

COMMUNITY SECTOR NEWS

AMBER VALLEY CVS EXISTS TO DEVELOP AND BE PART OF A VIBRANT VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUMMER 2012

Community Directory Derbyshire



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Over 5000 Community groups at your fingertips!

Did you know that there are over 5000 voluntary and community groups in Derby city and Derbyshire? That's 5000 groups doing everything from supporting people in times of need to providing fun activities for children and young people not to mention the groups who tackle race and hate crime and those who offer a meeting place for like-minded people be they railway enthusiasts or keen walkers.

For the first time all of these groups, in their rich diversity, are available in one place – the **Community Directory Derbyshire!** The Directory is available for everyone to explore and find out what goes on in the world of community and voluntary groups in Derby and Derbyshire. Community Directory Derbyshire was created by a partnership of local charities, led by Community Action Derby, who provide support to community groups. The new online directory makes it easier to find groups by area, interest or type of support.

If you are part of a community group you can check if your group is registered by visiting www.communitydirectoryderbyshire.org.uk - if you find your group isn't listed, registering is just a click away and it's FREE!

For more information about the Community Directory Derbyshire email: info@vcldata.org.uk or call 01332 227719.



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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	Amount	Project Awarded
Somercotes Scouts	£250.00	Towards recruitment materials and their website
Ripley Rangers	£245.00	Towards mini soccer football nets
Marehay Junior Cricket Club	£250.00	Towards coaching and equipment
Friends of Ripley Nursery	£250.00	Towards a summer programme
Sporting Futures	£2408.00	Cost for countywide Multi Sports Activities
The New Over 60's	£500.00	Towards transport costs

Amber Valley CVS's Funding Fair - February 2012

Once again the funding fair was a great success with over 30 representatives from local voluntary and community groups attending.



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.**

Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information contact Wendy Burrige, at Amber Valley Borough Council on 01773 841493 or email wendy.burrige@ambervalley.gov.uk



TRAINING

Celebrating the VCI Passport in Ripley

Since September 2011 we have held 5 VCI Passport courses in partnership with Derbyshire County Council. So far 49 volunteers have completed all 5 sessions. We held a volunteer celebration event in December in Ripley where certificates and badges were presented. Volunteers were also invited by Derbyshire County Council to a VCI celebration in Matlock in March where volunteers from all over the county got together with staff and tutors.

Evaluations have been completed by the volunteers and the majority stated that attending the course raised their knowledge and confidence in their volunteering roles.

Comments on how the volunteers have used the knowledge gained on the course included:

“I have used the 1st Aid skills in practice”.

“As a coach I now have more confidence in myself, how to observe the children more, respect their needs and act on them”.

“The information about diversity posters, also shared some points with youth programme”

“Knowing the boundaries of personal competence and responsibility, when to involve others and when to seek advice and support. Also practising 1st Aid in an event where a service user hurt himself”.

“Going on the AVEDASS school visits the ‘how to talk to children’ came in very handy indeed”.

**If you are over the age of 16, volunteer with children or young people or want to volunteer with them in the future please contact:
AVCVS on 01773 512 076 for more information.**



Befriending Training

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, and listening and having fun, brightening up someone's day. The Befriending course runs for just two hours a week for four weeks. The course is a small friendly informative group, no high pressure or any tests to pass, just lots of positive information and guidelines to help volunteers develop and fine tune their skills.

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 512 076**, where we will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

Forthcoming Course Dates are:

May 17th, 24th, 31st and June 7th – 1pm to 3pm here at AVCVS in Ripley.

If you would like to book on any of the above training sessions please contact us on 01773 512076 or email admin@avcvcs.org

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 Angela Quinn at Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076 or Matt Ford on 07917053400

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering Update

Over 46 people were placed in the last quarter. They found opportunities in the following settings.

Retail, environment, health, sports, children's group, counselling, scouts, gardening, family support, railway enthusiasts and many more.

Become a Befriender!!

Across Amber Valley we have over 50 people waiting for someone like you to visit them once a week for company and a chat.



Come and Join our friendly team!

Or a Phone Buddy

This service is operated by volunteers with support from staff members.

Calls are made to elderly and isolated people to check they are safe, well and give the opportunity for a general chat to help reduce isolation.

The service operates on a Thursday evening between 5pm and 7pm at our offices.

Volunteers need to be patient, good listeners and be non-judgmental.

