

# COMMUNITY SECTOR NEWS

*AMBER VALLEY CVS EXISTS TO DEVELOP AND BE PART OF A VIBRANT VOLUNTARY SECTOR*

SPRING 2012

## Amber Valley CVS and 1st Somercotes Scouts Christmas Campaign



Amber Valley CVS were delighted to join forces with 1st Somercotes Scouts and Beavers to provide a valuable community service. The group agreed to deliver for free the Christmas Cards of our Help at Home and Befriending service users within the Amber Valley Area, some of which are vulnerable and isolated living in their own homes.

Nathan Hutchinson from Amber Valley CVS, pictured central, helped to collate all the cards that were brought in from our clients via our workers and volunteer staff.

Arron Cooper and Jake Hale were just two of the Scouts and Beavers who delivered all the cards in the Amber Valley Area.

This proved to be a very successful partnership, helping some of the Scouts and Beavers towards earning their community badge, as well as providing a community service for the older generation living in the Amber Valley Area.

If your group would like to get involved in volunteering please contact the Community and Marketing Development Team on 01773 512076.

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## Langley Mill and Aldercar Heritage Group

Founded in 2001, the group exists to gain information of historical value and meaning for the Langley Mill and Aldercar Area.



The small group consists of members of all ages from the local area. Group members ensure that the information is catalogued in preparation for promotional use at environmental and educational events and exhibitions. This information has already produced four books and a short film.

The group are interested in talking to you if:

- You would like to join the group
- You have any historical information or pictures of the Langley Mill or Aldercar Area.
- You would like to help collate information ensuring the true history of Langley Mill and Aldercar is not lost.
- You would like to help with Fundraising.

If you would like to get involved and have some spare time and please contact Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076.

## CIRCULATION LIST (Please tick)

CHAIR	[ ]
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TREASURER	[ ]
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# FUNDING

## Funding success for Amber Valley groups

Congratulations to Amber Valley voluntary and community groups on your successful funding applications throughout last year.



Name of Group	Funding body	Amount	Project Awarded
Waingroves Community Association	DCC Community Fund	£1000.00	Towards new chairs to enable them to open on more days.
Heanor Swimming Club	DCC Community Fund	£1000.00	Towards new training for the coaches.
Moorwood Moor Angling	DCC Community Fund	£622.00	Towards a new boat.
U3A	DCC Community Fund	£685.00	Badminton equipment marking.
Newton Carnival	DCC Community Fund	£1000.00	Towards event.
2nd Swanwick Scouts	Awards 4 all	£7800.00	For a new trailer, cooker and worktops for their scout group's centre.
Ripley Heage Road Allotment	Awards 4 all	£9977.00	To clear an over-run and disused plot to create six new plots.

## Coalfield Regeneration Trust



CRT is actively encouraging small voluntary and community groups to come forward with their ideas for funding under its

Level 1 grant scheme.

The scheme allows for capital or revenue funding up to a maximum of £5,000 for projects in eligible coalfield areas with high levels of deprivation.

The fund is currently undersubscribed and the regional office will gladly assist applicants to determine if they have a project that fits with CRT criteria.

So far in the current funding round, projects like Bulwell Boxing Club, Newton Methodist Church, Clipstone Youth Centre Playscheme,

and Fifth Word Theatre have all benefited from grant awards that enable them to provide improved services and projects for their communities.

CRT cannot fund salaries under this scheme but it can support the use of Sessional workers to deliver projects that provide local community benefits. It can support training for volunteers and host groups, and can also support purchasing of equipment and small refurbishment projects.

To discuss your own project with the Trust please telephone 01246 820970 to get the ball rolling.

**“What have you got to lose?”**

# FUNDING

## Young Peoples Activity Grants

### Criteria for Langley Mill & Aldercar

Through the Langley Mill and Aldercar Connecting Communities scheme, this grant has been set up to support activities for children and young people. The grant scheme will support activities for people up to the age of 18 that aim to provide a service that strengthens community links in the area.

The applicant can apply for a grant up to a maximum of £1,000 and the Connecting Communities Action Group will allocate the grants.

The following group/organisations can apply:

- voluntary/community groups
- registered charities
- parish councils
- schools
- other statutory bodies

Community groups must have a constitution (set of rules), bank/building society account with at least two unrelated signatories and have been established at least two months. Once the grant is awarded it must be spent within twelve months of the award date.

Projects must be able to demonstrate the regeneration benefits for the Langley Mill & Aldercar area by achieving at least one of the following priorities:

- improving the health of children & young people
- developing events/festivals
- value for money
- reducing crime
- encouraging access for all

The application will be judged on the following criteria:

- Impact - How many young people will benefit from the scheme? Are they hard to reach groups that are not usually involved in activities? Is this project linked to any other projects?
- Value for money – Cost of project relevant to the impact that it will have. The grant panel will be looking for projects which have attracted other sources of funding.
- Sustainability – This funding will only be available for a limited time so projects that have a plan on how they will make the activities last beyond the funding will be given priority for the grant.

Once your application has been received it will be assessed to see if it meets the grant conditions and criteria. The Action Group will meet every 2 to 3 months to appraise the applications. Grant offer letters will be sent out within a week of the Grant Panel decision and cheques should follow within two weeks. Once the total budget has been allocated, the grant scheme will stop and future projects will be declined.

