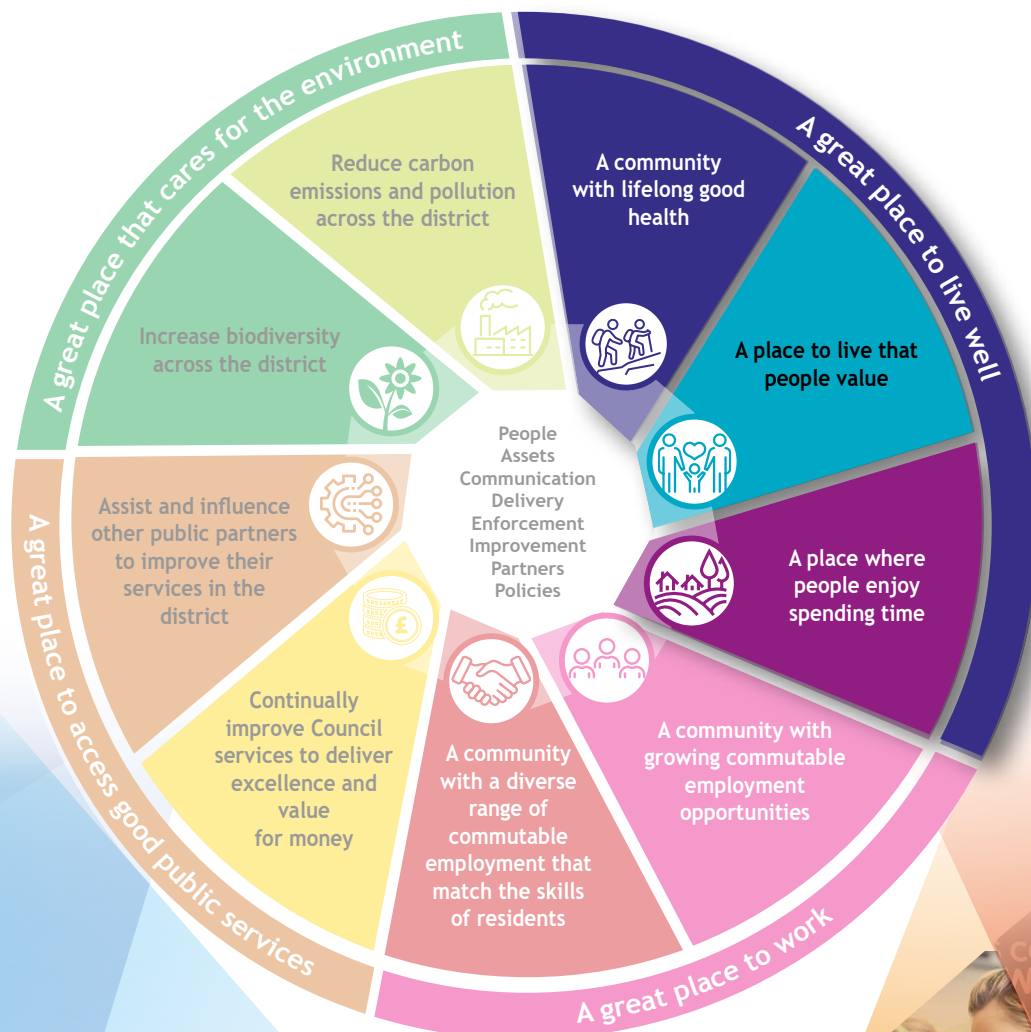




**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for a great place to live well
for the period July to September 2025 (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

- Arts Council England support priorities agreed for the district. These include support for Clay Cross and wider engagement for local groups.
 - Consistent promotion of healthy lifestyles content across communication channels as well as development of marketing plans for leisure centres.
 - Health and Wellbeing delivered a diverse programme of community activities including the Out and About Summer Club, the Clay Cross Games, and the Mining Memories Walk—each designed to promote physical activity and social engagement.
 - Continued delivery of the Walk Derbyshire groups across the district and Walking into Communities work across Clay Cross. 30 new participants joined this quarter, throughput of 1,107 participants, 97 sessions delivered, and 1 new walk leader volunteer trained.
 - Children's play area improvements scheduled for Clay Lane Clay Cross, Arkwright, Sharley Park Clay Cross and Tennyson Street Mickley. Clay Cross Active site delivered.
- Directly or in partnership, reducing health inequality supporting Public Health, DCC and other partners to deliver targeted programmes in the district**

- Killamarsh Active hosted a 'Community Activity Day' on 5th July linked in with annual 'Skateboard Jam' partnered with Extreme Wheels, the event attracted around 200 people throughout the day. The day consisted of varying activities hosted by clubs who use the centre, also emergency services including police, mountain rescue and fire service were in attendance, working with North East Derbyshire Safe Neighbourhood Team.

