



South Derbyshire District Council

South Derbyshire
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Annual Report
2012-2013



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Welcome to the South Derbyshire District Council Annual Report



Nearly a third of The National Forest is in South Derbyshire.

South Derbyshire is a largely rural district with the town of Swadlincote and a host of villages and hamlets including Melbourne, Hilton, Hatton, Repton, Coton in the Elms and Milton, all surrounded by countryside.

South Derbyshire has been the fastest growing district in Derbyshire for over two decades as the population has increased by 13,049 since the 2001 Census, an increase of 16%.

South Derbyshire covers an area of approximately 34,000 hectares (340 sq km) and has a population of 94,611 (Office of National Statistics Census 2011).

South Derbyshire is home to over 5,000 businesses and has attracted three quarters of a billion pounds in inward investment over the past five years.

South Derbyshire has been named by the Municipal Journal as one of the best locations in the country for attracting inward investment and creating jobs.

In March 2013, 1,354 people were unemployed which was 2.2% of the working population. This is one of the lowest rates in Derbyshire, where the county average is 3.1% and significantly below the national average of 3.8%.

And to enjoy this wonderful and beautiful district, four million people visited South Derbyshire in 2012-2013, spending an estimated £163,000,000.



Swadlincote Market was named the Best Small Outdoor Market by the National Association of British Market Authorities in 2012. It also scooped a Burton Mail Business Award for raising the profile of South Derbyshire and East Staffordshire.

Swadlincote Tourist Information Centre was named as one of the best in the country with a ranking of 14th and was placed second in the East Midlands.

For the fifth successive year, the Maurice Lea Memorial Park won the prestigious Green Flag award.

The Council's Environmental Education Project received Learning Outside the Classroom accreditation in 2012-2013, the national quality standard for outdoor education.

South Derbyshire District Council's Housing Service has long been recognised as a leader in the sector in performance, customer outcomes and new initiatives.

Already a low crime area, there was a further 12.7% reduction in crimes and a 12.2% reduction in anti-social behaviour during the year, making South Derbyshire one of the safest places in the county.

Local communities were fully engaged in the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and the District hosted the Canadian and Australian Olympic badminton teams.

The Olympic Legacy is alive in South Derbyshire. In the year after the Games, attendance at the Green Bank Leisure Centre increased by more than 90,000 and by almost 30,000 at Elwell Leisure Centre.



South Derbyshire District Council works hard to ensure that every penny paid to the Council benefits local people.

This is our Annual Report to show you how we have invested your money wisely to make life better in South Derbyshire.

As you will read, we have worked well with our partners to respond to residents' and local businesses' needs.

We are committed to providing a wide range of value for money services as this Annual Report details.

For the third year in succession, we have maintained a Council Tax freeze. We are all living in difficult financial times and do not want to add to the cost of household budgets.

We continue to provide innovative and responsive services for the whole of our community, while keeping a firm grip on our finances.

As a District Council, our clear focus is on achieving the best for the people of South Derbyshire.

Leader
South Derbyshire
District Council



Chief Executive
South Derbyshire
District Council



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Our vision - Making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit

South Derbyshire District Council

promotes and develops economic growth, tourism, leisure and sport

collects household rubbish and continues to promote recycling

carries out street cleaning, pest control and works to prevent pollution

has Safer Neighbourhood Wardens who make our communities cleaner and safer

manages and maintains 3,022 council homes and offers a homelessness prevention service

works to ensure that the food you eat and drink in restaurants, cafés and pubs is safe

provides a 24 hour, 365 days a year emergency Careline service

deals with planning applications, building regulations, tree preservation orders, listed buildings and heritage

collects Council Tax and pays Housing and Council Tax Benefits to those in need

saves money and the environment through energy efficiency schemes

supports voluntary groups, crime prevention work and cultural activities.

works with other organisations on community projects for the benefit of residents

South Derbyshire is open for business.

Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, visited Burnaston in November 2012 to celebrate the start of production of the new Toyota Auris. Burnaston will be the only plant to manufacture the new vehicle. 85% of Toyotas manufactured in the UK are exported.

Futaba Industrial UK at Dove Valley Park announced an expansion of 100 jobs. Around half of the jobs are a direct result of the new Auris. The remainder will follow when Futaba takes over the production of Toyota's fuel tank filler pipes which are currently made in Japan.

