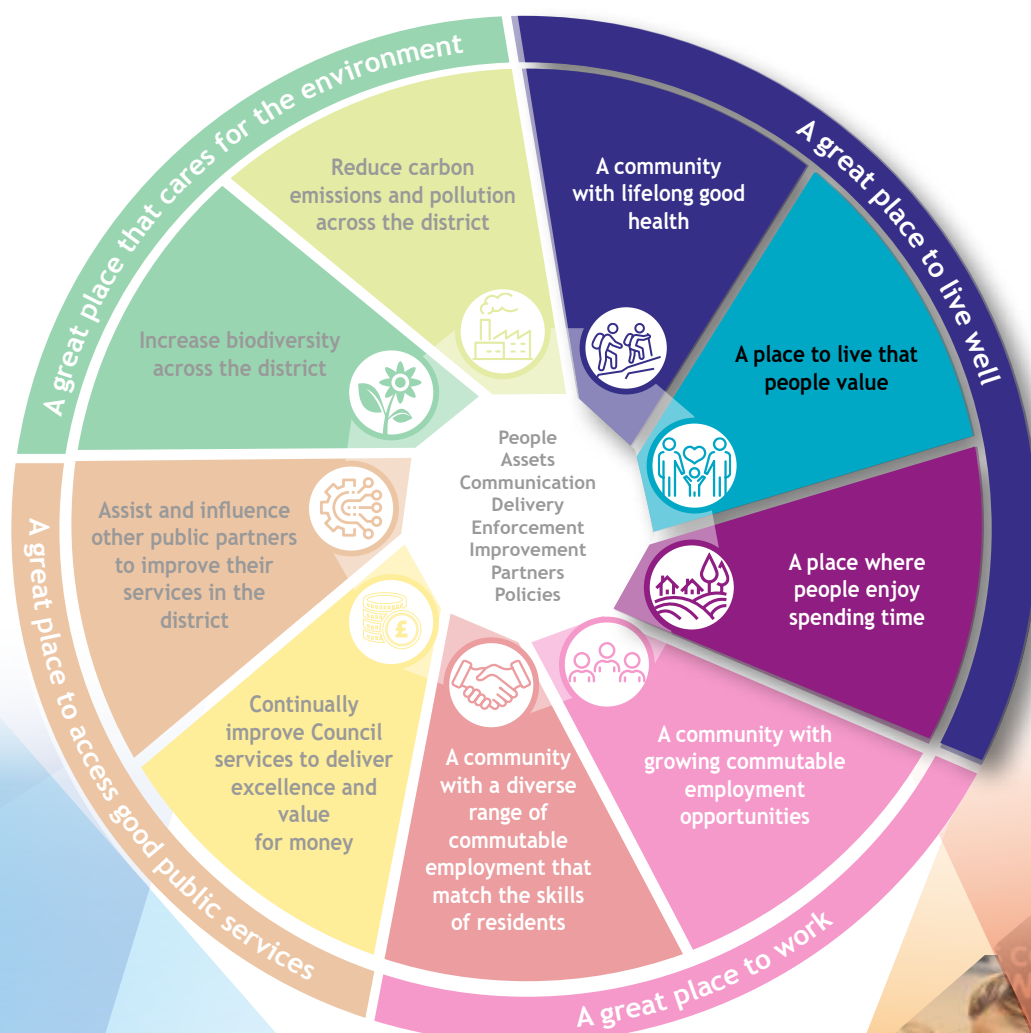




**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for a great place to live well
for the period January to March 2025 (Q4)





A great place to live well

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 recommendations from the Scrutiny review of Leisure Activities for Older Children/Teenagers were all accepted by Cabinet in January 2025.

This includes increased engagement with older children/teenagers (current users and non-users) through schools and social media, and a review of fees and charges around young person activities.

- Community based activities such as walking in communities finished very strongly in this quarter with 5,555 attendances, exceeding the annual target of 19,200 attendances.
- Provided Volunteer Walk Leader Training to 10 volunteers and created 11 new Active Walk Leaders.

- Attendances across the leisure centres completed on a high note at 210,953 surpassing the quarterly and annual targets

- The completion of Clay Cross Active (Leisure Centre) is scheduled for June 2025. The planning process for the Clay Cross Active (3G Pitch) is progressing, with approval anticipated pending the discharge of pre-commencement planning conditions, including surface water drainage and a biodiversity plan.

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

- 'Power of You' - sessions for girls ages 10-15 years & 16-18 years have been established to run on three dates (May and August) at Killamarsh Active.
- Community Action Grants - Six awarded in Q4, totalling £2,497. Projects supported this quarter ranged from bio-diversity installations, supporting venues to become a warm spaces during winter and community fun days.



- **Grant offer letters confirming funding sent to Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire, Derbyshire Law Centre, Rural Action Derbyshire, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre and Volunteer Centre. Grants totalling £135,377** awarded to support core funding costs to these organisations that support residents and vulnerable households across the District. This included benefits, debt, energy, housing, legal and employment advice as well as supporting volunteering opportunities. During 2024/25, 21,499 people/households benefited from the services and advice provided by these organisations.

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

- The Government has awarded North East Derbyshire District Council £5,160,618 to deliver a Warm Homes: Local Grant Scheme from 2025-2028.
- News release shared with media regarding building of affordable homes and well insulated homes - next stage of External Wall Insulation (EWI) project.
- 4 disability adaptation inspections and 2 decent homes inspections carried out this period.

- **The Community Safety team is seeing an increase in Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) affecting people's mental health.**

Resultantly they have run three ASB Case Reviews in the period predominantly concerned with neighbour disputes. Action plans have been set, a warning served, and a Closure Order undertaken to deal with persistent ASB.

