

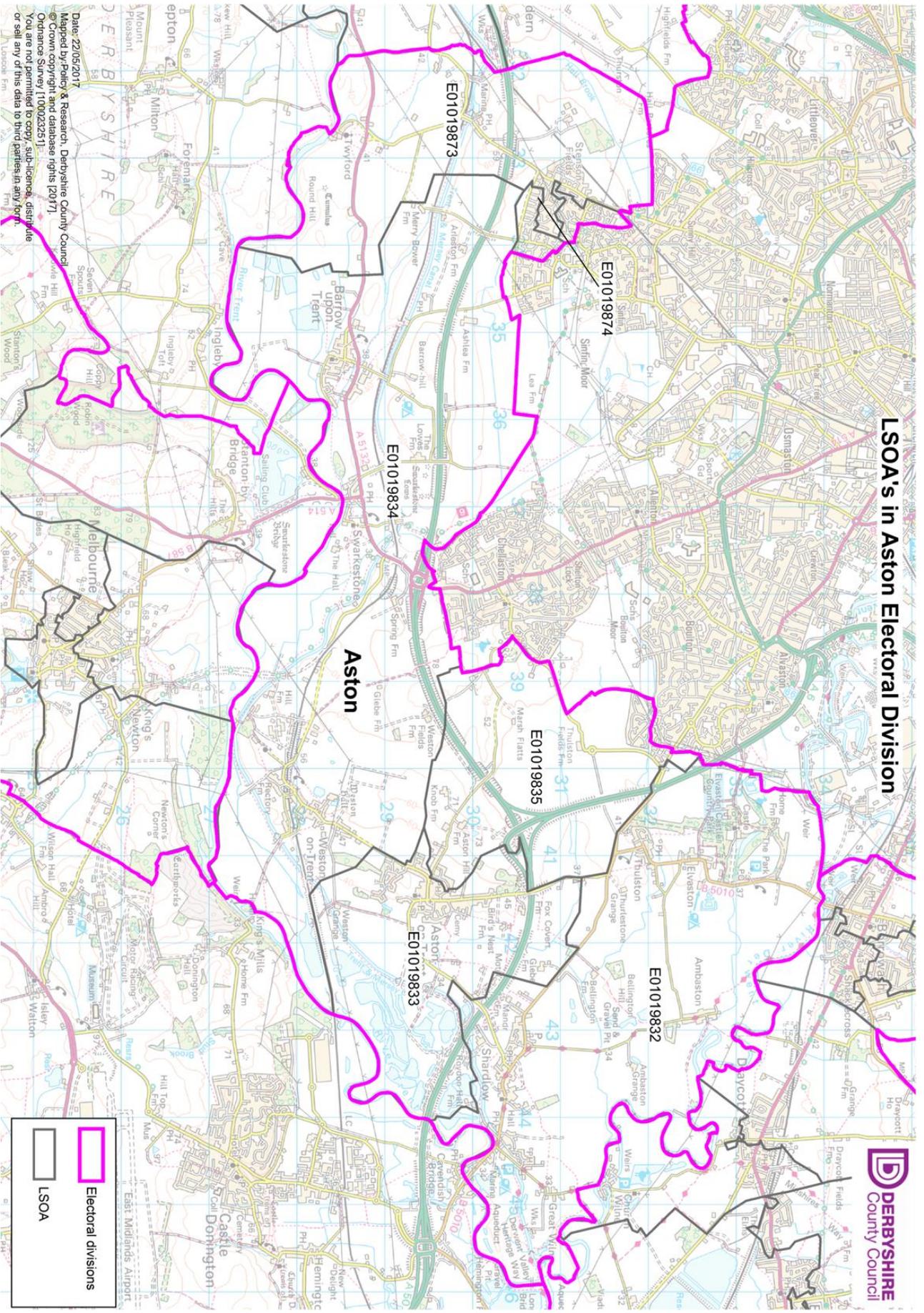
Electoral Division Update October 2021 – March 2022

South Derbyshire

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The update below summarises key projects and activities the Council has progressed from October 2021 – March 2022. Information has been sourced from publicly available information such as the Council's Newsroom and website and Cabinet and Cabinet Member Reports.

Adult Care

Countywide

- Successfully completed the second year of the Council's four year 'Better Lives' transformation programme.
- Celebrated as the Integrated Discharge Team Royal Derby Hospital became finalists in the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2021.
- Became system partners finalists for HSJ Awards for work completed on 'Interagency sheets'.
- Received and managed a total of 40,000 referrals over the 2021 calendar year and successfully signposted/referred 50% at this first point of contact.
- Supported 22,000 people throughout 2021 and continue to support over 13,000 people to remain living within their own homes within their local communities.
- Provided services to almost 17,000 older, vulnerable and disabled people and supported 21,000 carers and over 270 young carers across Derbyshire.
- Enabled 14,400 people to leave hospital safely during 2021.
- Continued to provide Community Support Beds helping 871 people to gain independence following a hospital admission or to prevent them having to stay in hospital.
- Supported 2,850 older and disabled people who have been able to access the Council's reablement Short Term Service.
- Continued to provide people with assistive technology to support independent living, making a total of 436 people supported (April – Sept).
- Worked with 352 people with a learning disability and/or who are autistic to ensure they have an outcome focused support plan.
- Approved £200,000 to help deliver emergency support for older people and carers to address the cost-of-living pressures. Services will be provided by Age UK Derby and Derbyshire and Derbyshire Carers Association for an additional period from 22 March 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- Continued to build a new residential care facility in Cotmanhay, Ilkeston to replace the nearby Hazelwood Home for Older People.