JCB, which manufactures engines at Foston, announced a further increase in jobs at the plant, following its expansion into six-cylinder engine production. JCB began engine manufacturing in 2004 and today its engines are fitted to 70% of JCB products, as well as many other companies' machines.

Nestlé UK announced 127 new jobs at the Hatton plant with investment in a freeze-dried coffee production facility. This follows the earlier announcement of the expansion of its Dolce Gusto production.

Euro Car Parts is creating 200 jobs at its new home at Tetton Point, occupying a 141,000 sq ft unit.

The Pipeworks retail and leisure development is now fully let, having attracted Subway and the Swadlincote Veterinary Centre to the restored buildings.



South Derbyshire Torchlighters James Shakespeare and Megan Shelley with their families



Etwell Leisure Centre, the base camp for the Australian and Canadian Olympic teams



Jubilee joy at the Last Night of the Proms at The Glade in The Forest at Rosliston Forestry Centre



Nestlé (UK) is investing £310,000,000 at Hatton



The Pipeworks, adding to the evening economy in South Derbyshire



Burnaston, home of Toyota UK's new Auris

South Derbyshire values

- Put our customers first
- Set clear targets
- Act decisively
- Lead for success
- Develop our people
- Treat people fairly
- Actively listen and resolve problems
- Maintain value for money through continuous improvement

Your District Councillors



You too can get involved in the Council's work ...

Conservative

Labour

Attending Council meetings

All the Council's committees report to Full Council meetings where their work can be considered by every Elected Member.

If you would like to come to see a committee or the Full Council in action, you can find a full calendar of meetings, as well as agendas and the minutes which record what was decided, by visiting the "Council and Democracy" section of our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk

Most of the meetings of the Council and its committees are open to the public. Occasionally some agenda items are "exempt", which means that they can be discussed when only Councillors are present. Items are exempt due to specific confidential, legal and contractual reasons or because individuals are involved.

The Council's Finance and Management Committee ensures that all Council services are managed and funded effectively and efficiently.

The Environmental and Development Services Committee and the Housing and Community Services Committee set out and monitor the work of Council staff to ensure the best possible services for the people of South Derbyshire.

The Council's Licensing and Appeals Committee handles licences for entertainment, alcohol and private hire drivers, as well as any appeals on employment issues by Council staff.

In 2012-2013, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was instrumental in improving services by its review of the Grounds Maintenance, Cemeteries and Leisure Services. It also helped to reduce the cost of temporary accommodation for homeless people. In addition it assisted the Finance and Management Committee to develop the Council's budget proposals and carried out a crime and disorder scrutiny. Members also recommended the criteria for the distribution of additional grants of £100,000 to the voluntary sector.

Having your say at Area Forums

At these local meetings, local people can raise local issues. You can get involved in the decision-making process, find out more about Council services, express any concerns you might have, as well as putting forward your own ideas to add value to your community.

These quarterly meetings are held in the areas around Etwall, Linton, Melbourne, Newhall, Repton and Swadlincote.

Immediately before each Area Forum, there is the Safer Neighbourhood meeting at 6.15pm where community safety issues are discussed with local Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers.

Through the commitment of people who attended these meetings, 18 local Safer Neighbourhoods projects were funded throughout the District. These included Smartwater for Etwall Neighbourhood Watch; a new ring for the Swadlincote Boxing Academy; a storage container for the Youth of Hatton; music sessions for the Willington Arts Festival; support for the William Allitt Debate Group; improved security at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms and the continued running of the Granville Friday Night Project.

Area Forums begin at 7.30pm and are dedicated to District and County Council matters. Senior and specialist South Derbyshire District Council staff take part in the meetings which are usually attended by District, County and Parish Councillors and Derbyshire County Council officers.

Every year at the Area Forums, local residents are consulted about the rate at which council tax should be set. In 2012-2013 people at Area Forums had their say on how the new localised Council Tax Support Scheme should be put into practice in South Derbyshire.

The dates of Area Forums, agendas and minutes can be found on our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk/areaforums

Tell us what you think about Council services

To give us your opinions on Council services or on how we have dealt with an issue, please contact Customer Services by email customer.services@south-derbys.gov.uk, or through our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk or by writing to the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11 0AH or by telephoning 01283 221000. You could also complete the Comments, Compliments and Complaints form on our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk. If you wish to make a complaint about a Councillor, please visit the Standards and Behaviour section of our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk/standards

Our achievements supporting sustainable growth and opportunity



Networking at a business breakfast

Working to strengthen South Derbyshire's economy in a clean and sustainable environment

Sustainable growth and opportunity
Since its inception in June 2012, the award-winning monthly Swadlincote Farmers' and Producers' Market has enhanced the vitality of the town centre.