**Please note no activity must start prior to the Grant Offer Letter being issued as grants will not be paid retrospectively.**

# TRAINING

## Training Opportunities

### Befriending and Home from Hospital

March 2012 – 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th – 5pm to 7pm at AVCVS



This free four week course provides you with the basic skills needed to become a befriender. Each session is two hours long and will concentrate on a different aspect of befriending such as listening, communication skills, advice on health and safety and lone working. (To complete this course, all sessions must be attended)

Some of the comments we received from a recent course for our befrienders include:

- Everyone welcoming
- Learning made fun and friendly
- Very relaxed and friendly – was over far too quickly
- Tutors friendly, positive, enthusiastic
- Very enjoyable

From April 2012 we will be running the Befriending and Home from Hospital course over two half days on a monthly basis. For April the sessions will be 16th and 23rd – 12.30pm to 3.30pm here at AVCVS.

## Befriending Training

The Befriending course currently runs for just two hours a week for four weeks. The course is a small, friendly, informative group - no high pressure or any test to pass, just lots of positive information and guidelines to help volunteers develop and fine tune their skills. We are always looking for people to join us as volunteers to help provide this fantastic service out in the local community. Being a befriender is all about spending quality time with individuals, chatting, listening, having fun and brightening up someone's day.

These wonderful people did just that, they are the newest volunteers who have just completed the Befriending course.

**Well done to them all.**

If you would like to know more about the **Home from Hospital Volunteer Support** service or if you would like to have a chat about becoming a **Befriender** please contact **Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076**, where we will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.



If you would like to book on any of the above training sessions please contact Jo Glossop on 01773 512076 or email [joglossop@avcvs.org](mailto:joglossop@avcvs.org)

Please feel free to contact us if you wish to discuss any details of the AVCVS training programmes e.g. costs, venues, times etc.

# TRAINING

## Training Opportunities

### Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

**March 6th and 7th 2012 – 1pm to 4pm at AVCVS. This training is £10 for members of AVCVS and £15 for non members.** (Both sessions must be attended to complete the course.)

Does your group have or work with vulnerable adults? This 2 half day session course will give you all the relevant information you need to know. It will provide information on Derbyshire's Multi-agency definition of vulnerable adults and the categories of abuse covered within Derbyshire's agreed policies and procedures.



Feedback from previous courses include:

- Well worthwhile
- Tutor was very good
- Relaxed – important update – keeps things fresh in everyone's mind

### Committee Skills

**14th March 2012 – 9.30am to 12.30pm at AVCVS. This training is £10 for members of AVCVS and £15 for non members.**



The session will help you to update the skills you need to run an efficient and effective management committee for your group. It will look at the roles and responsibilities of committee members and the essential things you need to know. This course is ideal for both existing and new committee members.

Feedback from previous courses include:

- It will help run the group better – in a more professional way
- Enjoyed it

### Managing Difficult Volunteer Situations

**March 19th 2012 – 1pm to 4pm at AVCVS. This training is £10 for members of AVCVS and £15 for non members.**

This session will help you identify what a difficult volunteer situation is and what impact this might have on your organisation and potential solutions including exit strategies.



Feedback from previous courses include:

- Very good and interactive course – thank you!
- I enjoyed it
- Interesting to hear others experiences, it will be helpful if exposed to a 'conflict situation'

If you would like to book on any of the above training sessions please contact Jo Glossop on 01773 512076 or email [joglossop@avcvs.org](mailto:joglossop@avcvs.org)

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# VCI PASSPORT SCHEME

## VCI (Voluntary Community Independent) Passport Scheme



The VCI Passport Scheme is aimed towards volunteers who are working or thinking of working with children and younger people. i.e. children's centre, sports clubs etc.,

**FREE** Quality Standard Training for Volunteers in the Amber Valley Area.

All you need to do to receive your passport is:

### Complete the following.....

- 5 x ½ day training sessions
- Safeguarding
- Health & Safety
- First Aid Introduction
- Involving and Consulting Children & Young People
- Equal Opportunities

### Sample VCI Passport



“Volunteers are important! They make up a large part of the VCI children and young people’s workforce and they deserve to receive the support that they need to help them continue to develop their skills, knowledge and abilities so that they can improve the service they give to children and young people”. Mandy Mangold. SNAP Development Project

Following completion of the requirements, the volunteer will be awarded with a certificate and a badge which allows him/her to identify themselves as an accredited volunteer for Derbyshire’s Children’s Trust. Badges will not be issued until we have proof of a current CRB check.

For more information please contact Jo Glossop at Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076 or Matt Ford on 07917053400

# VOLUNTEERING

## Volunteering Update

Here is just a quick review from October to December 2011.

**We placed 43 volunteers in a wide variety of roles, including:**

Admin Roles, Arts and Crafts Group, Befriending, Centre Support Volunteers, Day Trip Helpers, Derbyshire LINK Champions, Credit Union Support, Drivers/Escort/Minibus Drivers, Hospital Eye Clinic Support, IT Helpers, Local Events Helpers, Retail Sales Volunteers, Resident Visitors, Telephone Sales Volunteers, A Classroom Assistant, Fundraisers, Press Office Volunteer and Walk Leaders.

## Urgently Required

**Amber Valley Village Games** seek “**Marvellous Marshalls**” for their **Sport Relief Event on March 25th at Shipley Park**. Depending on their interest and experience, the volunteers will have the opportunity to fulfil one of the following roles on the day of the event:

- Event Marshall at mile markers
- Medal/Water distribution
- Registration assistant
- Car park attendants



**Marlpool Lunch Club** require a **Lunch Club Helper**. They are looking for a caring person of any age to help out doing “Front of House” work getting the tables ready for meals for 35 elderly people every Wednesday. They need someone who likes working with the elderly and who also has time for those who are disabled. The person would be required to assist with the table setting, help waitressing and then clearing up or staying to help with 1 hour of activity. The Club go on trips regularly so it would be a help if the person could drive. Times needed for the weekly lunch are from 10am to 12.30pm.

