

Derwent Valley Partnership



Annual Report 2017/18

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Introduction to AAPs

Area Action Partnerships or AAPs were introduced in County Durham in 2009 as part of the reorganisation of local government. There are 14 Partnerships covering all areas of the County.

The AAPs bring together local people, councillors and partners to set local priorities and explore ways to take action to address these priorities. People can get involved in the AAPs through the AAP Forum or by participating in one of the priority Task and Finish Groups.

Each partnership has a decision-making Board of 21 people and an Area Budget which can be used to support local projects that address the priority areas agreed on by the Partnership.

The AAPs are part of the wider County Durham Partnership (CDP) and contribute towards the CDPs themes of Altogether Wealthier, Altogether Greener, Altogether Healthier, Altogether Safer and Altogether Better for Children and Young People.

Welcome from the Chair

It is my pleasure to introduce the eighth Derwent Valley Partnership Annual Report.

The Derwent Valley is a place with huge potential and has a fine reputation for successful partnership working. The area is undergoing a transformation and the voluntary and community sector play an important role in this.

Since the publication of the last Annual Report, the Derwent Valley Partnership has had an active and successful year. While challenges still remain, the Partnership has supported and funded many community-led projects aimed at growing the local economy, better health for its citizens and a cleaner, greener environment for residents and visitors. These are making a real difference.

Examples of projects supported this year include; Christmas in Consett, helping small businesses to grow and create jobs, improving digital skills in schools, ensuring safer homes for the elderly and tree and hedgerow planting. These are just a few of the projects supported by the Partnership. We look forward to supporting new projects through the year ahead and making a positive difference for everyone in the local area.

I would like to end with a thank you to Board, Forum, Elected Members, Partners, community representatives and local residents for their continued dedication and determination towards enduring improvements across the Derwent Valley. Thank you to the exceptional AAP Team who work tirelessly ensuring that collaboration and partnership working are at the heart of everything we do.



Gary Scott

Chair

Derwent Valley Partnership

Annual Overview

Key Achievements 2017 /18

29 Projects Approved

- 13 Area Budget
- 10 Neighbourhood Budget Main Grant
- 5 Youth Grant and 1 Welfare Reform

£184,372.98 Grants Awarded

- £123,814 Area budget
- £40,656.98 Neighbourhood Budget Main Grant
- £9,902 Youth Grant
- £10,000 Welfare Reform

1,052 – number of people involved in initiatives aimed at improving mental health / wellbeing

993 Forum Members receiving information on a regular basis

119,725 Total Facebook Reach in 12 months

Area Budget Projects 2017/18

Each year the AAP gets an allocation of £100,000 through its Area Budget. Projects and initiatives are developed through the work of the Task and Finish Groups and are approved by the Board.

Priority	Project Details	Amount Allocated
Employment, Enterprise and Training	<p>Derwent Valley Partnership School's Code Club 2017 – Derwent Valley Partnership</p> <p>The project builds on last year's project to expand the number of Code Clubs within Primary Schools in the Derwent Valley Partnership area and to extend the offer to Consett Academy.</p> <p>The project will offer support in establishing clubs as well as provide introduction to coding sessions with local Code Club UK trainers. Existing school Code Clubs will be offered the opportunity to access the training. Funding will be used to purchase equipment for the schools and deliver training.</p>	£6,478
	<p>Start, Sustain and Grow – CDC Enterprise Agency</p> <p>The project will provide support to individuals with one-to-one coaching, training, advice and guidance to assist them to overcome barriers to self-employment, business sustainability and growth. As a result this would lead to the creation of new jobs in the local area.</p> <p>Support will be delivered to individuals at various stages: Pre-Start; Early Trading and Established Businesses. Support will be bespoke and tailored to the needs of the individual / business.</p>	£15,750
	<p>Derwent Valley Leading Business Programme – Derwentside Business Network (DBN)</p> <p>The project aims to support small businesses in the Derwent Valley Partnership area by delivering expert mentoring to help small business owners improve their business leadership skills and to focus on business growth action planning. Business growth action plan tools developed during the pilot project will be used to help business owners to assess their own performance, strengths and weaknesses and identify the expert mentoring support needed. DBN will then deliver the targeted mentoring support to address weaknesses using a consortium of DBN Members.</p>	£9,625
	<p>Increasing the take up of Girls in Science Careers – RTC North Ltd</p> <p>The project is designed to address the current low take up of girls in science at Consett Academy through a mentoring programme. The programme is designed to ensure students are given the best possible chance of securing future success.</p>	£5,750

