

Safer Communities through Sport Annual Report 2003 / 04



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The report is structured around the proposed objectives of the Safer Communities through Sport Project.

Background

Funding was acquired through:-

Sport England Active Communities Development Fund	£95,000
Sporting Futures	£20,000
High Peak Community Safety Partnership	£ 5,000
Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership	£ 5,000
TOTAL	£125,000

To develop the Safer Communities through Sport project which aims to use sport to address anti-social behaviour in rural Derbyshire.

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1.0 Work in wards across Derbyshire Dales & High Peak

1.1 Derbyshire Dales

Presently working with Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership, with one of their strategic aims being to reduce crime & disorder in prioritised areas. The Safer Communities through Sport project is working alongside this with the first 2 prioritised areas being Tideswell & Ashbourne. Prioritised areas are decided in relation to levels of anti-social behaviour particularly amongst young people. Wirksworth has been identified as the third prioritised area for Safer Derbyshire Dales and the Safer Communities through Sport project. Bradwell has also been identified as prioritised area where a community group is seeking funding for a multi use games area.

(Tideswell and Ashbourne Reports available)

1.2 High Peak

Presently working in Glossop and New Mills in the High Peak due to high levels of anti-social behaviour. High Peak deal with anti-social behaviour on a district level and not within prioritised wards. ASB is a strategic aim within the Community Safety Strategy.

2.0 Engage with 200 young people per year through sport and recreation

2.1 A Youth Needs survey was carried out in Tideswell and Ashbourne where 700 young people were consulted on their free time and leisure interest. In Wirksworth in partnership with other agencies a taster day of activities was held to engage young people in two innovative forms of consultation (touch screen computerised system & big brother diary room). 500 young people attended the day which was supported by many of the resident clubs.

(Evaluation available from all consultation)

2.2 Glossop Volunteer Bureau in partnership with the project was involved with a football project aimed at young volunteers who had showed a desire to run a football tournament. The project provided 12 young volunteers with valuable training and provided excellent experience in relation to running a sporting event. The tournament attracted 30 young people. **(Evaluation Available)**

2.3 The Safer Communities through Sport Project was launched at Tideswell Sports Complex on Saturday April 3rd. A day of activities was provided to officially launch the project which attracted around 100 young people who were supported by 12 volunteers from the Youth Service, the Police and local residents. A further 2 weeks of holiday activities was provided during Easter holidays which were well attended by around 20 young people each day. 2 coaches were paid to provide the multi activities. **(Evaluation Available)**

2.4 Worked in partnership with various agencies to provide sports taster days at Hathersage, Chinley, Wirksworth, Baslow and Taddington which in total provided around 1000 young people with days of multi activity.

2.5 An information booklet about opportunities for young people in Ashbourne has been produced through work with Derbyshire Youth Service + the CVS Sign Posting Project. 1000 leaflets are being produced.

3.0 Develop 10 new regular participation opportunities over 5 years

3.1 Tideswell Skate / Bike Park

A total of £140,678 has been secured to develop a skate / bike park in Tideswell and employ a Part Time Youth Engagement Officer to work with the local clubs

3.2 New Mills Athletic Club

£200 was provided to assist with New Mills Athletic Club. 2 volunteers achieved their NGB level 2 qualification

3.3 Mobile Skate Park. Rural Villages

Funding has been secured to purchase a mobile skate park to be used in rural isolated villages across High Peak and Derbyshire Dales.

Leader + access fund £6,450

Derbyshire Dales District Council £5,000

High Peak Community Safety £3,800

Safer Communities through Sport £1,250

TOTAL £16,500

The revenue implications are being explored in relation to staffing the park. It is anticipated that this will provide regular participation opportunities for around 150 young people on a weekly basis across the 2 districts.

3.4 Tideswell Multi Activity Club

Following the taster day in Tideswell a Multi Activity club has been established to feed into the football, tennis and cricket clubs. The club is aimed at young people on more of a recreational level giving them opportunity to have a go at a variety of sports. It is hoped that it will link in with the skate park to feed the resident clubs with new young members. The resident coach is currently applying for an Award for All Bid to fund further equipment. **(See Flyer)**

3.5 Tideswell Junior Snooker Club

Following the donation of a full sized snooker table to Tideswell a junior snooker club is developing with a view to running a tournament during summer holidays for the Safer Communities through Sport Trophy.

3.6 Multi Sports Clubs

There is a possibility of Tideswell and Wirksworth operating as Multi-Sports Clubs with the assistance of Social Enterprise East Midlands.

3.7 Bradwell Sports Group

Are exploring opportunities for funding for a multi use games area.