Current Opportunities

Here are a selection of our current opportunities but with over 100 more there is plenty to choose from!!

Ripley Rangers

Website administrator / Newsletter

We are looking for someone to assist our new football club with its new website working with the full support of all committee members to update the website with match reports and offer club information. Based in Ripley.

Amber Valley Rugby Union Football Club

Volunteer Helpers

Would you like to get involved with sport and the local community Amber Valley Rugby Club are looking for volunteers to help out at the club on Saturdays and Sundays whether its playing ,coaching, first aid or generally helping out.

Playscheme Volunteers

Volunteers needed to support children and young people with additional needs and disabilities aged between 5 -19 years old, encouraging them to engage in new and exciting experiences.

It will commence on Monday 23rd July for two weeks.

For further information please contact Elaine Broadhurst on 01773 512076.

VOLUNTEERING

Current Opportunities

YOUNG PEOPLE also wanted to volunteer.

We all have a contribution to make to organisations and we can also gain useful skills and experience.



It's always a two way street!!

A variety of the opportunities we display are all open to young people too!

If your organisation is open to offering young people an experience and gain from their enthusiasm and new ideas please contact us to discuss how we can help.

The opportunity below is open to ages 16+

Saturday and Holiday Volunteers for Derbyshire Autism Services Group

Attending activity days here in Derbyshire or awaydays to other counties with a group of staff and young people. Activities include rock climbing, canoeing, abseiling and generally having fun with trips out from the Amber Valley base.

Fire Prevention volunteer

Working alongside Derbyshire Fire and Rescue staff and other volunteers you will be carrying out home fire safety checks in people's homes. Giving advice on fire safety in the home and fitting smoke alarms if necessary. Volunteers will enhance and complement firefighters in meeting the needs of our local communities and help build better links with them. Also volunteers will support community events and initiatives to promote fire safety awareness and provide administrative, IT skills to support the preventions team.

Red Cross

Want to help the world's largest humanitarian organisation but don't think you've got enough time to spare?

Collection box co-ordinators place five Red Cross collection tins in the local area a year. Monies donated are to train and equip emergency response volunteers.

Collection box co-ordinators replace their tins with new ones every 3 months, and then make sure the money collected goes back to the local Red Cross fundraiser. It's an easy job and one that raises money for the Red Cross every year - with very little of your time.

If you can spare just a couple of hours every few months, we'd love to hear from you.

For all of your Volunteering queries please call Elaine Broadhurst at the Volunteer Centre on 01773 512076.

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MEMBER NEWS

Derbyshire Carers Association

Derbyshire Carers Association to receive share of £6.8 million to benefit patients.

Care Services Minister Paul Burstow has announced that Derbyshire Carers Association is to get up to £348,000 over three years to test and develop innovative approaches to improve Health and Wellbeing.

Helen Robinson, Chief Executive of Derbyshire Carers Association, said “We are delighted to have been awarded funding, allowing our organisation to continue and greatly expand our valuable work with community hospitals and GP practices. The concept at the heart of this project is that if carers are identified earlier and offered support, the health and wellbeing of both carers and those they care for, will be improved. We are grateful to the Department of Health for funding this important work”.

Donation from Supporting People



The Supporting People Group have sadly ceased but they wanted to kindly donate items of equipment to Amber Valley CVS.

Amber Valley CVS would like to thank the group and remind all members that this equipment is available for hire.

Christmas Gifts Article Correction

In the Spring Edition of our newsletter we reported in error that Members of Duffield Church very kindly donated over 50 gifts to Amber Valley CVS.

Please note that the gifts were donated by Ecclesbourne Girl Guides Association, which includes Girl Guides, Rangers, Brownies and Rainbows.



Derbyshire YMCA

Amber Valley CVS have been able work alongside Derbyshire YMCA, who are currently supporting over twenty 16-25 year olds who are part of their tenancy service. We were able to pass on items that had been donated to us from Boots. The donations were distributed to seven families in the form of baby clothes, baby food along with feeding bottles, sterilizers, blankets and baby toiletries. All the families who received the donations were very happy and really appreciated everything they received.

MEMBER NEWS

ShIPLEY Hall Cricket Club

ShIPLEY Hall Cricket Club gets their 113th season under way on Sunday 15th April with a home match against local rivals Heanor Town. The club, which will be running three senior and four junior age group teams, are looking forward to another interesting season.

