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## GIVING YOUTH A CHANCE

**Derbyshire Dales District Council is encouraging young people and celebrating their achievements.**

In a world where teenagers often attract criticism, the District Council is determined to support the many local youngsters who act as role models across the Dales.

None more so than the students who volunteered to clean up their home town of Wirksworth by removing graffiti from bus shelters and school buildings (see page 3).

On page 4 you can read about 15-year-old champion swimmer Harriet Clugston from Bakewell, who is dedicated to achieving Olympic glory in London 2012. The District Council is delighted to be supporting Harriet with a community grant.

Teenagers flourish when local public services provide the right activities and facilities.

We listened to the concerns of young people and their parents living in Ashbourne and built a new football pitch (page 4 & 5).

In Matlock, the District Council secured a £30,000 grant to replace a worn-out multi-games area in Hurst Farm (page 4), and the town is celebrating a top award for Hall Leys Park, recently restored as part of a £2.67million heritage project (page 2).

But we are doing yet more to benefit and motivate young people in the Dales.

Major work starts this autumn on a £400,000 project to completely revamp play areas in Ashbourne and Bakewell (page 4 & 5), while we can confirm that in 2009 a new £12-million leisure centre will start to take shape on a massive site between Matlock and Darley Dale (page 5). This impressive centre will further enhance the reputation of the Derbyshire Dales as a fantastic place to live.



Hope for the future: Hope Hanby from Wirksworth, enjoying the athletics coaching during the Dales Summer Activity Programme

**Congratulations to Hathersage:  
Derbyshire's Village of the Year 2008**

## Green Flag Triumph for Hall Leys Park



**Matlock's Hall Leys Park has received the prestigious Green Flag Award - the national quality standard for Parks.**

Managed by Derbyshire Dales District Council, the park's accolade comes at the end of a five-year period of investment and regeneration in Matlock's parks and open spaces.

The Green Flag Award is judged on cleanliness, maintenance, community involvement, conservation and how welcoming the park is.

"This award is a fantastic recognition of a lot of hard work by local people and the District Council's Parks staff," said Councillor Andrew

Lewer, Chairman of the District Council's Community and Environment Committee. "We are delighted that Hall Leys Park has been recognised as a wonderful clean and green asset for the town."

Catherine Rawas, a member of the Friends of Hall Leys Park group said: "We are absolutely delighted with this award which reflects Hall Leys Park as the jewel in the crown of Matlock."

The Duke of Gloucester, earlier this year, unveiled a plaque commemorating the restoration of Matlock's parks, a £2.67-million Heritage Lottery Fund project that revamped not only Hall Leys, but High Tor Grounds, Pic Tor, Lovers' Walks and Derwent Gardens - adjoining parks that link Matlock and Matlock Bath.

## Safer Communities through Sport



**A sports project promoting safety across the Derbyshire Dales really packed a punch!**

Over 320 young people took part in initiatives developed by Safer Communities through Sport - and during the project there was a 12% reduction in calls relating to anti-social behaviour.

## £1 million secured

In the last 12 months the District Council has saved another £1million to make up for lower Government funding: How's that for value for money?

## A great service for older people!



**The District Council's offices in Matlock are provided free of charge to Age Concern to give housing advice to older people.**

More than £612,000 has been generated for older people since 2005. For more information visit [www.hopsdd.org.uk](http://www.hopsdd.org.uk)

This important project is funded by the extra council tax charged to second homes in the Derbyshire Dales.

## New Affordable Homes for Villages



Rural housing enabler, Isabel Bellamy with landowners and Alison Clamp, PDRHA, outside the new affordable housing in Hulland Ward

**Residents of Brassington and Hulland Ward are celebrating the recent completion of 12 new homes.**

In Brassington four new homes built by Derbyshire Dales District Council for Nottingham Community Housing Association have been let to families from the village. The District Council donated land worth £50,000 and a grant of £40,000 towards the project.

In Hulland Ward, Peak District Rural Housing Association have just completed eight new homes. Both these new developments have provided much needed housing for local people, helping to support the villages.

## Wirksworth graffiti clean up



Karen Cooper, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and Sergeant Dave Parker of the Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership help the girls with the clean up.

### Young people from Wirksworth have been helping the Police and Derbyshire Dales District Council to clean up graffiti around the town.

Pupils at Anthony Gell School asked if they could spend a day removing graffiti from alleyways, walls, bus shelters and school buildings.

The girls used special anti-graffiti kits,

designed to remove spray paint and markers, provided by the Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership.

