

Safer Neighbourhoods Funding
 Project Information
 2009/10



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MINI-LEADERS COURSE 2010
GIVING THESE KIDS THE SKILLS & CONFIDENCE TO LEAD PLAYGROUND SPORTS
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The Safer Neighbourhoods Scheme

The Safer Neighbourhoods Scheme is co-ordinated in South Derbyshire by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership.

The Scheme is designed to ensure that concerns of those living and working in an area relating to Crime and Disorder issues are recognised and acted upon by providing dedicated and accountable resources to specific geographical areas.

A multi-agency approach is taken to tackle problems and quarterly meetings are held in each of the six Safer Neighbourhoods Areas to which representatives of the statutory agencies and members of the public are invited. The aim is to reduce the fear of crime and create safer environments.

The Safer Neighbourhoods Areas

The six areas are: -

North West - Area 1:

Etwell - Hilton - Hatton - Burnaston - Egginton - Foston - Scropton - Church Broughton

Mercia - Area 2:

Willington - Findern - Repton - Newton Solney - Twyford – Bretby - Stenson Fields

North East - Area 3:

Melbourne - Aston - Weston - Shardlow - Thulston – Elvaston- Barrow-on-Trent - Smisby

Central Area - 4:

Swadlincote - Woodville - Church Gresley - Hartshorne

Newhall and Midway - Area 5:

Newhall - Midway - Stanton

South - Area 6:

Overseal - Linton - Netherseal - Coton - Castle Gresley- Walton-on-Trent - Lullington - Rosliston

Safer Neighbourhoods Fund

The Safer Neighbourhoods Fund is a small grants programme available to Neighbourhoods groups. The aim of the programme is to give local people the opportunity to initiate and develop projects to make their community safer.

The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership recognises that local people are crucial to the development of Safer Neighbourhoods and we are looking to encourage worthwhile projects, which will help reduce crime and the fear of crime in local communities. We particularly encourage projects that help with the issues we are focusing on in 2008 to 2011 – violent crime, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour, fear of crime and acquisitive crime.

The Safer Neighbourhoods Fund for the whole of the South Derbyshire District 09/10 was £24,000, this equates to £4,000 per Neighbourhoods area.

Successful bids

The Safer Neighbourhoods Fund supported a wide range of projects and initiatives last year. Details of some of them are highlighted below:

NORTH WEST - AREA 1

The Dove Club

All Saints Church in Hatton submitted an application for funding to deliver a weekly activity club for children aged 5-12 years. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £500 was granted to the project. The Dove Club engages the young people in positive activities, both creative and recreational, promoting team building games, fairness, patience and other social skills.

Twenty plus children attended the weekly Dove Club on Monday evenings during term time. The sessions included craft, mini drama, story, song, dance and games. A service was held at the end of the year, together with a prize-giving event, which was attended by 63 people, including parents and grandparents.

Hilton TAG group Fortnightly Sessions

Hilton Teenage Action Group submitted an application for funding in order to continue their fortnightly sessions providing workshops, bungee hire and discos for the children. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £1,627 was granted to the project.

The TAG group has 163 members, increasing all the time as year 6 pupils now qualify to join in. Sessions regularly see 80 – 90 members in attendance. The project helps to keep the young people of Hilton off the streets, giving them somewhere to go and something to do. This has a positive impact on crime and anti-social behaviour figures in the area.

Youth of Hatton – Positive Activities

An application was submitted by the Youth of Hatton Group for funding to cover a number of activities including an art project, staff jackets, food safety, BMX, mini leaders and a ski day camp project. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £1,500 was granted to the projects.

The Youth of Hatton engages 150 members aged 6-18 years, with an average attendance of 48 to a weekly session (all 150 in the summer). These projects keep the young people interested in positive activities, continue to open their minds, divert them from criminal behaviour and above all have fun. Two parent groups have recently been set up to increase the voluntary help and age group community relationships.



