

NETWORK

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Dark Portraiture

Read all about Wynn Ryder's *Connect to...* journey and how Charlotte Higgins supported him to exhibit his art on the next page.



DVA news and project updates...

Wynn's Story

"Through *Connect to ...* I was given the opportunity to hold a solo art exhibition. It was an amazing experience.

It started when I visited a pop-up shop hosted by Public Health during Mental Health Awareness Week. There, I was introduced to Charlotte and we soon got talking about our mutual interest in art and the possibilities of holding an exhibition in Chesterfield. Of course, I jumped at the idea of showing my work.

I had around 25 small portraits from previous years and I'd just started work on a project documenting the Northern Soul scene – a series of paintings of people I've met and friends I've made at Northern Soul nights. It's a personal and special series of paintings and I decided to use it as the theme for my show. Charlotte's enthusiasm for my work really ignited a fire in me and inspired me to complete 10 new large portraits in the run-up to the launch date. Some of my best work yet.

The exhibition was at West Studios. Social Connector, Sarah helped spread the word via social media. I handed flyers out at soul nights and put them up on local notice boards. Soon the launch day came round and I was unprepared for our success in terms of the number of visitors we had. I was very happy to see some familiar faces from the pop-up shop and from *Connect to ...* - and to have the support of many of Charlotte's colleagues. All the "Soulies" came to see themselves in my paintings, which I'd kept under wraps to have the full effect of showing them all together for the first time, set to Northern Soul music playing in the background. The response from everyone was overwhelming. It was a true celebration of my art like nothing I've ever had before.

My exhibition has had a lasting effect on me. It has showed me my worth as a person and my value to others – something I struggle with every day. I was able to talk to people who really wanted to hear what I had to say. They were genuinely interested in me, my work and how I paint.

I believe the most valuable thing anyone can give you is their time, so from the bottom of my heart I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to come and see my little show. Special thanks go to Sarah for her excitement and to Charlotte for believing in me and working so hard to help me along every step of the way.

I couldn't have done it without you. You all helped to make it one of the best days of my life."

For more information, contact: charlotte@dva.org.uk

ART EXHIBITION
DARK PORTRAITURE
featuring a preview of Northern Soul by Wynn Ryder
October 3rd - 10th
Mon-Fri 10-4
Sat 10-1

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Chesterfield
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01246 500 799
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LAUNCH EVENT - SATURDAY 5TH OCT 10AM - 1PM





What's new?

Marketing and PR for Beginners - our recent free course, delivered by Kate Dawson from @wellreadpr, proved to be great fun and chock full of helpful marketing guidance. The 10 organisations participating learnt about many key topics, including PR, storytelling and handling the media. Comments on the course included: "a fantastic and knowledgeable tutor"; "I found the whole course amazing. From a true beginner status I feel this has been very helpful" and "I can't wait until you put another course on, I found this incredibly useful". Look out for a repeat of this course and other opportunities or contact hannah@dva.org.uk for more information.



The Community Corner, weekly drop in sessions have got off to a great start, with three organisations: African Caribbean Community Association, Al-Anon and the Elm Foundation all gaining excellent visibility within the university campus. Drop-in sessions are held from 11.00am-1.00pm every Wednesday. Contact susannah@dva.org.uk to book your slot.

Community group visits - Alison, our fab Community Development Officer, continues to visit groups and work with them to co-produce training and events, and to explore visibility and other opportunities. If you would like to meet Alison email: Alison@dva.org.uk

High profile Patron for STAND TO - an alcohol service dedicated to Derbyshire's Ex-Forces community. We are thrilled to announce that, following a connection made at Community Chesterfield's Launch Event in June, Paula Holt (Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the College of Health and Social Care at the University of Derby) is now the newly appointed Patron of STAND TO. Well done guys!

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**COMMUNITY
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My Journey: Macmillan Expert Patient Volunteer

"Just a routine screening,' I said to myself as I entered Mammography for my first ever scan.