Children's Services and Safeguarding

Countywide

- Received recognition as 100% of Council inspected children's homes were judged as good or better with three judged as outstanding.

- Welcomed Government Ofsted inspectors who praised the Council's 'passionate and skilled' workforce for showing 'ambition and determination to secure the best outcomes' for young people leaving our care. The inspectors highlighted many areas for praise including:
 - Improvements to the quality of individual support which mean most care leavers receive levels of support consistent with their needs.
 - A passionate and skilled workforce which is enabling care leavers to progress well and benefit from positive experiences – despite the significant challenges of the coronavirus pandemic.
 - The aspirations, wishes and concerns for young people leaving the Council's care are apparent and plans are 'ambitious' reflecting a 'determination for care leavers to succeed in what they want to do'.
 - A focus on effective transition for young people between the ages of 16 and 18 with support to develop confidence and life skills to negotiate the opportunities and challenges of adulthood.
- Appealed for more foster carers to help look after more than 900 children in care and increased, for a time limited period, the bonus amount for the 'recommend a friend' scheme to foster carers from £200 to £1,000.
- Achieved national recognition, through several awards and nominations including the Leaving Care Service who were finalists in the Social Worker of the Year Awards 'team of the year' and individuals for 'social worker of the year'.
- Provided safe, stable homes for more than 900 children in our care
- Supported 25 care leavers at university, double the previous number.
- Completed the refurbishment of Linden House, which re-opened as a home for children in care, and completed registration of Spring Cottage, a new home to support children who need some additional help or 'time out' to maintain their existing placement.
- Improved the Council's support to children with special educational needs and disabilities. Complaints and tribunals have reduced. Almost 90% of all EHCPs were completed on time in 2021, the highest the council has achieved.

Clean Growth and Regeneration

Countywide

- Produced a COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy and created a £15 million recovery fund to support those impacted by the pandemic.
- Established a Derbyshire High Street Taskforce.
- Supported over 10,000 suppliers including care sector providers, throughout the pandemic, by facilitating specialist fast tracked payment functionality whilst still delivering effective prompt payments.
- Awarded £59 million of Council contracts during the year to date, through the Council's procurement function.
- Encourage local people to access support and advice from the Derbyshire Careers Service as part of National Careers Week.
- Approved £61,000 from the COVID-19 Recovery fund to support the delivery of the Derbyshire Careers Hubs in Derbyshire for the year 2021/22.

- Approved £70,000 from the COVID-19 Recovery fund to support the delivery of the Derbyshire Adult Careers in Derbyshire.
- Supported, as at September 2021, 143 apprentices from 83 different employers across Derbyshire via the transfer of Apprenticeship Levy.
- Continued to provide both bespoke advice and generic signposting advice to businesses following Brexit, helping them to maximise new opportunities and ensure compliance
- Supported, since August 2021, 210 new business start-up clients through new Business Advisers through the Economic Recovery Business Start-up Programme.
- Worked in partnership to launch the Festival of Business event which was attended by 125 businesses.
- Reported the progress being made at Markham Vale which, to date, has brought forward 173 of the 200 acres available for development, with 151 acres now either fully developed or have buildings under construction. A full jobs survey was completed in March 2021 and recorded 2,232 people in full time equivalent jobs.
- Secured occupiers for a further 10 acres of development land at Markham Vale.
- Welcomed the sustainable packaging firm Smurfit Kappa and home furnishings company Gallery Direct to new premises at Markham Vale, 100 new jobs will be created.
- Secured the provisional grant offer of £2.664 million from the Staveley Town Deal Board for the Staveley Waterside proposal. The first phase of the project is to create a new, high-quality building for new start and existing businesses.
- Assisted with the delivery of the emergency food distribution centre.
- Celebrated as two new carbon-cutting projects (Longcliffe Quarries and Hayfield Sustainable Transport) became the first to get funding from the £2 million Green Entrepreneurs Fund as part of a countywide drive to help tackle climate change.
- Agreed that the Council becomes a signatory to the Derby/Derbyshire Anchor Charter with an initial strategic focus locally on workforce and employability, including supporting those who are the furthest away from work.
- Continued to support new businesses, providing specialist advice and a £1 million support fund.
- Successfully implemented a Youth hub to support young people into work and learning.
- Successfully completed a Bidding Round for Community Renewal Fund, securing £2 million of funding.

Corporate Services and Budget

Countywide

- Set out the Council's budget for the year ahead and agreed a council tax increase of 3% which is 2% lower than permitted by Central Government.
- Completed a major upgrade of the online electronic payment solution with the successful increase and migration of service users, enabling them to make more payments to the Council via online and direct debit collection methods.
- Provided the ICT Infrastructure and subsequent support to ensure that Council and Cabinet meetings can take place including remote access and participation.