There were new target markets for the popular Business Breakfasts which provide specialist sources of information and a networking opportunity. As well as concentrating on specialisations such as construction, a chuck wagon breakfast van visited Melbourne to promote apprenticeships.

Free, independent, one-to-one support was given to new entrepreneurs and existing businesses through the new South Derbyshire Business Advice Service, providing expert guidance and signposting sources of financial assistance.

The opening of the South Derbyshire Campus of Burton & South Derbyshire College in Swadlincote increased training opportunities in the District.

Over 200 young people attended the Swadlincote Youth Training Fair organised by the District Council and Jobcentre to find out about job, apprenticeship and training opportunities.

Tourism continued to grow with visitor numbers rocketing from 1,900,000 in 1997 to 4,000,000 in 2011, with overnight stays rising from 397,000 to 790,000.

A new coffee shop extension and outside play zone added to the existing historic attractions of Sharpe's Pottery Museum in Swadlincote, thanks to support and funding from organisations including the Derbyshire Economic Partnership.

Providing sustainable planning

More people were involved in shaping their neighbourhoods through the developing Local Plan with the extensive use of many different forms of social media, as well as the more traditional local meetings.

Free informal advice was given by specialist staff to householders and developers to ease them through the intricacies of the planning process.

Planning enforcement staff protected local residents and the environment by investigating possible breaches of planning control.

Building control staff retained a high market share against competition from the private sector.

Exhibitions and consultations were held for the final draft conservation area statements for Ticknall, Shardlow, Smisby, Stanton by Bridge, Swadlincote, Swarkestone, Trusley, Twyford, Walton on Trent, Woodhouses in the Parish of Melbourne, as well as the Trent and Mersey Canal.

Increasing recycling with less waste sent to landfill

South Derbyshire is one of the top authorities for recycling in Derbyshire. Positive commitment from residents and the Council resulted in an increase in waste and recycling performance, with residual waste reducing by over 10kgs for each household.

Detailed negotiations were carried out to make recycling even easier. A new green bin will be used to recycle plastics, paper, cardboard, tins, cans and mixed glass at home. Derbyshire County Council agreed to fund £200,000 towards the improved service. This investment could help the County Council avoid spending more than £1,000,000 a year on landfill.

If every household recycled just one catalogue or phone book, we could stop more than 600 tonnes going to landfill each year.



Local produce at Swadlincote's award-winning market



Hands on experience at the Careers Fair



Colliers Butchers, one of the traditional family shops on Swadlincote High Street



Involving local people in the Local Plan



Rising opportunities with one to one business advisers



KMX, the new sport that combines karts and bikes

Delivering a range of affordable and decent housing in safe and clean neighbourhoods

Ensuring safer communities

The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership worked with communities throughout the District to reduce crime and the fear of crime in a low-crime authority, funding 18 projects put forward by local groups at Safer Neighbourhood meetings.

Over 300 young people took part in Summer Vibe sessions in Hilton and Newhall to cut down on anti-social behaviour. Two ASBOs were obtained to control prolific offenders. At the same time, six young people successfully completed acceptable behaviour contracts.

The Partnership worked closely with local businesses to reduce crime. Over 20 members of Pub Watch offered free soft drinks to designated drivers as part of the Partnership's anti-drink driving campaign.

Liberation Day was yet another great and glorious success with more than 350 over 65s taking part in the Olympic themed event which focused on how to keep yourself safe and secure.

Householders in Willington had property marked by the Partnership to reduce thefts of scrap metal and Safer Neighbourhood Wardens helped the Police with kerbside searches, resulting in four scrap metal vehicles being seized and seven fixed penalty notices issued.

Tamperproof number plate screws were fitted to over 200 cars in places such as Overseal, Willington, Melbourne and Newhall.

After wide consultation, balancing the interests of pet owners and other residents, new dog control orders were put into action in recreation areas and public open spaces.

Developing a range of community housing and services

Through its Housing Services, the Council provides high standard accommodation with responsive services at affordable rents. It involves tenants in decision-making and provides support and funding for The South Derbyshire Tenants' and Residents' Forum.