4.0 Reduce the incidence of anti-social behaviour in target wards

4.1 Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership has appointed an ASB co-ordinator to work alongside Safer Communities through Sport Project within prioritised areas. The ASB co-ordinator will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating some of the work of Safer Communities through Sport project. Officer to start in post Monday November 29th 2004

4.2 Gamesley Estate

There is the potential for diversionary activities for the Gamesley Estate High Peak. Funding is being provided to help set up regular activities. **(See action plan)**

4.3 Baseline Statistics

Crime Concern and Safer Derbyshire Dales are working with the project to produce baseline statistics on ASB within Derbyshire Dales to highlight priority areas. An audit of ASB in High Peak has also been produced. **(Audits available).**

4.4 Safer Communities through Sport project is recognised within both Derbyshire Dales & High Peak Community Safety Partnerships action plan.

4.5 The benefits of sports diversionary activities have been promoted at Community Safety Seminars across Derbyshire Dales. **(Evaluation Available)**

4.6 Referral Process

A referral process has been developed with Youth Offending Team so that young people can be referred to access holiday provision at New Mills Leisure Centre (High Peak) free of charge. Report to be compiled by Youth Offending Team. 12 young referrals took advantage of this throughout the summer holidays.

4.7 Advocating Sport

Tideswell, Ashbourne and Wirksworth Youth Steering Groups have all considered sports diversionary activities for young people at risk of anti-social behaviour. As a result of the Safer Communities through Sport project an holistic approach to tackling ASB has been developed through Enforcement, Diversion and Education.

4.8 Advocating Derbyshire

Safer Communities through Sport has been used as a case study on both the Sport England and Renewal Web Sites. **(See print out)**

4.9 Safer Communities through Sport was nominated for the Home Office Taking a Stand Award against tackling anti-social behaviour **(See Application)**

5.0 Reduce the incidence of drug misuse among young people involved in the project.

5.1 Referrals to the Team Mates initiative may have a drug related background. Other than this the effect of the project on young people involved with drug misuse is very difficult to measure

6.0 Work with 10 young people each year on a 1-2-1 basis through Team Mates Initiative

6.1 £4,000 Funding was received from High Peak Community Safety Partnership to run Team Mates in Gamesley Glossop. The Team Mates initiative is run in partnership with the Youth Offending Team using session workers as mentors due to the lack of volunteers. Presently 3 young people are being mentored as part of their Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

6.2 Team Mates is recognised within High Peak Community Safety Partnership action plan for anti-social behaviour 2004/05 and 2005/06.

6.3 Team Mates is recognised as an option within Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) in Gamesley, Glossop through the police. 3 referrals have been received from PC Paula Shaw

6.4 There is potential to mirror the Team Mates project by pursuing funding from Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership with a view to running the programme in Ashbourne.

6.5 Team Mates Programme was piloted in Tideswell with one young referral from connexions. **(Evaluation Available)**

Summary

Areas of Strength

- The project has worked very well in Derbyshire Dales and is presently working within 4 of the anticipated prioritised areas. (Tideswell, Bradwell, Ashbourne and Wirksworth). The reason behind the effectiveness with this is that the project has been working very closely with the Community Safety Partnership and their prioritised areas as part of their strategy. The steering groups which have been formed within each of these prioritised areas have all the relevant agencies in attendance to deal with anti-social behaviour through the Enforcement, Prevention (Diversionary) and Education model. This approach encourages a very local level of action which due to the local input provides the sustainability.
- The project as been successful in enthusing other agencies to buy into the effect that sport and recreation can have on making communities safer and stronger.
- The project is a very useful tool for attracting funding from various sources. Total additional funding sourced:-

Tideswell Active England	£119,390
Wirksworth Active England	£ 232,527
High Peak Community Safety Partnership	£7,800
Derbyshire Dales Community Safety Partnership	£2,000
Leader + access fund	£6,450
Derbyshire Dales District Council	£10,000
Tideswell Community Association	£2,000
Tideswell Parish Council	£1,000

Areas to be Improved

- The project needs to have more impact within the High Peak. This may be down to the way in which the 2 Community Safety Partnerships operate. In High Peak they have anti-social behaviour as a strategic aim and deal with it on a district level through a theme group. This proves very difficult for the project to have an effect at a local level. However the project was successful in receiving funding from the theme group to establish the mentoring scheme in the High Peak.
- The successes for the project in the High Peak is based around the strong infrastructure including the Volunteer Bureau, Youth Offending Team and the Police. This allows for greater involvement of non-sporting organisations and potential for sustainable activities.
- At the moment there is little statistical evidence to prove that the project is having an effect other than the 2 Districts anti-social behaviour audits which don't directly relate to the project. However the project in partnership with Sporting Futures is presently exploring how anti-social behaviour is recorded with a view to establishing some baseline data to work to.

Thanks to Partners

Safer Communities through Sport would not be possible without the ongoing support from the partners including

- **Derbyshire County Council**
- **Derbyshire Dales District Council**
- **Derbyshire Rural Community Council**
- **Derbyshire Sport**
- **High Peak Borough Council**
- **High Peak Community Safety Partnership**
- **Peak District National Park**
- **Safer Derbyshire Dales (CSP)**
- **Sport England**
- **Sporting Futures**

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