When three weeks later they told me I had a fast-growing breast cancer, I was stunned. I couldn't take it in and felt powerless and scared. Telling my two grown-up sons was the most difficult thing I've ever done. It made it real, not just for me, but for the ones I loved the most.

Three years and seven operations later I'm still healing physically and mentally. When I saw a chance to help myself make sense of it all by making something positive happen, I decided to take it. I could give something back. The prospect of making someone else's journey through cancer just a little easier, was enough.

Being involved with the North Derbyshire Expert Patient Volunteer Programme as a volunteer has helped me feel more confident and purposeful. Over the last few months I have been part of a volunteer team which supports the Volunteer Manager, Sam. I've had lots of fulfilling experiences such as helping to develop a volunteer handbook, facilitating a breast cancer focus group, taking part in training sessions and attending Volunteer Advisory Group meetings.

There's lots of opportunities for volunteers to have a say from the patient's point of view and to be involved in change and improvement of emotional support for cancer patients and survivors.

Through the intention of 'giving back,' I have indeed been 'given' so much. I would recommend becoming involved as a volunteer - it is such a fulfilling experience."

If someone affected by cancer would like to consider coming forward as a volunteer and join our friendly and supportive group then please call Sam – mobile: 07926 361183 or email: sam@dva.org.uk

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

Welcome to the team Kim!



Kim Grant is Derbyshire Voluntary Action's new Finance and Small Grants Administrator.

Kim comes from a financial and customer service background having recently spent five years working for the National Trust. She takes over from Bryony White as the first point of contact for all of DVA's small grants schemes, and will take care of financial administration for our funding streams. She is very pleased to join the team and is looking forward to getting to know everybody.

Kim works Wednesday to Friday and can be contacted at: kim@dva.org.uk

Joint Mental Health Forum

In September, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Mental Health Liaison Service was delighted to co-host the Joint Countywide Mental Health Forum alongside colleagues from Derbyshire Mental Health Forum. Members and guests were treated to a full agenda, which highlighted our sector's innovative and inspiring work.

Maggie Pape from Derbyshire County Council's Mental Health Commissioning Team began by discussing the Mental Health Triage Hub (MHTH) - a new partnership between NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Police, Voluntary Sector and East Midlands Ambulance Service. The MHTH will be staffed by clinical staff and will provide out of hours support. The 12 month pilot is due to begin in the New Year. The intention is for the service to become part of 111.

A commissioning update from Jack Jeffrey (Mental Health Commissioning Team) included news that NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG is aiming to significantly reduce the number of acute patients being sent to units outside Derbyshire for treatment.

Sue Wheatcroft, from Derbyshire Borderline Personality Disorder Support Group gave a presentation on the support that the Group offers. Sue was pleased to share with audience members that the group continues to expand, with groups now taking place across Derbyshire. The introduction of a 'Crisis Card' has become a powerful tool which enables group members to feel that like

they can express themselves during a crisis.

A presentation on the new *Build Sound Minds Derby and Derbyshire* service by Chantelle Ross (Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health) followed. The Build Sound Minds service will work with children/young people aged 0 to 17 who have mild to moderate emotional or behavioural difficulties. It offers specialist support to prevent serious mental and emotional wellbeing issues from developing. The service is a partnership between Action for Children and Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health. Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health will deliver the support to 16-17 year olds.

Aileen Powers (Healthwatch Derbyshire) spoke about the work Mental Health Together are doing on finding out why people with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) are not attending physical health checks.

Finally there was a presentation from Gemma Murphy (P3) on the *Derbyshire Independent Living Service* which will launch in December. The service will work alongside people experiencing mental ill health who need support to maintain their tenancy or find a more suitable place to live.

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Age Concern Launches New Befriending Service

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, Age Concern Chesterfield and District has launched a new befriending scheme called Active Age. They held a launch event at their offices on Boythorpe Avenue in October, which was attended by stakeholders including: partner agencies, potential service users, and volunteers and representatives from local clubs and groups. The scheme was officially launched by the Mayor of Chesterfield, Gordon Simmons, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Kate Caulfield.

