

Fantastic Youth Festivals 2005



720 young people from across the district took part in 3 Youth BzRs and Festivals of Sport organised by the District Council during September.

The Festivals of Sport and BzRs are free days of culture, arts and sports activities for young people. Local sports clubs, English Nature, Derbyshire County Council, the Young Farmers and the local PCT all took part in the Festivals. The mobile skate park was available

and very popular despite some bad weather!

A 'Big Brother' style diary room and Ideas Wall gave young people a chance to share their views on issues that concern them and the facilities for young people they would like in their areas.

Events were held in Bakewell, Wirksworth and Ashbourne. The Ashbourne event was a Festival of Sport and Health so as well as the



roller hockey, basketball and gym taster sessions there was advice on healthy eating, weight management and volunteering.

A DVD of the Youth Festivals and BzR Events 2005 and an evaluation of the main issues identified is available from the Policy and Research section at the District Council by telephoning 01629 761211 or emailing policy@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

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A £1.3million housing scheme has begun at Hulland Ward. The scheme will provide 10 bungalows – 6 for shared ownership and 4 for rent. The bungalows are all purpose built for older and disabled people. The scheme has been made possible through a District Council Planning Policy Exception which meant that affordable housing could be built in an area where property for open market would not be allowed. The District Council are working in partnership with Peak District Rural Housing on this scheme. For more on affordable housing see page 3.



Hulland Ward

noticeboard

Stepping Out

The District Council in partnership with North Derbyshire Health Promotion Service organise free Health Walks in Bakewell and Wirksworth.



Aimed at people who don't usually exercise, the walks are short and the pace is set by those taking part.

- Wirksworth Health Walks take place on Wednesdays and
 - Bakewell Health Walks take place on Thursdays
- The walks are funded by the New Opportunities fund.



For more information please contact Karen Carpenter or Jayne Needham at Derbyshire Dales District Council on 01629 761316

Don't Park on Pavements

Safer Derbyshire Dales together with High Peak Community Safety Partnership and Derbyshire Constabulary are asking motorists not to park on pavements.

By parking on pavements you are:

- Putting pedestrians in danger
- Pushing people with small children, wheelchair users and other disabled people into the road
- Creating a hazard for blind and partially sighted
- Damaging the footpath with is not built for vehicles
- Committing an offence by obstructing the footpath

Remember Pavements are for People

First Aid Courses at Ashbourne Leisure Centre

4 Day FAW course cost £95

January 24, 25, 26 & 27 2006 from 9.30am - 4.30pm

2 Day Refresher First Aid (Run over four Wed evenings) Cost £55

Dates: 15, 22 Feb, 1, 8 March 2006 from 6.15pm - 9.30pm

2 Day Refresher First Aid (Run over two days) Cost £55

2 and 3 March 2006 9.30am - 4.30pm -

All Courses approved and registered by the Health and Safety Executive

For more information contact Ashbourne Leisure Centre on 01335 343712

Grant Aid for Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas

The Derbyshire Dales Historic Building and Conservation Area Enhancement Grant Aid Scheme is available for the repair and replacement of historic features on buildings or for enhancement works within conservation areas.

The amount of grant offered will be a proportion of the total cost of the works up to a maximum of £3,000.

For more information about the Grant Aid Scheme visit the conservation pages on our website at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/environment/landandpremises or email mark.askey@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or tanya.mcburney@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or telephone 01629 761250 or 761360.

Matlock HERS

The Matlock Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS) funding ends in March 2006. The scheme assists with the repair and reinstatement of traditional historic building fabric and architectural features in the Dale Road area of Matlock.

This is the last year of the 3 year Scheme which is funded by English Heritage, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership and Matlock Town Council.

HERS can provide grant aid of up to 50% for repairs to original structures and architectural features such as roofs, windows and doors, chimneys, rainwater goods, brick and stonework. Grants of up to 75% are available for the reinstatement of original architectural features such as traditional shop fronts. Works to repair or reinstate boundary walls or gates could also be eligible for grant aid.

