sean McBurney, Head of Cultural & Community Services (SDDC), gave an update on the 'Beat the Street' project, focusing on the evidence based population level behaviour change programme designed to increase physical activity across the community. The project was delivered in Swadlincote earlier this year by a company called Intelligent Health. Sean provided an insight into the programme which encouraged people to play the 'Beat the Street' game, aiming to increase active travel, including walking to and from school. Lots of children from 19 schools participated in the game which ran from 15 March to the 26 April. A steering group was created and oversaw interactions with schools, delivered assemblies and passed on information about the upcoming game to leisure/community groups and other key partners who would help support the initiative. Contributions from the National Forest Company, Sport England and Derbyshire County Council Public Health supported the project, as well as the local Active Schools Partnership and Active Derbyshire.

Legacy - the people that played the game had a positive experience and were signposted to other activities and groups to continue the behaviour change of being more physically active – extending the life of the programme. There were 6,365 players (12.6% of the population) who travelled some 50,000 miles. There was a wellbeing survey at the beginning of the game and post-game with positive results. People noted improvements in mental health and wellbeing. 55% of adults who identified themselves as inactive at the start of the game became more physically active at the end of the game, and 42% of children that were less active became more active.

With the miles covered by people walking, cycling and scooting between beatboxes, a carbon footprint calculator indicates that some 7 tonnes of CO₂ were saved on journeys during the initiative. A breakdown of the age profile of people taking part in the game reveals that 53% were between the ages of 19 and 55, above 56 was 4%. Meanwhile, 22% of players that had a long-term health condition and 5% of players registered themselves as having a disability.

Pre- and post-game positive indicators were discussed, with a more in-depth report including a further breakdown of the demographics to be produced. The Chair concluded by saying thank you for a very successful initiative with great participation and impacts on mobility and health, and that he looked forward to the legacy piece and further reports.

ACTION: SMCB/SC. More detailed report to be shared with the SDP. Presentation slides to be circulated.

SDP/8. DERBYSHIRE GREEN SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

Claire Teeling presented the Green Social Prescribing programme, part of a cross governmental initiative testing how to increase the use of, and connectivity to the natural environment through referral to green and/or blue social prescribing activities in England.

Claire provided an overview of the establishment of the leadership group in 2021, the identified challenges, how the group defined what sort of green social prescribing activity there already was, funding and referral challenges into appropriate provision for client's level of need, and ongoing challenges in social prescribing in general.

Claire summarised the work done in South Derbyshire and the testing of transport challenges which had been undertaken in High Peak, but is relevant to any district and had been identified by people locally.

Some additional funding was secured from the NHS to explore the model of provider collaborative development.

Claire gave a brief overview of why Green Social Prescribing is growing in momentum - with lots of types of activity we tend to think everybody knows the benefits of, however often people do not necessarily know what is available in communities for wellbeing in nature.

A full evaluation report is to be shared with the Partnership and Claire offered further conversations with interested Partners. **ACTION: CT/SC**

An update was also provided on the current funding challenges, with work continuing to explore other avenues of sustainable investment.

SDP/9. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

A full copy of the South Derbyshire Community Safety Plan had been circulated with the Agenda pack. Chris Smith highlighted the role of the Plan – it is a statutory duty for all local authorities to have a three-year Community Safety Partnership plan, which sets out priorities and the key areas of work that the Partnership will undertake. The Plan is reviewed on an annual basis as crime patterns are unpredictable and do fluctuate enabling resources to be moved depending on what those changes are. The Plan provides details of previous work undertaken and information on crime trends. For information, the statutory partners including the County Council, the District Council, Police and Crime Commissioner, Fire, Health, and Probation Services all have a duty to be involved with the Partnership.

An overview was provided of the key actions taken over the last 12 months and crime comparison figures compared to the rest of the county, together with the priorities moving forward.