Thanks to successful funding bids obtained with the help of CVS the club have been able to place greater emphasis on its junior cricket. A number of structured winter training courses have been completed under the supervision of Head Coach, Andrew Bowley and his coaching staff. The club commenced its summer outdoor evening training on Wednesday 11th April. ShIPLEY Hall Cricket Club are very keen to welcome and invite **New** members to attend these training sessions.

Like many voluntary organisations the club rely heavily upon Volunteers. The club are always looking for people who have some time to volunteer in a wide variety of roles. Administration, Finance, Ground Work, Building Maintenance, Bar and Catering are just a few of the roles available.

The club's energetic Chairman, Peter Young, tells us he would like to expand volunteer participation in club activities particularly in areas such as helping with organising events, ideas for Fundraising, along with someone to help with the co-ordination of volunteers.

Peter stresses that you do not have to be an expert of cricket to volunteer your skills, and feels sure a visit to the delightful ground situated within the ShIPLEY Country Park is in itself a rewarding experience.

If you would like to find out more about the friendly and welcoming club, and experience the beautiful location, weather it be to join the club or participate. Please contact the Club Secretary, Graham Farnsworth, 01332 582207 for further information.

The club address is:
The Field, ShIPLEY, DE75 7JH.



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 mandyrafferty@avcv.org or call Mandy on 01773 512076.

MEMBER NEWS

Amber Valley Chill and Chat

Angela Quinn (Community Development Manager) and Collette Watson (Development Worker) visited the Chill and Chat group on Thursday 19th April at Alfreton Town Football Club. The group has gone from strength to strength starting with just 7 members and they currently have 27.

Angela presented them with the Amber Valley CVS small grants cheque for £250 to which the Chairman and the Secretary said "Thanks to the staff at AVCVS – it has made a big difference to local people having their own group, many thanks again to all."



IT Training Sessions



Amber Valley CVS have been working in partnership with DDICIL (Disability Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living) to deliver IT training sessions to group members to assist in the promotion and marketing of their group.

This partnership project was funded by DDAN (Derbyshire Disability Action Network).

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>

GOOD NEWS STORY

Amber Valley CVS distribute donated Dressing Gowns to those who are in need

Collette Watson (Development Worker) received a call from Amber Valley Social Care regarding a large number of dressing gowns that were available from United Parcel Services (UPS) Derby, to use as a donation to a local charity.



Collette and Bob
Jenkins from UPS.

Amber Valley CVS have been able to distribute the dressing gowns to people and organisations that are currently being supported by our services.

The dressing gowns have been donated to:

- **Adullam Homes**, Alfreton - Young single homeless people aged 16-25 with support needs.
- **Nacro Ground Works**, Somercotes - Nacro Amber Valley/Erewash Floating Support helps people living in their own local authority or housing association flat or in lodgings.
- **Café Heroes**, Heanor - Supporting Local Heroes aims to address issues such as homelessness, debt, reoffending, substance misuse, physical and mental health, including post traumatic stress disorder, life skills, employment, training and education.
- **Reach - The People's Charity**, Ilkeston - Reach: The People Charity are a 'People First' force where we work in partnership with individuals and communities to maximize the positive impact we have on peoples' lives, promoting independence and full participation in society.
- **Canaan Trust, Long Eaton** - The Canaan Trust, an independent Christian Charity provides safe secure and healthy supported accommodation for homeless males aged 16 - 54.

From the donations made the following quotes were received:

- Mick Miller (Project Worker) and Jane Doyle (Support Worker) from Adullam Homes said: "Thank you very much, the residents never really get that much – this just shows that the community does care".
- Cathy Fallows from Nacro said "a big thanks to AVCVS, for thinking of us".
- Café Heroes representative said "AVCVS are darlings thank you so much".
- Rebecca Brown from Reach the People's Charity said "We are delighted to take receipt of all the dressing gowns. They will be given out amongst our young people, they are very welcome and we are very grateful, thank you again".
- Kevin Curtis (Manager) of Canaan Trust said "thank you very much and thank you for thinking of us".



Dressing Gowns



Dressing Gowns given
to Adullam Homes



Collette and Cathy
Fallows from Nacro



Nacro service users
modelling the dressing
gowns

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FORUM REPORT

Southern Derbyshire Health & Social Care Forum Newsletter

The latest Forum was hosted by Derbyshire Dales CVS and was held at St. Oswald's Church Hall in Ashbourne. The Forum was very well attended with a total of 47 people representing a wide range of organisations.