Active Age is a befriending scheme which aims to reduce loneliness and social isolation among older people by introducing them to clubs and groups in their local area - helping them to re-engage with their community and make new friends. The scheme compliments Age Concern's well-established Telephone Befriending Service and the Working Together For Older People project.

For details about Age Concern's services - which cover Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire – telephone: **01246 273333** or email: **Enquiries@ageconcernchesterfield.org.uk**



Coming Together Through Music

Chesterfield Cooperative Choral Society applied for 5 Ways to Wellbeing funding in 2018. The Society had ambitious plans to build a six-month project which would promote the health and wellbeing of members old and new, and use the music of Britain's most popular living composer, Sir Karl Jenkins, to achieve the 5 Ways to Wellbeing through music and performance.

Starting in January 2019, *Coming Together Through Music: Symphonic Adiemus* changed how the choir normally operated and challenged each member, the committee and the Musical Director to venture outside their comfort zone. The project culminated in an uplifting performance of massed choirs and orchestra at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield in June.

The Choir embraced as many aspects of the 5 Ways as it could. Here are a few examples of what they did:

Connect

- ✦ Every new member is welcomed and introduced to the Chair
- ✦ A buddy system so that every new member has someone to guide them and talk to them as they settle in
- ✦ Bringing together four different community groups to perform together
- ✦ Team building exercises for members
- ✦ Fun fundraising social events that everyone could participate in – curry nights and a garden party



Be Active

- ✦ A longer warm-up session
- ✦ A taught session on correct posture and breathing techniques for singing
- ✦ Stand-sit exercises

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Take Notice

- ✦ A session taught on mindfulness, relaxation and breathing
- ✦ Encouraged members to learn from each other

Keep Learning

- ✦ Brought in professional musicians to support the amateurs
- ✦ Developed new ways to support members to learn their part outside of rehearsals (1:1 support, sight reading, rehearsal tracks)

Give

- ✦ Members gave their particular skills to support the taught sessions (team building, music theory, mindfulness)
- ✦ The four different choir sections each hosted a fuddle at the end of the taught sessions

For more information, contact: chesterfieldchoir@gmail.com



Hundreds Visit Get2gether

The third Great Dronfield Get2gether was a resounding success with over **200** people through the door.

Over 45 services, charities and organisations were represented at the fun and friendly event in Dronfield Sports Centre. And more than double the number of visitors last year went along this time to find out about support and activities to assist older people in staying well and beating isolation.

The eye-catching stands included displays from Derbyshire Carers, U3A, Age Concern, Deaf and Hearing Support, Scamwatch, Derbyshire Victim Support, and Alzheimer's Society.

The event was organised by Dronfield 2gether. For more information contact Shelley Hinson on **01246 417432**, or email: coordinator@dronfield2gether.org.uk



News from Healthy Bolsover Grants Scheme - Whitwell Pick n Mix

Thanks to a new Social Activity Hub – which has been named Pick n Mix – Whitwell residents are able to be more active, make new connections and try out new activities.

The project aimed to target those most at risk of loneliness, using Age UK's Loneliness Heat Maps and local knowledge to identify the people who would most benefit from taking part.

For 10 weeks Whitwell Community Centre has been a hive of activity for local people aged 50+.

Each two-hour session has included low impact physical activities, board games, social time and a marketplace of local community groups offering a variety of social opportunities and activities. As a result of the project, three of the nine groups (t'ai Chi, choir and WI) have welcomed Pick n Mix participants as new members.

Thirty five residents have taken part. For some it was the first time they had visited the Community Centre, despite living in Whitwell for a number of years. Pick n Mix has been warmly received and hopes to go from strength to strength by setting up a new walking group and visiting a nearby bowls club – activities which have been suggested by attendees.