Wirksworth PCSO Sue Lester said: "The Derbyshire Dales is already one of the safest and cleanest places in England. It's great to see young people willing to do something to make their environment an even nicer place to live and it will really benefit everyone."

## New Scheme Will Come in Handy



### The Derbyshire Dales Handy Van continues to help householders across the district.

Launched in 2005, the Handy Van for vulnerable and older people offers home fire safety checks, security checks and energy efficiency advice as well as carrying out practical household tasks.

Handy Van is free to people aged over 60 and those referred because they are vulnerable or at risk. Please phone 0845 8508013 for details.

District Council Leader Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, said: "One of our priorities is to help people to stay safe and the Handy Van does exactly that."

PC John Riley, Crime Reduction Officer for the Derbyshire Dales said: "Our area is a very safe place to live but I encourage any residents who would like that extra bit of reassurance to take up the opportunity the Handy Van offers."

## Liberation Day 2008



The Liberation Day team welcome Betty Roberts from Ashbourne.

**Liberation Day is a free event supported by Derbyshire Dales District Council that gives over 50s an opportunity to get information and advice on personal, home and fire safety, healthy living, housing and benefits.**

Vintage fire engines and police cars added to the atmosphere and Ashbourne's Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant Steve Edwards completed the look by dressing as a 19th century 'Peeler'.

## How safe is the Dales?



### Crime levels are lower in the Derbyshire Dales than almost anywhere else in England.

The Dales has only 27 crimes recorded for every 1000 residents-the lowest in Derbyshire and one of the best in England. Dales residents are the least likely in England to suffer a robbery or a vehicle theft.

## 2012 Olympic Flag flies high in the Dales



**Derbyshire Dales District Council** joined in the celebrations to mark the handover of the Olympics and Paralympics from China to London by raising the 2012 Olympic Handover Flag at the Town Hall in Matlock.

2012 Olympic hopefuls Jack Clay, John Davey and Daisy Brooks assisted Cllr Mike Longden with the flag-raising at a ceremony after the Beijing Games when the new flag was unveiled.

## Clifton Road Play Area and Springboard

Following extensive consultation with young people and parents in Ashbourne, Derbyshire Dales District Council has built a new grass pitch for football.

The District Council also provided training for the young people helping them to stage a football tournament as part of the Ashbourne Springboard event.

## £400,000 revamp



### Work starts this month on two new Derbyshire Dales play facilities for young children.

The District Council provided £200,000 and secured £200,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to replace play equipment at the Recreation Grounds in Ashbourne and

## We're backing Harriet to make a splash in 2012!

### Derbyshire Dales District Council is backing Bakewell swimmer Harriet Clugston as she sets her sights on the 2012 London Olympics.

The 15-year-old Lady Manners School pupil was awarded a District Council Community Grant in April, soon after she gained international experience by swimming in the British Championships and this year's Olympic Trials.

The grant helps with the cost of travel, accommodation and kit for training and events.



Already 2008 has been a successful year for Harriet, during which she broke the 50m freestyle Welsh Junior

short-course record that had stood for more than 13 years.

Harriet is pictured at Bakewell Swimming Pool.

## Hurst Farm gets new sports area

**Derbyshire Dales District Council** has secured a grant of nearly £30,000 to replace a worn out hard play area with a new purpose built Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) at Hurst Farm in Matlock.

The new sports area is marked out for football and basketball and will be used by schools and youth clubs, as well as local children and young people.

The sports area has been developed by local people and the District Council. "Residents told us what they wanted and we set about providing it", said District Council Leader Cllr Lewis Rose, OBE

## mp for play areas



Artist's Impression

Bakewell. Each town will have state-of-the-art play facilities and interactive splash pads.

A unique 'green' feature of the design is the ability to recycle the water from the splash pad to use in the park to help reduce the need for mains supply to maintain pitches and shrubs.

## Going for Gold!



**Derbyshire Dales District Council has employed three new members of staff specially to help local people get more physically active.**

Working with doctors and hospitals, the Active Health Referral Instructors provide exercise for residents who are in most need, such as people who have had heart attacks, or suffer from osteo-arthritis, are

overweight or have high blood pressure.

One of the District Council's priorities is to encourage healthy lifestyles.

The new Exercise Referral Scheme aims to increase the number of adults taking part in sport and physical activity.

Funding has been secured to provide the Gold Standard Exercise Referral Scheme for three years.