During the year, 88 new affordable homes were built across the District. Additional funding was secured by working in partnership with Trent and Dove Housing to redevelop an empty site in Swadlincote so that 51 new homes could be built.

Adaptations were carried out so that 126 local residents could continue to live independently in their own homes. Housing Services launched a 30 years' business plan to invest £27,000,000 improving council homes over the next five years and £108,000,000 over the next 30 years, ensuring that the Council maintains and exceeds the Decent Homes Standard.

The Council works to drive up standards, including the private sector, in partnership with landlords. Through its Housing Options Service, it supports people who are homeless or who are threatened with homelessness and provides housing advice to residents across the District.

In 2012, in partnership with Trident and Derbyshire County Council, South Derbyshire District Council opened a new state of the art extra care residential scheme in Swadlincote, costing over £20,000,000.

Oakland Village offers apartments for people aged over 55, a community care centre and a number of day services, as well as a shop, restaurant and a pub which are open to all.

The Council's Careline service moved to Oakland Village, as it continued to provide support services so that vulnerable people could remain independent, while their families were reassured that help was only a call away.



More affordable homes in South Derbyshire



Making sure some dog owners get the message



The innovative award-winning Oakland Village



Driving down crime



Careline support, only a call away

Our achievements in providing lifestyle choices



Even jollier hockey sticks



Serious competition at the Pancake Race



Happily on their bikes

Improving the health and well-being of our communities and residents

Delivering community recreation and cultural activities that promote a healthier lifestyle

In just four hours at Healthier South Derbyshire Day, over 500 people visited 40 exhibitors to discover different ways to be fit, trying out games such as tag rugby, street dancing and water polo.

South Derbyshire Day, a special pre-match extravaganza at Derby County's Pride Park, let the whole of Derbyshire know of the great work of community organisations and individual enthusiasts to encourage sport and activities in the District.

National Play Day was celebrated with the Great Hula Hoop Challenge with over 1,800 people taking part in a wide variety of events from mini-Olympic Games to environmental activities.

Over 139 play schemes took place during the school holidays including mini squash, skateboarding and street surfing.

South Derbyshire District Council provided funding to run ten Sportivate projects including horse riding, climbing, cricket, trampolining and mountain biking with 134 participants.

South Derbyshire has its own special sports awards to encourage and honour sportsmen and sportswomen in the District, from talented participants to the unsung heroes who, as volunteers, make sport happen.

The new civic square at The Delph in Swadlincote became a focal point for a cornucopia of cultural activities including 2020VISION Street Gallery, a stunning national outdoor photographic exhibition, with more than a hundred breathtaking images.

The Christmas Lights Switch On, and the Swadlincote Annual Pancake Race brought people together to enjoy the fun.

Weddings graced the Town Hall with its transformation into an approved licensed venue for marriages and civil partnerships.

The annual Festival of Leisure at Maurice Lea Memorial Park drew nearly 10,000 visitors with a wide variety of attractions.

Drama buffs could enjoy a Shakespeare-inspired *Julius Caesar*, as well as *Sherlock Holmes* and *Doctor Watson* at The Glade at Rosliston Forestry Centre. Just as popular and just as different, a new Folk and Acoustic Festival was launched as part of Gladefest's 12 hours of music.

There was another new attraction at Rosliston Forestry Centre with Herbie, a unique garden in the shape of a man. Herbie encourages healthy eating with the stimulating sights and smells of herbs.

Elsewhere in the District, the former Bill Shone Leisure Centre was transformed into Melbourne Assembly Rooms, with a wide range of events from opera to wrestling!

Helping the community to reduce its environmental impact

South Derbyshire District Council achieved the acclaimed ISO 14001 international standard for its work to reduce its environmental impact.

In an innovative scheme, a communal ground source heat pump was installed in 18 Council-owned properties in Hartshorne, helping to provide heating and hot water.

Fifty new boilers, four new heating systems and 100 loft and cavity insulations were carried out after the Council received £176,000 funding from the Local Authorities' Energy Partnership to tackle fuel poverty in the private sector. The Council also attracted funding of £142,000 from Eco Funding which enabled 43 residents to upgrade to more efficient heating systems.

South Derbyshire beat all national and international standards by having low nitrogen dioxide levels on its busiest roads.