For more information contact Wayne Hatton at Bolsover District Council:
wayne.hatton@bolsover.gov.uk / Tel: 01246 242362



Voluntary Sector Awards 2019

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up at the seventh annual Voluntary Sector Awards for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. What a night!

Young Volunteer Of The Year (sponsored by University of Derby)

Rhianne Brooks, Rother Youth Club

(Runner-up: Winnie Mugerwa, Elderfriends)

Volunteer Long Service (sponsored by DCC Public Health)

Dennis Clayton, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centres

(Runners-up: Rita King, African Caribbean Community Association; Elaine Hill, Deaf & Hearing Support; Marion Wilcockson and Harry Treadwell, Hunloke Community Garden)

Staff Long Service (sponsored by GMB Union)

Elaine Handley, Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service

(Runner-up: Ann Sullivan, Deaf & Hearing Support)



Volunteer Team Of The Year (sponsored by Brampton Brewery Ltd)

Hillstown Village Hall

(Runners-up: Safer Living Foundation; EMAS Voluntary Car Scheme; Gussies Kitchen)

Most Innovative Project (sponsored by Inspec Solutions Ltd)

Men-Talk

(Runners-up: Celebration of Life – Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team; Apollo Project – Safer Living Foundation; Fundraising Challenge – Derbyshire Girlguiding; Shirland Community Café)

Employee Of The Year (sponsored by The Volunteer Centre)

Jo Sinclair, Age Concern

(Runners-up: Joye Dobbs, Chesterfield and District Neighbourhood Watch; Anita Ollerenshaw, Rhubarb Farm; Jonathan Symons, Monkey Park)



For more information, visit: <http://chesterfieldvc.online/>

Organisation Of The Year - income <£25,000 (sponsored by Chesterfield Borough Council)

Clay Cross Foodbank

(Runners-up: Holme Hall Unite; Staveley Junior Parkrun; Speedwell Eatwell Community Café)

Organisation Of The Year - income £25,000-£100,000 (sponsored by North East Derbyshire District Council) **Deaf & Hearing Support**

(Runners up: Sexual Abuse & Incest Line; Age Concern; Monkey Park)

Organisation Of The Year – income >£100,000

(sponsored by Spencers Solicitors)

Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service

(Runners-up: The Elm Foundation)

Outstanding Contribution to the Voluntary

Sector (surprise award presented at the end of the night by Lynn Tory and Cllr Kate Sarvent)

Dave Radford



The Land That Made Us

Rural charity, The Farming Life Centre celebrated the culmination of six years of dedicated partnership working with the launch of a new book about farming life in the Peaks.

The Land That Made Us: The Peak District Farmer's Story describes the history of 80 years of farming in the South-West Peak - an area extending across Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire.

Local writers and photographers Sheila Hine and Christine Gregory collected memories, stories and reflections from local farmers and land managers who have lived and worked in the Peak District countryside for generations.

The Farming Life Centre, which works to support health and wellbeing in rural communities across the Peak District, led the project. Production of the book has been supported and funded from the South West Peak Landscape Partnership and all proceeds from book sales will be reinvested back into projects to support farmers in the South West Peak.



The book is available from the Farming Life Centre, <http://thefarminglifecentre.org.uk/>, the Peak District National Park Authority online shop, reception and visitor centres; and local bookstores.



What's happening in the Sector ...

VCS Representation on Chesterfield Royal Hospital Council of Governors

At Derbyshire Voluntary Action's AGM in October, Angela Parnell and Lynn Tory were re-elected as Partner Governors representing the voluntary sector on the Council of Chesterfield Royal Hospital. Of the 32 elected governors there are 23 public governors and nine partner governors; partner governors represent local authorities, universities, the voluntary sector and CCG.