	<p>Experience shows many students benefit enormously from the individual support of a mentor who can inspire and help young people consider further study. Mentors can support students to make more informed decisions about career choices as well as highlighting the essential skills needed in the workplace.</p>	
	<p>Derwent Valley Digital Business Hub – CDC Enterprise Agency The project aims to build and support a community of digital businesses in the Derwent Valley based around a Digital Hub and modelled on the highly successful Campus North. At present, digital businesses in the Derwent Valley have to go to Newcastle, Gateshead and Sunderland to operate from dedicated digital business hubs. There are small businesses currently operating from home and looking for Hub style workspace. Both Derwentside College and Consett Academy have excellent facilities but these are not currently accessible after work hours or weekends to all members of the community.</p> <p>After researching Digital Business Hubs, the applicant found that the most successful Hubs conducted extensive engagement with the Digital Business Community prior to the launch. This pilot is to engage with and build a digital business community leading to the development of a Digital Hub. A temporary business engagement hub manager will be funded in Consett Innovation Centre – identified as the most suitable short-term location. Longer term it is envisaged to adopt a town centre property into a purpose-designed Hub.</p> <p>The project will enable CDC to start building a digital business community in Derwent Valley, design a hub to meet its future need and provide evidence of demand to strengthen future funding applications. The project will also deliver a series of events to encourage participation of local digital companies supported by local partners including Derwentside Business Network and Design Network North. Events will include ‘Best Practice’ sessions with keynote speakers for sharing knowledge and networking, ‘business growth workshops’ to support the micro-companies to develop business models of ways to increase turnover and headcount, ‘think and drink sessions’ to explore creative ideas and innovation processes.</p>	£14,000
Environment	<p>Derwent Valley Environment Grant Fund and Competition – Derwent Valley Partnership The project will provide a £10,000 grant fund to enable local community groups and partnerships to apply for up to £2,000 funding for projects to help improve their local environment. The fund is for Capital items only such as equipment, tools, planters, etc.</p> <p>Groups will be requested to sign up to the Its Your Neighbourhood (IYN) scheme with the Royal Horticultural Society</p>	£11,000

	<p>(RHS) who offer regular newsletters, support with volunteering and help in the springtime to get projects underway. IYN will then enter groups into their competition which will be judged by RHS judges.</p>	
	<p>Derwent Valley Street Trees and Hedgerow Improvement Planting – OASES The project focuses on increasing the aesthetics of the Derwent Valley, promoting wildlife habitats, guarding against flooding and reducing urban pollution locally. This will be achieved by auditing, promoting the value of and planting / replacing street trees and hedges within the Derwent Valley area. The project will work with 5 primary schools and 2 secondary schools and their associated communities.</p>	£12,640
	<p>Land of Oak and Iron: Go Green in the Derwent Valley – Groundwork North East and Cumbria A programme of cycle rides, walks, bikeability courses and training courses targeted at families and retired people. It will also identify and promote six walking, cycling and running routes for a range of abilities and distances.</p> <p>The aim is to support the reduction of environmental impacts in the Derwent Valley by promoting and improving opportunities for sustainable travel through the identification and implementation of schemes that promote walking, cycling and the use of public transport.</p>	£6,790
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>She Wins All the Races – Mad Alice Theatre Company Ltd Delivery of two performances of ‘She Wins All the Races’ a tragicomedy with biscuits to Consett Academy; one at Derwentside College and one at Blackhill Comrades Club for specific invited groups of vulnerable people. The show is based on the performer’s true story of growing up with both of her brothers who were born with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and died aged 16 years old. The show is both heart-warming and inspirational.</p> <p>Additionally there will be delivery of drama workshops to students at Consett Academy and the vulnerable groups focussing on those experiencing emotional difficulties, workshop will be based on themes from the play and it is expected to encourage participants’ resilience, confidence and coping mechanisms. Workshops will also be delivered to students at Derwentside College with a focus on those studying Health and Social Care; workshops will be similar but with an additional insight into the ways of using creativity as an emotional healing tool.</p> <p>Finally, selected young people from the workshops will engage in a more intensive two day summer holiday drama project which will see them devise their own performance on the theme of ‘Emotional Resilience’ using their personal stories and</p>	£10,087