- Reviewed several sections of the Constitution and secured approval of amendments through Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee and full Council.
- Ensured that the Council's buildings were safe and operational for staff and customers throughout the pandemic.
- Completed Phase 1 of the Modern Ways of Working programme, ensuring offices were depersonalised and spaces replanned to accommodate new ways of working.
- Carried out reviews of Human Resources and Finance functions, saving the authority over £100,000.
- Deployed improved recruitment, Learning and Development, Health Safety and Wellbeing and Business Support models within HR to further improve customer service.
- Provided 8,373 training courses to staff and partner agencies, in response to the pandemic, moving the whole learning and development offer online and replacing classroom training with webinars.
- Raised £1 million from the disposal of land and buildings.

Education

Countywide

- Provided training to all schools and education providers to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children following the coronavirus pandemic.
- Offered, at the height of the pandemic (June 2020 and October 2021), an additional 816 places through the Council's sports and outdoor education services, delivered more than 9,000 digital devices to Derbyshire children through Government schemes and provided internet connection to 562 children and young people across Derbyshire.
- Responded to a continued high volume of enquiries for support from headteachers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Led cross-council activity to secure £5.4 million Department for Work and Pensions funding, through the COVID-19 Winter and Local Support Grants, providing approximately 160,000 vouchers to around 27,000 vulnerable children and families and support to vulnerable adults, during school holiday periods between December 2020 and September 2021.
- Established a network of 62 providers to deliver over 60,000 holiday activities and food to vulnerable children eligible to free school meals over several school holiday periods. The bespoke holiday activities and food programme website received 41,000 visits over the summer and Christmas holiday periods.
- Provided healthy school meals, delivered 26,500 food hampers to pupils unable to attend school and processed 5,000 additional applications for free school meals.
- Launched 'food explorers' to promote healthy eating and encourage children's curiosity about food.
- Made available more than 19,000 free places at 80 venues, providing activity sessions four days per week as part of the winter holiday activity and food programme.
- Welcomed the announcement that Derbyshire has been recognised as one of 55 areas across the country to benefit from new Government investment in education.

- Invested £8.6 million on schemes to upgrade 32 schools plus £8.5 million for major refurbishments at 3 schools. £500,000 has been allocated for schools to apply on a joint matched funding basis for individual schemes across the County.
- Worked with the Department for Education and partners to provide a new school for the Boulton Moor area and also allocated £4.9 million for a replacement school at Breadsall and £5.35 million for the replacement of Harrington Junior School.
- Launched a new Youth Network reaching 30,000 young people across the county
- Offered adults the opportunity to upskill and gain new qualifications through a wide range of adult education courses during 2022.
- Celebrated as the Council's Catering Service won the 'Best Use of Technology' award at the 2021 Food Service 'Cateys'
- Celebrated as an employee won 'Apprentice/Trainee of the year at the 2021 LACA Awards for Excellence.

Health and Communities

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- 32 local businesses within 10 miles of Trent Primary School have pledged to make healthy options available through the [Heart of Derbyshire Scheme](#) (32 were previously identified in October 2021).
- [Trusted Trader](#) has 263 members within 10 miles of Trent Primary School, (273 were previously identified in October 2021).

South Derbyshire

- Maintained the [Derbyshire Directory](#), an online list of community groups, sports clubs, charities and voluntary organisations based in Derbyshire. A total of 97 were identified across the South Derbyshire District.
- Identified 30 local businesses across South Derbyshire that have joined the [Gold Card Scheme](#).

Countywide

- Supported the Contact Tracing Team who made 32,746 calls which included 15,863 'Local 24' and 16,253 'Local 4' calls. Follow up call or text messages were also provided to individuals declaring a need for self-isolation support from the Council.
- Gave advice, during 2021, to 227 workplaces, 255 care homes, 502 education settings and 39 other organisations regarding COVID-19 outbreaks and supported the UK Health Security Agency in high-risk settings such as homeless hostels and prisons.
- Supported the community testing team who, during January and December 2021, undertook 116,000 lateral flow tests.
- Handed out free COVID-19 lateral flow test kits in several Derbyshire towns over the Christmas 2021 period.
- Commenced work towards creating a lasting memorial parkland by planting trees at Grassmoor Country Park to remember and honour local people who died from COVID-19 and pay tribute to the work of the NHS.
- Approve the plans for a blended approach to distribute the £5,404,080.90 Household Support Fund, utilising the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund (£1.8 million), Early Help

Teams/Care Leavers (£460,000), Winter food/energy support vouchers (£1.35 million) and granting funds to District and Borough Councils and third sector organisations/food Banks (£1.6 million).