Governors attend bi-monthly Council meetings, carry out unannounced ward visits, meet informally with hospital volunteers and staff, and represent the hospital externally. Their role also involves membership of strategic sub-committees. Angela currently sits on the Nominations Committee, Lynn represents the Hospital Trust at CCG Lay Patient/Engagement meetings and they have both been appointed to a newly formed Engagement and Involvement Committee.

**For more information,
contact us on: 01246 555908.**



Are you looking for funding to invest in your volunteers?

Derbyshire Volunteer Fund offers grants of up to £2,000 to enable volunteers to deliver services and events to our community. To learn more about our Derbyshire Volunteer Fund visit: www.foundationderbyshire.org

Read on to learn about a group the Derbyshire Volunteer Fund recently funded...

A 300-strong army of volunteers empowers the annual Stainsby Festival, a highlight of the Derbyshire calendar. This three-day festival celebrates all that is folk, including, dance, music, storytelling, theatre, poetry, film and philosophy. Its loyal band of volunteers (aged 18 to 80!) take on duties such as booking bands, publicising the event, stewarding, litter collection and working on the bar.

This Summer, Foundation Derbyshire funded the volunteers' welcoming hot meal. The night shift volunteers do a ten-hour stint, ensuring festival campers stay safe and Foundation Derbyshire paid for first aid kits, safety gloves, high vis jackets and mid-shift snacks.

Stainsby is a non-profit event and relies solely on the goodwill of its volunteers. Like puddings and drystone walls, Derbyshire would not be Derbyshire without the Stainsby Festival!



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For more information, visit: <https://foundationderbyshire.org/>

Isolation & Loneliness Action Networks Derbyshire

IsLAND is a 3 year project that started in May 2019 with the aim of tackling loneliness and isolation in Derbyshire.

The project aims to achieve this by:

- * Recruiting and training a network of local Community Champions to raise awareness within their communities, peer groups or organisations about loneliness and isolation and what people can do to help
- * Developing a new website to help more people access support and volunteer their time
- * Bringing together organisations and services that tackle loneliness and isolation in diverse ways across Derbyshire and providing training for their staff and volunteers
- * Supporting services to achieve the IsLAND Quality Mark to ensure consistent quality and safety of interventions

For more information visit <https://sdvcs.org.uk/community/island> or contact Helen Frudd, IsLAND Development Officer at South Derbyshire CVS: 01283 219761 or email: befriending@sdvcs.org.uk



SAVE THE DATE

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health & Social Care
Voluntary Sector Forum

Wednesday 12 February 2020

9.30am-12.30pm

Agricultural Business Centre

Bakewell DE45 1AH



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Joined Up Care

An introductory guide has been produced to explain all about Joined Up Care Derbyshire – what it is, what it does, and what it wants to do.

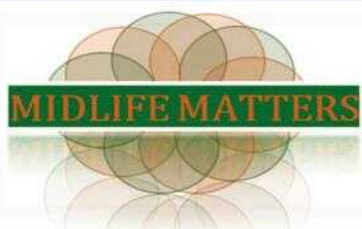
The Beginners Guide to Joined Up Care Derbyshire features articles explaining some of the challenges facing the provision of health and care services today – and some of the activities that are taking place and that are planned to tackle these challenges.

The Guide also details the progress being made by Joined Up Care's various work streams and looks at some of the big national changes as set out in the NHS Long Term Plan, such as setting up integrated care systems.

It is available on the Joined Up Care website: https://joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/application/files/3415/6750/5838/Introduction_to_JUCD_leaflet_Sep_2019.pdf.



Joined Up Care Derbyshire



Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health (DFMH) has launched a new course about wellbeing in midlife.

Research published by the Office for National Statistics last year highlighted that for many people life satisfaction, happiness and fulfilment reduce in midlife whilst symptoms of anxiety and stress increase. Midlife Matters will give participants practical tools to help them manage the impacts of midlife, and reflective awareness to help them reframe their thoughts and begin to balance their lives and self-care.