	<p>culminating in a performance of their very own to family and friends.</p>	
	<p>Growing Up Healthy and Safe – Pre-School Learning Alliance The project will work with ten local community toddler groups within the Derwent Valley area to educate families on making healthy choices and providing safe places for young children. Each group will receive five x 4hour visits centred around healthy and safe families.</p> <p>To provide progression onto more in depth training on issues surrounding health and safety in the home, the project will run two family cooking courses and two extended home safety courses.</p>	£5,637
	<p>Dementia Friendly Communities Co-ordinator – Alzheimer’s Society County Durham The project is part of a joint application for a two-year (35 hours per week) Dementia Friendly Communities Coordinator (DFC Coordinator) to work across Derwent Valley, Chester-le-Street, Mid Durham and Stanley AAP areas to develop Dementia Friendly Communities. The DFC Coordinator will also work with the County Durham Housing Association Forum partners to increase Dementia awareness and develop Dementia Friends Champions in the relevant associations.</p> <p>The DFC Coordinator will engage with a variety of partners to work towards becoming dementia friendly, in particular making towns / villages more accessible, raising awareness about dementia in order to reduce stigma, and promoting independence and involvement for people affected by dementia.</p>	£12,057
	<p>Safer Homes – Durham Constabulary The Safer Homes project visits many different people to support them in feeling safe and secure in their own home. The project is to support individuals to live freely with confidence and positive mental health and independence.</p> <p>The project supplies and fits small security devices to the home and for the individual to support a safe personal environment. The items consist of personal security alarms, 24 hour timers and fake TVs (to make it look like a house is occupied, giving confidence to attend events during winter nights), door chimes and window alarms, shed alarms and property marking pens. The funding is required to purchase these small items which, when bought in bulk, can be relatively inexpensive but make a huge difference to someone’s personal health, safety and wellbeing.</p>	£5,000
Communication	<p>Derwent Valley Newsletter – Derwent Valley Partnership Production and delivery of three editions of Derwent Valley News to all residents in the Derwent Valley Partnership area. Editions of DVN will be produced Winter 2017; Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 to raise the profile and awareness of Derwent Valley Partnership, a number of key events and projects as well as</p>	£9,000

	<p>various partners and community groups. It is hoped that attendance and interest is boosted in what is happening locally.</p> <p>Derwent Valley Partnership staff will request articles from partners, community groups and organisations to offer them the opportunity to feature to ensure content is local, relevant and informative.</p>	
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Youth Fund and Welfare Reform Projects

This year the APP has received an additional £9,902 from Children and Young People Services (Durham County Council) as a Youth Fund and a further £10,000 to allocate to projects dealing with issues linked to changes brought about through welfare reforms. This additional funding was also allocated through the Board structure.

Funder	Project Details	Amount Allocated
Youth Fund	React! Youth Theatre – Adventures of Mr Toad	£1,000
	Go Ahead Training – Bring Your Kids Coding 2018	£2,457.50
	Consett Phoenix Youth – Recording the Phoenix Music Workshops	£2,987
	CBS Theatre – Cbees Youth Theatre and Performance	£1,000
	Spotlight Community Theatre – Performance without Limits portable staging	£2,457.50
Welfare Reform	<p>Consett Drop-in Money Management and Debt Advice Service – Durham Christian Partnership</p> <p>Provision of a money management and debt advice service within the foodbank that can also give other non-specialist advice, e.g. benefits, on two drop in sessions per week (Tuesday and Friday). County Durham Money Advice Centres who are part of Durham Christian Partnership provide the service. The service will offer face-to-face sessions with local people attending the Foodbank as well as follow up work with clients which can include home visits. The primary aim is to work with clients to assist them until they are either debt free or are comfortable with a debt repayment plan.</p>	£10,000

Neighbourhood Budget Projects (Main Grant)

Neighbourhood budget is a £19,400 allocation that each of the local County Councillors receives to support local organisations. Organisations usually approach the councillors with a request and the project application is then developed with the support of the AAP team.