- Environmental Health have brought the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Disability Design Team service in house and have created the roles of Architectural Technician and DFG Technical Officer. Recruitment is taking place, and the new service will be operational from April 2025.

- **Staff in Environmental health are receiving training on the Renters Reform Bill to ensure preparedness to support tenants and respond to queries.**

The team continue to engage with the public around damp and mould responsibilities with regular updates being provided to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) as part of the Healthy Homes evaluation.

- The Legal team have supported Rykneld Homes in obtaining three access injunctions to facilitate carrying out inspections and repairs in properties where access had been denied previously, to ensure homes are suitable and to resolve any health issues arising.

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

- **A Brimington resident has been successfully prosecuted for fly-tipping in the Bole Hill area, resulting in a £440 fine and £1,477 in costs awarded to the Council. The case was covered by BBC News Derbyshire.**



- Dealt with 14 Infectious Diseases notifications, 56 new Food Registrations; 35 Food Hygiene Training Level 2; 16 Food Hygiene Training Level 3 and provided general advice and assistance on 115 occasions to business and public during this period from pest control to health and safety advice.
- District wide press releases for residents using Barbershops (ensuring good hygiene practices to prevent skin infections) and residents engaging in aesthetic cosmetic procedures such as fillers (to ensure using licenced products and qualified staff) following complaints received.
- Planning have progressed several enforcement cases relating to untidy land and unauthorised activity, including in West Handley and Eckington.



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

- **Published our Housing and Private Sector Housing**

strategies setting out our ambition to improve our housing offer, and plans for both home ownership and private rented housing.

- In this period 86 units of affordable housing tenure were submitted for planning approval on several sites across the district. Also working up a proposal with P3 Housing and Support to provide an additional 11 units of supported housing in the district.
- Planning have given pre-application advice on major housing schemes proposed in Holmewood and Eckington.

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

- Raised awareness and promoted surveys for improving two local parks, partnership approach to reducing antisocial behaviour and fly tipping prosecutions and littering fines.
- Running three Extreme Wheels sessions per week which will continue in 2025/26 due to UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF). Also, looking to do more work with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) in schools.



- **Working with Dronfield Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) on several Problem Management**

Plans including Bike Marking Events after a series of expensive bike thefts in the area, and meetings with local shops and residents following issues with local young people congregating and causing Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) around the Pentland Road shops.

- Developed and ran a series of Scam and fraud awareness sessions to luncheon clubs and other established clubs as this is an under reported section of crime.
- Community Safety attended the Tesco CX Safety and Wellbeing event which was well attended and successful to give advice and guidance to residents on antisocial behaviour, crime and safety.
- Funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) has enabled the Community Safety team to purchase some CCTV cameras. This will benefit the team and the wider community safety partnership to tackle antisocial behaviour.
- During this period 8 Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) and 2 Community Protection Notices (CPNs) have been served.



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

- **All projects benefiting from the Shop Front Enhancement Scheme are now complete.** 2 applications were approved during this period, totalling £3,675.

- **More intensive work with owners of empty properties** has brought back into use a further 6 properties and the Empty Homes Officer has served a notice on another property with the long-term aim to improve the quality of the property.

- The Supported Accommodation Review Team (SART) have completed 11 provider reviews, 68 property inspections and 18 resident support reviews within the district (as of 24/03/25).
- Planning have met with Integrated Care Board (ICB) and agreed timetable for production of local General Practitioner (GP) capacity studies.
- Series of 'Embrace our Place' activities have kickstarted in Heath.

Well maintained public realm that connects our communities.

- **Final elements of Dronfield public realm improvements now complete.** EV charging points and benches have been installed with a variety of planting taking place around the car park and library.
- Public realm improvement proposals for Eckington being worked on. Also identifying areas throughout the district which could benefit from future public realm investment.



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

- **Launched ‘We are North East Derbyshire’ video for tourism week in mid-March.** This showcases our beautiful countryside and walks, rich historical and cultural sites, local cuisine and events. The video has received 10,000 views since its launch.

- Several campaigns ran this quarter promoting the Food and Drink Trail and its first anniversary.
- Over 450 enquiries received from local residents following Clay Cross Active presales. Of particular interest are TAG active, Wellness Suite, Gymnastics and Swimming areas.
- Consultations have been planned for improvements to Mickley play area.



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

- Upcoming Annual Membership offer for Clay Cross residents - promotion of the new facility with 25% off our standard annual prices.

- **The playground improvement plan has been designed and agreed for the following year** subject to East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) funding. These include School Lane, Arkwright, Sharley Park/Clay Cross Active, Clay Cross, Tennyson Street, Mickley and Clay Lane, Clay Cross.

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Metric	Target	Quarter 4 Value	RAG
Increase participation in leisure activities at leisure centres by 5000 visits per year.	194, 750	210,953	Green
Achieve 1600 monthly attendance through community-based activity.	4800	5555	Green
Bring 6 long term empty properties back into use per year.	6 per annum	6	Green
Number of targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols carried out.	36	2	Red
Number of proactive community patrols or events focussing on litter, waste, and dog fouling.	4	10	Green

Metric	Comments
Number of targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols carried out.	<p>73 proactive patrols were carried out in 2024/25. The Enforcement team have suffered from staffing issues this year due to a team member resigning and another on unexpected long term sickness leave. Whilst one vacant post has been recruited to in January 2025 another team member has since moved to a different team and this post remains vacant. The team focussed on dealing with reactive service requests from the public and continue to prioritise investigating incidents where offences have been witnessed and evidenced.</p> <p>(Q1 42, Q2 12, Q3 17, Q4 2)</p>