2020VISION, a night and day gallery on The Delph
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Human football gets results



Beating international environmental standards

Ensuring that proper arrangements are in place to enable resources to be used efficiently and effectively

Upholding strong leadership and robust governance

Council Tax was frozen for a third consecutive year to protect residents in difficult economic times.

Auditors Grant Thornton in October 2012 declared that South Derbyshire was offering value for money by "making proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources."

The auditors praised our five year financial plan stating, "The Council has robust arrangements in place for ensuring that the Medium Term Financial Plan is kept up-to-date to reflect its response to the continued challenges presented by funding cuts."

Robust governance was also highlighted by the auditors. Grant Thornton said, "The Council continues to take a long term approach to efficiency planning. This is made possible by having a strong understanding of both internal and external factors facing the authority."

In his annual review of the year, the Local Government Ombudsman stated, "I am pleased to say that I have no concerns ... that I want to bring to the attention of the Council."

The Council's strong leadership could be seen in the extensive consultation which was carried out before it created a Council Tax Support Scheme.

Its local scheme has ensured that support is not reduced for those people who claimed Council Tax Benefit in the past who were pensioners, people with receiving a war pension or war widow's pension and those with specific disabilities.

Cutting costs not services

South Derbyshire District Council is committed to doing more with less.

The Council's determined drive to making budget savings continued with a restructuring at the Council's Depot which ensured increased efficiencies and value for money. Detailed reviews by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee highlighted proven value for money in waste, cleansing and grounds maintenance services.

Maintaining financial resilience

Even while committed to making £300,000 savings, the Council has maintained its promise to introduce a new recycling scheme to include plastics and cardboard. In the age of austerity, investments are also being achieved by the Council in sport and leisure facilities in Swadincote, Etwell, Melbourne and Rosliston.

While working hard to help residents who are legitimately claiming Housing or Council Tax Benefits, South Derbyshire District Council is committed to clamping down on benefit fraud.

Improving customers' experience with the Council

All of South Derbyshire District Council's work is focused on providing the best possible service for local residents and businesses.

In 2012, a survey of tenants found that 92% of the respondents were either very or fairly satisfied with the Council's Housing Service, the highest satisfaction rating in the Midlands.

The Council recognises that there are areas of service which can be further improved. It welcomes feedback from its customers through its website www.south-derbys.gov.uk, or by email customer.services@south-derbys.gov.uk, or by post at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadincote DE11 0AH or by phone 01283 221000.



The value for money Grounds Maintenance team



The Waste team. Have proved that they do not waste money



A clean sweep in the value for money stakes for the Cleansing team



The new easy, green recycling scheme



Finding out more at the Tenants' and Residents' Forum



Greater privacy at Customer Services

Our Diamond Jubilee Year Album



Our achievements in working in partnership



Making the most of Herbie's garden.



"There is a silent eloquence in every wild bluebell".
Anne Bronte



Rolls-Royce staff dedicated to environmental projects

Northgate

External auditor Grant Thornton praised South Derbyshire District Council's ongoing partnership with Northgate Public Services to provide its corporate services. Northgate has worked with the Council to improve services and deliver extra value for money.

In its partnership with the Council, Northgate guaranteed to make savings of £2.1 million and spend £1.9 million upgrading IT systems and service. It also promised to bring 100 jobs to the District.

Law:Public

When required, Law:Public offers the Council's legal team expertise across a broad range of legal services.

The South Derbyshire Partnership

This partnership of the public, private and voluntary sector promotes South Derbyshire. To achieve the best outcomes for the local people, the South Derbyshire Partnership works through three theme groups which focus on community safety, sustainable development and health and well-being.

South Derbyshire CVS

South Derbyshire CVS chairs the Strategic Volunteering Partnership which is funded by the District Council to support all forms of volunteering in South Derbyshire.

Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB)

South Derbyshire District Council helps to fund the CAB so that it can continue providing vital support and advice on issues such as employment and debt.

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

This is the statutory Community Safety Partnership for the South Derbyshire District. It brings together many agencies to reduce and prevent incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in the District.

The National Lottery

The Heritage Lottery Fund awarded a grant of £547,316 towards the £828,832 scheme for the restoration of heritage features of Eureka Park and the supporting community engagement programme.

The National Lottery is providing funding of £150,000 towards improved facilities at Green Bank Leisure Centre as part of its Legacy Project.