- Supported, between April - December 2021, 11,999 Derbyshire residents with Derbyshire Discretionary Fund awards. There were 10,333 awards of emergency cash payments; 663 awards of exceptional pressure grants; 850 awards of COVID-19 support payments.
- Supported, since August 2021, a network of 48 trusted partners who have enabled the Enhanced Infection Prevention Control for Vulnerable Populations project to distribute 468,000 items across the county. The items included PPE, cleaning products, hand sanitiser and lateral flow device test kits.
- Approved the distribution of the Omicron Grant (£906,827) to help reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission within and between care settings.
- Approved to utilise the Contain Outbreak Management Funding to provide three grants:
 - £42,000 to strengthen specialist eviction and housing advice work provided by Derbyshire Law Centre (to support residents in High Peak, Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover, and Derbyshire Dales) for an additional 6 months from October 2021 to March 2022.
 - £22,000 to Strengthen specialist eviction and housing advice work provided by Derby Law Centre (to support residents in Erewash, Amber Valley and South Derbyshire) for an additional 6 months from October 2021 to March 2022.
 - £80,000 to strengthen specialist employment advice support across the County provided by Derbyshire Law Centre for a period of up to 2 years from October 2021.
- Approved £54,000 from the Contain Outbreak Management Funding to provide match funding towards the support worker element of Derbyshire's homelessness winter provision from December 2021 to March 2022.
- Approved funding to strengthen emergency energy support within Derbyshire for an additional 10 months, from December 2021 to September 2022, at a cost of £64,000, through provision of a grant award to Marches Energy Advice.
- Allocated £211,000 grant awards to voluntary sector organisations across Derbyshire to allow the COVID Community Partner to continue until December 2022:
 - £54,166 to Derbyshire Voluntary Action to further develop a Community Advocate Project across North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield for a 13-month period.
 - £27,083 to Bassetlaw CVS to further develop a Community Advocate Project across Bolsover for a 13-month period.
 - £17,754 to The Bureau to further develop a Community Messengers project across Glossopdale for a 13-month period.
 - £22,916 to South Derbyshire CVS to further develop and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in South Derbyshire for an 11-month period.
 - £18,333 to High Peak CVS to further develop and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in High Peak for an 11-month period.
 - £27,083 to Shift CIC to further develop and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in Amber Valley for a 13-month period.
 - £22,916 Derbyshire Dales CVS to further develop and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in Derbyshire Dales for an 11-month period.
 - £20,833 to Erewash Voluntary Action to further develop and deliver the Community Partner Scheme in Erewash for a 10-month period.

- Approved the usage of public health reserves to Strengthen specialist eviction and housing advice work provided by:
 - Derbyshire Law Centre (to support residents in High Peak, Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover, and Derbyshire Dales) from April 2022 to March 2023 at a cost of £84,000.
 - Derby Law Centre (to support residents in Erewash, Amber Valley and South Derbyshire) from April 2022 to March 2023 at a cost of £44,000.
- Approved a new £1.65 million grant scheme designed to give funding to groups which help support some of the Council's main priorities.
- Approved the award of £184,204, from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant to five organisations including:
 - Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (DAAS) – Stand To Project - £38,951.
 - Padley Group - £38,303.
 - The Brook Community Church and Centre - £38,520.
 - Helping Hooves Derbyshire CIC - £39,470.
 - Go Wild in Wirksworth CIC - £28,960.
- Provided support, through the Adult Substance Misuse Treatment Service, to 3,935 clients. 653 people requested access to syringes through the generic Pharmacy Needle and Syringe Service, with a further 398 being supported through the specialist/complex needs programme. 572 Hepatitis C tests were also carried out.
- Approved that the Council joins a consortium of local authorities to access Government funding of up to £373,000 over three years for medically managed in-patient detoxification.
- Approved an increase in the financial value of the Nicotine Replacement Therapy budget from £1.25 million to £2.5 million over 5 years. The service continues to provide support to smokers who want to quit smoking.
- Provided support to 1,938 people wanting to stop smoking including supporting 172 pregnant women.
- Supported 285 participants achieve a '4 Week Stop Smoking Quit' during Quarter 2 (July-Sept) and 477 people on the weight management programme.
- Assisted 5,854 individuals to complete a health and wellbeing MOT to help tackle health risks.
- Approved £185,000 of additional funding for Walk Derbyshire which will go towards additional workforce development and developing the Walk Derbyshire website and digital resources on offer to residents.
- Provided weight management advice, support and guidance to 1,390 people and 635 with getting active programmes.
- Invested over £200,000 in local suicide prevention programmes.
- Approved funding of £80,000 to enable a 2-year project to deliver emotional wellbeing support to people classed as clinically extremely vulnerable. The country-wide project will be delivered by Relate Chesterfield and North Derbyshire.
- Approved the provision of funding to support the re-commissioning of the contracts for the Independent Sexual Violence Advisors Service and the Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisors Service.
- Worked collaboratively with Derby City and wider partners to carry out the Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment and published the Derby and Derbyshire Support in Accommodation Strategy.

