



**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress 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.

A great place to live well

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.





A great place to work

This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a community with growing, commutable employment opportunities*

Support existing businesses (including the Council) to maintain and grow workforce

- Quarterly Business Networks meetings continue to support local engagement. The Clay Cross Business Network met on 24 July 2025, with 29 attendees representing 25 businesses. The Manufacturing Cluster Network followed on 10 September 2025, attended by 12 individuals from 8 businesses. Dronfield Network meetings, externally facilitated, were held on 17 July and 18 September 2025, attracting 10 and 6 businesses respectively. The Tourism Network convened on 17 September 2025, with 16 attendees participating.

- **The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) funded element of Derbyshire Accelerator Programme has commenced as the Council received funding in July 2025.** Businesses receiving non-financial support: (annual target 60) 15 this quarter (59 in total this year). Enterprises adopting new to the business technologies or processes (target 20) 5 this quarter (5 total this year).

- District wide UKSPF funded Shopfronts Scheme commenced in July 2025. £210k allocated for the scheme. 15 grants have been awarded in this quarter, totalling £180k, this includes an award of £100k to upgrade 10 units at Southgate in Eckington.

- **Planning is underway for the launch of the food waste service in April 2026. To support delivery, recruitment is in progress for 16 additional staff to meet operational resource requirements.**

- Two Council work placement students have successfully transitioned into appointed roles, reflecting the value and impact of our placement programme.
- Advertising current leisure vacancies through digital screens across the centres to increase awareness.
- Planning permission has been granted for the expansion of the coach and bus repair facility in Killamarsh (Ref: 25/00264/FL). This development supports local employment and sustainable transport infrastructure.



Progress against our objective:



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Attract and support new businesses to the area which bring new jobs

- Coney Green Business Centre, Clay Cross is being actively promoted as a flexible and professional venue for businesses seeking workspace solutions.

- As part of the Clay Cross Town Deal, awareness is being raised around the upcoming availability of new business units at Baileys Square. These units will offer exciting opportunities for businesses to establish and grow within the Clay Cross community. Three units are in the process of being leased and a number of new units are under offer.

A great place to work



This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***a community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents***

Work with partners to match and develop local skills with local business employment need

- Digital Skills project has commenced with UK Shared Prosperity funding received in July. The proposed target is to deliver digital training to 40 people from new businesses. The training offer includes AI, digital marketing and cybersecurity.
- Funding has been successfully secured to support Lifeguard and Swimming Teacher training, with participants appointed to casual posts at the Council upon completion.



- Apprenticeships developed with local colleges for Streetscene operatives, i.e. mechanic, arborist.



A great place to access good public services

This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***assist and influence other public partners to improve their services in the district***

Actively participate, nurture relationships, and maximise benefits for NEDDC residents in partnerships such as Health, Economy, Resilience, etc.

- In August 2025, the Council completed a new five-year lease enabling the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to relocate to Clay Cross Active. Since moving into the leisure facility, CAB has become fully operational and continues to provide vital help and advice services to the local community. The co-location has had a measurable impact: between July and September 2025, CAB reported a 15% increase in client numbers, equating to approximately 600 additional residents accessing support compared to the same period last year. This growth highlights the success of integrating public services within community hubs and reflects the Council's commitment to improving accessibility and wellbeing across the district.

- Citizens Advice hold weekly appointments and drop in advice sessions at Killamarsh Active, based around 'Cost of Living'. Over the summer Killamarsh Active hosted a 'Workshop for Girls' partnered with Compassionate Voices, this was to enable girls to build resilience, discuss personal matters, body confidence and self-esteem.
- Community Action Grants - 2 grants awarded (12 to date). Total awarded to date is totalling £5,528. The 100th CAG application successfully awarded in September to 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 - Four grants were awarded during this quarter to clubs for Disabled and Older People bringing the total to 15 grants issued to date. The scheme, which supports inclusive community activities, is now fully allocated, with a total funding of £4,000 distributed.
- Commemorative photo shoots and news articles were published to mark key Armed Forces anniversaries: VJ Day-80 in August and the Battle of Britain 85 in September.



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Collate and analyse district wide data to inform improvements

- **Over 500 residents completed the Citizens' Survey in July 2025 with representation from all parishes.** This data has been analysed, reported and published with recommendations made to improve services.
- The Council has procured the AI tool FutureFox to support analysis of responses to the Issues and Options Local Plan consultation. This innovative approach will enhance the quality and efficiency of data interpretation, helping to inform future policy development and decision-making.

Directly assist residents and businesses to access all available public services and support

- **Funding for a new primary care facility in Wingerworth has been secured through a Section 106 contribution,** as part of the Deerlands Road development proposal. This supports enhanced local healthcare provision.

