



# Keeping our Community Safe

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

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### Firework posters sent to schools and Athenaeum

The dangers of fireworks were highlighted on posters sent out to South Derbyshire's senior schools and Melbourne's Athenaeum prior to this year's Bonfire Night.

### Partnership Plan Workshop

Over 35 partners attended this year's workshop at Rosliston Forestry Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Presentations were given from Safer Derbyshire Research & Information Team and the DAAT for alcohol related harm in South Derbyshire. Group workshops worked well with partners split between four areas of discussion; ASB and damage, assaults and domestic violence, acquisitive crime and PPO and perception of crime. New initiatives and positive ideas were identified which will be added into the existing Partnership Plan.

### Public meeting at Stenson Fields

A public meeting was held at Stenson Fields Primary School on 4<sup>th</sup> November to discuss anti-social behaviour issues around Fox Close/Pilgrims Way recreation area. At the meeting there was representation from SDDC, SSDP, Stenson Fields Parish Council and the Police. Agreement was made to remove a tree, used as a gathering point and to lower an existing hedge. Police agreed to supply residents with anti-climb paint and/or plastic spikes. All residents were urged to report all incidents, continue to complete diary sheets and attend Safer Neighbourhood Meetings. PCSO's were tasked with visiting the site and engaging with the young people to assess what facilities they would like and feed back to SDDC.

### £7,000 Funding for Melbourne Alert Box scheme

Following the success of the Swadlincote Town Centre Alert Box scheme, The SSDP has been successful in obtaining funding to replicate the scheme in Melbourne Town Centre. The boxes, which send warning messages to neighbouring shops will be rolled out in early 2010.

### Operation Relentless

Operation Relentless ran from the end of September to 8<sup>th</sup> November, over a 6-week period. The aim of the operation was to promote being "safe and confident". Major clean-up operations were carried out with graffiti being removed and Community Payback involved in tidying up eyesore areas.



### Clean ups in Swadlincote Town Centre and Newhall Park

During Operation Relentless two major clean-ups were carried out with plenty of Council volunteers donning litter-pickers and day-glow vests. Swadlincote Town Centre was the target of the first clean up on 28<sup>th</sup> October, with Newhall Park following suit on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Large amounts of rubbish were collected at both clean-ups, leaving the areas looking clean and tidy.

### Safer Schools Partnership

Closer links are being formed with South Derbyshire senior schools and regular multi-agency meetings will now be attended by members of SSDP at the schools. The Pingle School has also been identified as a Safer Schools Partnership School and as such will form even closer links with the Police and Partnership. Currently the school is looking at a pilot project that may involve an exchange of students with a school in Sweden.

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**Modernised NH Wardens CCTV cameras**

Modernised CCTV equipment has been obtained to upgrade existing facilities within the NH Wardens' van. The old cameras were dated and operated on the old VHS system, which was time-consuming as the storage of footage was limited. The new digital cameras offer clearer picture quality, better zoom capabilities and have a greater storage capacity as they operate via a removable hard drive.

**Review of ASB Tasking meetings**

The Safer South Derbyshire Partnership constantly look to improve the way they operate, the existing ASB Tasking meetings are being reviewed in the hope to engage with more partner agencies and to try and identify problematic young people at an earlier stage. It is hoped that this early intervention can identify individuals that are in danger of becoming offenders and the correct help and support can be identified to address their behaviour.

**John Widdowson – Lets Kick out Racism**

As part of Operation Relentless, The South Derbyshire District Council's Sports Development team ran a series of 5-aside sessions across the district. Some sessions took place within secondary schools and some were held on Multi Use Games Areas on evenings in Hatton, Repton, Castle Gresley, Overseal and Melbourne and the take up was very encouraging. In total over 120 young people took part between 8 and 19 years. The street soccer sessions culminated in a cup competition staged at Clowne College and a team from the Youth of Hatton returned victorious in the 12 - 14 age group.

**Cleaner South Derbyshire**

Shops and premises not controlling the amount of litter generated outside their establishments could be issued with street litter control notices in an attempt to keep areas clean and tidy. Several shops in South Derbyshire have received initial warning letters and been provided with litter pickers to keep the outside of their properties clear of litter. Checks will be done and if improvements are not seen the notices can be served.

**The Sergeant says:**

Christmas time is always a popular time for offenders who steal from cars and homes. Please help us by helping yourself and remember not to leave items on display in your cars and always keep the front door of your house locked even if you are in. Also please remember to keep your car keys in a safe place and in particular away from your front door or any windows. These simple tips can keep your property safe and secure this Christmas.

**Town Centre ASBO Issued**

One of the area's most prolific young offenders has been given a 2-year Anti-Social Behaviour Order. The move to obtain an ASBO came after a group of young people had caused a number of problems within the town centre over the summer. After several weeks of work by the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Officers and the Council ASB Officer the ASBO was granted on conviction. The individual will now be banned from entering the town centre for the next two years unless accompanied by an adult.

**Crime Mapping**

Find out your local crime figures by accessing the Crime Mapping page on the Derbyshire Constabulary Website. Updated on a monthly basis, the crime figures can be broken down into categories such as burglary, vehicle crime, violence and anti-social behaviour. The website address is [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk).

**USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

**Safer South Derbyshire Partnership**  
01283 595858

**ASB helpline**  
01283 595795

**Crimestoppers**  
0800 555 111

**Police Non Emergency number**  
0345 123 33 33

**Next Step (against domestic abuse)**  
01283 229854

**Victim Support**  
01629 825864

**Youth Information Shop**  
01283 217666

**THE NEXT ROUND OF SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETINGS**

- Area 1** – 6.30 pm, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Egginton Memorial Hall
- Area 2** – 6.30 pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Repton Village Hall
- Area 3** – 7 pm, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Smisby Village Hall
- Area 4** – 6.30 pm, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Eureka Primary School
- Area 5** – 6.30 pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, The Old Post, Newhall
- Area 6** – 6.30 pm, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Overseal Village Hall