Rolls-Royce plc

Rolls-Royce sponsors £20,000 of funding to enable the Environmental Education Project to provide exciting and engaging science learning for children and adults.

In 2012-2013 over 250 hours of support work was delivered by Rolls-Royce staff on habitat creation, gardening and community development projects in partnership with the Environmental Education team.

The Forestry Commission

Rosliston Forestry Centre is a partnership between the Forestry Commission and South Derbyshire District Council, managed by Aurora Country Developments.

The National Forest Company

The National Forest Company is a co-sponsor with Rolls-Royce of the Environmental Education Project which works to develop knowledge, respect and understanding of the environment. It also supports events and walking schemes.

The NHS

In 2012-2013 NHS Derbyshire County commissioned £120,000 of work from South Derbyshire District Council. The Council leads the local development of the NHS-funded Healthy Lifestyle Hub where GPs refer their patients to activity and nutrition information.

The NHS-sponsored Get Active in The Forest offered a wide range of new walks, jogging, cycling, outdoor pursuits, archery, environmental work, pushchair and Nordic pole walking in locations such as Calke Abbey, Elvaston Castle, Willington and Hinton.

The Out and Active and the Schools' Enrichment Programmes have enabled young people to try a host of activities such as climbing, mountain biking and archery. Its Brighter Biking scheme provided funding for young people's high visibility packs.



South Derbyshire's legal experts and Law:Public



The War Memorial at Eureka Park



An enlightening environmental evening at Night World

Our achievements in working in partnership



New generation artificial pitch at Etwell Leisure Centre



Power polewalking at Haslston Forestry Centre
Copyright Kevin Mason



Improving cyclists' safety at Bikeability

The Football Foundation

South Derbyshire District Council, John Port School and Hilton Harriers worked in partnership with Derbyshire County Football Association to secure a £238,000 grant from the Football Foundation towards a third generation artificial grass pitch.

Derbyshire Sport

The Council is a member of Derbyshire Sport which aims to improve people's lives through sport and active recreation. Its business network provided bursaries of up to £300 for some of the District's most promising sporting stars.

South Derbyshire Sport

This local organisation focuses on increasing sports participation by young people. It is providing some of the £349,364 needed to improve the Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadincote.

The School Sports Partnership

Based at Granville School, the partnership is managed by the Council's Sport and Health team. It has had great success with activities for young people including football leagues, wheelchair basketball, fencing and Bikeability, a modern day cycling proficiency course.

Active Nation

Active Nation manages both the Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadincote and Etwell Leisure Centre in partnership with the District Council. In 2012, Active Nation invested £130,000 to upgrade equipment at Green Bank.

The Community Partnership Scheme

In 2012-2013, revenue support totalling over £250,000 was granted to nine voluntary and community organisations through three year service level agreements. This strategy provided stability so that these groups could attract other sources of funding.

The Community Partnership Scheme provides support and advice to the voluntary and community sector on funding sources, bid writing and funding strategy as well as project development.

Melbourne Sporting Partnership

South Derbyshire District Council is working with clubs from five different sports to develop facilities costing £2,500,000 at Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground.

South Derbyshire District Council has provided funding of £1,000,000 which has been augmented with £250,000 from Derbyshire County Council's Community Buildings Fund. Sport England has also supported the partnership with funding of £50,000

Derbyshire County Council

South Derbyshire District Council secured funding of £86,710 from the County's Aiming High Fund for improvements for families with children with disabilities. Derbyshire County Council also provided £300,000 funding for Careline and Supported Housing.

Parish Councils

Throughout the year, the District Council has provided support to parish councils, helping Rosliston to increase use of Strawberry Lane playing fields by the Scouts and FC Ros Park.

The District Council worked with Woodville Parish Council and Woodville Rangers on the successful grant application to Sport England for £50,000 to improve Woodville Recreation Ground.

People Express

The Council provides core funding to People Express to support community based arts projects.

Gresley Old Hall

Working with the trustees, South Derbyshire District Council has spent £550,000 to upgrade the bowling green, bowls pavilion and car parking at Gresley Old Hall.



State of the art gym equipment at Green Bank Leisure Centre



The community adding to The National Forest



Touché - young people enjoying a new sport

Olympic and Paralympic Memories



Striking up the Olympic Legacy in South Derbyshire even before the start of The Games with Olympic Mascot Wenlock



Emilia, Hannah, Heidi, Imogen, Sophie and David and Heidi, Ben are supporting the Olympic Games.



