



**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **a great place to live well**
for the period July to September 2024 (Q2)





A great place to live well

This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a community with lifelong good health*

Maximise opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities to participate in physical and social activity

- The new website for leisure centres - Just do more - is now live.

- **New Snap and chat walk launched in Clay Cross.** An opportunity to combine photography and walking to support mental health wellbeing.

- Ongoing work through Active Neighbourhood scheme in Clay Cross (increasing everyday walking within the community). It is a 2 year pilot scheme aimed at families and young people. We have been using a creative model with an organisation called First Art to engage in creative workshops and events that lead to active travel within the community. The offer has so far engaged with 1809 participants across 20 events
- Walk Derbyshire scheme ongoing and well established across the district. This also includes funds secured to continue delivery of the Exercise by Referral scheme within the sports centres. We will be looking at how we broaden that offer from next year so expand into a local community offer. Aimed at those with long term conditions and mental health issues.

- **Community Action Grants: 12 applications approved to date this year (4 this quarter) totalling £4,586.74.** Projects funded include planting, school pond restoration and bike and scooter racks.

- Walking blogs being promoted on the website via the “Explore our District” pages which has seen 9006 unique visits in this quarter.
- Completion date for Clay Cross Active may be delayed due to the main contractor going into administration. The Council’s contract is with Alliance Leisure who has been in contact with a new contractor to take over the project. This development has been publicised externally and internally to provide reassurance and transparency and is being closely monitored.

- **UKSPF- funded Green Routes project at Grassmoor Country Park completed and officially launched on 27th September 2024.**





Directly or in partnership, reducing health inequality supporting Public Health, DCC and other partners to deliver targeted programmes in the district

- Referrals and promotions of weight management and smoking cessation initiatives on offer in all four leisure centres as part of the Live Life Better Derbyshire.
- Healthy North East Derbyshire Partnership projects that have started this quarter include Digital Connect (free digital training and confidence building for residents across the district) and Young People's Social Prescribing (one to one support for young people to help engage with social activities and community services to reduce social isolation and mental health issues).

Assist residents in ensuring their homes are suitable and meet their health needs

- **105 homes improved as part of the external wall insulation social housing decarbonisation work in quarter 2. Total for 2024/24 is 210 and 543 for the programme to date.**

- The new Housing and Private Sector Housing strategies are in the final development stages with public consultation scheduled throughout October and November 2024. Both strategies have a focus on enabling residents to live longer in their homes through effective adaptations and mitigations.

Following a recent inspection the Council has received a C2 grading from the Regulator of Social Housing. The Council and Rykneld Homes are working closely in partnership to achieve the highest grading (C1) in the near future.

- An increased number of Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) referrals have been received this quarter reflecting the completion of more Occupational Therapist assessments. This will lead to an increased number of DFG completions going forward.

Protect the public from ill health caused by environmental factors and business operations

- Enjoying the summer safely campaign included in the summer edition of The News covering keeping food fresh, summer pests, bonfires and food safety ratings when eating out.
- 17 infectious disease cases investigated.



This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a place to live that people value*

Develop and continually improve the quality and range of housing providing a nice home and area for all residents to meet all needs

- Empty Homes Officer (EHO) role starting to have some impact on the number of empty properties within the district. The EHO is contacting owners and verifying properties and circumstances.

• **Actively working on 18 empty properties** and exploring options with owners and internally for those that may need cross-departmental action.

- The Strategic Housing team continue to work with developers, housing associations and the Planning team to maximise suitable affordable housing opportunities.
- The Planning team have been working closely with East Midlands Housing Association on a number of projects, these include:
 - Ellen House Holmewood, 11 units of supported accommodation expected to be completed by the end of September this year.
 - Stretton Road Morton, 20 units of accommodation for affordable rent expected to complete before the end of 2024.
- Current number in Bed & Breakfast is 5, all B&B long-stayers have now been successfully moved on. Numbers have been lower for the last two months due to the focussed move on work. B&B expenditure at the half way point of the financial year is down on the same point last year which is a real positive.



- Stonebroom social housing regeneration scheme progressing with regular meetings between Rykneld Homes Limited and relevant council teams. Funding for community building approved.

• **Seven shared ownership homes in Holmewood completed** and 11 supported living apartments for people with learning disabilities and/or physical disabilities with on site care and support via EMH Homes (Grant funded by the Council).

Directly and with partners, improve where people live to ensure they are safe, clean, functional, and attractive

- UKSPF-funded Shop Front Enhancement Scheme: Approved to date £245,638. Under appraisal £116,314, Total £361,952 of £400,000 budget. 11 shop front grants were approved during quarter 2.

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This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***a place to live that people value***

- **Community Safety** - door knocks undertaken in Eckington, Tupton, Holmegate and Pilsley to gather intelligence on drugs and impacts on local residents. A closure notice served in North Wingfield (this prohibits access to the premises for a period specified in the notice due to antisocial behaviour). Public Spaces Protection Order on antisocial behaviour in Clay Cross area implemented.

Well maintained public realm that connects our communities

- Replacement “Welcome to North East Derbyshire” road signage licenses for pilot areas are being finalised by Derbyshire County Council.
- A contractor has been appointed for the UKSPF funded Dronfield public realm work. Preliminary works continuing on the new Bailey’s Square in Clay Cross which is being funded by Clay Cross Town Deal.

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This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***a place where people enjoy spending time***

Improve and promote places and attractions to spend leisure time

- Summer edition of The News contained plenty of articles promoting what was on offer from activities for the kids during the school holidays, to walking opportunities, places to eat and what local businesses offer.
- Working with Sport England to secure a consultant to deliver an updated Playing Pitch Strategy which will identify areas in need of developer contributions.
- Innerva suite (powered assisted gym equipment) to be implemented at Clay Cross Active following partnership working developed with the provider.



- **Website statistics for this quarter** - 9006 total visitors (Walks 4874; Food and Drink 2412; Events 676; Reservoirs 85; Attractions 467; Accommodation 326; Chesterfield Football Club 166). Outturn for 2023/24 - 8015.



Develop and promote the local 'offer' to ensure a diverse range of high-quality activities and places to spend time

- Gym refurbishment at Dronfield Active completed and promoted.

Metric	Target	Q2 Outturn	RAG
Increase participation in leisure activities at leisure centres by 5000 visits per year.	172,250	171,361	Within 10% of target
Achieve 1600 monthly attendance through community-based activity.	4800	5965	
Bring 6 long term empty properties back into use per year.	6 per annum	0	Q1 - 0
Number of targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols carried out.	36	12	Q1 - 42
Number of proactive community patrols or events focussing on litter, waste, and dog fouling.	4	0	Q1 - 4