For more information or an application form please contact Sue Adam on 01629 761109 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays only) or email matlockhers@derbyshiredales.gov.uk



Christmas Closing

The District Council's offices will close on the following days over the Christmas and New Year holidays:

December 26th, 27th, 28th 2005 and January 2nd 2006

In the event of an emergency please call the Emergency Control Room on 01159 390 808

Affordable Housing

Joint Housing Strategy

Derbyshire Dales District Council and High Peak Borough Council have prepared a Joint Housing Strategy. The Strategy sets out the challenges facing both authorities and what will be done to meet them. This is the first Joint Housing Strategy in the

country. Councillor Alan Hodgkinson said: "The Joint Housing Strategy considers housing needs across the whole of the Peak Sub Region and so will provide economies of scale, better co-ordination of services and assist in levering in higher levels of funding."



New Homes Round Up

Three 3 bedroomed homes have been built in **Tansley** (above) for shared ownership. The families are due to move in this November. These homes have been provided by Peak District Rural Housing Association in partnership with our local developer.

Peak District Rural Housing Association are also working with

the District Council on six flats for older people in **Castle Street Bakewell**.

Also in **Bakewell**, 36 properties for rent and shared ownership are being built on High Field Road in partnership with Nottingham Community Housing Association. The 2 and 3 bedroomed family homes will be occupied in December 2005.



High Field Road, Bakewell



Tideswell

Work has begun on the site of 20 houses and 2 bungalows at Nicholson court in Tideswell. The houses are a mix of 2 and 3 bedroomed homes for rent and shared ownership and are expected to be completed by Summer 2006. The project is a partnership between Derbyshire Dales District Council, Tideswell Parish Council, Dales Housing and Nottingham Community Housing Association and has received over £1million funding from the Housing Corporation.

People who fulfil the National Park Local Connection planning criteria are eligible to apply for the properties and anyone who is interested should register with the District Council as soon as

possible. Allocations will be made in Spring 2006.

For more information or to register your interest in these properties please contact the District Council's Community Housing Team on **01629 761117**. Details of the National Park Local Connection Planning Criteria are also available from the District Council.

What's next?

The Government has increased the funding available for affordable housing in our area in the next bidding round (2006-2008). This coincides with research by the Joseph Rowntree

Foundation which has found the Derbyshire Dales to be the 37th most expensive District to live in –making it equivalent to parts of London and the South. The Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Councils are working on bids

for 500 units for the 2006- 08 funding programme. This is a competitive process with other councils in the East Midlands but we are confident of attracting a significant amount of funding for new homes into the area.

Safe Towns & Villages in the Dales

The Community Safety Team are based at the Town Hall, Bank Road, Matlock.

You can contact them on 01629 761101



Meet the team (pictured left to right) Barry Thacker, Partnership Sergeant, Damian Maye, CCTV Manager, Erin Williamson, Anti Social Behaviour Officer, and Malcolm Mayfield, the Community Safety Officer.

The Community Safety Team's role is to help improve the quality of life for the residents of Derbyshire Dales by liaising with communities to find workable solutions to the problems of crime and safety.



The Derbyshire Dales has a very low crime rate; but people's fear of crime and their overall feeling of being safe is a very real consideration. The team listen to, and with the help of our partner agencies, seek to reassure the residents of Derbyshire Dales.

By working in partnership with the Police, County Council, Probation Service, Fire Service, Housing Associations, Health, and other public, private, and voluntary agencies we can ensure that the Derbyshire Dales continues to be a very safe place to live, work, and visit. But we also work with the residents and communities of the Dales. What we feel makes Safer Derbyshire Dales different is the importance we put on talking to members of the public from all our villages and towns. Every three months, we invite the parish and town councils to a workshop where we all sit down together to tackle the issues people tell us are most important to them.

Burglary – We aim to reduce house burglaries by 30% by 2008

Since 2002, we have achieved a 35% reduction in burglary. Following on from this success we will be working with residents to prevent burglaries and working with the police to ensure that people who commit burglary are caught and convicted.

Nominated Neighbour

Together with Neighbourhood Watch we will soon be launching the 'Nominated Neighbour' scheme to help deter bogus callers. People in the Nominated Neighbour scheme will be given a large yellow and black card which they can hold up at the

window if they do not recognise the person calling at their door. The card says 'I don't recognise you'. and has details of a nominated person who the caller is to contact. The nominated neighbour will check their details and return with them if they are genuine.