There was a full agenda with presentations from Derbyshire County Council on preparing for HealthWatch and from South Derbyshire CVS about the countywide Trusted Befriending Network project.

Preparing for HealthWatch - Colin Selbie, Group Manager, Contracting & Compliance, Derbyshire Adult Care, Derbyshire County Council (DCC)

Colin explained every local authority has a duty to establish a local 'HealthWatch' by April 2013 and that it will be a consumer champion for patients, service users and the public for health and social care services. It will provide information and intelligence, including the views and experiences of local people to help plan, commission and deliver services.

The vision for Derbyshire is that ultimately HealthWatch will be an independent local organisation with a strong voice representing the diverse communities of the county. Colin explained that that DCC are looking at all the options for developing HealthWatch but it could be commissioned through the tendering process and that, potentially, it could be run by a voluntary sector organisation or a consortium of organisations.

Colin also gave a brief update about the current position with regard to voluntary sector funding from DCC. He told us that, although some changes to individual service agreements may be made this year due to the impact of Personalisation, there are no proposals to make changes to voluntary sector funding arrangements. DCC will be observing the Compact guidelines and will write to inform people of its intentions for 2012/13 when Cabinet has given its approval.

DCC's Prevention Strategy sets the framework for their investment in preventative services for the

next 3 years and that DCC will be supporting the development of services which meet three levels of need:

- Primary Services, such as information and advice services, Handy Van services for people with low level support needs
- Secondary Services, such as respite services, Telecare for people with a higher need for support to maintain their independence
- Tertiary Services, such as frozen meals, laundry services, major adaptations for people with the highest levels of need for services which help them remain living at home

DCC wishes to embed a 'prevention is better than cure' culture to try and ensure people stay out of specialist social care services for as long as possible. For copies of original slides please contact Pam Wood on pamw@sd cvs.org.uk or telephone: 01283 279761.

Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network -

South Derbyshire CVS has been commissioned by DCC to set up a Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network as part of the Prevention Strategy.

The aim of the Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network is to ensure that any adult in Derbyshire who needs befriending support has access to a service which is safe and well run.

By the end of the two years, the aim is to have a Network membership of 30 schemes and 50 Befriending Champions in place.

Kerrie would like to hear from anyone who either runs or knows of a befriending service in Derbyshire, or who has a view on what the barriers or gaps are for people trying to access befriending services. She can be contacted at South Derbyshire CVS on 01283 219761 or by email at kerrief@sd cvs.org.uk

Next Forum Meeting - 5th July 2012.

COMMUNITY AND MARKETING UPDATE

Update on Community and Marketing Development

Our focus has been on sports groups in the Amber Valley Area advising them on ways in which we can help.

If you're part of a local sports group and you would like to find out more about funding, bespoke training course, volunteers and how to attract them or if you would like to become a member of CVS, you can contact the office on 01773 512076 or pop in to find out more.

We have been visiting local secondary schools, presenting to 16 and 17 year olds explaining to them the benefits of volunteering, and how it can help them to learn new skills, such as communication and presentation skills, as well as helping to build their confidence. If you are a young person who would like to find out more about volunteering, come along to our office and pick up a form or have a chat to a member of staff.

If you are an organisation who is able to offer volunteer opportunities to young people, then please give us a call on 01773 512076 or email admin@avcvs.org so we can discuss volunteering in more detail.

Amber Valley CVS Services

AVEDASS

Advice and support for adults or children who have witnessed or experienced domestic abuse.

Befriending

A support service for the elderly and isolated people of Amber Valley using trained volunteers.

CRB Disclosures

Groups or individuals requiring a CRB Check.

Community Group Support

Advice support and guidance on funding, constitution, H&S and HR.

Derbyshire LINK

Raise issues of concerns to do with health and social care from a local community or individual.

Funding

Guidance, support and information on funding and funding applications.

Help at Home

A domestic and gardening service for those that are elderly or disabled, helping to maintain their independence in their homes.

Home from Hospital

Free short term befriending service to those over 50, who have just been discharged from hospital.

Membership Services

Support for community groups requiring membership services, i.e. room hire, equipment hire, photocopying.

Training

Free training opportunities and courses for community groups and volunteers.

