

# Promoting responsible drinking

**Festive revellers are being urged to drink responsibly over the party season as part of a new awareness drive in North East Derbyshire.**

The North East Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership has teamed up with pubs and clubs across the district to launch the Drink Responsibly campaign in the run up to Christmas.

Posters are now on show in venues across the district, reminding people to think twice about the amount they are drinking, that violence and abuse will not be tolerated – and that those breaking the rules will be banned.

The initiative is part of the wider Safe, Secure and Responsible campaign, launched by the community safety partnership in September to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and to boost pride in the district.

Cllr Peter Riggott, Member with responsibility for Community Safety, said: “We all like to enjoy ourselves during the festive season and we don’t want to be a killjoy and spoil people’s fun.

“However, we do want to encourage people to be safe and enjoy themselves in a responsible way.”

***How much is too much?***  
***For more information about responsible drinking visit***  
***[www.nedcsp.org.uk](http://www.nedcsp.org.uk)***

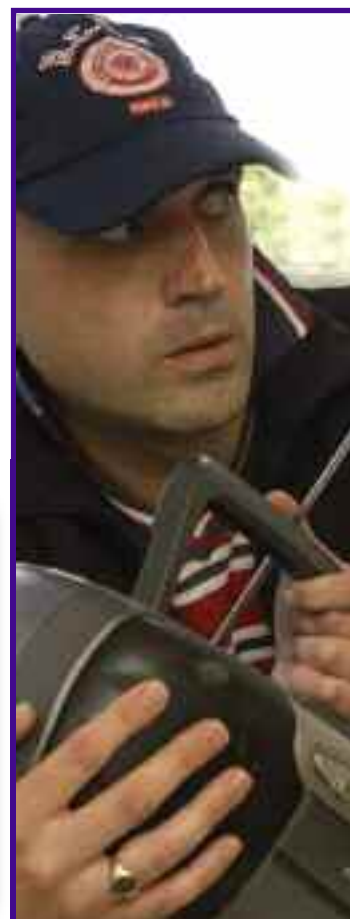


## Stay safe!

**Crime rates in North East Derbyshire are low, but there are still lots of things we can do to help keep it that way.**

The North East Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership has put together some tips to help you look after your home and belongings, your vehicle and, most importantly, yourself and your family.

**Take a look at [www.nedcsp.org.uk](http://www.nedcsp.org.uk) for more information.**



## Want some advice on home security?

**Worried about anti-social behaviour in your community?**

North East Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership is here to help.

Visit the website at [www.nedcsp.org.uk](http://www.nedcsp.org.uk) or call (01246) 231111 and ask for the community safety team for more information.

# A warm welcome

New residents are receiving a warm welcome into the district thanks to the launch of an innovative information pack.

People who have just moved into the area now receive a CD-based welcome pack from the Council, which pulls together lots of useful information about North East Derbyshire.

From leisure centres to local schools, the CD covers a range of services offered by

North East Derbyshire District Council, but also those provided by partner organisations such as healthcare and public transport.

Cllr Graham Baxter, Leader of the Council, said: "Moving into a new area can be stressful enough, so we

want to give residents a helping hand to access local services and information.



Picturesque NE Derbyshire - the view at Ashover

"It also highlights what a great place North East Derbyshire is to live, with one of the lowest crime rates in the country, access to great leisure facilities and some of the best countryside in Britain!"

*The information can also be viewed on the Council's website at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/welcome](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/welcome). To request a different format please call (01246) 231111.*

## Bag a flatscreen TV!

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Residents can now sign up to a new online 'self service' system to keep on top their council bills and benefit claims online – and stand the chance to win a flatscreen TV.

People can now set up an account to view their own Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rates information, set up direct debits, and request their bills are sent by email.

Users simply register on the site, and the Council will send a unique PIN number through the post, which people will then use to sign in to their secure individual account.

Cllr Graham Baxter, Council Leader, said: "We're always striving to improve our services to residents and this new system adds to the growing number of functions people can carry out via our website."

Everyone who has signed up for the system by the end of February 2009 will

be entered in to a prize draw to win a 19-inch HD flatscreen TV with an incorporated DVD player worth £220 – provided by Capita, the company which has supplied the online system.

**Register online at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/bills-and-benefits](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/bills-and-benefits)**

Families in NE Derbyshire are to benefit from new and improved play facilities thanks to a funding package totalling £430,000.

# Funding boost for play

**T**he Council is rolling out a programme of improvements to sites like the one in Mickley (pictured) as part of the Play Strategy - thanks to £200,000 from the Big Lottery.

Facilities in Killamarsh, Dronfield Woodhouse and Eckington have all benefited from improvement thanks to this cash, which the Council secured last year.

## Extra cash

In addition to this money, the district has now been awarded an extra £150,000 worth of funding as part of the national Playbuilder scheme.

Following consultation with the community - and boosted by cash from local parish councils and local organisations - the following areas are set to be improved over the next two years:

- Searston Avenue in Holmewood
- Stonelow Road in Dronfield
- Blacks Lane in North Wingfield

Cllr Nigel Barker, Member with responsibility for the environment, said: "It's great to see so much funding being pulled into the district.

"This, alongside support from our parish and town councils and other local organisations, will see big improvements in play facilities across the district"

Rebecca Sillery (lower) and Jade Clarridge (above) try out the new facilities.

# Your services, your say

Listening to and acting upon the views of our residents is a priority for North East Derbyshire District Council.

Whether you want to help shape our services for the future, comment on a local issue – or simply tell us how we could improve – there are dozens of ways to get involved and have your say.

## Community Partnership meetings

**Have your say about your local area at the next round of joint Community Partnerships and Safer Neighbourhood meetings.**

These are open public meetings and everyone is welcome to come along and raise any local issues they have.

Representatives from the Council, Derbyshire Police and other partners attend - if your query cannot be answered on the night, questions will be followed up after the event.

Meetings start at 6.30pm and will be held on the dates below:

### December

- Wednesday 2 – Clay Cross, venue to be confirmed
- Thursday 3 – Rural, Barlow Village Hall

- Tuesday 8 – Eastern, Heath Primary School
- Thursday 10 – Killamarsh, Parish Suite, Killamarsh Sports Centre
- Tuesday 15 – Dronfield, Gosforth Lodge, Callywhite Lane
- Wednesday 16 – Wingerworth, Wingerworth Parish Hall

### January

- Tuesday 12 - Eckington and District, Ridgway Village Hall
- Thursday 14 - South Eastern, Tupton Primary School

**For more information call (01246) 231111, email [community.Partnership@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:community.Partnership@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk), text to 0780 0002425 (start your text COMMUNITY4U) or visit the website at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/community](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/community)**

## Comments, compliments and comments

*- you can tell us what you think of the service you receive in a range of ways.*

**By phone on  
(01246) 231111**

**By email to  
[connectNE@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:connectNE@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)**

**Online at  
[www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/  
online-comment-form](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/online-comment-form)**

By filling in a 'Tell us what you think' form available at Council bases

You can expect an within three working days of us receiving your comment, and we will give you a detailed response within 10 working days

Ask Derbyshire – keep up to date and have your say on a range of public

consultations happening across the district at [www.askderbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.askderbyshire.gov.uk)

Citizen's Panel – this is made up of a 1,000 people from across the district who are regularly asked for their views on a range of Council services. Visit [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/citizens-panel](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/citizens-panel) to find out how to get involved.