Councillor / Electoral Division	Project Details	Amount Allocated
Alex Watson Consett North	Reading installation and heating / cooling system for Grove Library Bus	£2,000
Owen Temple Consett North	Reading installation and heating / cooling system for Grove Library Bus	£2,000
Ivan Jewell Dipton and Burnopfield	Replacement door at St John's Ambulance HQ	£550
	Dipton Christmas Tree	£937.02
Joanne Carr Dipton and Burnopfield	Replacement door at St John's Ambulance HQ	£550
	Dipton Christmas Tree	£550
Alan Shield Leadgate and Medomsley	BRASS 2017 Derwent Valley Schools Workshops	£500
	Hamsterley and Low Westwood Junior Youth Club	£1,000
	Leadgate, First Street, Pont Bungalows	£1,000
Watts Stelling Leadgate and Medomsley	BRASS 2017 Derwent Valley Schools Workshops	£500
	Hamsterley and Low Westwood Junior Youth Club	£1,000
	Leadgate, First Street, Pont Bungalows	£1,000
Stephen Robinson Benfieldside	Hardy's Corner Play Area	£1,361
	Replacement LED lighting to improve the energy efficiency at Shotley and Benfieldside Tennis Club	£3,500
	Shotley Bridge and St Mary's Christmas Trees	£1,432.19
Peter Oliver Benfieldside	Hardy's Corner Play Area	£1,361
	Replacement LED lighting to improve energy efficiency, Shotley and Benfieldside Tennis Club	£3,500
	Shotley Bridge and St Mary's Christmas Trees	£1,432.19
Derek Hicks Consett South	Rutland Place, Moorside	£14,483.58
	Reading installation and heating / cooling system for Grove Library bus	£2,000

Neighbourhood Budget Small Grant Funded Projects

From the Neighbourhood Budget allocation of £19,400, Elected Members are able to allocate up to £2,000 to Small Grant projects.

Councillor / Electoral Division	Project Details	Amount Allocated
Alex Watson Consett North	Prom and Celebration of Achievement, Real Care Ltd	£100
	Festival of Remembrance	£105
	Christmas Tree Festival	£165
	Thursday Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner	£50
	Christmas in Consett	£100
Owen Temple Consett North	Prom and Celebration of Achievement, Real Care Ltd	£100
	Festival of Remembrance	£105
	Christmas Tree Festival	£165
	Thursday Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner	£50
	Christmas in Consett	£100
Ivan Jewell Dipton and Burnopfield	Festival of Remembrance	£104
	Christmas Tree Event	£990
	Winter Flower Tubs	£320
	North Durham Rotary Swimathon	£100
Joanne Carr Dipton and Burnopfield	Christmas in Consett	£100
	North Durham Rotary Swimathon	£50
Alan Shield Leadgate and Medomsley	Medomsley in Bloom	£250
	Partnership Newsletter	£450
	Festival of Remembrance	£104
	MUGA Repairs and Community Access Improvements	£400.68
	Christmas Festival	£150
	Outings	£150
Watts Stelling Leadgate and Medomsley	Medomsley in Bloom	£250
	Partnership Newsletter	£450
	Festival of Remembrance	£104
	MUGA Repairs and Community Access Improvements	£400.68
	Christmas Festival	£150
	Outings	£150
	Christmas in Consett	£100
Stephen Robinson Benfieldside	St Mary's Summer Fete	£150
	Car Park Tidy Up	£950
	Community Trips	£475
	Festival of Remembrance	£100
Peter Oliver Benfieldside	St Mary's Summer Fete	£150
	Equipment Shotley Bridge Cricket Club	£300
	Community Trips	£475
	Thursday Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner	£100
	Christmas in Consett	£100
	Direction Signs	£600
Derek Hicks	Community Fun Day	£150

Consett South	Dancemax	£150
	Christmas in Consett	£100
	Christmas Lunch (Third Generation Group)	£150
	Christmas Lunch (Jubilee Court Residents Association)	£150
	North Durham Rotary Swimathon	£250
Jane Brown Delves Lane	Durham Pride	£100
	Christmas in Consett	£100
	Men's Forum Activities	£150
	North Durham Rotary Swimathon	£150
	Consett RFC	£250
Malcolm Clarke Delves Lane	Consett AFC Ladies Team Jackets	£200
	Durham Pride	£100
	Festival of Remembrance	£104
	Christmas in Consett	£100
	Men's Forum Activities	£150
	Consett RFC	£250

The AAP Area

The Derwent Valley Partnership area covers the North West of Durham and stretches from Moorside in the south west, through Consett and Leadgate, to Burnopfield in the north east. The AAP is bordered by Northumberland and Gateshead Borough to the north.