Smart Water

Over the next few months we will be introducing 'Smart Water' for marking property. This will help the police identify and return recovered stolen property and identify the offenders. The 'water' glows under ultra violet light. Every police officer in the county is equipped with these types of lights.

Liberation Days

We provide home safety and security advice to the elderly at 'Liberation Days', a free event organised annually. 650 older people came to the event in Buxton this June, where they obtained useful information presented in an informal setting. The next one is on 9 July 2006: watch out for further details.

Handy Van Scheme

We operate, with High Peak Borough Council, a 'Handy Van' scheme. The Handy Van visits vulnerable homes and fits security locks, door chains, spy holes, etc to

make them less of a target for would be thieves. In partnership with the Fire and Rescue service we also fit smoke alarms to properties, again providing increased safety to residents.

Vehicle Crime

Our aim is to reduce theft of vehicles by 10%, and to reduce theft from vehicles by 10%.

We intend to build on our successes in the last 3 years when we reduced vehicle crime by 33%.

We have made 7 car parks safer by achieving Park Mark accreditation, and we will adapt another 9 by 2008.

We have employed technology to the full by using CCTV and automatic number plate recognition. This led to the arrest of a team of car thieves from South Yorkshire who were operating in our area.

We have written to owners of 'desirable' vehicles offering advice and practical help in reducing the risk of their vehicle being targeted.

We have also had success in arresting an offender who used 'fishing rods' to hook car keys through the letterboxes of homes.

Violent Crime

For violent crime we have a challenging target of a 10% reduction in assaults by March 2008

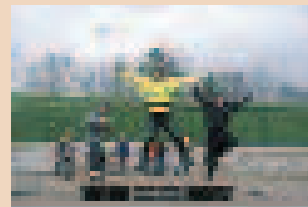
In Ashbourne, thanks to the use of CCTV, we have reduced violent crime by 9% over the last year. The number of mobile CCTV cameras for use within the Derbyshire Dales has been increased from 2 to 6.

A domestic violence worker has also been employed to help, advise, and support survivors of domestic abuse. We put £2,500 per year towards supporting people who have suffered domestic abuse.

Anti-Social Behaviour

We have set up groups in Ashbourne, Tideswell, Wirksworth and Matlock to find local solutions to local anti social behaviour problems.

These groups, complemented by the support of local policing



teams, have helped reduce levels of anti-social behaviour in their areas and improve residents' feelings of safety and security.

The Derbyshire Dales has been at the forefront of creating Safer Neighbourhood Teams in Ashbourne, Bakewell and Wirksworth. More teams will be created as resources are increased.

Here are just some of the activities that the groups have been involved in.

- ✓ Producing information booklets for adults and young people
- ✓ Creating a skate park and employing a youth engagement officer in Tideswell
- ✓ Supporting festivals of sport across the Dales
- ✓ Organising music nights for young people
- ✓ Setting up multi activity sports clubs
- ✓ Opening a drop in centre for young people
- ✓ Supporting the use of anti-social behaviour orders and dispersal orders where appropriate

Drugs and alcohol

We have run successful high profile police operations, some using a specially trained dog which can 'sniff out' drugs on people.

We continue to target problems with drugs and alcohol misuse, not only by enforcing the law, but, equally importantly, by offering support, treatment and

interventions for abusers, their family and friends, and improving information, education and publicity about drugs and alcohol misuse to the community.

To find out more about the Community Safety Team you can call us on 01629 761101 or log onto www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/communitysafety



These activities have helped young people take part in creative

and healthy activities, giving them something positive to do.

Safer Pubs and Clubs

The 'Safer Pubs and Clubs' scheme is a joint initiative between Derbyshire Dales District Council, High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire Constabulary.

It was developed to reduce violent incidents in and around pubs and clubs. There are currently 17 licensed premises taking part in the

project and several more are in the process of being approved.

To join the scheme premises have to meet a range of conditions designed to make them safer and reduce the risk of incidents.

The scheme won the 2001 British Community Safety Award, and has

led to a 44% reduction in assaults at participating premises.

We are also working closely with the licensed trade to help develop a joint approach to tackling late-night disorder related to alcohol misuse.