It was noted that Safer Neighbourhoods Funding offers small grants available for projects that help to try and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour. Last year seven local projects were funded. Councillor Daniel Corbin thanked Chris and the team for one of the projects which provided funding to tackle fly tipping at Aston on Trent.

SDP/10. CVS UPDATE

Hollie Benton provided an update as a reminder for partners and also an insight to those who have not come across the work of the CVS before. The CVS is a community-based preventative health and wellbeing charity which delivers services across South Derbyshire and beyond.

SDCVS has recently moved to new premises, 'The Hive', formerly occupied by South Derbyshire Mental Health Association and have worked hard to upgrade the building and retain a level of support for the people who accessed that service through the mental wellbeing support team.

The Food Hub now operates from The Hive with service users having access to the support that they need. They are working hard to continually upgrade The Hub in anticipation of Winter pressures working in partnership with Citizens Advice Mid Mercia. Delivery of the ALICE project has restarted. Hollie also summarised the preventative health and wellbeing 'home from hospital service' and the Handy Person support service - support for people who may have a disability or another vulnerability to help retain their independence in their own home by installing free physical adaptations and improvements in their homes.

The CVS manage the recently rebranded South Derbyshire Volunteer Force, which is currently exploring why people may want to volunteer/how they find volunteering opportunities. Part of the community development team's remit is 'research' and it is currently working alongside the District Council to support the Council's Customer Access Strategy consultation.

Swad Live is a project to be delivered on the 26 August aiming to help the community develop an independent group to plan and deliver performing arts-based events in the town centre.

A video was played to explain the Time Swop initiative: www.derbyshiretimeswap.org.uk Work is currently being developed on reaching the rural parts of the district and ensuring those residents' needs are represented. A request was made for social media content to attract volunteers and advertise services that the Partners could share. Progress has been made in making sure that people who rely on access to print media are also being informed. This includes the work of the Community Connectors as well as communication networks.

ACTION: HB/ALL (email attached with presentation slides and links to various services plus the Time Swop video link)

SDP/11. THEME UPDATE

Theme Group Leads provided an overview of their update reports.

SDP/12. BUDGET UPDATE

Mike Roylance provided an update on the Partnership budget outlining the financial position. Members had previously awarded £3,000 to the Old Post Centre for the community based work club project.

Then in terms of Partnership's budget generally, that the District Council had allocated a further £10,000 this financial year.

There are currently three active projects:

Space to Create (Arts Melbourne)
Swadlincote Performing Arts (South Derbyshire CVS)
Work Club (Old Post Centre)

The Partnership currently has £14,368.50 of available funds.

SDP/13. FEEDBACK, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair made a request for any future Agenda Items.

Members to email any future Board Agenda items to:
economic.development@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The date of the next Board meeting will be 24 October 2023.

The Chair thanked everyone for participating/presenting and closed the meeting.



Agenda | **Report to the Board**
Item 8. | **THEME GROUP UPDATES: QUARTER 1 & 2 (1 APRIL - 30 SEPTEMBER 2023)**

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 8A. 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: SAFER COMMUNITIES

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

Safer Homes Service

South Derbyshire CVS have produced a new leaflet for the Safer Homes Service.

The service can improve the security of people’s homes through a free crime prevention survey and the fitting of free security items. Victims of crime, vulnerable people and the over 60s can access the scheme. Self-referrals are accepted. Contact details and how to refer are included on the leaflet.

281 properties were secured in South Derbyshire in 2022/23 and 144 referrals were received in Q1 and Q2 of this year.

In June the **Swadlincote Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)** was re-introduced, this gives Police and Council Enforcement Officers additional powers to deal with ASB. The order includes prohibitions on street drinking and any person’s misbehaving can be removed from the area for a 24-hour period. There is also a new prohibition to prevent nuisance cycling and scooter use.