**Belper Stroke Club** now requires a **Treasurer**.

A Treasurer is required to help with book keeping on behalf of the group. There are 4 meetings a year and the role involves taking a basic account of monies in and out at meetings, paying for room hire and invoices for transport and occasional entertainer. This person will also will need to balance the books at the end of the financial year.

## Opportunity within a Sports Group

**Alfreton Cricket Club** requires a **Volunteer Co-ordinator**. We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to co-ordinate and manage our hard working group of volunteers as well as recruiting and supporting new volunteers. You will provide the focal point for volunteers and volunteering within the club.

You will need to have good management skills, be approachable and friendly, be a good listener and effective communicator, be confident with good leadership skills, have good organisational skills, be able to delegate effectively, be enthusiastic and a good motivator.

**For further information please contact Elaine Broadhurst on 01773 512076.**

# VOLUNTEERING

## New Year, New Opportunities

**Derby County in the Community** will be working with Belper Town FC and Codnor Boys FC to promote Disability Football. All of the clubs provide young players with disabilities the opportunity to participate in the nation's favourite game and improve their skills, confidence and motivation to move forward within the game. The inclusive clubs also provide the opportunity to develop social skills within a fun, safe environment under the supervision of qualified and knowledgeable coaching staff.



**Action Aid UK** is looking for enthusiastic and dynamic volunteers from anywhere in the UK. Join us in the global fight to protect those affected by international conflict and natural disasters by becoming **Emergency Fundraisers**. Volunteer alongside one of the world's most established and internationally recognised Emergency and Conflict Response teams to help save lives and be part of something bigger.

The role will involve organising fundraising events and activities in your own area during periods of major Devastation, following emergency alerts from Action Aid's Emergency Response Team.



**Spinal Injuries Association** are looking for a **Volunteer Collection Box Co-ordinator**.

Working alongside the Fundraising team, the **SIA** seeks a volunteer to assist with the management of SIA collection boxes. Help SIA recruit local businesses to display collection boxes on their counter top, for example, local pubs, newsagents and bakers. Distribute collection boxes and replace when needed.

**Ironville Breakfast Club** need **Helpers** to help out at a breakfast club for children from 7.45am till 9.00am Monday to Friday.

**Ironville Junior Youth Club** need **Helpers** to help with a junior youth club once a week 4.30 - 6.00pm on Wednesdays: activities including indoor sports, drawing, organising quizzes, supporting other team members to supervise children. Children are aged between 6 and 11 years old.



**For further information please contact Elaine Broadhurst on 01773 512076.**

# VOLUNTEERING

## Opportunities for Young People

**Activities Assistant** required for a **Leonard Cheshire** residential home for people with disabilities. Volunteers help residents to go shopping, visit the cinema, eating out, arts and crafts, baking and sports activities, seaside in summer and lazy hazy days out. Anyone 14+ can apply!



### **Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Practical Conservation Volunteers**

Do you want to help protect the wildlife for the future?

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust needs volunteers to assist with many different kinds of conservation work from hedge laying and walling to fencing and tree felling.

Also during the summer help is needed on reserves, including orchid counts, habit mapping, general vegetation surveys, common bird census and water vole work.

Volunteers need to be relatively fit, aged 16 upwards, no experience needed. Must be able to supply own warm clothes.

**DEBRA (Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association)** requires **Fundraising volunteers**.

DEBRA is the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) - a genetic condition which causes the skin to blister and shear at the slightest friction, or even spontaneously.

Can you help organise local events and activities on behalf of DEBRA? Help support the organisation of local events and activities, raising awareness of DEBRA and EB.

Time Commitment: 1-4 hours on an ad-hoc basis, as and when local events arise. Volunteers aged 13 years+ can apply.

## **Volunteering is a worthwhile cause!**

A National Volunteering Survey found out some interesting facts about volunteering in the UK.

- The most common activities undertaken by regular formal volunteers were 'organising or helping to run an activity or event' (59%) and 'raising or handling money/taking part in sponsored events' (52%)
- The most common activity undertaken by regular informal volunteers was 'giving advice', undertaken by 45% of regular informal volunteers
- Groups related to sports and exercise (52%) or hobbies and recreation (40%) were the most common types of organisations that regular formal volunteers were involved in.
- 62% of regular formal volunteers say they start volunteering because they 'want to improve things/help people'
- 65% of regular formal volunteers say they get 'satisfaction from seeing the results'

These figures are taken from the National Citizenship Survey conducted by the Department for Communities and Local Government 2008-2009 which were published last year.

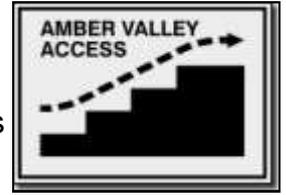
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# MEMBER NEWS

## Amber Valley Access Group

### Disabled People Working for Better Environmental Access

**Amber Valley Access Group** is run by disabled and non-disabled volunteers working together.



We aim to improve access facilities and opportunities for everyone to encourage involvement in the life of the Amber Valley area.

We promote awareness in the local community of the access problems that disabled people experience and assist in access campaigns and issues locally and nationally.

We aim to improve access in the built and open environments and carry out surveys of public buildings. We advise local borough and county councils on how to go about this.

**We need people from Alfreton, Ripley, Heanor and Belper to attend our group meetings.**

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Field Terrace Community Rooms, Malthouse Yard, Ripley at 2pm.