The area is predominantly urban in nature with a population of 45,000. Many of the settlements benefit from the picturesque views of the Derwent Valley and the town of Consett is located on a hilltop above the valley on the edge of the Pennines and was a former steel working town where operations ceased in 1980.

Adjoining Consett is Shotley Bridge, surrounded by picturesque woodland and once the heart of Britain's sword making industry. Leadgate now stands as a small village with a close-knit community, but it originated as the home of the workers and staff of the Eden Colliery 1844-1980, and the Consett Iron Company.



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The Derwent Valley Partnership area takes in a number of local communities, towns and villages: Blackhill; Bridgehill; Burnopfield; Consett; Crookhall; Delves Lane; Dipton; Ebchester; Hamsterley Colliery; Hamsterley Mill; Hat and Feather; High Westwood; Hobson; Iveston; Leadgate; Lintz Green; Lintzford; Low Westwood; Medomsley; Medomsley Edge; Moorside; Pickering Nook; Pont and Bradley; Shotley Bridge; Templetown; The Grove; The Dene and Villa Real.

The Derwent Valley Partnership Board

The Board is the decision making body of the Area Action Partnership. It meets formally at least six times per year and has 21 members who are brought together from the public, partners and elected officials.

Public	Partner	Councillor
Marlene Boyles	Police Insp. Keith Wardle	Councillor Owen Temple Consett North
Jeanette Harold	Health Catherine Findlay	Councillor Alex Watson Consett North
Helen Marley	Fire Craig Farrage	Councillor Derek Hicks Consett South
Rosemary Morris (Vice Chair)	Voluntary Sector Anne-Marie Parkin	Councillor Joanne Carr Dipton and Burnopfield
Shelley O'Brien	Housing Phillip Curran	Councillor Ivan Jewell Dipton and Burnopfield
Donna Summerson	Business Gary Scott (Chair)	Councillor Alan Shield Leadgate and Medomsley
Christine Wotherspoon	Durham County Council Alison Lazazzera / Joanne Waller	Councillor Watts Stelling (Vice Chair) Leadgate and Medomsley
Former Board Members Justin Chilton Public Representative		

Forum Event(s)

It is usual for the Partnership to hold up to two Forum Events each year, however, in 2017 / 18 instead of holding a Summer Forum Event the Board chose for the staff team to attend a variety of events over the summer to engage with local people. The team attended events in Dipton and Leadgate. At the events attendees were given the opportunity to find out about Derwent Valley Partnership, their work and local projects and also asked to sign up to the Forum and Facebook page to receive regular updates on work and progress locally.

Rather than the traditional formal winter Forum, the Board agreed to hold a Christmas in Consett Light Switch On where the staff team could engage with local people in more informal surroundings. In addition to this in the lead up the team did bespoke drop in sessions in the library as well as attending the Pumpkin in the Park event in Blackhill Park to offer local people the opportunity to take part in Durham County Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Consultation.

Priorities

Each AAP usually chooses their priorities on an annual basis. How these priorities are addressed forms the core of the work over the course of the year. The Board decided for the 2017/18 and 2018 / 19 financial years that they would focus on the same priorities for continuity and to enable Task and Finish Groups the opportunity to make a real difference through work and projects.

The priorities for 2017/18 were agreed upon by the DVP Board in January 2017 with the decision being informed by a number of pieces of information. The vote by DVP Forum members that was held in November 2016 was the key piece of information. Voting took place in a number of ways: a Forum Event was held in Consett Academy on 30 November 2016, a special edition of Derwent Valley News was circulated to all homes which included a voting slip and online survey was also undertaken via Survey Monkey for local residents and another for Consett Academy for the students. Due to the extensive information gathered and to have the opportunity to fully explore the priorities identified, the Board agreed at the September 2017 meeting to continue to focus on the same priorities for 2018/19.