The free six-week course, which is for people aged 35-55 years, will run on Wednesday afternoons for two hours and will be led by a trained wellbeing facilitator. Initially courses have been planned in: Buxton (6th November to 11th December 2019), Matlock (8th January to 12th February 2020), Chesterfield (4th March to 8th April 2020), and Glossop (6th May to 10th June 2020).

For more information or to book a place, please contact Emma Daniels at DFMH on 01629 733915 or email: EmmaDaniels@DFMH.co.uk.



Waste Not Café Chesterfield

Waste Not Café is a new group which runs a pop-up vegetarian and vegan social eating evening on the third Sunday of the month at 6.00pm at Chesterfield Baptist Church. Ingredients are provided by Fareshare East Midlands and most of the produce is surplus supermarket food which would have been thrown away.

The aim of the project is to create community cohesion, whilst tackling food waste and food poverty. The monthly meal is available for a minimum suggested donation of £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Any left-over produce can be taken away at the end of the night in exchange for a donation. All profits at the end of the year will go to local foodbanks.

Attendees have commented:

"We had a great time. All the volunteers had worked so hard to prepare us a wonderful meal. The atmosphere was extremely welcoming and it was a delight just to sit down and get straight into chatting with folks. Can't wait until the next one."

"It was a completely new concept to us so we had no idea what to expect. The three course meal was exceptional. Everyone had worked so hard giving up their time to organise this. It was brilliant."

For more information email:
wastenotcafe@tutanota.com



Derbyshire Qwell: a new service for parents and carers

QWELL is an online counselling support service which has been commissioned by Derby and Derbyshire CCG. It provides mental health support to parents and carers of children and young people across Derby and Derbyshire.

The service provides a safe and confidential way for adults to access early intervention support around emotional wellbeing and a range of mental health issues.

The service is free and requires no formal referral. The user simply has to

set up an account on the website
<https://www.qwell.io/>

QWELL's counselling team is fully qualified, under current professional membership and has years of experience. The service is available from 12 noon to 10pm Monday-Friday and 6pm-10pm at weekends, 365 days a year, providing a much-needed out-of-hours service in an accessible and convenient way.



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Tech to help you be there - even when you can't



Stephen Paine with sister Mollie

The power of technology is being harnessed to help people across Derbyshire and the East Midlands live independently in their own homes.

Beep Assist, run by Futures Housing Group, is giving peace of mind and support to over 3,000 people with a range of physical and mental health challenges.

One such customer is mum of two, Katie Paine, who has had door exit sensors installed to alert her when her son Stephen, six, tries to leave the house without an adult – which he did last year, triggering a police helicopter search.

The incident was the final straw for Katie, who happened to see an advert for the Beep Assist service and had door alarms fitted by the Futures team.

Katie explains, "The alarm helps because if a door is opened I know straight away and, if needs be, I can go and get Stephen."

Beep Assist's hi-tech sensors are connected around the clock to a response centre. If an alarm is triggered, the customer is guaranteed a reassuring voice to get help quickly. The technology can help people with a range of challenges, from poor mobility and dementia, to autism and ADHD.

To discover more about Beep Assist, visit www.beep-assist.co.uk or email hello@beep-assist.co.uk.



Health & Social Care Forum

Derbyshire Voluntary Action were pleased to host yet another informative Forum in October, which highlighted the significance of a well-connected Voluntary Sector.

Highlights from the agenda include:

Social Prescribing – the Voluntary and Community Sector's ability to respond. Richard Murrell, Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Louise Swain, Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, James Green, Derbyshire County Council

Richard began by explaining that the NHS Long Term Plan sets out key ambitions for the next 10 years. The Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) looks at how this will work at a local level and the key to this is a 'Place' based approach. This will involve commissioners, community services providers, local authorities, primary care, the voluntary sector and community sector and the public.