Please call: 07866 162432 for more details

## Aldercar and Langley Mill Boxing Club



Aldercar and Langley Mill Boxing Club are based at Queens Street Langley Mill. The group has been active since 1993 offering a safe environment for those who wish to train and box. Members of the club range from the age of 10 through to 40+.

Each member gets comprehensive training and guidance on all aspects of safe boxing. They hold training sessions three times a week where they train for competitive fights. This is a great way of keeping fit as well as helping youngsters channel their energy into something positive.

The group is hoping to expand their premises in order to attract new members, in the meantime they are always looking for volunteers to come and help with the running of the group and to help organise the exhibition fights that they put on throughout the year.

The group received a fantastic £9,999 'Awards For All' funding, in order to extend the building; it's a very exciting time for the club and its members. The group has recently launched their 'Fun Fitness Friends' club, run by qualified coaches. This is a great opportunity for women and girls who are between 15 – 26 years old to join in and get fit in a friendly environment.

For further information please contact Amber Valley CVS 01773 512076

# MEMBER NEWS

## Amber Valley Rugby Club

Amber Valley Rugby Club have been in existence for the last 55 years. They have used various grounds, but are now firmly in place in lower Somercotes.



The club now boast an excellent pitch, along with a fully licenced club house, which is used by the members, with a number of events being held throughout the year including a very impressive firework display in November, with over 2000 people attending last year. The facilities are also available for hire to the general public.

The club has a number of teams with their first team currently mid table in the East Midlands and East Nottingham 3 League. The club take boys and girls from the age of 5 years. Although they are not able to take part in contact sports at this age, the boys and girls are getting to understand the importance of fitness, team work and of course the rules of the game, all of which is getting them ready for their next move.



The group are always keen for new players to join as well as people who would like to help with the organisation of the club. All volunteers need to be over the age of 12 years. If you would like to be part of this Rugby Club either as a player or a volunteer, please contact Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076 or [admin@avcvs.org](mailto:admin@avcvs.org)

## Forest Bowmen Field Archery Club

Forest Bowmen has been running for over 40 years at various grounds around the local area. They now have access to over 25 acres of open land and woodland, which gives their members a fantastic experience of shooting arrows on a course with 36 different targets hidden away in the woodland.



Not only is the group very active with providing excellent targets for their 85 members, they are also very keen on conservation, helping to keep the balance between man and the habitat of some wonderful wildlife.

The club can be seen at various events throughout the year including Nottingham Castle, where the general public are encouraged to have a go!

The group offer a membership which allows the members to have access to equipment and access to the 36 target course at any time during daylight hours; members can join from any age as long as they have the strength to pull back the bow. Training sessions are available from qualified instructors for a small charge. The club can offer corporate event packages, birthday parties and social events.

Amber Valley CVS were able to provide Forest Bowmen a small grants fund of £247.50 to help purchase some new equipment.

If you would like further information on the Forest Bowman Field Archery Club then contact Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076

# MEMBER NEWS

## Christmas Gifts



Members of Duffield Church very kindly donated over 50 gifts to Amber Valley CVS, which our SOS (Support and Signposting) and AVEDASS (Amber Valley and Erewash Domestic Abuse Support Service) teams were busy delivering out to families and children that they have been supporting.

“Thank you for thinking of me” said one 6 year old girl, and gave a big hug to our worker. The mum, who is experiencing extreme hardship at the moment, said she couldn’t thank us enough for thinking of them at this time. Another child who

received a present said, “I don’t want to open mine until Christmas Day, because I don’t think I will get much else” “My Peppa Pig Mug was my best present EVER” said another.

We also received over 50 selection boxes, that were donated by the children and parents of Somercotes Girl Guides, all of which were wrapped beautifully ready for us to deliver out via our SOS and AVEDASS teams to families and children.

Addullam House is an organisation in Alfreton which aims to provide an excellent and comprehensive range of accommodation and support services for young people in need. We were able to give them a selection of the donated items in order to help some of the children who may well arrive at the centre with nothing.

These donations have made such a huge difference to the families and children who were luckily enough to receive them.

If you would like more information about how your group can get involved with helping those who are experiencing hardship, please contact Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076



## Would you like to share your news with us?

In 2012 we would like to dedicate a section of our newsletter to hearing about **You**.

Do you have any Good News Stories that you would like to share? Are you currently commemorating any special events? We would love to hear from any of our Member Groups. To include your stories in one of our newsletters please email your information to Mandy Rafferty at [mandyafferty@avcvcs.org](mailto:mandyafferty@avcvcs.org) or call Mandy on 01773 512076.

# MEMBER NEWS

## Ripley Rangers Football Club

In June of 2011 a new Junior Football Club was formed in Ripley which has grown immensely in a short space of time. It was formed by parents and children of the local community and was named by the children, who decided on Ripley Rangers FC. The club have worked very hard in order to expand the number of teams they have, and to get them ready for this season. The youngest team is for the under 5 years going right up to the under 18 years. The club has also got a girls team that have been training and getting ready for this year's season.



Under 12 years – team photograph 2011

The club currently train at Ripley Mill Hill School on Wednesday nights and Thursday nights; they are always looking for new

players to come along to training and to join the club. The club is friendly and extremely dedicated to ensuring that the club is run efficiently and successfully. They have built up great ties with Derby Country Football Club, which has allowed some of the younger team members to act as mascots at the 2011 Boxing Day Home Game, and allowing the teams to visit the stadium and play on their pitch for a three hour slot,

'A fantastic experience, a school boys dream' said one member

In order to help this group to continue to grow, they are very keen to encourage new volunteers to help on match days, with the running of the club and to help organise fundraising.