- Ran the Time to Talk Campaign which aims to encourage everyone to be more open about mental health – to talk, to listen and to help change lives.
- Awarded, from the Public Health Grant and COVID related grant funding from Central Government, £203,500 to Derbyshire Mind for the delivery of a physical activity and wellbeing project and £203,500 to Arts Derbyshire for the delivery of an arts and wellbeing project.
- Commissioned free on-line mental health training for people working in the hair and beauty profession to help them support their customers' mental health.
- Continued to provide support, through the Sexual Health Clinics who had 16,895 attendances and 19,741 orders received for online STI services, a 32% increase compared to 2019/20.
- Engaged, through the Sexual Health Promotion Team, with 83 vulnerable people through virtual 1:1 consultation and introduced the new photo-diagnosis for appropriate infections.
- Supported 94 patients, seen for Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)/ HIV prevention.
- Continued to support 19 Feeding Derbyshire projects which provided activities and food for children over the summer.
- Supported (since October 2021) 74 people through the Winter Pressure Single Contact Point.
- Received High commendation at the MJ Awards 2021 in the Public Health Improvement category.
- Celebrated as the Council's falls prevention project was shortlisted for the national Royal Society of Public Health's 'Health at Every Age' award.
- Continued to welcome refugee families to Derbyshire as part of the Vulnerable Person's Resettlement scheme and the UK Resettlement Scheme.
- Agreed for the Council to participate in the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, co-ordinate support and lead the County in welcoming arrivals and delivering integration support for refugee families.
- Pledged support for the people of Ukraine and made assurances that the county stands ready to help.
- Donated £20,000 from the County Council's Chairman's Fund to support people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.
- Commenced implementation of Phase B of the Thriving Communities approach, putting in place a new Board to provide strategic leadership and direction whilst recommencing activity in four existing and four new areas across the county.
- Developed the Council's new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-25 and developed a new approach to tackling inequalities and discrimination.
- Helped residents to claim over £27 million in benefits and write off £1.26 million of personal debt.
- Achieved 28 successful prosecutions for serious breaches of trading standards legislation.
- Concluded joint investigations with Competition and Markets Authority to tackle mis-selling by a national house builder in the County. The investigation resulted in potential compensation for residents of £300,000.
- Responded to over 500 referrals in Quarter 2 (July-Sept) from the National Trading Standards Scams team, and other local partners. Over 200 residents received 1-1

support to help protect them from scams and fraud. Where a client had been a victim, officers also intervened with banks and other businesses to seek compensation.

- Continued to install call blocker devices for those who are most vulnerable.
- Undertook emergency response following reported Avian Flu outbreaks affecting the County and urged people who keep birds to take steps to reduce the risk of their flocks.

Highways Assets and Transport

Countywide

- Repaired a total of 3,969 road defects in Quarter 2 (July – Sept), making a total of 11,585 (April-Sept) with 81% of defects being completed within the target time.
- Noted the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2020 highlighted established work including:
 - Education and training work in schools and colleges, delivered by Road Safety Officers. All nurseries, schools and colleges have access to free resources and support for road safety learning, with areas of highest risk also receiving proactive, dedicated support in the classroom.
 - Child car seat checks to advise members of the public and professionals responsible for the care and transportation of children.
 - Multi-agency working including Police seatbelt enforcement campaigns.
 - Delivery of pedal cycle training for Year 6 pupils in primary and junior schools.
 - County Rider Adult Cyclist Training Programme for anyone aged 18 years or over who lives, works or studies in Derbyshire.
 - First Gear Training Course which provides pre-driver training for 15 to 17 year olds.
 - The award-winning Young Driver Education Programme, available to all schools and colleges.
 - Driving Safer for Longer, a session providing advice, support and assessed driver sessions for older drivers aged 65 and over who live in Derbyshire.
 - Pre-Compulsory Basic Training workshops enabling 15 to 18 year old motorcyclists to learn from a two hour safety workshop.
 - Compulsory Basic Training Plus providing a 3-hour moped training session to Derbyshire residents aged up to 23 years old.
 - Enhanced Rider Scheme providing motorcyclists with a free 2-hour practical motorcycle riding skills check.
 - UpRight biker events held at dealers across the County and Biker Down courses for Derbyshire residents.
 - An annual summer Motorcycle Awareness Campaign including roadside posters on the worst rural routes and summer and winter campaigns centred on junctions, including locations across Derby.
 - Participating in the National Young Rider Forum, aimed at riders aged 14 to 16 years, the 'Shiny Side Up' partnership, Road Safety GB, the leading national road safety organisation and sharing best practice in the Midlands Service Improvement Group.
 - Detailed investigations to formulate annual programmes of Casualty Reduction engineering schemes, targeted at sites or routes with common collision patterns.

Monitoring of sites has proven that the schemes have a positive effect in reducing collisions.

