

# Citizens' Voice

## Next Survey: September 2005

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## TRADING STANDARDS, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT, CULTURAL AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY – FEBRUARY 2005

In February 2005, the District Council in partnership with Derbyshire County Council surveyed panel members on Trading Standards, Highways and Transport, Cultural and Physical Activity. 717 questionnaires were returned from the mail-out, giving a response rate of 72%. The headline results from this survey are summarized below:

### Trading Standards

- 62% of panel members indicated they would contact Trading Standards if they suspected a shop or business was selling faulty products of trading illegally.

### Highways and Transport

- 80% of panel members own, or have available for use, two cars.
- 37% of panel members also own two pedal cycles.
- Between 2 and 10 times a year 22% of panel members use a bus service, 36% a train and 20% cycle. 5% of panel members do so every day.
- 50% of panel members walk at least once a week.

### Cultural Activity

- 76% of panel members stated they were interested in arts and cultural activities.
- 40% of panel members thought that arts and cultural activities were becoming more widely available in Derbyshire.
- London was the most popular destination outside of Derbyshire when attending any cultural event.

### Physical Activity

- Walking is the most popular physical activity indicated by panel members.
- 45% of panel members are a member of a health or fitness club.

## CIVIL REGISTRATION SURVEY – November 2004

In November 2004, the district council in partnership with Derbyshire County Council surveyed panel members on Civil Registration in England and Wales. 765 questionnaires were returned from the mail-out, giving a response rate of 76%. Of the 765 people who responded 40% were female and 36% were male. More people aged 45 to 54 responded than any other age category.

### Civil Registration Review

- Three in four panel members said that they would prefer to register a birth face to face (75%) with nearly the same number (73%) to register a death.
- Given complete freedom of choice six in ten panel members would prefer to marry in a church (62%) and 65% would want the marriage ceremony to be conducted by a religious celebrant.
- Only 26% of panel members said they would use a register office for a Sunday marriage if the service was introduced at a higher price.
- If the law was to change and it was possible to marry either at a register office or a private venue at different times most panel members actually stated they had no preference to the extended times offered. The majority of people also said that none of the proposed change in opening times of register offices would be of benefit to them.

When panel members were asked if they would support the introduction of two new services, a civil funeral ceremony and the introduction of commemorative anniversary certificates, panel members answered "Yes" they would support this service.

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## FEEDBACK FROM THE DRUGS ALCOHOL AWARENESS TEAM

The response of Derbyshire Dales Citizens Panel members has helped to inform a range of issues included in the DAAT Drug & Alcohol Strategy that is currently being completed. These are mainly countywide strategic issues but examples of those that will be implemented in your area include:

- Ensure that all Derbyshire schools have up to date substance misuse education policies and programmes.
- Introduce a countywide strategy to tackle problematic alcohol use.
- Provide better facilities for disposal or collection of used injecting equipment.
- Provide an effective 'Drug Interventions Programme' for offenders with serious drug problems.
- Targeting and prosecution of drug dealers in the community.

## THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND FORWARD PLANNING REVIEW PROCESS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

- Are you interested in planning matters?
- Have you ever wondered how the mythical world of planning policy and development plans work in practice?
- Do you have a keen interest in planning issues in your local community and would like to shape how these are developed in the future?



If you've answered yes to the above then we would like to hear from you. We are looking to recruit volunteers from the panel to take part in a structured workshop on planning issues.

Depending on interest, we would like to run the workshop on a Saturday morning later in the year and at this early stage are looking at expressions of interest.

If you would like to help then please contact Peter Corke via any method listed overleaf.

## AND FINALLY, A REQUEST FROM HIGH PEAK AND DALES PRIMARY CARE TRUST

*Dear Derbyshire Dales Citizens Panel Member,*

*Would you like to have your say in health care decisions affecting you, your family and your local community?*

*The NHS needs your help in deciding how local care can best meet the needs of local people. There are lots of different things you can do – for example, you can give your views on specific topics such as GP services, mental health services, drug prescribing issues, and improving public health. Or you can look at older people's issues, advise us on the qualities we should look for in staff, or help us find better ways of encouraging more people to get involved. You may have other ideas.....why not tell us?*

If you can help and would like to be involved then please contact Brenda Page on: 01629 817872

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