Amber Valley CVS have been able to present the club with a 'Small Grants Fund' of £245.00 to help with the clubs ongoing running cost.

You don't have to be a parent, just a great lover of the game. If you would like more information about joining the group, please contact Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076.

## Amber Valley CVS - Social Media

You can now keep up to date with all our latest news and information by visiting us at:



Website:

<http://www.avcvs.org/>



Amber Valley CVS Blog:

<http://ambervalleycvs.wordpress.com/>



Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/234979079918521>



Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/avcvs>



E-Bulletin:

<http://www.avcvs.org/bulletin.htm>

# REPORT FROM PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

## Derbyshire Partnership Forum

The countywide “Derbyshire Partnership Forum” will now only meet bi-annually.

Derbyshire County Council will continue to prepare the Derbyshire Infrastructure plan, capturing how to accommodate development and sustainability of infrastructure and service delivered by the County Council and its partners. District and Borough Councils will prepare Core Strategies for local areas.

Meeting dates for 2012 are Friday 15th June and Friday 14th December, 10am at County Hall, Matlock.

### Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board has begun initial work towards its core purpose which is to join up commissioning across the NHS, Social Care, Public Health and other services to improve Health, Wellbeing and quality of care outcomes.

The strategy builds on existing plans and priorities including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the health-related priorities agreed by DPF.

### Commissioning Intentions for 2012/13

Commissioners are also required to issue a set of commissioning intentions to the main providers of NHS services. They capture the local intentions for large service changes but do not cover work going on with DCC adult and children’s services or the voluntary sector.

**Public Health Transitions** - Progress is being made in transferring Public Health responsibilities from the PCT to successor

organisations, particularly the County Council.

Work is continuing to identify ways for stakeholders (including the VCS) to access information and be more engaged in the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. An initial meeting took place in September and a further meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Forum has been planned for the end of March, with the main focus being to gain feedback on the draft priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### Adult Care Board

The Adult Care Board and the Children Trust Board report to the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

At its January meeting, the Adult Care Board agreed to establish a limited number of joint commissioning priorities for 2012 /13. A task and finish group has been set up for this. The proposed priorities will be considered at the next Adult Care Board meeting in March, with the final proposals being submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Core functions: to oversee four key strands of strategy, commissioning and performance:

### Steering Groups:

- Prevention (non care-based)
- Accommodation with Support (including linkage to the Capital Programme Board)
- Joint Commissioning of Health and Social Care services
- Adult Safeguarding

This information has been supplied by Derbyshire Partnership Forum.

# REPORT FROM PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

## Derbyshire Partnership Forum

### Children's Trust Board

The CYP Trust Board and Local Safeguarding Children Board are working together to improve governance arrangements, identify priorities for action, commissioning arrangements and the participation of young people and parents in the work of both Boards.

The CYP Trust Board has taken forward these elements in the following way:

Communication has been improved between both Boards and staff working in children's services through sending out an e-briefing after each Trust Board meeting with a summary of agenda items.

The terms of reference and membership have been reviewed to reflect the introduction of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Youth Council have 2 representatives on the Trust Board who take a full and active part in the work of the Trust Board. Developments are in hand to increase the participation and involvement of young people in the Local Safeguarding Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Trust is overseeing the Big Vote, the annual election of young people onto the Youth Council.

Over the last year, the Trust has overseen a

review of locality partnership arrangements and there will be a new Locality Planning and Commissioning Partnership structure in January. This multi-agency arrangement will identify local priorities and actions and oversee its implementation. Chairs of each Partnership will report on a regular basis to the CYP Trust Board.

The Trust has approved a joint Memorandum of Understanding which has been adopted by both Adult Services and CAYA to improve collaboration and joint working to produce a better outcome for young carers. A pilot is being carried out in Amber Valley to test the opportunities the Memorandum offers.

### The Culture Derbyshire Board

Culture Derbyshire, which replaces the former Culture Thematic Partnership Board held its first meeting on 29th September, chaired by Councillor Andrew Lewer.

The role of Culture Derbyshire is to exercise strategic leadership of the cultural sector in Derbyshire. Culture in this context includes Archives, Arts, Libraries, Museums, Sport and Active Leisure and Tourism. It also has close links with heritage and conservation bodies. Culture Derbyshire will champion cultural services and act as a focus for their co-ordination and development within the county and with external partners.

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# REPORT FROM PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

## Derbyshire Partnership Forum

### Strategy and Actions

An annual Cultural Conference will be hosted.

The first conference in the summer of 2012 and will be a launch pad for a new Cultural Strategy. The strategy will draw on the broad priorities already agreed by Culture Derbyshire, but will be practical and focused on activity, engagement and increasing participation. It will address crosscutting themes such as volunteering and the digital agenda, and will not be a lengthy document. Creation of the strategy will begin as a 'bottom-up' process, making use of strategic plans which some partner organisations already have in place; additional stakeholders will be involved as appropriate.

In August 2012 London will host the Olympic Games and the Olympic Torch Relay will pass through Derbyshire on Friday 29th June, culminating in an evening event in Derby, which will be one of only a handful of such events to be televised. A programme of activities is being planned county wide and across district council areas with the aim of showcasing Derbyshire's attractions to the world, enabling local people on the route to participate, encouraging people from all parts of Derbyshire to see the Olympic flame and to create a lasting legacy.