Other Area 1 Projects

The "I am a survivor" after school project at John Port School, targeted children aged 12-15 years who presented with challenging behaviour at school. Young people were engaged in positive activities each week learning new social skills and producing artwork to be presented at school. The project was granted £500 of Safer Neighbourhoods Funding.



MERCIA - AREA 2

Street Light on Vere Close Jitty, Willington

Willington Parish Council submitted a funding application for a street light in Vere Close jitty, Willington, which was very poorly lit. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £1,406 was granted to the project. There had been incidents of criminal damage to property and fencing near the alley and local residents were reluctant to use the jitty during hours of darkness.

Since the light was installed residents from Vere Close, Old Hall Drive, Hall Lane and surrounding streets, have been using the alley more frequently to cut through to Twyford Road, the village centre and playing fields. It has greatly helped to reduce the fear of assault, robbery and the intimidation associated with walking down a dark alley.

School children and parents from the adjacent primary school frequently use the jitty in the winter months now that it is a well-lit and safe passage through to Twyford Road.

Vehicle Activated Sign, Burton Road, Repton

Repton School applied for funding towards a vehicle activated sign on Burton Road, Repton. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £1,000 was awarded to the project.

The aim of the sign is to reduce traffic speeds and improve road safety on Burton Road entering the 30mph zone in Repton. Community Speedwatch volunteers had recorded significant numbers of vehicles speeding along that stretch of road. It was hoped that slower traffic through Repton would reduce the risk to the many local children that attend the three Repton schools.

According to the project manager, the installation of the vehicle activated sign has significantly slowed the traffic entering the 30mph zone into the village. The reduction in traffic speed has reduced the chances of RTA's and the seriousness of any related injuries. The whole community has benefited from the project.

Cleaning up the environment, Findern.

Findern Footpaths Group submitted an application for "Cleaning up the environment". Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £456 was granted to the project. Following 7 acres of wildlife site, the footpaths are very popular and well used. This had led to an increase in environmental crime. In order to clean up the area, an organised litter pick was held and the installation of 2 dog-waste bins took place. The group have also installed sturdy information boards, which ask people to clean up after their dogs.



A total of six signs were installed and a cleaner environment was noticed with much less dog fouling and a reduction in calls to the Council's Clean Team. Community groups who maintain and use the areas are less distressed and remain motivated to use the sites.

Other Area 2 Projects

Summer activities in Repton

Repton Parish Council applied for funding to run activities for the Repton children throughout the summer break. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £250 was granted to the project. A total of 219 children utilised the facilities such as laser games, climbing wall, sports and play mobile over the summer break.

NORTH EAST - AREA 3

Improved Security and CCTV at The Athenaeum, Melbourne

The Athenaeum in Melbourne applied for funding to improve their CCTV security system. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £974 was granted to the project. The Athenaeum is a youth club that welcomes children aged 11-16 and provides a safe environment for them to meet up with friends and hang out. Over 100 young people visit the café each week. The Improved security was needed to help identify people causing problems within the café and outside the building on Potter Street

The improved CCTV and security has helped to identify problematic individuals who have been dealt with appropriately. The equipment has a large memory, being able to store footage for longer. Fewer calls for disturbance from local residents have been made to the Police and staff and the young people feel safer.

Ticknall Youth Club – Equipment

Ticknall Youth Club was set up to give the young people of the village a safe place to congregate and socialise. Initial sessions were held with children aged 7-17 including craft activities, tuck, music and games. The Youth Club applied for Safer Neighbourhoods funding for additional equipment to provide the young people with entertainment to keep their interest. Funding of £315 was granted to the project.

A pool table and football table were purchased for the club, which has a regular attendance of between 25 and 30 children each week. The children worked out rotas for turns on the equipment and have been running tournaments.



2nd August 2010

The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership
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Dear Sirs

We are so grateful for the grant which you have allocated to our youth club. The items which we bought have been fantastic for the children over the last few weeks and will be used even more during the colder/wetter months.



A couple of shots showing the new equipment and some of the boys getting to grips with it.

Thank you once again.