This week another **Public Space Protection Order at Eureka Park has been approved and will commence on 14th October**. The park has had persistent ASB over the last few years and the prohibitions will be exactly the same as in Swadlincote Town Centre. The PSPO’s last for a period of 3 years, anyone breaching the orders can be issued with a fixed penalty notice or summons to Court.

We are again supporting **knife crime education sessions** in South Derbyshire Support Centre in Newhall. An organisation called Street whyze visit the school and provide both 121 work and group sessions. The service is being extended to be delivered at Pingle, William Allitt and Granville Schools during the coming year.

Safe and Sound continue to visit Swadlincote and Newhall to do valuable outreach work. The charity which focuses primarily on Chile Exploitation are making weekly visits to our urban parks to talk to young people. Valuable information is passed onto the CSP and also to the Parks team about any issues or requests to improve the parks.

Crime Prevention

Items purchased to assist with Partnership Community events and initiatives, includes Defender Signal Blockers, Card Defenders, Purse bells & cables, High Vis Stickers, CCTV Stickers and personal attack alarms.

A new Banner and Pavement sign were purchased and passed to SNT to promote the Bike Registration operations that the police do as part of their community events.

South Derbyshire CSP have agreed to provide £10,000 towards a **new ANPR Vehicle for South Derbyshire**. ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) helps in the prevention and detection of various types of crimes. By capturing and analysing vehicle registration mark (VRM) data, ANPR systems can quickly identify stolen vehicles, vehicles linked to criminal activities, anti-social behaviour, knife crime nominals using vehicles or those involved in alerts and intelligence, other urgent situations such as protecting vulnerable persons or locating missing persons.

The ANPR vehicle will only be used by SNT & LPU officers based at Swadlincote to protect its longevity and not Derbyshire Police as a force wide resource.

South Derbyshire currently have one of the lowest ANPR coverage in the Derbyshire force area, coupled with the vast area to cover, it is extremely easy to enter South Derbyshire and move around undetected. A mobile ANPR vehicle will be able to be used on patrol in the area or can be parked in strategic locations which is being exploited by criminal groups.

Safer Neighbourhoods Funding

There is still funding available for projects for the current financial year. Projects to receive grant funding so far, this financial year are as follows:

£500 awarded to Eggington Parish Council for the setting up of a new Speed Watch Scheme.

£400 awarded to help set up a new Speed Watch Scheme in Dalbury Lees.

£2500 awarded to Woodville Parish Council to extend the CCTV system at Woodville Recreation ground to cover new play equipment.

£2500 awarded to LGBT+ to help start up the new Collective Hub which will include a new youth group and other sessions in Swadlincote Town centre.

£691 awarded to Goseley Community Centre to improve their CCTV System.

£2460 awarded to Overseal Parish Council to purchase 2x new speed activated signs to help slow speeding traffic.

£460 awarded to Rosliston Parish Council towards new security lighting at Strawberry Lane Pavilion.

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

Help promote the Safer Homes Scheme via social media channels.



Safer Homes Service

A FREE service helping people to feel safe in their homes.

The Safer Homes Service can improve home security for older people (aged 60+), disabled people or vulnerable people living in Erewash or South Derbyshire.

The Safer Homes operative will give free crime prevention advice and will be able to provide and fit (free of charge) equipment such as door chains, spy holes, window alarms, shed alarms, and padlocks to help secure the home.

We take referrals from agencies and other services including Derbyshire Police. You can also self refer to the scheme for advice.

LEARN MORE AND ACCESS SUPPORT:

01283 219761

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE BELOW!

www.sdcvs.org.uk/practical-help-in-the-home

Logos: South Derbyshire District Council, Community Voluntary Support South Derbyshire, Derbyshire Constable, Erewash CSP Safer Communities

Promote Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Funding Stream:

[Safer and Stronger Neighbourhoods Fund 2022-23 guidance for applicants | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

[Safer Neighbourhood grant application | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

THEME GROUP: STRONGER COMMUNITIES

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

Food Bank – Our Food Bank is now well established in our new premises.

