



*Beth-Laura Hardwick, from Tupton Hall School, pictured with Cllr Peter Riggott during one of the workshops*

# Young people voice their views

Young people quizzed councillors and had their say on how their community could be improved as part of this year's Local Democracy Week 2009.

**N**orth East Derbyshire District Council joined forces with local schools to run activities during the national awareness drive, which is designed to get younger generations involved in local politics and decision-making.

Pupils from Tupton Hall School took part in focus groups on a variety of themes, including local leisure facilities, the environment and community safety.

Meanwhile students at The Dronfield School grilled NE Derbyshire councillors on the issues that matter to them at a Question Time event staged during the

week, which ran from 12 to 16 October.

Cllr Graham Baxter, Leader of the Council, said: "It was good to see our young people get involved in local decision-making through events like this and, once again this year, it was really valuable to work so closely with our local schools.

"Thanks to all those who took part in the activities – all the ideas which were generated will be passed to relevant teams within the Council, to help shape the services we deliver."

The Council is also working alongside children's charity, Action for Children, to produce a DVD which will follow the day-to-day activities of local councillors.

## Got an issue you want to raise?

Get in to touch with the North East Derbyshire District Youth Forum to raise the issues that are important to you and other young people in the district.

Run by Derbyshire County Council Youth Service, the forum meets every six weeks and people are invited to put forward any questions or issues they would like raised on their behalf to Chair, Josh Morley, by emailing [Pam.robinson@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Pam.robinson@derbyshire.gov.uk).

To be launched in the new year, this will be available to schools across the district to continue work kick-started during Local Democracy Week.

# Have your say on how the Council is run

New legislation means local authorities like ours must now review their decision-making arrangements which were brought in under the Local Government Act 2000.

NEDDC currently works to the 'Leader and Cabinet Executive' model, which means the Council elects a Leader to serve for one year.

We would like to continue with an updated version of this format (as opposed to having an elected Mayor and Cabinet) – and are now asking for your views on this choice.

## What changes are being proposed?

Under the new-look model, the whole Council will elect the Leader for a four year term and then the Leader will appoint members to his / her Cabinet.

The Council must have chosen its preferred model

by the end of next year – so please tell us what you think of this proposal:

- By post by returning the form below – no stamp required
- Online at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/have-your-say](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/have-your-say)
- Email your response to [john.newby@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.newby@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)

## Have your say on lettings policy

People can have a say on proposed changes to the way North East Derbyshire District Council allocates housing to tenants.

People have until the end of March 2010 to comment on the draft Choice Based Lettings Allocation Policy, which is now out for consultation with tenants, residents and Council partners.

The policy sets out how the Council's homes should be allocated to people, based on their personal circumstances and needs.

The policy is currently being reviewed – good practice to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the community.

*You can view the draft document online at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/lettings-policy](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/lettings-policy). For more information, or to submit a comment, please call or email [sarah.clow@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.clow@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)*

I would prefer the Leader and Cabinet Executive model for North East Derbyshire District Council: Yes  No

Please use the space below for any other comments about the proposal:

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Name: .....

Address: .....

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Please return this form in an envelope to John Newby, Assistant Director – Governance, North East Derbyshire District Council, FREEPOST SF 562, Council House, Saltergate, Chesterfield, S40 1BR

North East Derbyshire District Council 

**You said**  
"Get tough on litter louts, irresponsible dog owners and noisy neighbours!"

**We listened**

**We did**  
Launched our 'Don't Stand for It' campaign – hitting people who pollute our district in the pocket

Tell us what you think. Give us a call on (01246) 231111 or visit [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/consultation)

A cleaner and greener fleet of refuse lorries which meet the highest European emissions standards has taken to the road.



*Cllr Nigel Barker, Member with responsibility for the Environment, at the wheel of one of the new refuse lorries*

# New green fleet hits the streets

**N**orth East Derbyshire District Council's nine new vehicles can be spotted on the Council's refuse collection rounds across the district.

The lorries also bear new 'green' slogans on their side, encouraging people to use the Council's Blue Box and Bag scheme to recycle their household waste.

Cllr Nigel Barker, Member with responsibility for the Environment, said: "The move to this new fleet of vehicles underlines the Council's commitment to going green.

"We're reducing our carbon footprint and doing our bit to tackle climate change locally, while encouraging all our residents to recycle as much of their waste as possible.

"We're proud to see them take to the road - especially as they are also spreading the recycling message as they travel round the district!"

Together we can stamp out enviro-crimes like fly-tipping, graffiti, littering and dog fouling – and make sure the culprits pay, with penalties of up to £500 or a maximum court fine of £2,500.

**Know someone who's polluting our district  
Don't stand for it!**

**Report an offence to North East Derbyshire District Council:**  
Online:  
[www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/dont-stand-for-it](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/dont-stand-for-it)  
Call: **(01246) 231111**

# Help us launch new audio trails!

**Do you know a picturesque walk, wildlife spot or heritage route - or simply a part of North East Derbyshire that has a good story to tell? Then get in touch!**

NEDDC is applying for external funding to launch a new range of audio trails across the district, and residents are being asked for their help to pinpoint what these guided walks should focus on.

Once complete, the new trails will be available on the Council's YOURspace website for anyone to download onto their mobile phone, iPod or mp3 player - to then listen to as they follow the route.

They will build upon the success of the Ashover and Holmewood podcasts, which have been downloaded thousands of times from the interactive site since their launch last year.

Brought to life by interviews with residents recounting their memories of years gone by, the Ashover trail follows a route around one of the district's prettiest parishes.

Meanwhile, people can explore the history of one of North East Derbyshire's former mining centres - and hear how it has become an unlikely haven for wildlife - in the Holmewood podcast.



Download our current audio trails at [www.neddc-yourspace.org.uk](http://www.neddc-yourspace.org.uk)

These are still available to download from the website at [www.neddc-yourspace.org.uk](http://www.neddc-yourspace.org.uk), where you will find full instructions.

If you'd like the chance to put the spotlight on a hidden gem, celebrate local heritage - while creating an extra pull for tourists - please send your ideas to [webmaster@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:webmaster@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk) by 15 January 2010.

The YOURspace team will try to respond to all emails - and watch this space for the winners!

## Don't lose your chance to vote!



Next year's General Election could be called at any time - make sure you're on the 2010 Electoral Register or you won't be able to vote.

Visit [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/register-to-vote) to download a form

## Wind farm opposed

**Plans to build a wind farm at Matlock Moor are to be considered by a public inquiry after councillors opposed the scheme.**

NEDDC and Derbyshire Dales District Council both voted against the cross-boundary scheme.

A final ruling will be made at the inquiry, which is due to take place in February.

For more information see [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/turbine](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/turbine)