- Delivering the Department for Transport Safer Roads Fund bid including engineering improvements to three routes, plus educational initiatives, including the use of headsets with immersive technology, using imagery tailored to individual road user groups.
- Moving towards the 'Safe System' approach including assessments of safer infrastructure on the worst routes.
- Submitted the Bus Service Improvement Plan to the Department for Transport detailing £105 million of funding to improve bus services across the County.
- Development of an Enhanced Bus Partnership with bus operators to radically change how bus services are provided and financed in the county.
- Submitted a successful funding bid to Department for Transport to undertake a range of feasibility studies to inform future cycling projects and Active Travel.
- Secured Department for Transport funding streams for Traffic Demand Management reviews for the full re-opening of schools as well as over £1 million additional funding for extra services to enable safe social distancing.
- Reduced the street lighting energy consumption and carbon emissions from 15,733,538 kWh and 7,100 Tonnes of CO₂ in 2019/20 to a forecasted 11,505,906 kWh and 6,360 Tonnes of CO₂ in 2020/21, equating to a saving of £267,702.
- Continued to monitor and undertake repairs on the closed A57 Snake Pass following damage caused Storms Eunice and Franklin.
- Responded to adverse weather events including high winds, floods and more recently snow and called on volunteers throughout the county to become snow wardens and help clear snow and ice from Derbyshire's roads and pavements.
- Supported in the development of the infrastructure schemes across the county including those for Woodville, Hollis Lane, Ashbourne, Dronfield and Unstone.
- Successfully bid for an additional £500,000 funding to support traffic signal maintenance from the Department for Transport.
- Maintained the top Department for Transport incentive Fund banding to help support the management of highways infrastructure assets
- Continued with the roll out of intelligent traffic systems projects representing a significant investment in technology infrastructure along the A61 corridor, providing over time, a benefit to the County as a whole.
- Completed the Real Time Information capital programme.
- Submitted a successful funding bid for rail station improvement funding from East Midlands Rail.
- Brought forward a new initiative to promote the use of Speed Indicator Devices on Derbyshire's roads. The electronically activated signs measure oncoming vehicle speed and promote driver awareness of local speed limits, helping reduce traffic speeds. Under the scheme, villages, districts, boroughs, parishes and town councils will be able to apply to use the devices subject to obtaining member's approval.
- Grittled 1,550 miles of roads and fixed over 95,685 potholes.
- Started construction of the A632 route to work cycleway.

Infrastructure and Environment

Countywide

- Developed the Natural Capital Strategy, identifying areas where the natural environment can be further enhanced to support healthy thriving communities, a vibrant economy and a healthy environment.
- Achieved a reduction of 63% in CO₂e (CO₂ equivalent) emissions from Council land and buildings as at the end of 2020/21, compared to the 2009-10 baseline.
- Installed over 120 public facing electric vehicle charge points.
- Secured £37,500 funding to produce a Renewable Energy Planning Study for the county.
- Begun feasibility studies targeting cycling and walking initiatives across the county, supported by a £236,000 award from the Department for Transport.
- Secure capital funding for improvements to gas wells and infrastructure on several former landfill sites.
- Commissioned and completed repair and refurbishment works at the Clover Nook Waste Transfer Station.
- Made available a fund of £20,000 to help residents and businesses affected by flooding in February 2022.
- Celebrated becoming Royal Town Planning Institute Planning Team of the Year Finalist 2021.
- Agreed a further £500,000 top-up for rural Wi-Fi gigabit programme.
- Continued to rank within the top five benchmarked councils for digital engagement.

Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change

Countywide

- Worked with partners to ensure Derbyshire is at the forefront of new County Deal proposals and included in the first wave pathfinder area.
- Welcomed the announcement that Derbyshire and Derby have been recognised as national 'Levelling Up' leaders with the Government announcing that they had secured a County Deal.
- Submitted, along with Derby City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council initial proposals to negotiate a combined devolution deal.
- Welcomed the LGA's independent and impartial report following a visit by a Corporate Peer Challenge team last October. The report highlights how the Council:
 - Excelled in emergency situations and stood up in times of crisis.
 - Had a positive culture of partnership working, with employees showing pride and commitment in working for the Council.
 - Are building a 'one council' approach, with corporate initiatives such as climate change being championed by Strategic Directors.
 - Have high ambitions articulated in the Enterprising Council Strategy and the Council Plan through Vision Derbyshire, Thriving Communities and the County Deal.

- Are building on the impacts of the pandemic – including agility in decision-making, more flexible ways of working, better use of technologies and enhanced communication.
- Have good aspirations in place for the county.
- Are in a strong position to deliver impressive results for the people of Derbyshire.
- Endorsed the Cultural Framework prepared in partnership with the Culture, Heritage and Tourism Board and approved the allocation of £1 million from the Council's COVID-19 Recovery Fund to support delivery of the Cultural Framework and provide match funding from other organisations (e.g. the Arts Council and Heritage Lottery).
- Sent a joint letter, along with all eight district councils, to Central Government asking for financial support for the county's hospitality and leisure industry over the Christmas 2021 period.
- Asked community groups across the county to consider running one of 14 county council-run libraries identified for community management including Borrowash, Brimington, Clowne, Creswell, Duffield, Gamesley, Hadfield, Hayfield, Holmewood, Killamarsh, Pinxton, Somercotes, Whaley Bridge and Whitwell. Renewed the Council's pledge to keep all libraries open following concerns that some may close due to communities not coming forward to volunteer to run them.
- Handed over Woodville library to a Community Group.
- Celebrated being shortlisted in 3 categories in the libraries connected awards.
- Encouraged local artists to enter the Derbyshire Open Art competition after a 2-year break due to the pandemic.
- Launched a creative writing competition for young people to celebrate National Storytelling Week.
- Offered free one to one computer session to residents wanting to learn more about getting online and computer skills.
- Attracted around 90,000 virtual visits to Buxton Museum and Art Gallery
- Delivered the Shine a Light Festival.
- Made publicly available the proposals to regenerate Elvaston Castle's historic grounds ahead of planning applications being submitted for the first phase of a £35 million regeneration programme.
- Reviewed the Council's voluntary and community sector grants, developed a new outcomes-based infrastructure offer and developed proposals to support a one council approach to grants funding.
- Gained adoption of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Management Plan by UK Government and UNESCO.
- Approved the Climate Change Strategy: Achieving Net Zero (2021-2025), the delivery of the priority actions within the Strategy and recruited a Climate Change Programme Manager.
- Established a Climate Change and Environment Programme Board and an Improvement and Scrutiny Committee for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction.
- Reduced carbon emissions from the Council Estate by 63% since 2009/10.
- Developed plans to replace the Council's entire core fleet vehicles to Clean Air Zone compliant by 2025 including replacing light vehicles with electric variants.
- Approved the Single Use Plastics Policy which will aim to reduce single use plastics in new procurements and support on-going contract management of existing contracts.