The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. From April – June 23 we distributed 313 food parcels to families/single people/homeless people, supported 383 adults and 255 children, provided 6012 meals through the distribution of the food parcels.

We are now building capacity and preparing for winter 23/24. We expect to receive an increase in donations and an increase in people needing our help

Volunteer recruitment is underway and we have been speaking with residents in rural South Derbyshire to understand their needs and how we can ensure provision is accessible outside of the urban core of Swadlincote.

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. From April – June 23 we have supported 102 individuals and 306 contacts based on 1 visit per week. SDCVS has also undertaken an external quality assurance assessment and been awarded the Quality in Befriending award.

The **ALICE project** has been delivered over Q1 and Q2, and to date we have supported 25 individuals through a combination of cooking classes, first aid classes, training room learning and practical activities. 6 of our learners have now moved to volunteering, 2 are successfully enrolled in college and others are working towards the Award in Employability Skills.

A **connect with CVS Roadshow** was undertaken in Q2, at a number of venues in South Derbyshire to promote the work that we do at SDCVS.

We visited the following venues:

- Shardlow Marina – Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 September
- Repton Village Hall – Friday 15 September
- Mid Mercia Marina – Monday 18 September
- Rosliston Forestry Centre – Wednesday 27 September
- Walton Village Hall – Wednesday 27 September
- Hatton Co-op – Thursday 28 September
- Newlands Farm Shop at Hilton – Thursday 28 September
- Ticknall Village Hall - Tuesday 3 October
- Swarkestone Garden Centre – Tuesday 3 October
- Staunton Harold (small café) DE73 8DL - Tuesday 3 October

The teams are now undertaking an evaluation to summarise the feedback and conversations we had. All, of the venues were very helpful, and we have secured links to be able to visit again in the future. The aim of this roadshow was to better understand the needs of the rural parts of SD as well as realising the potential in terms of volunteering.

Swad Live: This event took place in Q2; and we were delighted with the turn out and feedback of the day. SDCVS worked closely with SDDC to plan and deliver this celebration of local talent, in Swadlincote High Street. There were bands, singers and a local youth theatrical group performed to the residents and visitors of Swadlincote on 26 August.

This was a free event with activities for children and families alongside the performances. The team are undertaking an evaluation which will be used to inform any future events.

In Q1, the **mental wellbeing support team**, supported 138 people and received 20 new referrals. The team undertook the following:

- 234 support calls
- 50 home visits
- 81 people signposted to other services

The feedback from service users is being used to help plan a second location for community-based group sessions.

As well as Swadlincote, the team are planning a second location (Hilton) to deliver group sessions.

In September, we held a **volunteer celebration event** to say thank you to our volunteers and showcase the exceptional achievements they have made in recent years.

Supported by SDDC we were able to host an afternoon tea and present awards, including new volunteer of the year and a lifetime achievement. This is the first event we have held of this nature since the pandemic, and it was very well received. Our volunteers had chance to meet staff and our corporate volunteers got the opportunity to meet some of our individual volunteers- the room was rich with conversation on why people have chosen to volunteer and what they feel they gain from giving time to others.

In August, we launched **Hive Training**, and through this part of our organisation, have plans to deliver training to our staff, volunteers and other VCSE organisations. We are keen to work with partners to incorporate learning into community offerings. One aspect of that will be to upskill members of our team with a teaching qualification. This will greatly enhance our community development offer to the smaller groups we work alongside.

We are delighted to share that the **Social Connectedness** project has been extended for a further 12 months. Our work with the warm and welcome spaces in the district, will now continue into the winter.

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

- Integrating Derbyshire Time Swap into other initiatives or community projects, promotion of this scheme to staff and networks - any individual or organisation can join, across Derbyshire.
- 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. From April – June 23 we have received 137 referrals and 142 visits.
This service is funded until Dec 23 and we are hoping that this will be extended.