Volunteering

Information and guidance for individuals looking to volunteer in the Amber Valley area.





Engaging with Children and Young People — Derbyshire LINK

Here at Derbyshire LINK we have been actively engaging with children and young people, collecting comments about their experiences of using health services in Derbyshire. Helen Hart, LINK Community Involvement Worker, has recently attended events at both Belper School and Pingle School (Swadlincote) where she was able to gather quality information from students in Years 12 and 13.

Helen has a series of engagement activities planned throughout the Spring and Summer to help identify the issues that matter most to children and young people within Derbyshire.

Derbyshire LINK have also joined forces with Blend Youth Project, based in Ripley and Heanor, to gain additional comments from young people.

Nottingham University Hospitals

A formal response was received from the Chief Executive of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust in response to a collective concern raised by Erewash Visually Impaired (VIP) Group, as reported in the Spring edition of this Newsletter. The concern being whether it was technically feasible to increase the font size of appointment letters being sent from the Eye Clinic of Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham using the hospitals automated appointment system that generates the letters.

LINK Community Involvement Worker, Jas Dosanjh, will be returning to this Erewash VIP Group in May to provide feedback on this concern.

In addition LINK have also been invited, by the Matron for the Head and Neck Directorate to the launch of the Sensory Impairment Patient and Public Involvement Group (SIPPI), in June 2012. This group has being reconfigured to include the concerns raised by patients who are not only visually impaired but also have a hearing impairment too.

Have Your Say On: Phlebotomy / Audiology Services

Have you used local phlebotomy (blood testing) services or audiology (hearing support services) in the last two years? If so, we want to hear from you!

All your experiences will be collated and used to compile a report for the relevant providers and professionals. Your identity will be protected but your comments will help Derbyshire LINK make a difference!

I want to raise an issue...

You really can help us to make a difference! If you feel strongly about something, don't just sit back and do nothing.

We want to hear about your experiences of **Health and Social Care services** in the County of Derbyshire, whether it be praise, criticism or any ideas for improvement or change.

We're here to listen. We're here to respond.

Call: 01246 558924

Email: info@derbyshirelink.org.uk Web: www.derbyshirelink.org.uk

Have your say on **Health and Social Care services**

Derbyshire LINK

AVEDASS

The AVEDASS team are currently supporting 24 young people who have witnessed or experienced Domestic Abuse.

What we can offer at AVEDASS

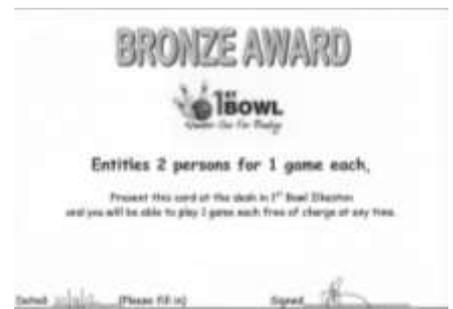
- One to one support (Confidential) - A chance for you to talk about your worries
- A source of advice - A listening ear, we can meet at school, home or in a café
- A plan to keep you safe - Help build your confidence and self-esteem
- Introduce you to other services and help you join local leisure activities

Our Telephone number is: 01773 512076

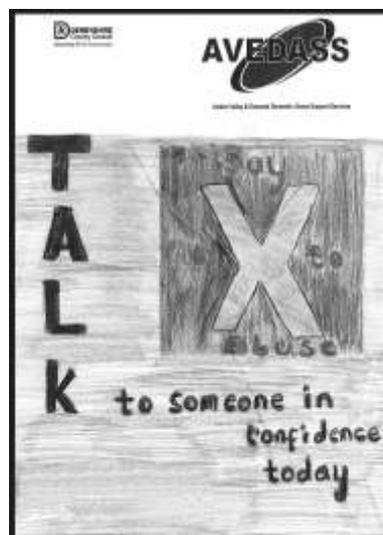
Or email: jenniferjones@avcvs.org michellewoodley@avcvs.org

We continue to deliver the Domestic Abuse schools awareness programme throughout the Amber Valley and Erewash area. Once the programme has been completed the students are asked to design a poster of what they have learned from the Domestic Abuse Awareness lesson.

Working in partnership with Kirk Hallam MAT (Multi Agency Team), the team were able to donate 3 bowling tickets for free entry to Ilkeston Bowl with a complimentary drink and meal. The winning posters are below, they will also be displayed on our event boards around the county.



