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News from DDCVS

It has been a period of considerable change at Derbyshire Dales CVS over the last couple of months, with several new members of staff starting, and one member of staff moving on. As reported in the last edition of Quart, Carolyn Walker, Rebecca Goodman and Frances Ashfield all joined the CVS during April. In addition, Trish King, the Signposting worker for Chesterfield has now joined the team. (More about Signposting and Support Services later in this edition of *Quart*.)

Marion Beloe, who has been with DDCVS since 2005, took up a new post at Stoke PCT in April. We wish her well in her new job. We are now recruiting a new Development Worker and we hope to have someone in post shortly.

Sarah Paisley and Beth Lawrence are both currently on Maternity Leave, and readers of Quart will be pleased to hear

that they have both had their babies (a girl and a boy respectively) and all of them are doing well.

So it's been a busy period for everyone at DDCVS. With new projects starting, a major new contract in place, several new staff, our Open Day in May, and our current recruitment, there has certainly been lots going on. And as ever we have been busy with our usual advice, information and support to local voluntary sector organisations.

Quart and other information about DDCVS are available in larger print, in Braille or on audiotape. Please let us know if you require information in any of these formats.

Celebrating People Award

Once again, Derbyshire Dales CVS will be seeking applications for its Celebrating People Award. The annual award is given to a local group that has made an outstanding contribution to the local voluntary sector during the previous year. An information sheet and application form are enclosed with this edition of *Quart*. The winning group will receive a prize of £100 plus a certificate and plaque, which will be presented at our AGM in September. Please apply on behalf of your group, or encourage someone else to apply.

Signposting and Support Services for Derbyshire

DDCVS has recently been awarded the contract for Signposting and Support for Derbyshire. As many of you will know, we have been running the Signpost project for the last few years, delivering support to families in the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak. We have now formed an alliance with South Derbyshire CVS, Amber Valley CVS and North East Derbyshire CAB to deliver these services across Derbyshire. The new contract is effective from 1st June 2008. As mentioned earlier, in

addition to Derbyshire Dales and High Peak, DDCVS is now delivering the service in the Borough of Chesterfield, and we are delighted that the Signposting worker for Chesterfield, Trish King, has joined our staff team. Carolyn Walker has also made an excellent start in her role as Signpost Worker in High Peak and Derbyshire Dales. Signpost can be contacted on 01629 810 900 (HP and DD) or 07918 639272 (Chesterfield).

Health Trainer Project

Rebecca Goodman has now started in her new role as Trainee Health Trainer on Hurst Farm Estate in Matlock. Rebecca has already completed her level two training and is now working on level three.

Health Trainers work with individuals and groups in the community to address health inequalities and to encourage people to be healthier. Health Trainers might work with people on topics such as nutrition and healthy eating, losing weight, giving up smoking, alcohol consumption, getting fitter, sexual health and emotional wellbeing. Rebecca is based at the Children's Centre at Castle View, Matlock and can be contacted on 01629 581867.

Open Day at the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell

DDCVS and Derbyshire Dales District Council recently held an open day at the ABC to highlight the various voluntary, statutory and commercial services that operate from the Centre. We were very pleased that Cllrs Ken Bull and Carol Walker were able to attend the event, and we are grateful to the Babbling Vagabonds Theatre Company for their performance on the day.

Later this year, the ABC will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of its opening, and DDCVS will be involved in this event, so look out for more information about this in due course.

Display space at DDCVS

If you would like DDCVS to display information about your group at its premises at the Agricultural Business Centre, please let us know. Leaflets, flyers, posters and brochures can be displayed. Hundreds - sometimes thousands! - of people pass through the ABC every week, so it provides an excellent venue for promoting your group to a wider audience. If you would like to display some information, please give us a call on 01629 812154.

Funding

Derbyshire Dales Health Development Fund

DDCVS is once again seeking applications for its small grants scheme that is administered on behalf of the Derbyshire PCT. Up to £350 can be awarded to any local group that is contributing to the health and well-being of people in the Derbyshire Dales. For an application form and more information call 01629 812154, or go to the funding page on our website at www.ddcvs.org.uk.