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

SDCVS would value support from partners by promotion and sharing the message for the following projects:

- Promotion of courses and opportunities by The Hive Training
- Derbyshire Time Swap

We would welcome support in promoting these events which partners are of course also welcome to attend:

- Welly Walk-fundraiser - 1st November, 2pm at Rosliston Forestry Centre.
- SDCVS open afternoon and AGM. 2.30pm at the Hive, come and meet our teams and see our building, AGM starts 4pm, 8th November.
- Winter Giving Campaign will be launched 10th November and we would really appreciate support of partners with spreading our message - there will be a video produced for this year's campaign.

THEME GROUP: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

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

Walk Derbyshire

The consortium has been working collaboratively to agree an approach to increase everyday walking, with a particular focus on families and members of the community that experience disabilities and that live in Church Gresley and Newhall. The consortium is exploring a Community Organising approach which aims to upskill and engage local community groups and organisations to deliver the interventions and to inspire long term change.

It has been challenging while the new Walk Derbyshire Consortium settles into an effective way of working and activity has yet to be delivered within the community. The first stage of the Community Organising approach is mapping which has been completed and has identified several community leaders in Newhall and Church Gresley. The next stages are focussed on:

- establishing a communications plan with this audience.
- identifying who is going to be leading on the community engagement.
- bringing together a group of deliverers.
- confirming the approach to delivery and begin delivery.

Katie Greenwood (Health Partnership Manager SDDC) is leading this work and is being supported by Rogers Moors (Active Derbyshire) until September 2024.

For more information contact [Katie Greenwood](#).

Beat the Street

There were fantastic results from the Beat the Street programme. 12.6% of the population of Swadlincote (6559 players) took part in the game. 47 Community and Workplace teams with a total of 478 people took part. Matched data analysis from those that completed both the registration and health survey shows that 55% of inactive adults became active and 42% of less active children became active. Players recorded 3,837 taps in green and blue spaces during Go Wild, an increase of 7% a week earlier. The games showed an increase in nature connection as a result of engagement. There was a 10% increase in the number of adults reporting meeting the Chief Medical Officer recommended guidelines for physical activity.



6,365
players
(12.6% of the population)



50,189
miles travelled



13.7
tonnes of CO2 saved *
measured by carbon footprint
calculator



42%
of less active children
became more active



55%
of inactive adults
became more active



Improved
mental wellbeing
for adults

The games engaged more people with a disability than would have been expected - 25% of those engaged identified as having a long-term condition. It also engaged larger numbers than expected from within ethnically diverse communities (11%). Ward-specific analysis revealed participants in Linton reported a 5% higher rate of adult inactivity than the overall average. In contrast, participants in Seales reported a 7% lower rate of adult inactivity than the overall average. Additionally, ward-specific analysis revealed participants from Midway reported a 7% higher rate of child inactivity than the overall average. This useful intelligence will be used to target future interventions to tackle the higher levels of inactivity in some areas of Swadlincote.

For more information contact [Katie Greenwood](#).

Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People

The South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Group has recently approved the investment of £9,685 to Family Support Derbyshire. This will increase the capacity of the organisation for one year starting in October 2023, to enable them to support an additional 20 disadvantaged families in South Derbyshire. Family Support Derbyshire work with families to achieve their full potential and enable parents to give their children the best possible start in life. Their support offer includes:

- Promotion of physical activity and positive lifestyle choices, which will improve mental health, well-being, physical health, nutrition, confidence, self-esteem and ability to cope with day-to-day life.
- Promote positive behaviours for young people so they are ready to progress into, resume, and/or maintain their attendance at, nursery and/or school.
- Increase the civic participation of families, reduce their isolation, widen their network of relationships, and assist them to use the support services available to them within the community.
- Help families to recover from crisis, trauma, abuse, illness, accidents, bereavements, relationship breakdowns, financial difficulties, mental health problems and domestic violence.

