



Environmental Volunteering



Local people helping their
local community...



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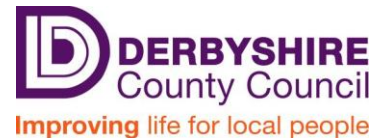
A new project which aims to Link groups and villages that need help with practical conservation and outdoor tasks

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businesses and volunteers who want to do environmental volunteering

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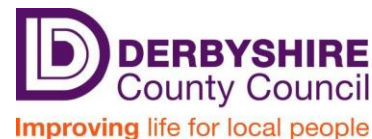
people who can lead the tasks professionally and safely





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- Environmental Forum
- Environmental Education Project
- Projects which need support
- Business links / business benefits
- Barriers and solutions - discussion
- Pilot project



Environmental Forum

- A network of local voluntary environmental groups and individuals/ organisations with an interest in the environment
- Environmental Forum was formed in 2009
- It is part of the South Derbyshire Partnership
- www.south-derbys.gov.uk/environmentalforum
- Ongoing consultation with members is used to develop each year's programme

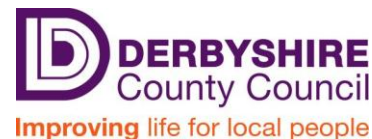
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- Meetings / activities are free and open to all
- Groups from neighbouring Districts are welcome
- Programme usually a mix of training and networking
- 2011-12 consultation revealed need for actual *help* as well



Environmental Education Project

- Environmental Education Project (EEP) – existing work with local businesses to support our work with schools.
- Links with voluntary environmental groups as we promote their work to the public
- Trained in work with groups, health and safety etc for schools and public events. Skills are transferrable to the voluntary sector.





Environmental Forum network

Members include:

Findern Footpaths Group

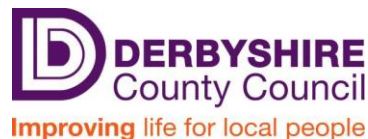
Dove Valley Conservation Vols

Forestry Commission; the National Forest Co
S Derbys Group of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

The National Trust

Parish Councils

We have links with groups in neighbouring
Districts





Examples of projects which need support:

Footpaths work – repairing paths and stiles,
creating gateways

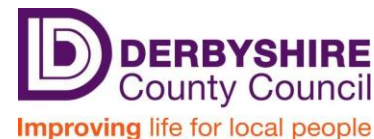
Garden/ flowerbed makeovers for parishes /
shops

Clearing vegetation like Himalayan Balsam

Creating structures like bird hides

Planting trees, sowing wildflower seed

Help in school grounds



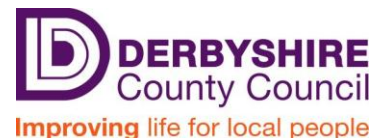


Business / organisation links:

Toyota UK, Rolls-Royce, Bison and Nestle
Interested in hearing more about the project as they already do some local volunteering.

University of Derby, Burton Conservation Volunteers, South Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Services (CVS)

Looking for meaningful volunteering opportunities



Business benefits

- Contribute to local community projects
- Teambuilding opportunities
- Range of tasks
- Learn new skills
- Low or No Cost

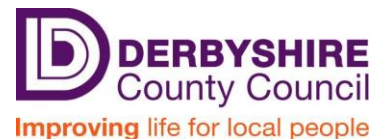


Barriers and solutions?

- Health and safety – someone trained to facilitate?
- Tools and Personal Protective Equipment (use, repair and replace) – do we need a pool of tools?
- Keeping the booking process quick and simple – template? Pilot project?
- Access issues, transport, mobility – sort on a site by site basis
- Leading the activities eg relevant skills / training – need a facilitator from one of the partners eg DCC, EEP/ SDDC

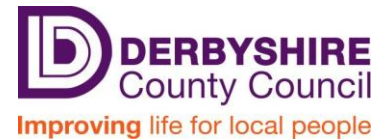
Pilot project – July 2013 to March 2014

- Creating a project planning template for groups/ businesses
- Try out tasks at Findern, Egginton and for the Forestry Commission
- Use experience of the DCC Ranger Service and SDDC Environmental Education Project
- Deliver tasks to celebrate Climate Week 2014
- Use funding from South Derbyshire Partnership committed already for Climate Week & the Environmental Forum





Any Questions or Suggestions?





South Derbyshire Environmental Forum