A mapping exercise will be undertaken to ensure that the Derbyshire tourism offer benefits from a clear understanding of what cultural and heritage providers can offer. The

aim is to support Visit Peak District and Derbyshire in creating packages which will help convert day visits into overnight stays.

### Derbyshire Economic Partnership

#### An Economic Strategy for Derbyshire

Consultation is on-going with partners as to what should be included within an Economic Strategy for Derbyshire. There are many economic strategies and priority statements for the district but not an overarching strategy for the county. Districts and partnerships have been contacted and requested to submit any key points or issues. Further consultation will take place in the coming months through the DEP sub-groups with a view to completing the document by the end of the year.

### Safer Communities Board

A new website is underway for Safer Derbyshire. It should be live from 12<sup>th</sup> March and is much simpler to navigate with up-to-date information and links.

'My area' contains information about the community safety partnerships and where to find further information on the local priorities. Our latest news feature has had a complete revamp. If you sign up to news alerts, new items will automatically appear in your email inbox.

This information has been supplied by Derbyshire Partnership Forum.

# REPORT FROM PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

## Derbyshire Partnership Forum

### **Wider issues and challenges facing the partnership**

There have been significant developments for the SCB since April 2011.

Firstly, Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 came into force in April 2011. This provision establishes multi-agency domestic homicide reviews on a statutory basis to ensure that all the agencies identify lessons that can be learned from domestic violence (DV) homicides, with a view to improving policies and practice to better protect and safeguard victims of domestic violence.

Secondly, the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act received Royal Assent in September 2011. The Act will see the introduction of elected Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for each force area on 15 November 2012 replacing the current Police Authorities.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour - Oz-box**

Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Constabulary are working in partnership to extend Oz-box diversionary scheme. Six new community gyms will be established over the next three years in priority areas. Each gym will provide 12 one hour Oz-box sessions each week for up to 50 young people at a time.

Community volunteers will be recruited and trained as coaches to deliver the sessions, and will be encouraged to become qualified

sports leaders and mentors to young people. Mobile gyms will also be providing outreach sessions in anti-social behaviour hot spots.

For more information call Barry Thacker on 01629 538293.

### **Crime/Offender management**

Derbyshire Burglar Alarms for Victims Project - £120,000 has been approved by the Cabinet Member for Public Health for the delivery of a Derbyshire Burglar Alarms for Victims project across the whole of the county over 12 months.

The aim of the project is to help prevent householders becoming repeat victims of Domestic burglary and is an extension of a previous successful burglar alarm project.

Referral into the scheme is made by the Police.

### **Safeguarding Adults**

Door chimes project - In 2010, the community safety unit supported the handy van service to successfully fit 400 door chimes with a vibrating pager and flashing lights for people who were hearing impaired.

Funding has been approved for approximately 300 more door chimes to be purchased and fitted through the Derbyshire HandyVan Network.

This information has been supplied by Derbyshire Partnership Forum.

# COMMUNITY LIVES IN DERBYSHIRE

If you want to know about the changes in Adult Care please request a booklet using the details listed below.

Telephone: Iseult Cocking, 01629 532046 or Louise Swain, 01629 532348

Email: [iseult.cocking@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:iseult.cocking@derbyshire.gov.uk) or [louise.swain@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:louise.swain@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Write to:

Iseult or Louise

Commissioning Team, Adult Care, County Hall, Matlock.

Website: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/communitylives](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/communitylives)

## Working together for Change - Update from Workshops

About 300 people have been part of the workshops including people with learning disabilities, family carers and other people who work with people with learning disabilities. Here are a few things that people at the workshops said were important. There is much more from the workshops that will help us make our plans.



### What's working?

- Variety of activities - 'I like doing different things'
- Choice and control - 'I'm able to choose how and where I spend my day'
- Having opportunities- 'I enjoy my job'.
- Support - 'I like to feel cared for and not left out'
- Wellbeing - 'I like going on holiday'



### What's not working?

- Activities – 'I'm lonely and I want to get out more'.
- Support – 'The support I get is not working'
- Choice and control – 'I want my choice respected'
- Having opportunities – 'I want job opportunities'
- Wellbeing – 'I don't always get the right food how I like it'



### What's important for the future?

- Activities – 'I want to be active'
- Support – 'I need the right support'
- Choice and control – 'I want to make my own choices'
- Having opportunities – 'I want to try new things'
- Wellbeing – 'I want to be healthy and feel good'

This information has been taken from The Community Lives in Derbyshire - Newsletter

# DERBYSHIRE LINK



## Derbyshire LINK Update

We have jumped into the New Year headfirst here at Derbyshire LINK! We have a busy schedule and look forward to engaging with Derbyshire residents, Voluntary and Community Groups.

Such engagement activities allow local people to have a voice and be able to comment on their local Health and Social Care services. Despite being early in the year we would like to share with you the following work activities already undertaken within the Amber Valley and Erewash districts.

- **Tootsies in Amber Valley:** Helen Hart, Community Involvement Worker for Amber Valley, has recently undertaken some partnership work with 'Tootsies' to seek views and comments from participants, and sign up new members.

Being run by Derby and Derbyshire Age UK 'Tootsies' provides affordable foot care services for people aged 50+.

- Helen has also facilitated a number of engagement activities within the district to seek the views from group attendees. These include Somercotes, Langley Mill and Crich Children's Centres as well as Residents Groups in Horsley, Horsley Woodhouse and Ripley.
- **Erewash Visually Impaired Group:** Community Involvement Worker for Erewash, Jas Dosanjh, recently undertook some engagement activity with Erewash Visually Impaired Group where a collective concern, regarding Queens Medical Centre, was raised by the group. This being that appointment letters being sent from the Eye Clinic are not provided in a large print format and therefore patients are experiencing difficulty, or are having to seek assistance, in order to read the letter.