WREN Small Grants Scheme

The WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) Small Grants Scheme has been established to assist applicants looking for funding for small projects that can make a real difference to a local community. Funding applications between £2,000 and £15,000 will be considered by the panel, and will fund a wide range of work concerned with the environment and living and working space. For more information about this, and WREN's other grants schemes, go to www.wren.org.uk or call 01953 717165.

Big Lottery Fund launches Changing Spaces programme

The BLF's Changing Spaces programme was launched in June 2008. It will invest around £200 million in environmental projects in England, including schemes to improve green spaces, grow local food and help local groups to reduce the amount of energy they use. The funding is split into five programme headings, these being:

- Community Sustainable Energy
- Community Spaces
- Ecominds
- Access to Nature
- Local Food

For more information call the Advice Line on 0845 3 671 671.

Local, Regional and National Voluntary Sector News

Farming Life Centre looks to the future.

Local charity, the Farming Life Centre has recently launched its new Forward Plan. A copy of the plan can be downloaded from the

Farming Life Centre's website www.thefarminglifecentre.org.uk. or call 01298 85162.

Derbyshire LINK gives a voice to local people

The new Derbyshire LINK (Local Involvement Network) service is being jointly hosted by our colleagues at North Derbyshire Voluntary Action and Amber Valley CVS. Run by local individuals and groups, the LINK will:

- ask local people what they think about local healthcare services and provide a chance to suggest ideas to help improve services
- investigate specific issues of concern to the community
- hold services to account and get results
- ask for information and get an answer in a specified amount of time
- be able to carry out spot-checks to see if services are working well (carried out under safeguards)

- make reports and recommendations and receive a response
- refer issues to the local 'Overview and Scrutiny Committee'

To find out more about the LINK contact North Derbyshire Voluntary Action on 01246 558924, or Amber Valley CVS on 01773 512076.

Rural Social Justice Coalition works for change.

The Rural Social Justice Coalition is a group of national organizations working to improve life for the most disadvantaged people in rural areas. Together with people living and working in rural communities, the RSJC will highlight the problems of rural poverty and disadvantage, promote solutions and convince policy makers of the need for action. If you're interested in working with the RSJC e-mail info@ruralcommunities.gov.uk. For more information go to www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/projects/rsjc/overview.

Cultivate some advice!

If you are an emerging not-for-profit arts company based in Derby or Derbyshire, you can apply to Cultivate's PROGRESS programme, which aims to offer free advice and development support to small or emerging arts organisations. For more information you should go to www.cultivate-em.com.

Derbyshire Festivals Toolkit

Derbyshire County Council, on behalf of the Derbyshire Arts Partnership, has commissioned an online Festivals Toolkit, which provides a wide range of information and guidance for all festivals (especially those based in Derby and Derbyshire). The toolkit covers all stages from developing the initial concept through to evaluation, and includes details of regional contacts and examples of good practice. It is full of advice and information, tips and guidance on a range of different topics. So, whether you need help with event management, marketing, ticketing, health & safety, or even your constitution, you will find something in the Toolkit that will be of interest to you. Visit the artsderbyshire website at <http://www.artsderbyshire.org.uk/>

[advice/festivals](#) to access the Toolkit.

National Award for Sustainable Youlgrave

Derbyshire Dales organisation, Sustainable Youlgrave, has won the Community Action section of the national Future Friendly Awards 2008. Congratulations to all concerned.

Events

Derbyshire Dales CVS AGM

Our AGM will be held on 25th September at the Agricultural Business Centre in Bakewell. Formal invitations will be sent out closer to the date.

That's it for this time - our next newsletter mailing will be in October 2008.

Neil Moulden will be writing this edition, if you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter please email neil@ddcvs.org.uk or call 01629 812154.

Please return this page to Janet Smith **if the details for your organisation have changed or if you would like to be added or removed from our mailing list.**

We may disclose your information to other voluntary and community groups or statutory agencies where we think it will benefit either party. If you object to such disclosure please tick here .

We may contact you in the future either by telephone or mailing about other events or projects. If you object please tick here . If you have any query about the use we how we use your data please contact DDCVS.

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