## Biggest ever summer sports programme

**More activities than ever were provided by Derbyshire Dales District Council in it's 2008 Summer Holiday Sports Programme.**

In addition to football, cricket, tennis and athletics coaching sessions, Dales youngsters were able to try netball, cycling, hockey and gymnastics.

Other good value activities were available at leisure centres, with X-Biking, Sports mania and water polo.

This autumn, look out for the District Council's new 10-week sports coaching programme for children and young people. For details call 01629 761225 or visit [derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://derbyshiredales.gov.uk)



## Matlock's New Leisure Centre Update

**Work will get underway on a new £12-million leisure centre between Matlock and Darley Dale in 2009.**

A design team has been appointed to draw up details of how the site - which is six times bigger than the playing area at Lord's Cricket Ground - will look on completion.

Progress on the project gained pace in recent months with confirmation of a £500,000 grant from Sport England.

Derbyshire Dales District Council will be investing around £7million.

## Beeley's Dukes Barn Benefits



### Beeley's innovative Dukes Barn project has won a grant from Derbyshire Dales District Council.

Councillor Ken Bull presented a cheque for £687.35 to Phil Booth, head of a project that offers disabled and able-bodied young people the opportunity to learn about the environment while enjoying a wide range of outdoor activities during their stay at the Barn.

Councillor Bull was impressed by the facilities, particularly a rope course specially

designed to allow young people in wheelchairs to participate in one of the most popular activities on offer.

The donation from the District Council will help to pay for an all-weather outdoor play area suitable for wheelchair use.

Over the years the Chairs of the District Council have raised thousands of pounds for worthy causes in the Dales.

This year's Chair, Councillor Mrs Cate Hunt, is raising cash for the Helen's Trust and Canine Partners charities.

## Spring Competition Winners



**Thank you** to everyone who entered the Photo competition in Spring edition.

Congratulations to Jane Moorhouse, Wirksworth who won the 12 - 18 category with her photo of a traditional stone barn (above) and to Denys Gaskell, Tansley, who was the winner in the 19 and over category with 'Balloon over Matlock' (below) Jane and Denys both receive £50.



## Elect to vote!

### Don't miss out on your right to vote.

Derbyshire Dales District Council has sent Electoral Registration forms to all households in the Dales.

If your name is on the Register we publish in December you will be able to vote in the coming year.

If you have not already done so please return your form as soon as possible.

Our Election Helpline is 01629 761335.

## Your community - your say



### Pressing local issues will be up for discussion at the next round of Area Community Forums in November.

The District Council will be staging three events and it's a great chance for you to have YOUR say.

At each of the forums

presentations will be made on matters of concern to local residents, followed by questions on any issues.

The November forums: take place on:

- Monday 10 November, 7 pm - Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell
- Tuesday 18 November, 7 pm - Dale Road Methodist Church Hall, Darley Dale

- Monday 24 November, 7 pm - Mary Clowes Hall, Cubley

For more information email: [communityforum@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:communityforum@derbyshiredales.gov.uk), or telephone 01629 761302.

**Come along and HAVE YOUR SAY and GET INVOLVED in local decision-making!**

# A Clean Sweep!



**The District Council's CleanTeam have helped 39 villages prepare for Well Dressings, Carnivals, Festivals and Britain in Bloom competitions over the Summer.**

94% of streets in the Dales are judged as litter-free: - one of the best standards in the country. And residents appreciate the effort as this email from Snelston Parish Meeting shows: "May I say thank you for the street cleaning in the village-we are grateful for the attention and a good job done"

## Fantastic Plastic Recycling!

**Dales residents' record on plastic recycling is truly fantastic, with an incredible 274 tonnes of plastic recycled in the past year.**

You now recycle and compost an impressive 41% of all waste.

If a used plastic container has the recycling triangle with the numbers 1-6 inside or the abbreviations PET, PETE, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, it is fine to deposit it at one of Derbyshire Dales District Council's 80 plastic banks. This includes bottles from drinks, detergents and milk as well as margarine and ice-cream tubs and most yoghurt pots.

Please do not include 'flimsy' plastic such as plastic bags, mixed plastic, foam packaging or cling film wrap. Make sure you rinse the containers, remove lids and squash them if possible.

For more information on recycling contact the Environment Hotline on 01629 761215 or email [environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

## Mobile Phone and Print Cartridge Recycling

### Recycle your mobiles and print cartridges

Derbyshire Dales residents can now recycle printer cartridges and mobile phones at six sites across the district.