Based on this information, statistical information and local knowledge, the Board agreed on three priorities as detailed below with Children, Young People and Families as an overarching theme:

- Employment, Enterprise and Training
- Environment
- Health and Wellbeing

Having received additional Youth Grant and Welfare Reform funding these were also considered over the year.

The three priority areas are, by their nature, very broad and could potentially cover many issues, so it was important to be able to look at each priority in a bit more detail. To do this the Partnership established three specific Task Groups to explore the themes in conjunction with local partners,

organisations, community groups and residents. Statistical information and local data was also used to ensure that the key areas of focus under each priority were the most appropriate.

Further to initial meetings of the Task Group, each group produced an action plan detailing specific themes against which projects would be developed and delivered, these were subsequently reviewed and agreed by the AAP Board and formed the focus of the work for each group over the course of the year.

Task and Finish Groups

Derwent Valley Partnership had three Task Groups to cover the three-standalone priority headings of Employment, Enterprise and Training; Environment and Health and Wellbeing. They are made up of interested Board and Forum Members and those professionals whose expertise lies within the priority. The task groups discuss all of the relevant issues relating to the priority which helps to create an action plan that can be used to develop local projects. The Task Groups help to develop the projects before they go to the AAP Board for their consideration and approval.

Employment, Enterprise and Training

The Employment, Enterprise and Training Task Group met regularly throughout 2017/18 with Rosemary Morris, Public Representative, chairing the group as well as providing the Board with regular updates on progress.

The group identified the following themes and sub-themes as part of a call out for projects (Employment, Enterprise and Training were not part of the 'call out' process):

- Employment and Business
 - Economic activity rates
 - Stable business stock / record of employment growth
 - Survival rates for local businesses, proportion of higher earnings / managerial / senior posts
 - Unemployment / deprivation levels
 - Net losses of jobs in various sectors
 - Ageing population
 - Proportion of micro-businesses with annual turnover of less than £250,000
 - Impact of levels of out-commuting on availability of higher level skills locally
 - Number of business starting locally
 - Transport opportunities for local people
 - Dependence on public sector
 - Occupational profile – admin, skilled, caring, leisure occupations
- Training Skills and Education
 - Overall proportion of 1-3, GCSE/A Level attainment, qualifications profile by age, higher level qualifications (L4/5) – static, increasing, decreasing
 - 16+ academic provision
 - OFSTED ratings

- Innovative approaches to participation
- Projects 16-18s to 2020/provision for them
- Accessible vocational education provision – 16-19 adults
- Aspirations of young people
- Generic communication / interpersonal skills
- Skill needs in business for leadership / management training / specific areas requiring adapting to new markets, opportunities
- Proportion of lower / higher level jobs
- Youth unemployment / participation in post 16 learning / HE
- Meeting demand of growth sectors
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Demand for higher level skills – e.g. tourism
- High quality information, advice and guidance
- Take up of STEM subjects
- Opportunities
 - Scale of any new jobs predicted as result of local plans
 - Importance of a 'brand' to attract investment to area
 - Potential of tourism / hospitality related jobs
 - Business led initiatives for opportunities to engage business community more effectively
 - Willingness of public sector bodies to be more active locally
 - Proportion of those economically inactive
 - Numbers claiming JSA
 - Proportion of older people claiming JSA
 - Nos of local young people claiming JSA (16-24)
 - Proportion of claimants from higher skilled occupations

Environment

The Environment group is chaired by Rich Hurst, it focused on developing an action plan that formed the basis of the project call out. The themes were:

- Environmental Cleanliness – encouraging people to appreciate and improve their environment from a cleanliness perspective
- Environmental Improvement – Encouraging people to improve their environment from a visual / aesthetic perspective both in terms of a natural and built environment
- Promoting Public Health through the Environment
- Energy Efficiency and Reducing Carbon Emissions

The group has considered many initiatives, project ideas and partner updates within their meetings in order to share best practice, promote activity and add value.

Health and Wellbeing

The Health and Wellbeing Task Group is chaired by John O'Connor, Forum Member. The group undertook a project call out using an action plan they developed within the group which asked for projects focusing on the following:

- Mental Health and isolation which includes both older, younger residents and families
- Reducing childhood obesity
- Reduce smoking and drinking (alcohol and caffeine in the form of high energy drinks)

The group also considered a variety of consultations, events, projects and work of other organisations and partners as part of their work to help promote and add value where possible.