For more information contact [Samantha Elks](#).

Changes to the Locality Funding Process

Due to new legislation related to subsidy control we have been asked to alter the way that we administer the Public Health Locality Funding and any additional pots of funding that is held by the South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Group Partnership. The Locality Team are currently developing an application form and guidance to enable an open, competitive process to funding proposals. There will be a funding panel, consisting of members of the Health and Wellbeing group, who will approve applications. We are currently finalising these details and hope to share more information soon. We would be grateful if members of the SDP Board could raise awareness of the funding that is available in due course.

For more information contact [Samantha Elks](#) or [Vicky Smyth](#).

THEME GROUP: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Report to follow.

THEME GROUP: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

Unemployment

South Derbyshire local authority area (Claimant Count).

Aug 22	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Change on month	Change on year	GB Aug 23
2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	0%	+0.1%	3.7%
1,390	1,465	1,495	1,470	-25	+80	

There are currently some 800 jobs available within a ten-mile radius of Swadlincote (DWP Find a Job). Large scale recruitments are underway by a number of employers including The Pallet Network, MEG Derby and Unipart (Jaguar Land Rover Global Parts Logistics Centre).

South Derbyshire Business Advice Service

The South Derbyshire Business Advice Service delivered 84 advice sessions in the first quarter of 2023/24 and 80 in the second quarter, including both new starts and established businesses.

<https://twitter.com/SDerbysBAS>

A Thinking of Starting a Business workshop and an Introduction to Marketing workshop were held in May at Swadlincote Innovation Centre, and again in September.

Derbyshire - Toyota City

2023 is the 25th anniversary of the international relationship between Derbyshire and Toyota City. 'Japan Fest' was staged at South Derbyshire Festival of Leisure in June. This was a celebration of Japanese culture with performances, workshops and stalls. Activities for this cultural event included Japanese arts and crafts, authentic handmade food, Japanese inspired drinks, performances, activity areas and anime. Large numbers of visitors over the weekend enjoyed performers and activities, including musicians, DJs, singers, and drummers, and took part in face painting, Sumo wrestling, making origami and wearing Kimonos.

In August, the Toyota City Junior Marching Band travelled to Derbyshire and performed at Chatsworth, Derby Cathedral and the 'Music in the Park' event in Maurice Lea Park in Swadlincote. In September there was a Shine a Light video projection of a specially commissioned artwork onto Derby Guildhall. The artwork will also be exhibited in Toyota City later in the year.

East Midlands Investment Zone

The Government has sought to identify functional economic areas in England that have significant economic potential, as well as pockets of innovation strength and key assets that could be leveraged to support areas in need of levelling up and to improve socio-economic outcomes in places.

The Government will deliver Investment Zones in partnership with upper tier local authorities and Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs). To this end, it has shortlisted eight locations in England with existing or proposed MCAs, including the East Midlands.

The selected areas exhibit characteristics which evidence suggests are key to the development of sustainable clusters and strong regional innovation ecosystems:

- Evidence of an existing strength aligned to national priorities – Government can nurture existing local strengths and create the conditions for them to flourish;
- Presence of a research institution with strong research credentials – to be successful, Investment Zones will need to connect with local innovation systems. Government wants to leverage existing research strengths to boost innovation in key sectors and spread the benefits more widely; and,
- Strong local leadership and capacity – growing successful clusters requires focus, collaboration, coordination and creativity. Investment Zones must form part of a long-term local economic plan to ensure alignment and provide certainty to business and investors.

Each successful Investment Zone will receive a funding envelope of £80 million, which can be used flexibly across a range of interventions over five years to attract investment and unlock barriers holding back the growth of the area's key business sector.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK

Toyota has debuted a fully functioning hydrogen Hilux prototype, providing a further demonstration of the breadth of technologies Toyota is applying in its progress towards carbon-free mobility. Hybrid electric and plug-in hybrid electric, battery electric and fuel cell electric – all solutions are being explored by Toyota to best suit different user needs and operating environments worldwide.