- Live Life Better Derbyshire have organised drop-in sessions at leisure facilities to do blood pressure testing which has resulted in referrals to doctors for further checks, also a range of general health advice to residents.

- Community Action Grants, 2 grants awarded (12 to date). Total awarded to date is totalling £5,528. The 100th grant application successfully awarded in September to





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Obsessive Recessive Roots for their Pig Pals project which is a men's mental health project focusing on an outdoor based programme that uses animal care and land-based tasks to support emotional wellbeing. Cheque presentation made by the Chair of Council, Cllr. Lee Hartshorne.

- Luncheon Clubs, Clubs for Disabled and Older People's Clubs grants: 4 grants awarded during this period (15 to date) totally £4,000 so the scheme is now fully allocated.

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

- We've seen a recent rise in antisocial behaviour (ASB), particularly cases that are having a negative impact on individuals' mental health. Over the past six weeks, we've carried out one ASB Case Review, mainly involving neighbour disputes. In response, we've implemented action plans, issued formal warnings, and extended a Closure Order to address ongoing issues and support community wellbeing.
- Adaptations for Disabled Tenants: Two request adaptations undertaken this period.

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

- Ran a pest control campaign highlighting the services we offer.
- The Council has worked with Rykneld Homes to successfully resolve damp and sewer flooding issues in a property in Killamarsh.
- 15 Infectious Diseases notifications handled during this period.

- **We continue to provide general advice and support to both businesses and members of the public.** Over the period, we've responded to a range of service requests, including:

- Pest control advice - 35 enquiries
- Animal licensing guidance - 9 enquiries
- Housing support - 7 enquiries
- Planning advice - 33 enquiries
- Food safety and hygiene advice - 33 enquiries
- Health and safety guidance - 16 enquiries

- We're committed to helping our communities with clear, practical advice across a wide range of topics. We've supported food businesses this quarter through:
 - 19 new food business registrations
 - 19 completions of Level 2 Food Hygiene Training
 - 10 completions of Level 3 Food Hygiene
- In addition, all high-risk food premises have been inspected as planned, helping to ensure food safety standards are maintained across the district.



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 Options Team have continued to focus on prevention work and move-on through temporary accommodation and as at the end of the quarter there were 6 in temporary accommodation with zero in bed and breakfast.
- Work has begun on the development of a housing and health deep dive. This piece of work is part of the Council's continued housing strategy development. The research and data contained in this work will help to inform the Council's work in delivering sustainable/affordable homes in the district.

• **The new build development at Whiteleas, North Wingfield delivered by Rykneld Homes Ltd, is progressing well.** So far, 39 of the 48 affordable homes have been completed and are now occupied, helping to meet housing needs in the area.

- Planning permission has been granted for two developments in Stonebroom:
 - Five new bungalows will be built off Byron Grove, providing much-needed affordable housing for local residents. This project is being supported by £323,000 in grant funding from Homes England, helping to make the homes more accessible.
 - A new community building is planned off Cleveland Road, which will include a pre-school facility, food bank, car parking, and a play area—designed to support families and strengthen the local community

These developments reflect our ongoing commitment to improving housing and



community infrastructure across North East Derbyshire.

- Purchase of two 2 bedroomed homes in Clay Cross for affordable rent from Countryside Properties UK.

- **Work is progressing on a new supported accommodation project in partnership with P3 Charity, which will provide 11 specialist housing units for people in need of extra support.** The scheme includes The Spinner and two refurbished council-owned properties in Clay Cross, all designed to offer safe and stable homes with tailored support. The Council's Housing Options team will have exclusive nomination rights, ensuring that local residents most in need can benefit from the accommodation. The scheme is expected to launch in early 2026, helping to improve lives.

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

- We've been raising awareness around antisocial behaviour (ASB), including creative initiatives like the graffiti wall project at Dronfield bypass, which encourages positive expression and community pride.



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

- Over the past quarter, we have collaborated with North and South Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) on a range of initiatives to improve safety and tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB):

Community Engagement

- Delivered 4 Scam Awareness and ASB events in Clay Cross, Dronfield, and Killamarsh.
- Hosted scam and fraud awareness sessions for local clubs to highlight this under-reported crime.
- Supported a Safety and Wellbeing event at Tesco Clay Cross, offering advice on ASB, crime prevention, and community support.

Targeted Interventions

- Conducted ASB door-knocks in Wingerworth, Grassmoor, Dronfield, and Arkwright, plus telephone engagement in Danesmoor.
- Applied for a Partial Closure Order (July-October) and continue working with legal teams on enforcement measures.
- Issued 2 Community Protection Warnings (CPWs) and 2 Community Protection Notices (CPNs).