- Supporting Chesterfield Community Trust with their social prescribing project to get young people the support they need to access physical activity and mental health support services.
- We have promoted the Pest control campaign alongside the promotion of online services.
- Enhancements to the reception area are nearing completion. New estate agent-style poster holders have been installed to present public notices and meeting information in a more professional format. A digital display now offers access to NEDDC's core service booklets and Rykneld Homes meeting details via QR codes. New seating for the waiting area is scheduled for installation in October 2025, after which the refurbishment will be complete.

A great place to access good public services



This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money***



Fiscally responsible and efficient

- A successful property auction was held on 24 September 2025 in partnership with Eddisons generating £233,550 in sales towards the £1 million Capital Receipts target. A further auction is planned for February 2026.
- Fees and charges reviewed across the Leisure Centres.

Listen to customers (Residents and Businesses) to improve services

- The Citizens' Survey July 2025 report has been compiled and published, capturing the views of over 500 residents on key council services and priorities. A series of recommendations shaped by the insights and feedback received have now been agreed. Progress against these actions will be formally reviewed at three and six-month intervals to ensure continued responsiveness and improvement.

- **A total of 61 businesses participated in the How's Business Survey**, which focused on growth ambitions and barriers to expansion. The findings have yielded valuable insights that will inform targeted and responsive support strategies.

- The Customer Services mobile events programme has successfully resumed and is receiving positive feedback from the community. The team visited the Arkwright Centre on 16 September 2025. A planned visit to Morton Village Hall on 29 September 2025 was postponed due to unforeseen issues at the venue. The Parish Council has confirmed that a future visit will be arranged.

Ensure good governance and transparency in all we do

- A review of the Acquisitions and Disposals Policy is currently underway by the Estates Team with a view to it being formally adopted and in place by April-2026.

- **The Annual Performance Report for 2024/25 has been compiled, formally approved, and published, providing a clear account of progress against Council Plan objectives and service delivery outcomes.** The Equality Duty and Plan Review for 2024/25 has also been completed and presented to both the Senior Management Team and Services Scrutiny Committee, ensuring alignment with statutory obligations and community insight. In addition, the Data Protection Annual Report for 2024/25 and the forward-looking Work Programme for 2025/26 have been submitted to the Risk Group for oversight, reinforcing our commitment to compliance, accountability, and continuous improvement.



This quarter, the following progress has been made on *continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money*

- The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's (LGSCO) annual letter, summarising cases received during the last financial year, was presented to the Standards Committee on 2 July 2025 and subsequently to the Scrutiny Committee on 9 September 2025. No complaints were investigated by LGSCO.
- The Legal team developed materials to assist Managers with decision making in the Council and role of delegated decisions.

Modernise and innovate services to continually improve

- The Digital Strategy is progressing well and is on track for formal adoption, setting a clear roadmap for modernising services and driving innovation across the organisation.

• **We're delivering a wide range of ICT enhancements to improve performance and maintain support across services.** Most client devices (80%) have been upgraded to Windows 11, and new virtual desktop infrastructure is in place with a Windows 11 build underway. Members will soon benefit from new laptops replacing outdated iPads, and major upgrades to the Revenues and Benefits system have been completed. Work is progressing on migrating telephony at Coney Green Business Centre and moving income management software to cloud hosting. These upgrades will improve operational efficiency, and enhance public-facing services.

- In addition, testing and development of a new HR & Payroll system is underway, which will streamline processes, improve payroll accuracy, reduce manual administration, and provide staff with easier access to HR services.

- The Leisure 'Just Do More' app has been launched, supporting our digital transformation by making it easier for residents to access leisure services, book activities, and stay connected on the go.
- Inhouse process mapping work has started on corporate processes and is already yielding service improvements and efficiencies.

Maintain a motivated and skilled workforce

- Engineering staff have achieved significant professional milestones, successfully

• **We continue to champion our 'One Team' ethos by celebrating the progression of newly appointed managers as part of our talent pipeline.**

completing the CMI Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership and an MSc (Hons) in Construction, Project, and Cost Management—strengthening leadership capability and technical expertise within the team.

- Success in Focus Scheme, the Council's improved appraisal process has been rolled out and will be evaluated in the new year.

• **High resident satisfaction with waste and recycling services and the Streetscene teams that deliver those services. (Citizens Survey July 2025).**

A great place to access good public services

Metric	Target	Quarter 1 Value	RAG or Trend
Average Time to process new Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction claims (days).	20	16.97	
Average time to process change in circumstances for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction claims (days).	6	1.9	
Council Tax collected %.	Annual target 96.14%	55.99%	
NNDR Collected %.	Annual target 96.66%	57.14%	
Total number in Temporary Accommodation.	Decrease	6	↓ Q1 - 10
Total number in Bed & Breakfast.	Decrease	0	↓ Q1 - 1
% of formal complaints responded to within 15 working days.	98%	94%	
% of internal reviews responded to within 20 working days.	85%	83%	
% of abandoned calls (01246 231111).	5%	2.4%	
% calls answered within 30 seconds (01246 231111).	80%	80%	
Capital receipts to be achieved from disposal of surplus land and property assets (£) (Cumulative).	Increase	£233,550	↑ Q1 - £0

% of formal complaints responded to within 15 working days.