The ground-breaking hydrogen Hilux was revealed at Burnaston, where Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK has been leading the project with its consortium partners, supported by UK government funding administered through the Advanced Propulsion Centre.

The new powertrain uses core elements from the Toyota Mirai hydrogen fuel cell electric saloon – technology that has proved its quality in almost ten years of commercial production. When driven, the fuel cell produces no tailpipe emissions other than pure water.

Toyota also hosted the launch of East Midlands Hydrogen, a new, industry-led initiative that will boost the energy revolution in the East Midlands by growing the UK's largest inland hydrogen cluster. Plans for regional hydrogen production, distribution and industrial use are gathering momentum and East Midlands Hydrogen will support and accelerate these plans, supporting decarbonisation of industry, mobility and power generation.

It aims to create new highly skilled jobs and deliver the training facilities that this growing sector will require. This will enable major industries in the area, along with business start-ups and scale-ups, to support the UK's plans for net zero and energy independence.

Mercia Academy

William Allitt School has become Mercia Academy, part of the Falcon Education Academies Trust.

Midlands Forest Network

Funding for the development of an ambitious project to create and connect woodlands across the Midlands region has been announced, with the aim of increasing habitats for wildlife, improving wellbeing for communities and growing more low carbon jobs.

The Midlands Forest Network (MFN) is a forward-thinking initiative to encourage greater protection, restoration, and creation of woods and trees across the whole Midlands region. Led by a partnership of the National Forest Company, Woodland Trust and Midlands Engine, the MFN seeks to expand our existing woodlands and connect them through new wooded corridors in the farmed landscape, within towns and cities and along our transport networks.

This ambitious project has now secured £230,000 from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs - Nature for Climate Fund and nearly £200,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with additional financial support from the National Forest Company, Woodland Trust, and Midlands Engine.

Funding over the next two years will create a visionary plan for the MFN, working closely with existing partners and communities to identify opportunities for further woodland creation, exploring people's connections to trees and woods and building momentum around opportunities for attracting new investment.

Shared Prosperity Fund

South Derbyshire has been allocated £2,156,374 through the Shared Prosperity Fund over the period 2022/23-2024/25. Some £650,000 is available in 2023/24.

The current position of the Investment Plan for South Derbyshire programmes is as follows:

Communities and Place

- Town centre public realm works are underway in Swadlincote. Schemes for the refurbishment of The Delph market square and the redevelopment of the vacant/derelict Bank House/Sabine's Yard site to create additional free public car parking and a pocket park are now well advanced.
- Town Centre promotional and community activities, including visitor promotion, events and activities are underway with a number of events supported including Coronation celebrations, Swad Live, Heritage Open Days and Melbourne Festival. An additional Community Safety Enforcement Officer to focus on environmental crime and anti-social behaviour issues in town centres has been appointed.
- A community grant fund for third sector organisations, voluntary and community groups has been launched to offer grants of between £2,000 and £25,000 (up to 80% of total project costs). Projects that could be supported include property improvements, energy efficiency and generation measures, green space enhancements, or arts, cultural, tourism and heritage initiatives.

Supporting Local Business

- A grant scheme for smaller businesses has been launched, open to sole traders, partnerships and limited companies with less than 50 employees. Grants of £1,000 - £50,000 (up to 80% of the total project costs) are available. Projects that could be supported include purchase of equipment, the introduction of new products/services or processes/techniques, starting or growing exports, and initiatives to increase productivity.
- The Derbyshire business start-up programme is being extended. This scheme is open to people who are starting their own business, or have set up a business in the last 12 months. It offers expert advice, together with grants of up to £10,000.

- Contractors are being appointed to deliver:
 - A business support programme, including workshops, events, and specialist advice.
 - Energy audits and a carbon reduction grant scheme for smaller enterprises.