Time for a Change – Derbyshire's Real Nappy Campaign

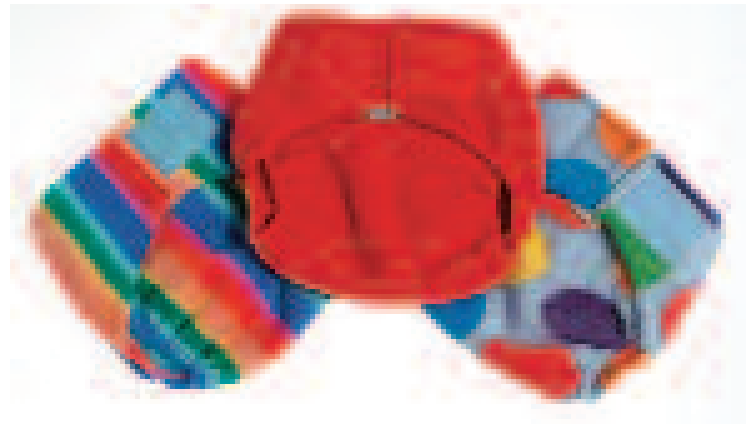


Real nappies are not like they used to be! Forget boiling, soaking and pins! Modern washable nappies can be shaped just like disposables and fasten easily with poppers or Velcro. They can be washed simply at 60°C or by a laundering company. Real nappies could also save you money. The total cost of using real nappies can be half that of using disposables, with further

savings if used for further children. These are the key messages which Derbyshire's Real Nappy campaign is getting across.

To encourage parents to choose "real" nappies and to help reduce Derbyshire's rubbish mountain Derbyshire County Council has introduced an incentive scheme. Derbyshire residents who spend at least £50 on nappies to wash at home or use of a laundering company can claim back £25 towards the cost.

Monthly real nappy coffee mornings "Nappuccinos" are currently being set up across the County. Ideal for



anyone interested in finding out more and seeing the modern range of nappies available, as well as for meeting others that use real nappies.

For more information Call Derbyshire 08 456 058 058
E-mail
realnappies@derbyshire.gov.uk
www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Licensing Act



On 24 November 2005, the new alcohol and entertainment licensing system will come into force. The new system means that responsibility for licensing pubs, clubs, off-licences, entertainment venues and late night takeaways in Derbyshire Dales passes from the magistrates' courts to Derbyshire Dales District Council.

Under this new system, premises are able to open later at night to sell alcohol, provide hot food and drink, and to hold entertainment such as theatre, music and

dancing. You will have heard a lot about '24 hour drinking', but in reality no premises in the Derbyshire Dales have applied for this. However, many premises have asked for, and received, longer opening hours.

With this greater flexibility, licensees have a greater responsibility to local residents and businesses. It is expected that most licensees will respect the needs of their communities, but if problems arise with crime and disorder or noise associated with the premises, you can:

- ◆ Contact one of the 'responsible authorities', such as the Police, or the District Council's Environmental Health Section. They already have powers to deal with crime and disorder or noise. In fact, in some cases the legislation has been strengthened to allow these agencies to deal more effectively with problems.

In most cases problems will be resolved without the need to change the licence but:

- ◆ In extreme cases, where problems are so persistent that the existing powers are inadequate, it will be possible to ask the District Council's Licensing Sub-Committee to review the licence.

The Committee can consider revising:

- ➔ the hours
- ➔ the activities or
- ➔ the 'management' of the premises,
- ➔ or all 3.

If you have concerns or complaints about premises in your area you should contact:

Derbyshire Police telephone
0845 123 33 33

Derbyshire Dales District Council
Environmental Health telephone
01629 761212 during office hours
or via the out of hours emergency
line, 0115 939 0808.

Cllr Mike Longden, Chairman of the Licensing Committee said, "The District Council's Licensing Section, Committee Section, and the Licensing Sub-Committees have been very busy determining licence applications and soon these licences will be in use. I know that our colleagues in the Police and Environmental Health are ready to deal with any issues that arise and are aware of their powers to bring licences to review if other enforcement methods are ineffective."