Regards

Michelle Pole – TYC Secretary

South Derbyshire District Council
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Leisure & Community Development

Light up Aston Recreation Centre

Recreation in Aston submitted an application for funding towards lighting up the area around the recreation centre and car park. The aim of the improved lighting was to increase security and ensure the buildings would be safe from break-ins, theft, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The building is used regularly by the village football and cricket teams and more groups wish to use the facilities. A well-lit area would deter vandals and make users of the site feel safer, especially during autumn and winter and through the dark nights. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £2,210 was awarded to the project.

Lighting up the recreation area has aided the safety of players using the centre during dark afternoons and evenings. It has also enabled the teams to hold matches and training sessions at night, which was previously not possible. A safer and more secure environment for all those people who use the recreation centre has been created.

Additional / Improved Facilities at The Athenaeum, Melbourne

The Athenaeum applied for funding to improve the facilities for the young people aged 11-16 who attend the centre on a regular basis. Having a safe place for the children to attend gives them somewhere to go and keeps them off the streets lowering anti-social behaviour, fear of crime and property crime in the area. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £500 was allocated to the project.

A new large LCD TV was purchased for the café to be used with various games consoles by the young people. The new and improved facilities have made the café more attractive to the young people and this has presented an additional reason for them to stay whilst the café is open.



Building for the Future Project – Aston on Trent

An application was received from the All Saints Parish Church Heritage Centre for funding towards a large renovation project to restore a community building back to public use. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £940 was granted towards a solid, secure entrance door and external lighting.

The building is available for use by village groups, individuals and visitors to the area. Over 30 social, leisure and learning groups have expressed a firm interest in regular bookings for meetings and activities whilst the local history group will open the heritage centre facility each week. An annual footfall of 2000 plus is expected. Parish Council, village school, NHW and other organisations will use the building on a regular monthly basis.

CENTRAL - AREA 4

CCTV for the British Heart Foundation, Swadlincote

The British Heart Foundation in Swadlincote was suffering from frequent thefts from the shop, pick-pockets, anti-social behaviour and violent crime. They submitted an application for funding for installing CCTV to prevent the charity shop being an easy target and make it a safe and enjoyable place to shop and work. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £500 was granted to the project.

The new CCTV system has proved highly effective and within the first few weeks of it being installed it captured images of thieves pick pocketing in the shop. Customers and staff feel less threatened and it has made the BHF a safer place to work and shop.

NEWHALL & MIDWAY - AREA 5

CCTV Project – The Old Post Centre, Newhall

The Old Post Centre in Newhall applied for funding to improve their CCTV facilities to protect the community building from anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and property crime. The project aimed to re-establish a fully and effective operational CCTV system to cover the inside and outside of a well used community facility. Some 8-9,000 people use the centre each year. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £500 was granted to the project.

The new CCTV system was installed to protect the premises for years to come. The CCTV at the Old Post Centre is invaluable, both to the centre staff, Police and local residents as a deterrent to crime in the area.

Positive Fun in the Sun Activities – Newhall and Midway areas

School Family Resource Workers covering Newhall, Woodville and Midway areas applied for funding to run positive activities during school holidays for children from deprived backgrounds and at risk of exclusion from school. Safer Neighbourhoods Funding of £500 was granted to this project from both Area 4 and Area 5 budgets. The funding provided a range of team building activities during the summer holidays including tobogganing, ice-skating, rock climbing, and quad biking. These activities, along with the mentoring provided by the Family Resource workers, help to engage with the young people and install self-confidence and self esteem. A lack of these skills within young people can manifest in incidents of anti-social behaviour, damage and disregard for others in the community.

SOUTH - AREA 6

Upgrade Mount Pleasant Play Area

Castle Gresley Parish Council applied for funding to upgrade the Mount Pleasant play area to enhance the sports facilities and make the area safe for all age groups. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £2,500 was granted to the project.

Following the installation of the new equipment on the play area there has been increased public confidence and a reduction in perceived anti-social behaviour. The upgrade has encouraged youngsters from the Children Centre across the road to use it for play, nature and other activities, giving them a safe environment to play off the streets

As well as the Children's Centre, local children and the whole community have benefited from the improvements.

