

# Recycling rates put NE Derbyshire in top ten

**North East Derbyshire has achieved the tenth highest increase in recycling levels of more than 120 rural areas across the country – and residents are being thanked for doing their bit!**

National statistics, which compare the performance of local authorities covering predominantly rural areas, show NEDDC's recycling rates had risen from 30 per cent in 2006 / 07 to 40 per cent in 2007 / 08.

In addition, since the compilation of these figures by the Sparsity Partnership for Authorities delivering Rural Partnerships (SPARSE) in February, the Council has further built on this increase – taking the current recycling level to 44.5 per cent.

Residents are now being thanked for their continued support for the Council's kerbside collection service and local recycling centres, which has put the district in the top ten of 122 rural authorities monitored in the SPARSE report.

Cllr Nigel Barker, Member with responsibility for the Environment, said: "We must praise our residents for helping us achieve this increase, and urge people to keep up their excellent recycling habits – while helping spread the message to those who may not be recycling as much of their waste as they could."

This increase further builds on a massive growth in recycling levels in the district over the last nine years – rising from just 3 % in 2000 to the current level.



## Quad Squad takes to the streets

**A team of Council employees have taken to the streets to make sure the district looks its best.**

Travelling around the district on quad bikes, the team spray the side of the highways with an environmentally-friendly herbicide which kills weeds – and keeps them at bay.

Designed to protect the road surface from damage caused by weeds, it also keeps the district looking attractive.

Residents are reassured that the herbicide used is environmentally friendly and applied in small quantities using special applicators. It is sprayed in accordance with safety regulations and the manufacturer's instructions.

## More recycling facilities for Renishaw

**A new plastic recycling bank – where people can drop off their household plastic bottles and containers such as butter tubs, yogurt pots and food trays – has been installed at the car park at Renishaw Miners' Welfare.**

The new bank extends the facilities available at the North East Derbyshire District Council site, where people can now bring their glass, textiles and plastic.

For more information about recycling sites around the district, visit the website at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/recycling-sites](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/recycling-sites)



# Arts Connection

*In this issue of 'the NEWS' we take a look at the latest arts developments in North East Derbyshire*

## North Wingfield film and poetry project

**Budding young Steven Spielbergs are being given the chance to turn their scripts and storyboards into a reality as part of an innovative film-making project, happening from June to August in North Wingfield.**

A community celebration event and film showing will also take place in September – watch out for details.

The project has been part-funded by housing and regeneration group, LHA-ASRA, which is working with the Council to build dozens of 'eco-homes' in North Wingfield, as well as Rykneld Homes, NEDDC Arts Development, the South Eastern Community Partnership, North Wingfield Parish Council, and the Community and Family Learning Group.

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Meanwhile NEDDC, alongside Chesterfield Borough Council, helped to host the IAC British International Amateur Film Festival in April.

Film makers and enthusiasts from all over Europe visited the three-day event, which saw 114 films aired at Chesterfield Hotel.

Novices also picked up technical tips at a workshop, jointly sponsored by both authorities, as part of the festival programme.

***If you're interested in trying your hand at film-making, there are a number of local film societies and film makers in NE Derbyshire and Chesterfield.***

***For more information visit [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/arts](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/arts)***



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## Wanted - memories of Killamarsh

Residents are being asked to take a trip down memory lane – to help produce a book and DVD about Killamarsh in years gone by.

Members of Killamarsh Tenants and Residents Association (KTARA) are leading the project, which focuses on the community in the 1920s.

***There are lots of opportunities to get writing – visit the website [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/arts](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/arts) for more details.***

## BLISS Project

Taking up a new creative hobby is a great way to learn new skills and meet like-minded people.

That's the thinking behind the new BLISS (Breaking Loneliness and Isolation; Sharing and Socialising) project, which is being jointly launched by NEDDC, Chesterfield Borough Council and the Alzheimer's Society.

## Find it!

From painting to photography, Culture Vultures is a new directory of arts groups and venues for hire across North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield.

You can view the directory online at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/arts](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/arts) or pick up a copy from your local library or leisure centres.

## Arts and Disability Forum

The next Arts & Disability Forum will meet on Friday 17 July at 2pm at Council House.

***For more information about any of these projects, please contact Kay Ogilvie on (01246) 217510 or email [kay.ogilvie@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:kay.ogilvie@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)***