Payments to Voluntary and Community Organisations October 2021 – March 2022

South Derbyshire - Policy and Research Voluntary Sector Grants

• South Derbyshire CVS	£7,689
• Specialist Advice South Derbyshire CAB	£5,200

South Derbyshire – Adult Care Grants

• South Derbyshire CVS	£18,442
• South Derbyshire CVS Social Sar Scheme	£3,703
• South Derbyshire CVS Befriending Scheme	£16,924
• Mencap - Swadlincote Gateway Club	£1,337.50

South Derbyshire Arts Service Grants

• People Express	£8,161.50
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Countywide - Policy and Research Voluntary Sector Grants

• Derbyshire Chinese Welfare Association	£1,093
• The Derbyshire Law Centre	£45,062
• The Rural Action Derbyshire	£7,689
• Derbyshire Voluntary Action	£2,652.50
• BME Infrastructure support	£7,700
• BME Infrastructure Consultation	£6,612.40
• The Muslim Welfare Association	£910.50

Countywide - Adult Care Grants

• The Derbyshire Autism Services Group	£13,042
• Age UK Countywide Mobile Information Service/Information Road Show	£9,773.50
• Derbyshire Voluntary Action	£9,083

Countywide - Arts Service Grants

• Live and Local	£6,791
• Orchestras Live	£3,188.50

Derbyshire Grants

Organisation	Location	Application details	Funding requested
Linton Village Hall	South Derbyshire	Towards the installation of a PA system, hearing loop and a portable stage extension as the building currently does not have a PA system	£1,000
Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd	Chesterfield	Towards the design and printing of 6,000 copies of a walking brochure that will be displayed in well over 50 outlets. This is	£500

		available for both walking at the festival and at other times of the year	
Ripley Neighbourhood Watch	Amber Valley	To hold a Summer Fete/Family Fun Day on 2 July. This will include music, arts and crafts, fun fair as well as bike marking by the Police, Police dog demonstration and Fire Engine display	£500
Peak District Music Centres	Derbyshire Dales and High Peak	To hold a Spring Music Showcase and Concert at the Octagon in Buxton on 1 April. The morning session is being opened up to local secondary schools to showcase music groups in their respective schools, with the afternoon session being a showcase for local primary schools. The evening session will be their first public performance for over two years	£1,000
Barlborough School House Trust	Bolsover	To refurbish the disabled toilet at Barlborough Heritage Centre. During the past two years the facility has been in little use because of closure during the COVID-19 lockdown and as a result the plumbing is not fit for purpose and is in need of renewal.	£1,000
West Hallam Well Dressing and Festival Committee	Erewash	To purchase three gazebos with sides. This will enable the committee to set up opportunities at this year's event for people to try their hand at well dressing to encourage more local people and specifically young people to get involved	£657
Carr Vale Football Club	Bolsover	Towards the cost of a stage and marquee for their music festival being held on 30 April and 1 May 2022.	£1,000
Smalley Pre-school Playgroup	Amber Valley	Towards the construction of an outdoor shelter for the children to spend time out of doors everyday. This would be available to other groups who use the church hall including Smalley Childcare and Smalley Community group who operate Souper Saturday community meals.	£1,000
Baslow Bowls Club	Derbyshire Dales	To purchase materials to construct a storage shed for green maintenance equipment. This will free up the shelter which is currently used as storage to be used by members and visiting teams	£1,000
Salvation Army	South Derbyshire	To purchase utensils, equipment, and all-inclusive games to set up a befriending and community lunch group for vulnerable individuals in the Swadlincote area	£954
4 th Belper Brownies	Amber Valley	Towards the Brownies earning their local history badge, which will involve three main activities. A visit to Belper's Strutt North Mill Museum, learning about local transport links and 'local food' and a craft-based activity to	£310

		contribute towards Belper's annual Woollen Woods which is a community event.	
Total			£8,921