Emerging Issues

- Addressing concerns at Hardwick Hall/ Stainsby Mill, including fly-tipping, hazardous waste, and inappropriate activity. Enforcement and education are underway, with plans for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in partnership with Bolsover District Council.

Future Commitment

- Secured funding for the Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Officer role through March 2026, enabling continued proactive work.

- The Shopfronts Improvement Scheme, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), launched across the district in July 2025. So far in Quarter 2:

- 15 grants have been awarded, totalling £180,000
- This includes a major investment of £100,000 to upgrade 10 shop units at Southgate in Eckington

The scheme is backed by £210,000 in total funding, helping to revitalise high streets and support local economic growth.

- The Legal team are broadening their approach to tackle landlords who are failing to tackle antisocial behaviour by working with the Community Safety Team.

Well maintained public realm that connects our communities

- A61/Mill Lane phase 2 design works commenced.
- Funded by UKSPF, work continues to develop the following improvements which will enhance public realm:
 - Public realm improvements at Southgate shops, Eckington.
 - Ashland Rd/Station Rd, Eckington.
 - Removal of decommissioned outdated CCTV cameras in Clay Cross.
 - Installation of town centre maps in Eckington, Killamarsh and Clay Cross.
- Work has now started on the Connections phase of the Clay Cross Town Deal, with improvements focused on reopening Bridge Street to two-way traffic. This will help ease congestion and support the upcoming pedestrianisation of Market Street. These upgrades are part of a wider £24.1 million investment to improve transport, create jobs, and enhance public spaces in Clay Cross.



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

- Continual promotion of the district as a leisure and tourism destination through Facebook, Instagram and email campaigns.
- Targeted campaign was delivered to celebrate and expand the Food and Drink Trail, showcasing the district's culinary and tourism offer:
 - A refresher campaign was launched to re-engage audiences and highlight new venues.
 - Tourism Shorts were re-shared across social media, featuring local businesses and attractions.
 - New businesses were added to the trail, each supported with bespoke promotional adverts and video content.
 - The campaign achieved strong engagement through platforms like Instagram and YouTube, with thousands of views and interactions.

• **North East Derbyshire District Council supported a range of vibrant summer events including Peak Highland Games, the Cromford Steam Fair and the Ashover Show to promote the district's unique character and what it has to offer.** The latter attracted over 12,000 attendees, where the Council's Economic Development team promoted the district's thriving Food and Drink Trail and broader tourism offer. This engagement helped raise awareness of local businesses and encouraged visitors to explore the district's culinary and leisure destinations.



- Working with Clay Cross Parish Council to improve Bevan Park in Danesmoor through a community consultation survey and results will support the parishes investment in the play park moving forward.

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 the leisure wider offer across all channels including the new leisure website and Instagram account.
- Planned activity, utilising UKSPF funding, includes:
 - Additional walking guides incorporating Food and Drink Trail businesses.
 - Comprehensive marketing plan to inform a comprehensive events strategy for Baileys Square, Clay Cross.
 - Proposed Christmas market in Clay Cross.

• **The number of businesses participating in the Food and Drink Trail has increased from 33 to 44.** Promotional activity has achieved a social media reach of 321,445 with 34,808 engagements and 18,200 visits to the dedicated website.

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Metric	Target	Quarter 2 Value	RAG
Increase participation in leisure activities at leisure centres year on year.	283,748	273,182	Within 10% of target
Achieve 1600 monthly attendance through community-based activity.	4,800	4,505	
Bring 6 long term empty properties back into use per year.	6 per annum	2	
Number of targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols carried out.	36	36	
Number of proactive community patrols or events focussing on litter, waste, and dog fouling.	3	1	

Achieve 1600 monthly attendance through community-based activity.	The target was not achieved, primarily due to the absence of school-based provision during the summer break. This had a considerable impact on delivery for the quarter. This pattern has been observed in previous Q2 reports and, while unfortunate, is not entirely unforeseen.
Bring 6 long term empty properties back into use per year.	<p>Our Empty Homes Officer has successfully resolved many quick-win cases, ensuring properties are correctly classified and generating Council Tax income. The focus has now shifted to more complex cases where property owners are not engaging. These require legal action, which is time-consuming and costly.</p> <p>We've learned that dealing with non-responsive owners and the complexity of these cases makes achieving the annual target of six properties challenging. Future targets will remain ambitious given these constraints.</p>
Number of targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols carried out.	The team is currently carrying a vacant post and one of the team is doing animal licensing duties as well as undertaking a team leader course, all of which have impacted on time available to carry out the proactive community patrols. On a positive note, the number of targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols target has been met this quarter.