1st Georgia



2nd Amy



3rd Josh

HELP AT HOME NEWS



Meet Mr John Hibbard



John is pictured here with Sue and Eileen his Help at Home Workers

John Hibbard has been living in his present home in Amber Valley for the last 6 years. When he first moved in he employed various private cleaners and helpers, but for one reason or another they did not work out.

When he mentioned this to his warden from Futures Homescape he was given one of our leaflets regarding the Help at Home project, which provides practical support to elderly or disabled residents of Amber Valley and Erewash to help them maintain their independence within their own home.

Following an assessment visit with Jane Massey, Amber Valley Coordinator, John talked to Jane and felt very reassured that he would be able to go ahead with the service. John has had many different cleaners from Amber Valley CVS and has enjoyed every one of them.

“I can honestly say that I haven’t had a bad worker, Jane Massey is very good at getting it just right and matching me with workers” said John.

John has two gardeners who alternate each week and a cleaner that goes in once a week. He has been able to build up very good relationships with his workers and says “nothing is too much trouble for them, they are always wanting to help and to make sure that I feel part of the decisions that are made, especially when it comes to my garden”.

“I have never had a garden before, so I didn’t know much, but I am learning every day, the gardener and I have a chat about what I would like and they give me advice about what will work”.

“I have colour all year round, I am especially pleased with my spring garden patch”.

“The garden helps lift my spirits when I am feeling down, and I have lots of birds and other wildlife that come to my garden now, its lovely”.

John has been so pleased about how the service has worked for him that he even cancelled his holiday in order to spend his money buying more hours of the service.

“I decided not to go on holiday, as I didn’t really want to spend the money, I decided to stay at home and have my cleaner and gardener to do some more work for me”.

“I know that the workers are here to work and they do a very good job, but for me it’s so much more than that, it’s about the company and conversation that I get from their visit, it lifts my spirits and mood, I really look forward to them coming around”.

“Everyone I speak to back at the office is always so kind and helpful, I would recommend this service to everyone!!!!. This service has enriched my life, that’s thanks to all involved at CVS and the Help at Home project”

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.



ADMINISTRATION

Amber Valley CVS CRB Service

How to apply for a Criminal Record check if you are in a self-employed position...



Amber Valley CVS, as an Umbrella Body, can no longer process CRB checks for self-employed individuals. For example: Freelance Artists, Child Minders.

It is for the recruiting organisation asking the exempted question, (under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974) to assess an applicant's suitability. (*"The exempted question", being: "have you been convicted by any court?", or similar wording*).

Current legislation does not allow the self-employed or individuals to apply for a CRB check on themselves, as they cannot ask an exempted question of themselves.

A self-employed person can apply for a CRB check by registering with an agency. For example supply teachers wanting a CRB check would register with an agency. The agency would be eligible to ask an exempted question in respect of these self-employed individuals, as the agency is making an assessment of the suitability and is deciding whether to place them on their books. In this example the agency if registered with the CRB could countersign the application form, or could ask an Umbrella Body to countersign on their behalf.

If you are self-employed and applying to work with children or vulnerable people, you may be asked to apply for a criminal record check yourself. Find out here how to apply, what you'll need to provide and the different types of criminal record checks available:
http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Startinganewjob/DG_195811

Individuals are able to obtain a Basic Disclosure check from Disclosure Scotland (see <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/apply-online>). This will provide individuals with details of any "unspent" convictions.

Alternatively, individuals are able to make a "subject access" request to their local police force under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, which will provide up-to-date details of any criminal records in the UK. For more information regarding "subject access" see here:
http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/your_rights/data_protection_act.aspx

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

LOCAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Information Events for Carers of Adults with Learning Disabilities

Want to know more about Funding, Services, Assessments, Personalisation, Self Directed Support, Personal Budgets, and What they mean for you?

Need information on housing, health, employment and recreational/sports activities?

Need to meet people and have carers outings?

Come to your local monthly Learning Disabilities carer information events across the county.

Belper Meeting - 1.30 till 3.00 at Whitemoor Centre, 100 John O Gaunt Way, Belper, DE56 0DB - Contact Jenni Noble on 01629 531908.

14th May, 18th June, 9th July, 13th August, 10th September, 15th October & 19th November.