The authority is trialling the new purple banks for six months at these recycling sites:

- Ashbourne - Shawcroft car park and Sainsbury's supermarket car park
- Bakewell - Granby Croft car park,
- Tideswell - Community Centre / Bishop Purseglove School
- Matlock - Sainsbury's
- Wirksworth - Canterbury Road car park


Inkjet and Laser recyclable cartridges including major brand names HP, Lexmark, Canon and Dell can be recycled in the banks. To check if your cartridges are recyclable, go to [www.inkagain.co.uk/check](http://www.inkagain.co.uk/check) Epson cartridges are not suitable for recycling.

Recycling old inkjet and laser cartridges helps the Woodland Trust to plant trees as the Trust receives £1 for every recyclable cartridge.



## Derbyshire Dales District Council

# usefulinfo

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 [derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://derbyshiredales.gov.uk) **Fact Sheets are available on our key services** 

### OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency outside office hours, please contact the Emergency Control Room on 0115 939 0808

### COUNCIL OFFICES & FIRST STOP SHOPS

Ashbourne - Leisure Centre  
Bakewell - Agricultural Business Centre  
Matlock - Town Hall  
For all enquiries relating to District Council Services, please telephone **01629 761100**


### ARTS DEVELOPMENT

01629 761390  
[arts@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:arts@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### BAKEWELL AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS CENTRE

01629 813777  
[agricultural.businesscentre@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:agricultural.businesscentre@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### BENEFITS

01629 761188  
[benefits@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 

### BENEFIT FRAUD HOTLINE

01629 761330

### BEST VALUE/PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

01629 761102  
[bestvalue@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:bestvalue@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### BUILDING CONTROL

01629 761321  
[buildingcontrol@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:buildingcontrol@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### CAR PARKS

01629 761333  
[carparks@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:carparks@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### COMMITTEES & MEETINGS

For the dates and times of meetings, please call 01629 761300/1301  
[committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### COMMUNITY SAFETY

01629 761101  
[community.safety@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)


### COMMUNITY STRATEGY

01629 761102  
[policy@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:policy@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### COUNCIL TAX

01629 761222  
[revenues@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

01629 761336  
[planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

01629 761366  
[economicdev@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)


### ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS

01629 761304  
[energyadvice@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:envhealth@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)


### HOMELESSNESS

01629 761181/761314  
[homelessness@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:homelessness@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 


### HOUSING ADVICE

01629 761311  
[housingadvice@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:housingadvice@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 

### HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

01629 761118  
[housegrants@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:housegrants@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 

### LEISURE CENTRES

**ASHBOURNE LEISURE CENTRE**  
01335 343712 

### BAKEWELL SWIMMING POOL

01629 814205

### MATLOCK LIDO & CLOCKWORKS GYM

01629 582843

### WIRKSWORTH LEISURE CENTRE

01629 824717

### LICENSING

01629 761313  
[licensing@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### LOCAL PLAN

01629 761251  
[planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)


### PAYMENTS

01629 761254




**Clean Team**  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
01629 761215  
[environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### RECYCLING

Recycling centres are located throughout the Dales. Please call 01629 761215 or visit the website for the locations.  
[environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 


### REFUSE COLLECTION

01629 761215  
[environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 


### STREET CLEANSING

Inc. littering, litterbins, dog fouling, graffiti and fly tipping.  
01629 761215  
[environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:environmenthotline@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)


### 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 761336  
[planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:planning@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 

### SPORTS DEVELOPMENT/SPORTS COURSES

01629 761380  
[leisureservices@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:leisureservices@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) 

### Tourist Information Centres

Winter opening hours from Nov 2008 to 28 Feb 2009:

#### Ashbourne

13 Market Place  
Open Mon - Sat 10am until 4pm  
01335 343666  
[ashbourneinfo@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:ashbourneinfo@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

#### Bakewell

Old Market Hall  
Bridge Street  
Open daily 10am until 5pm  
01629 816558  
[bakewell@peakdistrict-npa.gov.uk](mailto:bakewell@peakdistrict-npa.gov.uk)

#### Matlock

Crown Square  
Open daily 10am until 4pm  
01629 583388  
[matlockinfo@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:matlockinfo@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

#### Matlock Bath

Peak District Mining Museum  
Open daily 11am until 4pm  
01629 583834

### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

If you have a comment about any District Council service, you can contact the relevant department directly, speak to your District Councillor or write to 'dales **MATTERS**', 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.



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