For further information please contact Tim Braund, Principal Environmental Health Officer on 01629 761118 or tim.braund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or Eileen Tierney, Licensing and Administration Manager on 01629 761374 or eileen.tierney@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Derbyshire Dales District Council **usefulinfo**

This newsletter is available free of charge in electronic, audio, Braille and large print versions, and in other languages on request. For assistance in understanding or reading this document, please call 01629 761195. The services listed below are those we are most frequently asked about. If you would like to talk to someone about a service that is not listed, please telephone 01629 761100 and the operator will put you through to someone who can help. A full A to Z of services together with Frequently Asked Questions is available on our website at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk

OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency outside office hours, please contact the Emergency Control Room on 01159 390 808

COUNCIL OFFICES

Ashbourne - Compton Offices
Bakewell - Bath Street
Matlock - Town Hall
Wirksworth - Coldwell Street
 For all enquiries relating to District Council Services, please telephone **01629 761100**.

ARTS DEVELOPMENT

01629 761391
arts@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

BAKEWELL AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS CENTRE

01629 813777
agricultural.businesscentre@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

BENEFITS

01629 761188
benefits@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

BENEFIT FRAUD HOTLINE

01629 761330

BEST VALUE/PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

01629 761102
bestvalue@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

BUILDING CONTROL

01629 761321
buildingcontrol@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

COMMITTEE SECTION

For the dates and times of meetings, please call 01629 761302
committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

COMMUNITY SAFETY

01629 761101

COMMUNITY STRATEGY

01629 761211
policy@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

COUNCIL TAX

01629 761222
revenues@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

CULTURAL STRATEGY

01629 761382/761378
leisureservices@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

01629 761171/761331
planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

01629 761387/90
economicdev@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

ELECTORAL SERVICES

The Council's electoral records can be updated throughout the year. If you have moved house or have been missed off the electoral roll, please call 01629 761375.
electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS

01629 761304
energyadvice@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health team deals with many issues including abandoned vehicles, food safety, noise nuisance, pollution control and Radon. Please call 01629 761212 and we will be happy to help.
envhealth@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

HOMELESSNESS

01629 761181/761314
homelessness@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

HOUSING ADVICE

01629 761311
housingadvice@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

01629 761118
housegrants@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

LEISURE CENTRES

Ashbourne Leisure Centre
 01335343712
Bakewell Swimming Pool
 01629 814205
Matlock Lido
 01629 582843
Sherwood Hall, Matlock
 01629 56111
Wirksworth Leisure Centre
 01629 824717

LOCAL PLAN

01629 761251
planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

PARKS AND RECREATION

01629 761215
environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

PAYMENTS

01629 761254

PLANNING

The Planning Services reception at Matlock Town Hall is open to the public during office hours and the staff will help you find the best person to deal with your enquiry. The telephone number is 01629 761336.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT

01629 761171
planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

01629 761288
entlicences@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

RECYCLING

Recycling centres are located throughout the Dales. Please call 01629 761215 or visit the District Council's website for the exact locations.
environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

REFUSE COLLECTION

01629 761215
environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT/SPORTS COURSES

01629 761380
leisureservices@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

STREET CLEANSING

Inc. littering, litterbins, dog fouling, graffiti and fly tipping.
 01629 761215
environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Autumn/Winter opening hours from 1 November 2005 until the end of February 2005

Ashbourne

13 Market Place
 Open daily 10am until 4pm
 01335 343666
ashbourneinfo@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Bakewell (operated jointly with Peak District National Park Authority)

Old Market Hall
 Bridge Street
 Open daily 10am until 5pm
 01629 813227
Bakewell@peakdistrict-mpa.gov.uk

Matlock

Crown Square
 Open daily 10am until 4pm
 01629 583388
matlockinfo@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Matlock Bath

The Pavilion
 Saturdays and Sundays 10am until 4pm
 01629 55082
matlockbathinfo@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

If you have a comment to make about any District Council Service, you can contact the relevant department directly, speak to your District Councillor or write to 'dalesMATTERS', Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, MATLOCK, Derbyshire DE4 3NN. You can also use the 'Suggestions Box' located in reception at the Town Hall, Matlock. All suggestions placed in the box are recorded, passed to the relevant officer and responded to within 10 working days.

DETAILS OF LOCAL COUNCILLORS AND A FULL A-Z LIST OF CONTACTS APPEAR ON THE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S WEB SITE.

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