Project Case Studies

Many of the projects approved by the AAP this year will not actually be fully delivered until the financial year 2018/19. This also means that a lot of the projects approved in 2016/17 were actually delivered in 2017/18. Information on all previously funded projects is available from the AAP team, however these case studies give a flavour of what has been delivered over the past year.

Wild About Derwent Valley

The 'Wild About Derwent Valley' project looked to encourage young people and the local community within the Derwent Valley to appreciate and improve their local environment by using the John Muir Award as a catalyst for action and engagement.

8 schools (Ebchester Primary; Moorside Primary; St Mary's Primary in Blackhill; St Patrick's Primary in Dipton; Collierley Primary; Benfieldside Primary; Leadgate Primary and Bishop Ian Ramsey) benefited from the project with children completing Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share activities within a local 'wild space' to enable them to gain the John Muir Award.

The project also held 6 family events which offered a variety of activities including Water Quality Surveys; Tree Identification; Environmental Art; Pond Dipping; Minibeast Hunts; Ladybird Hunts; Sensory Activities; Environmental Treasure Hunts; Scavenger Hunts; Raft Building; Trails and more.

The feedback from participants in schools and from the community was excellent with reach exceeding expectations. 127 people achieved their John Muir Award; 25 of these achieved the Explore Award (one grade higher) and the rest achieved the Discover Award.

Schools have successfully been encouraged to go beyond their school grounds and into the wider community. 13 local sites have been improved by the school children and local community (through the family events) for the wider community to enjoy.

illuminating Waste Project Autumn 2016

illuminating unwanted waste!

Building upon the success of the pilot 'illuminating Waste' project in 2015, the DVP worked with OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists) on a bigger project in autumn 2016.

OASES worked with 7 schools and 4 young people's groups to develop artistic, environmentally themed window displays in Consett Town Centre.

In primary and secondary schools, this involved whole school assemblies and workshops, focussing on improving the children's understanding of natural resource consumption and disposal, and the impact that both have on the environment. The workshops supported the children to develop their window displays from waste materials.

Waste materials were collected from local businesses that were keen to help. The displays created as part of this project were lit up and placed in shop windows in Consett Town Centre. A 'switch on' took place including an 'Illuminated Parade' as part of the annual DVP's Christmas festivities on 2nd December 2016.

Comments from the participants included:

I loved doing all of the crafts and it looks so good put together.' Pupil.

'It was really exciting and fun.' Pupil.

'The girls had a lovely evening and some of them went back to look at the window later in the week.' Youth Leader.

'Thanks again, and if you are doing the same next year we would love to be involved again.' Youth Leader.

The photo below is of the Project representatives receiving a 'Highly Commended Award' from Durham County Council Chairman at the County Durham Partnership Environment awards in November 2017



County Durham Partnership (CDP)

As well as having partners on the DVP Board, DVP itself is part of the wider County Durham Partnership (CDP). The CDP is made up from all of the key service providers in the County Durham, such as Durham Constabulary, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Durham County Council, North East Chamber of Commerce, Durham University, Voluntary and Community Sector, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Public Health, Police and Crime Commissioner and Housing

DVP submits regular reports on how it is impacting on the CDPs priority areas which is taken to the Partnership Board.

The CDP Forum meets three times per year and brings AAP Chairs with members of the CDP Board. The DVP Chair Gary Scott and Vice Chair Rosemary Morris have attended the CDP forum meetings this year

For more info on the CDP have a look at their website. www.countydurhampartnership.co.uk

Consultations

AAPs are seen by the Council and other partners as key consultees when major changes are being discussed. DVP has a good record of responding to consultations and also in making sure that a thorough job was done to make sure any response is detailed and thought through. During 2017/18 DVP have been involved in several key consultations:

- **Open Space Survey**
- **Durham County Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)**
- **Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Precept**
- **Durham History Centre**

Wider AAP Work

- **Presentations on a number of things through the Board structure including:**
 - Behind Closed Doors – Durham Constabulary
 - Wellbeing for Life Service
 - Update from the Director of Public Health
 - Information and discussion on the potential of a Consett Town Partnership Board
 - Consett Neighbourhood Policing Team
 - Team Around the Patient Programme – North Durham CCG
 - Shotley Bridge Hospital Group
 - Introduction to Neighbourhood Planning

- Care Navigation
- Impact of Universal Credit – Karbon Homes
- Community Development work
- External fundraising
- Community Events

Performance Management and Monitoring of Projects

Area Budget Projects that the AAP supports are monitored on a regular basis. In order to do this each project must identify and number of outcomes, milestones and key performance indicators. These forecast figures are submitted as part of the application and are shown in detail as part of the project description in appendices one, two and three.