People and Skills

- Groundwork Five Counties has been appointed to deliver an employability programme, known as 'Beyond Barriers South Derbyshire', commencing in Quarter 3 of 2023/24.
- Tenders are being sought from contractors to deliver the following programmes in 2024/25:
 - Supporting aspirations amongst young people in order to raise social mobility.
 - Addressing skills gaps through training courses or learning bursaries.

Rural Economic Prosperity Fund

South Derbyshire has been awarded £400,000 from the Rural Economic Prosperity Fund (REPF), which will operate alongside the Shared Prosperity Fund during two financial years, 2023/24 and 2024/25. Some £100,000 is available in 2023/24.

Any organisation with legal status can apply for funding to deliver a Rural Fund intervention. This may include: local authorities; public sector organisations; higher and further education institutions; private sector companies; voluntary organisations; registered charities; and, arms-length bodies of Government.

Capital grants are available to spend on lasting assets such as a building or equipment that:

- support rural businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams.
- support new and improved community infrastructure, providing essential community services and assets for local people and businesses to benefit the local economy.

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:

- **Beyond Barriers South Derbyshire** offers an employability programme which is moulded around the individual, based on their needs. Groundwork Five Counties' approach encourages people to develop themselves and overcome obstacles. The focus is on building confidence and readiness for work, through a blend of one-on-one coaching, group sessions, and online resources. This project is funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/fivecounties/five-counties-employment/beyond-barriers/>

- **Grant schemes** for new start and existing smaller businesses, and community organisations are now operating in South Derbyshire funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund – further information:

<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/business-and-investment/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-grants-and-programmes>

<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/business-and-investment/rural-england-prosperity-fund>

- **Swadlincote Jobs Fair** will take place on the 26 October 2023 (9.30am-12.30pm) at Green Bank Leisure Centre, Swadlincote
- Details of **Christmas events** in South Derbyshire being hosted by a range of organisations can be found at: www.visitsouthderbyshire.co.uk



1.0 Recommendations

1.1 To note the financial position of the Partnership.

2.0 Purpose of Report

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.

3.0 Detail

3.1 In August 2023, Members approved a funding request from South Derbyshire CVS for £1,320 for a Volunteer Celebration Event.

Aim:

For volunteers to be thanked and to leave the event feeling valued and appreciated.

To recognise the impact that volunteers have on individuals and the local community.

Celebrate the successes of volunteering.

Provide volunteers with the opportunity to connect with others who volunteer and to feel part of something bigger than just their own activity.

Objectives:

To plan and deliver a celebration event for volunteers to enjoy, for them to feel valued and appreciated for the contribution they make.

To include as many volunteers as possible including those who may be retired and those still working.

To celebrate the impact of volunteering

Outcomes:

Improved sense of well-being and feeling valued and appreciated.

Feeling involved in community activities and part of a community of volunteers.

Reduced sense of loneliness and or isolation.

Increased learning about services and activities available to volunteers.

Feeling supported in their roles as volunteers.

Outputs:

1 event

60-80 Volunteers, CVS Staff and Trustees, including Corporate Volunteers

3.2 2023/24 Distribution of Funds

South Derbyshire District Council has provided £10,000 of funding to the Partnership for 2023/24.

2023/24	£
Income	
Balance from previous years	11,897.25
SDDC contribution for 2023/24	10,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	21,897.25
Expenditure	
• Project Awards:	
Space to Create (Arts Melbourne) – balance of funding awarded in 2022/23	2,028.75
Swadlincote Performing Arts (South Derbyshire CVS) – balance of funding awarded in 2022/23	2,500.00
Work Club (Old Post Regeneration Association) - match funding for £6,000 from Derbyshire County Council (Public Health Locality Funding).	3,000.00
Volunteer Celebration Event (South Derbyshire CVS) -	1,320.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,848.75
BALANCE	13,048.50

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 The Partnership currently has a positive balance of £13,048.50

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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