Social Prescribing is one of the 'Place' priorities and a new development is Primary Care Networks (PCNs) which are groups of local GP surgeries working together. There are 115 GP surgeries in Derby and Derbyshire formed into 15 PCNs. PCNs have NHS funding for Social Prescribing Link Workers who are at the core of addressing people's needs in a holistic non-clinical way. People who could benefit include people who have mild to moderate mental health, 2 to 3 long-term conditions and socially isolated people. People will be linked to local schemes which offer a variety of activities.

James Green added that the principles in the Government document 'A Connected Society: a Strategy for Tackling Loneliness' are the backbone of work happening in Chesterfield and Bolsover. Social Prescribing and Link Workers need groups/services to refer into and Public Health recognise that and want to support the voluntary sector.

Derbyshire Borderline Personality Disorder Support Group, Dr Sue Wheatcroft

Sue delivered an inspiring presentation, in which she shared her own personal experiences, and how this led her to set up Derbyshire Borderline Personality Disorder Support Group in 2017. Since then she has worked hard to connect to Voluntary Sector and Statutory services to support people and champion the importance of a wider understanding around BPD. There are now support groups in Chesterfield, Matlock, Ilkeston and Swadlincote; Sue's ambition is to have a support group in each 'Place' in Derbyshire. She is also passionate about promoting the need for a personality disorder pathway in Derbyshire and to raise awareness of BPD locally and nationally.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Annual General Meeting

Roland Brown, Vice Chair of Derbyshire Voluntary Action, told members how in this climate of uncertainty, DVA had continued to turn challenges into new opportunities. Roland gave an overview of the DVA Annual Report, highlighting successes and DVA's commitment to supporting, representing and promoting health and care voluntary and community organisations.

Roland explained how the year began with the launch of Be Cancer Safe, a social movement aimed at increasing cancer screening and symptom awareness.

The summer months were spent defending the voluntary sector against the threat of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) funding cuts. DVA along with other infrastructure colleagues campaigned successfully in that 100% of cuts that were proposed no longer transpired, however the sector had to take a partial cut in funding to alleviate some of the debt the CCGs have built up in Derbyshire.

DVA secured nearly half a million from the National Lottery Community Fund to begin Community Chesterfield, a collaboration with the University of Derby.

Roland thanked the whole DVA team for their continued dedication and hard work.

For more information, contact: info@dva.org.uk or call: 01246 555908

Merry Christmas from all at Derbyshire Voluntary Action

Derbyshire Voluntary Action grabbed the opportunity to share all the inspirational work of the voluntary sector by featuring our members on our Christmas tree at the Crooked Spire's tree festival. The tree was adorned with ornate framed pictures and descriptions from all your projects, adventures and achievements.

It was the perfect, festive example of why we continue to support and promote all the hard work completed by our members and colleagues in the Voluntary and Community Sector throughout Derbyshire.

We look forward to continuing our work together in 2020.



Funding

Healthy North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield and Bolsover Partnership Small Grants Scheme

Open to voluntary / community groups or even a group of local people within the North East Derbyshire District, Chesterfield Borough or Bolsover District Council area, who come together to support the health and wellbeing of their community.

Grant funding of up to £1,000 per applicant is available.

*The next closing date is
28 February 2020*



**The next closing date is
the 5 March 2020.**

**For more information call
01246 555908 or email
kim@dva.org.uk.**

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Small Grants Scheme!

The scheme aims to help groups with their running costs, e.g., room hire, insurance, stationery etc.

There are four application rounds each year, in February, April, July and October.

**The next closing date is
20 February 2020**

**The maximum grant available is
£1,000**

Derbyshire Voluntary Action will continue to prioritise voluntary groups that have limited sources of alternative funding.

Support to new groups

Please note that Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Start-up Grant is £200. This is to support new or potential groups (or individuals trying to start a group), at any point in the year.

For more information on the Small Grants Scheme or Start-up Grant call Derbyshire Voluntary Action on:
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email: kim@dva.org.uk

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In the interest of saving trees, perhaps you could let us know if you prefer to receive your 'Network' electronically.

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