Consequently, a letter from LINK was sent to the Chief Executive of the Trust formally requesting information regarding provisions that are in place to aid effective communication with the visually impaired. A response will be received from the Trust and this will be communicated to the group by Jas.

- Jas has recently met with the Erewash GP Practice Managers to discuss current work activities and to further explore how Derbyshire LINK are set to evolve into Local HealthWatch, the new local consumer champion for Health and Social Care in Derbyshire.
- A LINK activity update was provided to a residential group in Ilkeston. This also provided the opportunity for LINK to gather intelligence from group members regarding District Nurses, GP home visits and Audiology services.
- **Youth LINK:** across the county Derbyshire LINK are becoming increasingly involved in engaging with children and young people. Helen has been identified as the lead to develop an engagement strategy specifically aimed at gaining the views and experiences of young people regarding their Health services.

Consequently, Helen is keen to establish a young persons task group to explore the best way forward with young people themselves. If you are interested in joining the group, and are aged between 13-18, your ideas and comments would be highly valued. Please contact Helen Hart on 01773 512076 or via email at [helen@derbyshirelink.org.uk](mailto:helen@derbyshirelink.org.uk)

- **Maternity Services Questionnaire:** Derbyshire LINK are extremely keen to hear about local people's experiences of hospital based maternity services. Therefore a questionnaire is being developed and will be made widely available from 12 March 2012. If you have had experience of maternity services within the last two years then we would like to hear your thoughts and opinions on the care you received.

If you would like to receive the questionnaire please visit the LINK website (after 12 March) or contact Tanya Nolan as below and she will send one out to you in the post.

**Derbyshire LINK: T: 01246 558924**

**Email: [info@derbyshirelink.org.uk](mailto:info@derbyshirelink.org.uk)**

**Web: [www.derbyshirelink.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirelink.org.uk)**

# SOS SIGNPOSTING OR SUPPORT SERVICE UPDATE

## **SOS (Support and Signposting) and AVEDASS (Amber Valley and Erewash Domestic Abuse Support Service)**

During January and February we have supported 19 families through signposting or support with housing, debt, activities, and general help with items of furniture, babies' clothes and other household equipment. We are in the process of talking to several parents regarding setting up new groups. We have once again helped to support a new parent group in Ripley, and a new group who are supporting people with mental health.

**If you would like any information on forming a new group please contact us on 01773 512076**

We have supported 23 children who have witnessed domestic abuse, following referrals from schools, family resource workers, and social care.

Information boards to raise awareness of 'the topic and our service' are currently being displayed in various locations. We have delivered the Domestic Abuse Schools Awareness program to the Blend Youth Group at both Ripley and Heanor, also John Flamsteed School in Denby, and Mill Hill School in Ripley. We will also be delivering the program to Ilkeston School and Long Eaton School during February and March.

# COMMUNITY AND MARKETING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Any Community or Voluntary Group in the Amber Valley area can become a member of Amber Valley CVS. As members, your group can get Advice, Information, Training Opportunities, Help with Funding, Marketing, Administration Services and you have the option to vote at our AGM.

We started 2012 contacting **Sport Groups** that operate in the Amber Valley area, to offer support with their development. This might mean helping the clubs attract new volunteers, discussing tailored training courses, helping them apply for funding and also helping to market their activities via our various resources.

In conjunction with this we are looking to work with young people aged 14 years and over to highlight the benefits of volunteering, and how it can improve their outlook. Volunteering can help people decide on a career path, it can give them the opportunity to learn new skills and to add these skills to their CV. This experience can help when looking for employment.

We would be interested in hearing from you if you are an organisation/company who is able to offer short or long term volunteer opportunities specifically for young people.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please contact Mandy Rafferty 01773 512076 or email [admin@avcvs.org](mailto:admin@avcvs.org)

# HELP AT HOME NEWS



Adele Atkinson  
Help at Home  
Manager

I am pleased to report that the Help at Home project continues to go from strength to strength providing practical support to Elderly and Disabled residents of Amber Valley and Erewash, which will help them maintain their independence.

During 2011 the project delivered over 22,560 hours of Domestic Support.

The domestic support service can consist of cleaning, shopping, ironing and changing bed linen. The service relies on the flexibility of our workers who tailor the support dependent on the needs of each client. For instance some of our clients have a high level of need which can involve 3 to 4 visits per week, whereas some just rely on a smaller amount of 1 hour once every four weeks.

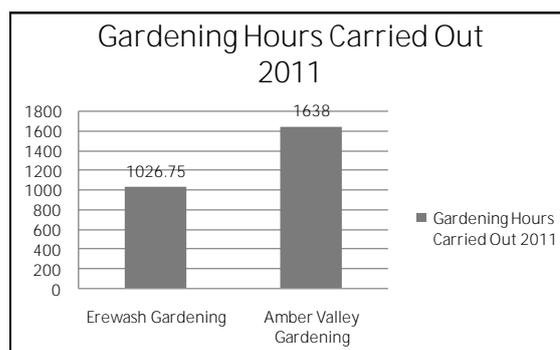
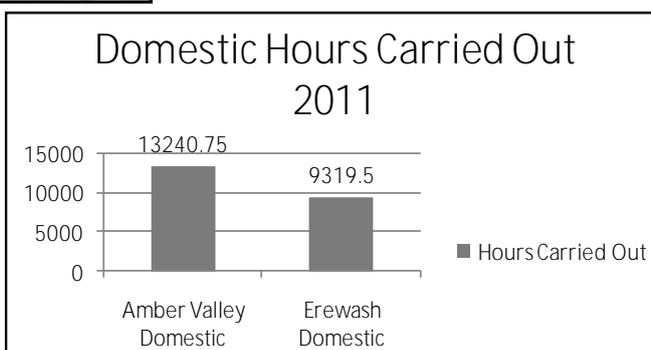
With many years experience working with our clients, we have great skills when dealing with most requests.