All area budget projects must return monitoring forms on a quarterly basis. These returns are submitted to the AAP Board and to the AAP Funding Team. Projects that are not performing as expected can be looked at and supported where appropriate.

All of the collated key performance indicator forecast figures can be seen in appendix 1.

Plans for 2018/19.

As previously mentioned the priorities for 2018/19 have been set and DVP will be looking at three key areas.

- Health and Wellbeing
- Employment, Enterprise and Training
- Environment

As the priorities have remained unchanged, the Task and Finish Groups will continue meet to progress the priority area through Action Plans. DVP forum members are encouraged to get involved in their work.

The DVP Board will meet throughout the year. Meetings all start at 6:00pm and are held at Consett Salvation Army Hall, Sherburn Terrace, Consett DH8 6ND. The dates are as follows:

- 16 May 2018 (AGM)
- 18 July 2018
- 26 September 2018
- 17 October 2018

Thank You

DVP would like to thank everyone who has supported their work over the year especially those who came along to Board meetings, task and finish groups, forum events, sub groups and other events and activities. We would like more people to get involved in 2018/19 so if you would like to be active with DVP or know anyone else who would be interested then come along to one of our meetings or give the DVP team a call.

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Key Performance Indicators

Looking through **all** what difference forms for Area Budget projects, this table shows the collated figures against each of the KPI References/Overarching themes.

Ref	Altogether Better Durham (Overarching theme)	Target
AB1	No of voluntary and community groups supported	46
AB2	No of community buildings and facilities supported	30
AB3	No of people accessing new/improved community buildings and facilities	
AB4	No of people engaged in voluntary work	38
	Altogether Wealthier	
AW1	No of jobs created	16
AW2	No of jobs safeguarded	10
AW3	No of people supported into employment	
AW4	No of people entering self-employment	22
AW5	No of advice and guidance sessions	231
AW6	No of people undertaking formal training	
AW7	No of accredited qualifications gained	20
AW8	No of apprenticeships supported	
AW9	No of businesses supported / advised	87
AW10	No of tourism initiatives supported	
AW11	No of IT connectivity initiatives supported	
AW12	No of schemes aimed at nurturing business creation development and growth	2
AW13	No of schemes aimed at creating vibrant and successful towns	
AW14	No of schemes aimed at improving the housing offer	
AW15	No of schemes that reduce the impact of welfare reform	
	Altogether Better for Children and Young People	
CYP1	No of children and young people involved in schemes to help them make healthy choices	115
CYP2	No of schemes aimed at improving support and outcomes for families	
CYP3	No of schemes to help C&YP realise and maximise their potential	2
	Altogether Safer	
AS1	No of schemes aimed at reducing intergenerational and repeat offending	
AS2	No of initiatives aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour	
AS3	No of road safety initiatives	
AS4	No of schemes aimed at reducing alcohol and substance misuse	
AS5	No of schemes aimed at protecting vulnerable people from harm	
AS6	No of people benefitting from community safety initiatives	
	Altogether Healthier	
AH1	No of people involved in initiatives aimed at improving mental health/wellbeing	1,052
AH2	No of schemes aimed at improving the quality of life, independence and support for people	7

AH3	No of people benefitting from schemes aimed at reducing health inequalities and early death	<i>100</i>
	Altogether Greener	
AG1	No of schemes aimed at reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change	<i>1</i>
AG2	No of schemes aimed at maximising the value and benefits of Durham's natural environment	<i>1</i>
AG3	No of schemes aimed at delivering a cleaner, more attractive sustainable environment.	<i>2</i>
AG4	No of schemes aimed at promoting sustainable design and protecting Durham's heritage	