

## WHAT IS A COMPACT?

A Compact is a protocol, or code of practice, that sets out the principles which statutory agencies (like local authorities, the health service and the police) and their voluntary and community partners (like the Citizens Advice Bureau, Community Transport, and volunteer bureaux) will follow in their dealings with each other. Its purpose is to clarify, develop and embed good relations between the public and voluntary sectors in the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak.

In the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak, there are already excellent relationships between the voluntary and community sector and the statutory sector. So why have a Local Compact? Our success to date has been based on building good relationships between individuals. But as people leave and new people join, we need to make sure this successful engagement continues. Having some principles written down and agreed is helpful for new people coming along.

In the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak, the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) represents all the statutory and voluntary partners in the two districts. The LSP has signed up to the Derbyshire Compact, which covers funding, consultation, policy development, and other areas of good practice. It includes commitments for both the public sector partners and the voluntary and community partners. Although it is a Derbyshire-wide document, partners in the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak have developed a Local Compact action plan so that it can be made to work best for our area.

## WHAT WILL OUR LOCAL COMPACT ACTION PLAN DO?

Working together, the two Councils for Voluntary Service and the three local authorities have identified four key areas for action locally through the LSP:

- 1 - **Communication:** raise awareness of the Compact and develop a 'communications protocol' for all participants, so that we all talk to each other.
- 2 - **Sign-up:** encourage more voluntary and community sector organisations to sign up to the Compact, so that all key players locally are part of the partnership family.
- 3 - **Representation:** rationalise partnerships and theme groups, so that voluntary and community organisations are able to send appropriate representatives.
- 4 - **Engagement:** utilise the potential of the voluntary and community sector to engage with the LSP, so that the partnership continues to reflect all its stakeholders.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Signing up to the Compact shows your organisation is committed to working positively with partners. It allows you to use the national "Compact: working together, better together" logo to display your commitment.

If you are involved in a voluntary or community group, the Local Compact can help you. In the Derbyshire Dales, it has already led to joint working between the CVS and the District Council on a wide range of issues; in the High Peak it has led to a single application form being designed for all grants, making it much simpler for you to get funding.

If you are a statutory organisation, the Local Compact can help you too. It means that your relationship with the voluntary and community sector is recognised and celebrated, and you can access the knowledge network which the sector offers. For example, in the Derbyshire Dales, the CVS has set up workshops with voluntary groups so that the District Council can involve more people in developing its policies; in the High Peak, work shadowing between the voluntary sector and the Primary Health Trust is bringing new learning for all parties.

## WHAT DO PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE LOCAL COMPACT?

"By affirming our commitment to work with statutory partners through the Compact, we are sending a message to everyone that this is the right way to work." *Neil Moulden, Chief Officer, Derbyshire Dales CVS*

"We signed the Compact to demonstrate our commitment to working in partnership with the voluntary and community sector." *Neil Swanwick, Chief Executive, High Peak and Dales Primary Care Trust, and LSP Chair*

"We support voluntary organisations that deliver innovative services, like Derbyshire Carers Association. DCA is jointly funded by Health and Social Services to offer much-needed support to people caring for their loved ones. We want to build on this joint approach with the voluntary and community sector because it has helped address the care needs of local people." *Derbyshire County Council Social Services*

## WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

There is more information on the Derbyshire Dales & High Peak LSP website, including the full Local Compact document: [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/lsp](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/lsp)

You can also contact any of the following people for information or advice:

Neil Moulden	Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service	01629 812154
Kevin Skingsley	High Peak Council for Voluntary Service	01663 735350
Steve Capes	Derbyshire Dales District Council	01629 761371
Marika Rajah	High Peak Borough Council	0845 129 7777 x 2056
Cath Walker	Derbyshire County Council	01629 585359

## HOW CAN I SIGN UP?

If you want to sign up to the Local Compact, please complete and return the attached slip. We will add you to our mailing list and will send you an update four times a year.

**We are committed to working positively with our partners, and would like to sign up to the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Compact**

Your name

Name of organisation/body  
you represent

Your role or job title

Your signature

Address & Postcode

Daytime telephone number

Email address

Do you have any comments  
or suggestions?

Please return this slip to:

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Policy Officer - Partnerships Team  
Chief Executive's Office  
Derbyshire County Council  
County Hall            MATLOCK            DE4 3AG

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**ORGANISATIONS ALREADY SIGNED UP TO THE  
DERBYSHIRE DALES AND HIGH PEAK LOCAL COMPACT**

Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport  
Bamford Community Arts and Crafts  
Buxton & District U3A  
Buxton Volunteer Bureau  
Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital NHS Trust  
Church Society Forum  
Connexions Derbyshire Ltd  
Deaf & Hearing Support (CAMTAD ND)  
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils  
Derbyshire Constabulary  
Derbyshire County Council  
Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership  
Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service  
Derbyshire Dales District Council  
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Derbyshire Learning and Skills Council  
Derbyshire Learning Partnership  
Derbyshire Parent Partnership  
Derbyshire Probation Service  
Derbyshire Rural Community Council  
Endeavour Training  
English Nature  
Environment Agency  
Fairfield Toy Library  
Frith Folk  
Furness Vale Community Association  
Glossop & Hadfield & District Pensioners Association  
Glossop and District Age Concern  
Glossop Volunteer Bureau  
Glossopdale Furniture Project  
High Peak and Dales Primary Care Trust  
High Peak Borough Council  
High Peak Council for Voluntary Service  
Hope Valley Access Group  
Jericho Project  
Job Centre Plus  
Mid Derbyshire CAB  
New Mills & District Volunteer Centre  
Peak District National Park Authority  
RAFT (North Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service)  
Support for Parents of Drug Abusers (SPODA)  
The University of Derby  
Thornsett Band  
Town End Friday Club