In addition the Gardening Support during 2011 delivered over 2665 hours. This support operates throughout the year weather permitting.

During the growing period our gardeners concentrate on mowing, weeding, planting and pruning back the gardens. In the winter months they will paint sheds and fences, clear leaves from pathways to keep your garden looking tidy through the colder months.



**If you know of someone who is elderly or disabled and may benefit from the Help at Home service please contact the team on 01773 512076 for more information.**



## Help at Home Vacancies

To ensure that we are able to offer the service and continue to make a difference to our clients' lives, We are currently recruiting Domestic Workers for our Help at Home service in Heanor, Ilkeston and Long Eaton.

The role involves general housework or going shopping for our clients who have difficulty carrying out these tasks themselves. Own transport essential. Hours flexible.

Please contact 01773 512076 for an application pack.

# ADMINISTRATION

## Amber Valley CVS CRB Service

Some important points to remember when completing your CRB application form ...

### Is this Application for a free of charge Volunteer?

**Section X, Q 68- is this application for a free of charge volunteer?** – If the box is NOT ticked at all, the CRB will automatically charge for a paid worker. If the application IS for a volunteer, please cross yes and ignore the free of charge wording, as you pay a £6 admin fee.

### Date of Applicants Signature

**Section E, Q 57 – date of signature** – If this date is not within the last 2 months, we can't accept it. Please make sure that you post us your application forms as soon as they have been signed & dated by the applicant, otherwise the information supplied will be out of date.

### Current Address Details and 5 Year Address History

It is very important that the applicants **correct current address** is entered on the CRB Form at section b. (This is the address to which their copy of the Disclosure Certificate will be sent) and the month and year that they moved into that address.

If that date does not go back at least 5 years from the date of signing the form, then the applicants **previous address must be entered at section c 38** with the month and year that they moved in and out of their previous address. **Any other addresses lived at in the last 5 years must also be provided**, with no gaps in dates. Use a continuation sheet if necessary.

### If you're a voluntary organisation and would like to

join our CRB Service

contact Emma Rodgers on 01773 512076

or e-mail [CRB@avcvs.org](mailto:CRB@avcvs.org)

# LOCAL NEWS & INFORMATION

## Diabetes and You

Diabetes and You is a group education programme for people who have recently been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes.

We currently run courses in the following areas:-

Alfreton, Ashbourne, Belper, Heanor, Hilton, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Ripley and Swadlincote.

To book a place or for further information contact:-

Diabetes and You Administrator, South, Park Hill, Hilton Road, Egginton, Derbyshire, DE65 6GU

To get Information Prescription for your long- term condition visit:-

[www.derbyshirecounty.nhs.uk/long-term-conditions](http://www.derbyshirecounty.nhs.uk/long-term-conditions) or Freephone: 0800 783 7279.

## The Carer's Award

Nominations now being taken for the Unpaid Carer's Award supported by Carers UK and Nutricia

Deadline for entries is 14th May 2012.

The Carer's Award is a special category for the Great British Care Awards, and will be given to an unpaid carer or former carer who, in the opinion of the judges, can demonstrate commitment and perseverance in helping to bring about better recognition and support for carers. This award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication that carers show to their local community or society.

Nomination forms can be downloaded and submitted online at [www.care-awards.co.uk/entry-form.php](http://www.care-awards.co.uk/entry-form.php)

For more information on the Great British Care Awards please visit the website at [www.care-awards.co.uk](http://www.care-awards.co.uk)

## Culture Derbyshire

The strategy is to increase participation in arts, sports, cultural and leisure opportunities. Focusing on:

- Engaging local people in the responsibilities, opportunities and benefits of taking part in culture arts and sport.
- Encouraging more organisations to recognise the value of sport, physical and mental activity to improve the quality of life

Derbyshire Arts Development Group (DADG) and Derbyshire Arts Partnership now merged into one group called Arts Derbyshire.

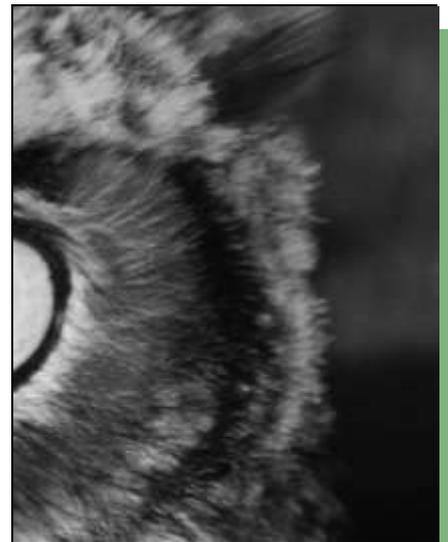
For the update on the Olympic Torch relay route see [www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com) for map of route as it passes through 9 towns in Derbyshire on June 29<sup>th</sup> (Glapwell, Bolsover, Calow, Chesterfield, Matlock, Bakewell, Buxton, Ashbourne and finishing at Derby in the evening.

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