Emilia's Karen Criswell in the Olympic procession.

Our Summary of Accounts

Our income

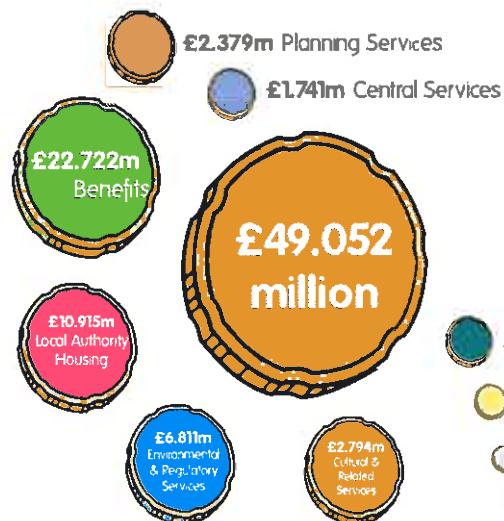
Our total income for 2012-2013 was **£50.620** million compared to **£49.052** million in 2011-2012. This came from government grants, housing rents, council tax, fees, recharges, supporting people and interest.

£29.706m	Government Grants
£11.062m	Housing Rents
£5.427m	Council Tax
£3.197m	Fees
£0.837m	Recharges
£0.356m	Supporting People
£0.035m	Interest

£50.620m Total

In 2012-2013, our element of the Council Tax remained the same as 2011-2012. This gave a Band D Council Tax of £150.25, significantly less than the national average of over £169 for shire district councils.

What we spent on services



Our expenditure

Our **revenue account** shows the costs of running our services. In 2012-2013, we spent a total of **£50.620** million on delivering services under our four themes. This was 3.2% more than the **£49.052** million we spent on services in 2011-2012. This increase is mainly due to increased expenditure on housing benefits and housing capital repairs funded by additional income.

Our revenue account also shows the costs of delivering our priorities and the amount left to be financed from local and national tax income.

£22.722m	Benefits
£10.915m	Local Authority Housing
£6.811m	Environmental & Regulatory Services
£2.794m	Cultural & Related Services
£2.379m	Planning Services
£1.741m	Central Services
£0.817m	Other Housing Services
£1.148m	Corporate & Democratic Core
£0.956m	Non Distributed Costs
£0.336m	Highways & Transport Services

£50.620m Cost of services

Our **capital account** sets out the money we spend on buying and improving our land and property so we can offer first class public facilities. In 2012-2013, we spent **£5.176** million on our land and property assets. We financed this through **£1.053** million of grants and contributions and **£4.123** million from capital receipts and reserves.

£0.817m	Other Housing Services
£1.148m	Corporate & Democratic Core
£0.956m	Non Distributed Costs
£0.336m	Highways & Transport Services

What we spent on land and property

Council House Improvements
£4.018m



Leisure & Community Schemes
£0.576m



Property & Other Assets
£0.304m



Private Sector Housing Renewal
£0.346m



Environmental & Development Schemes
£0.132m



£5.176 million

At the end of each financial year, we draw up a **balance sheet** that shows how much our land and buildings are worth, what we owe others, what others owe us and how much cash we have. Our net worth is **£24.108** million.

Our balance sheet: 31 March 2012

Revenue reserves & balances

£8.117m	Unusable Reserves
£7.712m	General Balances
£3.669m	Capital Receipts reserves
£2.864m	Earmarked Reserves
£1.746m	Capital Grants Unapplied

Net Assets

£105.672m	Value of Land & Property
£7.581m	Cash in Bank & Investments
£1.409m	Money owed to us
-£90.555m	Money owed by us

£24.108m Net Worth

£24.108m Total

The Director of Finance and Corporate Service's statement

"As South Derbyshire statutory Chief Finance Officer, I can confirm that we prepared this year's statement of accounts in line with the Accounting Code of Practice. We have compiled the figures presented in this summary with proper regard to accounting practices. The Government's public spending watchdog, the Audit Commission, appointed Grant Thornton Accountants to review our 2012-2013 accounts. We received an unqualified audit opinion and Council approved our 2012-2013 accounts on 26 September 2013. A full copy of the audited statement of accounts is available on our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk".



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