Out of the 50 formal complaints received 3 took longer than the timescale. 94% still represents a very high level of compliance.





This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district***

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions.

- **Between July and September, a series of sustainability-focused campaigns were promoted to encourage positive environmental behaviours.**

These included Plastic Free July, which aimed to reduce single-use plastics; the Big Butterfly Count, which supported biodiversity awareness; Second Hand September, promoting reuse and sustainable consumption; Organic September, featuring an interview-style piece on organic practices; and Forest Week, which highlighted carbon sequestration and biodiversity. Across these initiatives, the organisation promoted actions such as reducing waste and composting, helping to lower carbon emissions and support long-term environmental goals.

- Encouraging new members at Clay Cross Active to be paperless. Introduction of the Just Do More App has replaced the need for plastic membership cards across all leisure sites.
- Warm Homes Local Grant scheme now live. Governance assurance assessment is still underway but the scheme can progress. Our local delivery partners, SBS, is managing the customer journey with staff and Environmental Health involved in the assessment and approval process. 136

enquiries received with 104 applications in progress and no grants awarded during this quarter. Total scheme allocation is £5.2m between April 25 to March 2028.

- Following national reviews of Government-funded insulation schemes, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero carried out sample audits using independent surveyors. Twelve of our completed homes were inspected in April and May 2025. We've received feedback for five properties so far, with no major concerns reported. The remaining seven reports are expected soon, and no issues were raised during site visits. Work has now started on Wave 3 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Scheme, with 111 homes identified for improvement. Progress updates will be shared from Quarter 3 onwards.
- Derbyshire County Council (DCC) is progressing with the rollout of on-street residential electric vehicle (EV) charging following the approval of £6.6 million LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) funding. While planning is underway, the specific rollout schedule across Derbyshire has not yet been agreed, and therefore no confirmed figures are available for provision in North East Derbyshire at this stage.





This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district***

Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions.

- Temporary vehicle storage for Streetscene refuse collection vehicles has been approved at Mill Lane. This initiative will reduce travel distances for service delivery, helping to lower emissions and improve operational efficiency.

- **The new Air Source Heat Pump system at Eckington Active Leisure Centre is now fully operational.** Work is underway to connect a new electrical cable that will allow enhanced monitoring of energy usage. This will help fine-tune the system for maximum efficiency, supporting our commitment to reducing carbon emissions and improving sustainability.

- Solar panels to units at Baileys Square, Clay Cross installed.
- Two electric pool cars have been ordered to support low-emission travel. In parallel, work is underway to assess the cost implications of expanding the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel across the fleet.

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce pollution.

- Planning approval has been granted for the installation of solar panels at Clee Hill Plant Ltd (Ref: 25/00592/FL), supporting the transition to cleaner energy.

Develop policies and plans which require and encourage alternatives to car usage.

- Planning permission has been granted for the expansion of the coach and bus repair facility in Killamarsh (Ref: 25/00264/FL). This

development supports local employment and sustainable transport infrastructure.

Directly and with partners and residents, reduce litter and pollution from waste.

- Climate Change Action NED has received funding to support attendance at outdoor events such as galas, where they'll engage residents with practical advice and national campaigns on climate action. Their focus is on promoting everyday actions that contribute to sustainability, in partnership with organisations like Marches Energy Agency, aligning with the Council's commitment to informed and active community involvement.

- **Delivered a community litter pick at Clay Cross social centre** to support the work of the Active neighbourhood Pilot scheme around the theme of taking pride in the community.



- We successfully prosecuted one individual for tipping resulting in offender receiving a custodial sentence.



This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***increasing biodiversity across the district***

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to utilise their assets to improve biodiversity

- A series of articles were published to support seasonal sustainability themes, including Sustainable Holidays (25 July), Gardening for Wildlife (August and September), Sustainable Halloween (25 September), and a joint piece with Streetscene for Second Hand September (25 September). These articles aimed to raise awareness and encourage practical actions around reuse, biodiversity, and environmentally conscious celebrations.

- The proposal to promote Wingerworth Lido as a biodiversity hub is currently undergoing a full review by the Environment Scrutiny Committee.
- Organic September encouraged residents to support organic practices at home.
- As part of the development approved off Deerlands Road, Wingerworth (Planning Ref: 25/00592/FL), adjacent land has been secured for biodiversity offsetting. This supports environmental sustainability and enhancing local ecological value.



Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity

- As part of the 2025-2028 Biodiversity Net Gain delivery plan, three-quarters of the hedgerow whip planting targets have already been achieved.