Newhall Meeting - 10.30 till 12.00 at Newhall Centre, Meadow Lane, Newhall - Contact Trevor Slatter on 01283 223801

17th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 6th September, 4th October & 15th November.

As from May new meetings to be held in Ashbourne and Chesterfield.

Please call Pam Gill for dates and venues on 07974 827934 or email: Pamela.gill@derbyshirecarers.co.uk

Domestic Violence Safe House

Refuge opened the world's first safe house for women and children escaping domestic violence in Chiswick, West London, in 1971. Since then they have grown to become the country's largest single provider of specialist domestic violence services. They currently operate a growing national network of services, including 46 refuges, floating support, independent domestic and sexual violence advocacy, resettlement and culturally-specific BME services in: Warwickshire, Derby, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Kent Cambridgeshire, East Sussex, Coventry and 13 London Boroughs. They have spent forty years shaping the provision of high quality 24-hour supported accommodation for families escaping abuse in direct response to their needs. On any given day, Refuge supports over 1,600 women and children in our services.

Refuge has delivered high-quality culturally-specific refuges and outreach programmes for BME women and their children for the past 11 years. They are now one of the country's **leading providers of culturally-specific BME services** for victims of abuse. Refuge operates an inclusive approach to our refuges; we are committed to providing a service that is sensitive and appropriate to the needs of **all** women and their children,

Refuge also runs the National Freephone 24-hour Domestic Violence Helpline, in partnership with Women's Aid, which is **staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. 0808 2000 247.**

Important Information - OCN Accreditation Changes

OCN East Midlands Region has changed its name to AIM Awards, however as from 1st August 2012 they will no longer be part of the National Open College Network. **This change will mean that any OCN units currently being delivered will need to be completed by 12 July in order for them to be accredited.**

Should you have any queries contact Hilary Slater or Jenna Shaw at Derbyshire Learning & Development Consortium (DLDC) on 01332 265960 or Hilary.slater@consortium.org.uk

LOCAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Latest News from Compact Voice

Nick Hurd has written to all government departments and sent them a copy of the guidance to emphasise the importance of Compact-compliant consultations.

Guidance on ensuring meaningful engagement when consulting - Compact Voice has published a briefing document which provides a benchmark of the minimum expected in order for engagement on consultations to be considered meaningful. This is particularly relevant when the public body is unavoidably restricted to a less than 12 week consultation plan.

Download the briefing notes:

<http://www.compactvoice.org.uk/resources/publications/ensuring-meaningful-engagement-when-consulting>

NCVO work shadowing scheme now open - NCVO's 'A Day in the Life' programme is a free work shadowing initiative which provides an opportunity for staff in voluntary and community organisations and public bodies to step into each other's shoes for a day.

To find out more about the scheme, visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/workshadow. Applications close on Friday 13 July.

Web: www.compactvoice.org.uk

This information has been taken from the Compact Voice - e-Newsletter

Derbyshire Police Authority

The Transition from Police Authorities to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) this information is about the introduction of PCC's in November 2012.

A national series of Home Office roadshows, designed to kick-start the dialogue regarding the forthcoming Police and Crime Commissioner, visited Derbyshire in February. The event included the Police, the Police Authority and their partners from across Derbyshire. This was an opportunity for local views to be fed back to the centre to inform the transition process.

Association of Police Authority Events - a second Transition Conference was attended by the Chair on 19th & 20th March.

The Police & Crime Panel (PCP) must be appointed by July 2012.

Any queries relating to Police and Crime Commissioners can be directed to:

Helen Boffy, Chief Executive & Treasurer
helen.boffy.4808@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

Phil Harper, PCC Transition Manager
philip.harper.16203@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

Further information on Police and Crime Commissioners can be found on the Home Office Website:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/police.police-crime-commissioners/>

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HELP AT HOME

Maintaining your independence with practical support - Across Amber Valley and Erewash

**Are you or is someone you know, elderly, disabled, or have other needs and require reliable assistance with your Domestic arrangements?
If the answer is yes then we can help!**

What can the service provide?

- Cleaning
- Dusting
- Vacuuming
- Shopping or Accompanied Shopping
- Ironing
- Gardening
- Mowing
- Hedge Cutting
- Tidying Borders
- Fence Painting

How to access the Help at Home services

Please contact: The Help at Home team.

Amber Valley CVS, 33 Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3HA

Tel 01773 512076

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