Public Health COVID-19 Community Response Fund

Organisation	Location	Application details	Funding requested
PC refurb	High Peak	Equipment used by volunteers which supports wellbeing, PCs then used to support vulnerable groups	£1,141.92
Friends of Hurst Farm	Derbyshire Dales	Setting up a Community Pantry	£2,000.00
Derbyshire Community Hub	Chesterfield	Additional food to create meals to add to food bags	£2,000.00
Youth Matters, New Mills	High Peak	Activities for young people and families to support poor mental health following lockdowns. School support for young people	£2,000.00
Start2Jog	High Peak	Support for qualified leaders to expand group due to demand following lockdown	£1,050.00
Whitfield Parish, St James and St Luke's Church	High Peak	Increased demand for food bags, expanding deliveries into community café to support isolated residents and job seekers	£2,000.00
People Potential Possibilities (P3)	Erewash	Community mental health sessions for people who are or at risk of being homeless and support the wider community who have been affected by the pandemic	£1,980.00
Zink Food Bank	High Peak	Increase in demand due to COVID – self isolation, increase in unemployment, change to universal credit	£2,000.00
Elephant Rooms (Draycott) CIC	Erewash	Running 'Capacitar' mental wellbeing courses increase in demand from GP and self-referrals	£1,944.00
Good News Family Care (Homes)	High Peak	Supported accommodation for vulnerable men fleeing domestic abuse or homelessness - increased demand during pandemic and after	£2,000.00
Derbyshire Cancer Buddies	Derbyshire wide	Increase in demand for support for isolation / loneliness has increased due to pandemic	£2,000.00
Freedom Community Project	North East Derbyshire	Increase in demand for services supporting homelessness including mental and physical health	£2,000.00

South Derbyshire Mental Health Association	South Derbyshire	Increase support to vulnerable isolated people unable to attend the hub and a COVID recovery support group	£2,000.00
Chesterfield FC Community Trust	Chesterfield	Support to re-integrate older, socially isolated and vulnerable people into physical and mental wellbeing project	£2,000.00
Bolsover Mental Health Carers Support Group	Bolsover	Additional support to carers who have additional mental health support needs particularly around isolation – need has increased significantly due to the isolation felt by carers over the pandemic in particular lockdowns	£2,000.00
SISU	County Wide	Members of the group who were shielding are reluctant to attend social events – the funding will be used to hold events to support people to attend events safely and reduce social isolation and improve mental health	£1,990.01
Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group	County Wide	'Life After COVID' project to support a long COVID project alongside uptake of COVID vaccinations and improving mental health	£1,650.00
Building Lives Around Shirebrook Town (BLAST)	Bolsover	Building on initial support work to the community – expanding mental health support and reducing social isolation, wider signposting, support to those who initial relied on furloughed friends and family who now have no support	£2,000.00
Lighthouse Homes	Chesterfield	Activities to reduce social isolation and improve mental wellbeing of homeless residents. Will also improve physical wellbeing with physical activity and healthy eating projects	£2,000.00
Rhubarb Farm	North East Derbyshire, Bolsover, Chesterfield	Food distribution project supporting people in food poverty. Increase in demand due to COVID – particularly older residents who are more vulnerable. Funding will increase number of people who can access the project	£1,972.00
Total			£37,727.93

Consultations

Consultations inviting views through Derbyshire's [Have Your Say](#) online facility include:

Short Breaks for disabled children, young people, and their families - survey for adults 2021	1 October 2021 - 26 December 2021
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Survey of adult carers in England 2021	11 October 2021 - 30 November 2021
School admission arrangements for 2023 to 2024	14 October 2021 - 5 December 2021
Your Council Your Voice 2021	18 October 2021 - 28 November 2021
Careers support, jobs and other opportunities for young people	18 October 2021 - 5 November 2021
The Clowne Greenway - project evaluation	17 November 2021 - 29 December 2021
Budget online focus groups 2021	25 November 2021 - 9 December 2021
Options for the future of direct care homes for older people	8 December 2021 - 4 March 2022
Draft strategy for equality, diversity and inclusion	13 December 2021 - 21 January 2022
Voluntary and community sector (VCS) grant funding review	22 December 2021 - 23 March 2022
Personal social services adult social care survey 2022	10 January 2022 - 11 March 2022
Oral health promotion and Derbyshire healthy families service	24 January 2022 - 6 March 2022
Trusted Trader Scheme member satisfaction survey 2022	1 February 2022 - 28 February 2022
Early years nutrition survey	1 February 2022 - 28 February 2022
Changes to the eligibility criteria for the community alarm system	21 February 2022 - 1 May 2022
Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan - Winter 2021 to 2022	28 February 2022 - 24 April 2022
Employee survey 2022	28 February 2022 - 27 March 2022
Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan - Winter 2021 to 2022	2 March 2022 - 29 April 2022
ShopAppy online retail scheme	9 March 2022 - 25 March 2022
Chesterfield Staveley Regeneration Route	14 March 2022 - 10 April 2022
Older People's Independent Living Services consultation and review	28 March 2022 - 19 June 2022