Overseal Gala Players – Overseal Pantomime Cinderella

Overseal Gala Players applied for funding to run their first village pantomime, Cinderella. Safer Neighbourhoods funding of £1,286 was granted to the project. Their aim was to involve all age groups in the production in the hope of building bridges between generations, demonstrating that all ages can work together within the community and allow mutual respect.

The pantomime was a success, selling out all three performances, engaging 25 main members ranging from 17 to 70 years old. The project created a great "buzz" in the village and future productions are in the planning stages.



Appendix 1 – All funded Projects 2009-10

Area 1

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Dove Club	A1:091	Rev. Angela Martin	All Saint's Church, Hatton	£500.00	£1,370.00	£500.00
Hilton TAG Group Fortnightly Session	A1:092	Suzanne Jones	Hilton TAG	£1,627.50	£2,170.00	£1,627.50
Youth of Hatton	A1:093	Theresa Croft	Youth of Hatton	£1,500.00	£2,000.00	£1,500.00
I am a Survivor - positive activities	A1:095	Kelly Ormond	John Port School	£1,500.00	£2,500.00	£500.00

Area 2

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Awarded
Vere Close Jitty, Willington	A2:091	Christine Gow	Willington Parish Council	£1,406.00	£1,875.00	£1,406.00
Installation of a street light	A2:092	David Buchanan	Newton Solney Parish Council	£1,000.00	£1,350.00	£1,000.00
Summer activities in Repton	A2:093	Roger Paulson	Repton Parish Council	£250.00	£900.00	£250.00
The Den Building Mitre Field	A2:094	Roger Paulson	Repton Parish Council	£2,500.00	£3,436.00	£1,000.00
Vehicle activated sign, Repton	A2:095	Carl Bilson	Repton School	£1,000.00	£5,000.00	£1,000.00
Cleaning up the Environment	A2:096	Clare Orme	Findern Footpaths Group	£456.31	£456.31	£456.31
Street Lighting - Hillside Playing Field, Findern	A2:097	Clare Orme	Findern Parish Council	£1,300.00	£2,600.00	£1,300.00

Area 3

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
CCTV at The Athenaeum, Melbourne	A3:091	Zoe Dean	The Athenaeum, Melbourne	£974.62 (-25%)	£1,299.50	£974.62
Light up Aston Recreation Centre	A3:092	Barbara James	Recreation in Aston Group	£2,210.00	£4,421.80	£2,210.00
Ticknall Youth Club Equipment	A3:093	Michelle Pole	Ticknall Youth Club	£315.00	£420.00	£315.00
Building for the Future - Aston Community Building	A3:095	John Holloway	Parochial Church Council	£3,000.00	£8,000.00	£940.00
New Equipment for the Athenaeum	A3:096	Zoe Dean	The Athenaeum, Melbourne	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00

Area 4

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Positive Fun in the Sun CCTV for British Heart Foundations	A5:092	Theresa Cain	Derbyshire County Council	£500.00	£2,600.00	£500.00
	A4:093	Rachel Marriott	British Heart Foundation	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00

Area 5

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Old Post CCTV Positive Fun in the Sun	A5:091	Glenys Williams	Old Post Regeneration Association Ltd Derbyshire County Council	£750.00	£750.00	£500.00
	A5:092	Theresa Cain	Midway Allotment Association	£500.00	£2,600.00	£500.00
Fencing around Midway Allotment	A5:094	Vince Staley	Association	£2,000.00	£3,400.00	£2,000.00
Re-seed Football Pitch	A5:095	Bob Barsby	TS Sports Club	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00

Area 6

Project Name	Ref	Project Lead	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Upgrade Mount Pleasant play area	A6:091	Sheila Jackson	Castle Gresley Parish Council	£2,500.00	£25,000.00	£2,500.00
Overseal Pantomime Cinderella	A6:092	Allen Cook	Overseal Gala Players	£1,286.00	£1,600.00	£1,286.00