



**North East  
Derbyshire**  
District Council

# Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for a great place to live well  
for the period April to June 2025 (Q1)





# 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.**

- Sustained and high-impact promotion of the Clay Cross Active launch generated over 1 million views on the Clay Cross Active Facebook page in the 28 days leading up to the opening. Ongoing promotion of community events, such as Snap and Chat, has also continued throughout.

- **New Clay Cross Active facility opened to the public on 18th June 2025** offering a diverse range of activities and facilities to meet the needs of residents across the District. This has been a cross cutting project involving external partners and internal support teams such as ICT, Property, Estates and Assets.

- Working with the Arts Derbyshire and The Arts Council to develop co-operation on locally focused initiatives.

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

- Development of the Older People's Co-ordinator role continued, with a focus on

raising awareness of local services, groups, and amenities, and improving access—particularly for underserved and vulnerable communities. The role is intended to be hosted externally.

- **Led the launch of the UKSPF Inclusive Communities Fund, totalling £233,776. This included the extension of existing initiatives:**

- Citizens Advice NED - Specialist Energy and Debt Advisors
- Derbyshire Voluntary Action - Feeling Connected project and Social Connector
- In addition, four new projects were funded:
- Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre - Outreach benefits advice
- Chesterfield FC Community Trust - Youth engagement activities
- Citizens Advice NED - Income Maximisation Advice
- First Art - Pop-up community activities







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

- Launched grant schemes for Luncheon Clubs, Clubs for Disabled People, and Older People's Clubs. To date, 11 grants totalling £2,800 have been awarded.
- Under the Community Action Grants programme, 10 grants were awarded in this period, amounting to £3,545. Funded activities included VE80 celebrations, Armed Forces Support Day, and community litter-picking events.

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

- We are actively progressing governance assurance assessments with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) following the award of £5.1 million through the Warm Homes Local Grant scheme. The funding will support energy performance upgrades, low-carbon heating installations, and solar panel provision for privately owned and rented households in targeted priority areas.
- There has been a rise in anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents impacting individuals' mental health. In this period, one ASB Case Review has been conducted—primarily involving neighbour disputes with significant mental health implications. In response, action plans have been implemented, formal warnings issued, and a Closure Order has been extended to address persistent ASB.
- Three decent homes inspections carried out to assess structural concerns and integrity issues raised by Rykneld Homes.
- Collaborated with Rykneld Homes to pursue warrants to facilitate access for gas and electric inspections as quicker more cost effective means of gaining access to properties. Pre action warrant applications have successfully resulted in access being given in four properties.

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

- Liaison with Yorkshire water to deal with ongoing sewage flooding incidents. Working with Rykneld Homes to upgrade a private sewer to prevent internal flooding to bungalows in Grassmoor.

#### • Ten infectious disease notifications were received (4 Salmonella, 3 Cryptosporidium, 2 E. coli, 1 Legionella).

Investigations linked the Cryptosporidium cases to an animal attraction site, which has responded positively and is implementing improved infection control measures. Guidance was issued to all primary schools and animal attractions in the district, with inspections scheduled. A public advisory was also shared via Facebook to raise awareness and help prevent further spread.

- Guidance was emailed to all pubs ahead of the bank holiday on safety requirements for hiring inflatables. Similar advice is being sent to organisers of known private events. For public events, checks are carried out to identify inflatable use, and relevant documentation is verified where applicable.
- All high risk food premises have been inspected as planned during the quarter.



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

- The Housing Strategy Team is actively collaborating with Housing Associations and developers to deliver affordable housing on new build sites. They are ensuring a mix of tenures, including affordable rent, social rent and affordable homeownership options (to help residents buy homes at discounted rates). A total of 667 affordable housing units are planned for delivery over the coming years, with 392 units already underway. Progress is also being made with P3 on a new supported housing service. P3 has appointed a contractor to carry out works on two previously void Council homes in Clay Cross.

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

- Embrace our place events including visible clean-ups and community estate walkabouts held at Grassmoor, Dronfield and Holmgate.

- **The Dronfield Mural Project was successfully completed**, transforming the Gosforth underpass—a site previously targeted by repeated graffiti—into a vibrant, community-inspired artwork. Since installation, no graffiti has returned. The mural was developed in consultation with local schools, with children's ideas embedded into the design, and supported by funding from UKSPF. The County Council has committed to maintaining the installation, which has significantly improved the safety and appearance of the area.



### Well maintained public realm that connects our communities.

- Design works for the public realm in Clay Cross Baileys Square ongoing. Snagging work for Dronfield Civic Centre improvements undertaken, improving pedestrian access through overflow car park.
- **With funding from the UKSPF, planning has begun for further public realm improvements, including:**
  - Enhancements around Southgate shops in Eckington. These works aim to enhance the public realm in front of 10-14 Southgate and will include resurfacing, the installation of decorative resin surfacing with tree protection pits, additional seating, safety bollards, and an upgraded planter.
  - Removal of outdated, decommissioned CCTV cameras in Clay Cross
  - Installation of town centre maps in Eckington, Killamarsh, and Clay Cross
- A61 consultation for proposed traffic light signals at the junction with Mill Lane took place. Results collated and will be passed onto Derbyshire County Council the project owner.





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

- Continued promotion of the Leisure Facilities in line with priorities identified in the Marketing and Service plans. Clay Cross Active performance has been excellent with over 2,200 new memberships and 100 junior memberships with weekly growth in our swimming lessons.

• **Play area improvements programme continues with consultation results shaping scheme improvements to be funded by UKSPF.**

- Overflow parking has been marked out and sign posted at Clay Cross Active to assist with the increased number of visitors to the new facility.

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

- Promotion of leisure memberships and leisure wider offer across all communication channels including the new leisure website and Instagram account.

• **Planning is underway for the UKSPF-funded Exploring the District project, aimed at promoting local attractions and encouraging residents and visitors to discover more of North East Derbyshire. Q1 promotional activity included:**

- A Dog Friendly Guide campaign, which attracted over 17,000 views on social media.
- Production and release of three short videos showcasing local walks and attractions.
- Participation in National Gardening Week, celebrating the district's garden centres.
- Cross-promotion of Clay Cross Active and the Clay Cross Games to boost visibility.
- Continued promotion of the Food and Drink Trail, encouraging people to explore local venues and enjoy the outdoors.

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Metric	Target	Quarter 4 Value	RAG
Increase participation in leisure activities at leisure centres by 5000 visits per year.	196,000	Awaiting data See note	
Achieve 1600 monthly attendance through community-based activity.	4800	4,650	
Bring 6 long term empty properties back into use per year.	6 per annum	1	
Number of targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols carried out.	36	19	
Number of proactive community patrols or events focussing on litter, waste, and dog fouling.	4	3	

Metric	Comments
Number of targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols carried out.	The team continues to be affected by staffing issues however recruitments have been made.

Note: Currently unable to download attendance data from the new Clay Cross Active Centre. This issue will be resolved for Q2 reporting.

