
South Derbyshire Partnership

Report to the Board

Date of meeting: 13 May 2010

Agenda Item: 8

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY MONITORING REPORT 2009-2010(Qtr 4)

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Board:

- (a) Note the Partnerships key achievements and performance for the year ending 31st March 2010.
- (b) Note the performance as outlined in the attached Annexe 1.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To report details of performance for the quarter ending 31st March 2010, in relation to the
- o Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan – Annexe 1.

3.0 Detail

Key Achievements during the quarter

- 3.1 The high level of performance and improvements detailed in this report has delivered a range of outcomes for local communities.
- 3.2 The key achievements during the first three quarters for each of the key theme groups are:

THEME 1: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

➤ West Street Redevelopment

Work has commenced on site in West Street, Swadlincote, taking forward the next phase of improvements to the public realm in the town centre which will create a more attractive environment for shoppers and visitors.

➤ Beat The Crunch/Business Support

Over the year a number of well attended business breakfasts were held for different sectors, plus a 'Recession and Recovery Business Briefing' and a 'Free Advice Event'. The events all attracted over 60 people.

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➤ Retailer Training Event

A course was held at Sharpe's Pottery attracting shopkeepers from Swadlincote and Melbourne and increased promotion for local shopping by partners.

➤ Sharpe's Pottery Museum

DEP funded project manager appointed and capital funding secured for premises and facility development.

➤ Environmental Impact

OCN accredited courses in 'Organisational Impact on the Environment' held at the Old Post Centre.

➤ Swadlincote Gateways

Design work completed and contractors appointed for the initial Swadlincote Gateways sites, which will see environmental improvements to prominent locations in the town that will help to attract visitors and inward investment to the area.

THEME 2: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

➤ Make A Difference Day –Donate Don't Dump Event

The aim of the event was to work with a range of partners to raise awareness of volunteering in the community whilst supporting local charity shops during the recession. Staff from SDDC and CVS donated a wide range of high quality clothes and bric a brac worth several thousand pounds in resale value. Three local charity shops received the goods that were donated. The ATC helped to sort the goods, held a book sale and provided the music with their brass band while we worked.

➤ Annual Volunteer Christmas Thank you Event

This years event aimed to widen the range of community and voluntary groups invited and to use the event to increase the number of volunteers receiving formal recognition for their work. The areas that had previously been under represented were young volunteers, disability groups, sports groups, trustees, environmental groups, lunch clubs and community safety groups. The event was also used to promote the work of volunteers in the area and each volunteer received a photograph and certificate as a memento of the occasion. The event was attended by approximately 100 volunteers and the event was reported in the Burton Mail.

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➤ Environmental Forum and Works

Environmental Forum firmly established and developing a programme of works to promote the proactive management of sites. 115 volunteer workdays delivered at Swadlincote Woodlands by BCTV and 20 at Coton Park Nature Reserve.

➤ Cultural Events

The Partnership has supported a number of events including, National Forest Walking Festival, South Derbyshire Sports Awards, Liberation Day and Festival of Leisure. The Breath of Fresh Air (Cultural Olympiad) Event was launched in July as the first annual event leading up to London 2012.

➤ Recycling

Recycling facilities provided at Festival of leisure and a number of schools involved in workshops and campaigns to reduce litter and promote recycling.

➤ E-On Community Reward Scheme and Energy Efficiency

This scheme was established in November 2009 with the E-On energy company enabling voluntary organisations to earn £30 per relevant referral for house insulation. For example the Handyman Scheme can identify an older persons residence that may require insulation and a referral will earn money for CVS. Three community buildings identified and commenced application process for energy efficiency works.

THEME 3: SAFER COMMUNITIES

➤ Hate Crime

Promoting the 'Stop hate Crime' message including translation into Punjabi for promotion in the Stenson area.

➤ Boozebusted Week

Multi-agency operation held in the summer targeting underage drinkers, included a drama performance on the effects of drink.

➤ Alert Box Scheme

£7,000 has been successfully secured from Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership to purchase and install an Alertbox Scheme in Melbourne after the successful scheme in Swadlincote.

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➤ Community Speedwatch

6 speedwatch operations carried out during the year in Repton, Aston, Weston, Findern, Newton Solney and Ticknall.

➤ Anti Social Behaviour Order

ASBO issued and pursuing others against the young people that were causing major ASB in the Town Centre. There is also a Section 30 in place over the Town Centre that gives the Police powers to disperse groups of more than 2 young people who are or could cause ASB.

➤ Operation Relentless

Operation Relentless was very successful for the 6-week period over September, October and November. Many clean ups were done, Police Ops, diversionary activities and alcohol seizure were just some of the things achieved

THEME 4: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

➤ Healthier Communities Small Grants

The event was promoted in the Derby Evening Telegraph and Burton Mail. Already interest has been received across a range of wellbeing and inequality issues including voluntary organisations and individuals working to improve health and wellbeing in the areas of stroke, respiratory disorders, mental health, disability, sight-impaired, older people's groups, shopmobility, arts and mental health, vulnerable families, lunch club activity for older people, womens centre issues. Small Grants is open to any voluntary or community group that has a constitution or set of rules and supports people living or working in the district of South Derbyshire.

➤ Physical Activity

Get Active In The Forest continues to develop, launching Nordic Walking sessions in the district and producing walking leaflets and a set of 'beer mat' walks.

Free Swimming project supported with the provision of free swimming lessons for older people at Green Bank Leisure Centre. An older peoples dance session has been started at Swadlincote Town Hall.

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➤ **South Derbyshire Mental Health 1:4 event**

This successful event aimed at promoting mental wellbeing and reducing risk factors that trigger mental illness was held. Healthier Communities are disseminating further information and booking details across all SD Partnership working group chairs to ensure awareness across local partner organisations.

➤ **Child Safety Equipment Scheme**

The scheme aims to reach vulnerable families to prevent accidents in the home to the under 5s. The project received notification from the National Safe at Home scheme advising the district that additional equipment (280 sets) will be funded to enhance current working. This allocation is based on high accident hospital admission statistics for the under 5s in the district and is allocated until March 2011.

THEME 5: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

➤ **Disabled Young People**

Provision at Woodville Youth Centre has been enhanced to provide a club for disabled young people.

➤ **Big Vote**

16 young people stood for election with 70% of young people voting. The district has a vibrant and representative Youth Council. The Council allocated £75k Youth Opportunity Funds during the year.

➤ **Extended Services Event**

Pingle School and their primary partners had a successful Extended Services Event at Bretby Conference Centre leading to improving early intervention for vulnerable children

➤ **Primary School Exclusions**

There has been a reduction in Primary School Exclusions due to effective Preventative Support Services.

➤ **Family Resource Workers**

There has been the appointment of Family Resource Workers for each school cluster in the district has led to increased Family Support work for vulnerable children.

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3.3 We have the Community Strategy Action Plan, which is divided into five themes. Table 3 below shows that 49 actions (87.5%) have been 'achieved' and /or 'on target.' 7 actions (12.5%) are 'at risk'.

Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plan – performance against targets (as at 31st December 2009)

Theme	'Achieved'	'Failed'	'Removed'	Total
Sustainable Development	9	3		12
Vibrant Communities	16			16
Safer Communities	7			7
Healthier Communities	15	1	1	17
Children & Young People	5			5
Total	52 (92%)	4 (7%)	1 (1%)	57 (100%)

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