Together we make a **difference**

Sustainable Community Strategy 2006 - 2020
Refresh 2013 - 2020 summary:

*Bolsover District*
It is more than six years since the launch of our Sustainable Community Strategy back in 2006, and in this time we’ve all seen considerable changes to the local landscape. For this reason, we feel the time is right to refresh the original strategy more thoroughly, allowing us to take stock, assess our progress and celebrate our successes.

As you are aware, during the last six years we’ve undertaken annual reviews to monitor interventions and projects, enabling us to reassess our priorities and adapt our strategic direction along the way, all of which have helped to strengthen the impact in our local communities. Over this period of time we have, of course, been able to access various funding sources to tackle high level priorities, including Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and Working Neighbourhoods funding (WNF). These have been used as a catalyst to bring huge benefit to communities and make a real difference to the lives of local people. In addition to this, the funds have allowed us to lever in other resources, such as European Funding, for the good of the district.

Bolsover Partnership prides itself on being able to recognise changing needs and its willingness to evolve for the benefit of partners and local people. Operating in this way over many years, has given us a wealth of experience and knowledge in bringing together public, private, community and voluntary partners to address the challenges presented in the current climate. The culture of openness, which runs through the Partnership, means that we have acknowledged any barriers and obstacles which have arisen, many of which have been the consequence of external factors. However, our strength and belief in our collective ability to find solutions for a way forward, has produced impressive results, even in challenging circumstances. This is testament to the solid relationships that have grown within Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership (Bolsover Partnership) since it was established over 10 years ago - such sustained commitment to working together is rare and for this we thank you all.

Foreword
by Mandy Chambers and Councillor Eion Watts Chair and Vice-Chair of Bolsover Partnership
This Refresh document looks at three key things:-

- In 2006 we said we would...
- So what difference does it make?
- Our priorities to 2020.

This format has been applied for each of the themes:-

- **Community Safety** – A safer and better community
- **Housing and the Environment** – A better place to live
- **Culture and Tourism** – A better life
- **Health and Wellbeing** – Getting better all the time
- **Business and Employment** – A better place to work
- **Accessibility** – Better access to all areas
- **Raising Aspirations** – Better results, better future

Consultation with associated sectors and groups has been incorporated via key partner agencies, the wider partnership and including:-

- Parish and Town Council Liaison
- Community Voluntary Partners
- Older Peoples Forum
- Youth Council
- Citizens Panel

As you’d expect, this Sustainable Community Strategy Refresh incorporates a significant amount of information, highlighting the tremendous amount of work that has, and continues to happen in our district, steadily improving the wellbeing of our residents, partners and local agencies. However, we have no intention of burdening you with a weighty document, therefore, the Strategy will be available to view and/or download from Bolsover Partnership website, and we have produced a more concise Summary document in a handy format, highlighting:-

- The refreshed vision
- Some of our achievements
- Our top priorities to 2020

We commend the work you have guided and supported across the Bolsover district; it is not possible to accomplish such progress alone, and it is down to everyone’s efforts that we continue to move forward on some key priorities during these difficult economic times. Thank you again for being a committed partner and please promote your valued contribution to the work of Bolsover Partnership by sharing this document more widely.

Mandy Chambers  Councillor Eion Watts  
Chairman  Vice-Chairman
A safer and **better** community

**2020 Vision:**

To have communities where individuals feel safe and secure both in their own homes and within their neighbourhoods. To substantially reduce the level of alcohol related crime and incidents of personal violence, and to have an effective multi-agency deterrent for persistent offenders.

**Together we have reduced:**

- Domestic burglary
- Vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles
- Secondary fires
- Criminal damage
- The perception of crime

**Some of our priorities are**

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Violent Crime
- Serious acquisitive crime
- Alcohol related harm
- Drugs
- Public confidence/perceptions and fear of crime
- Domestic Violence
- Organised crime groups

**CASE STUDY**

The Freedom Programme, Behind Closed Doors and Stop the hurt – call for help were supported by the Domestic Violence Worker. This helped women understand the beliefs held by abusive men; helped women gain self esteem and the confidence to improve the quality of their lives; show the effects of domestic abuse on children; helped women to recognise potential future abusers and introduced women to community resources.

Images courtesy of the Bolsover Community Safety Partnership
A **better** place to live

**2020 Vision:**
Everyone will live in homes that meet the required standard and within communities that are sustainable and safe. Best use will have been made of available land to develop new housing, and recycling and use of renewable energy will be the norm. Everyone will have access to high quality sporting and leisure provision. Everyone will have access to green spaces, and our natural environment will be nurtured and protected to ensure future generations can enjoy the natural heritage.

**Together we have...**
- Met the Decent Homes Standard
- Reduced the unacceptable levels of litter
- Increased the number of residents satisfied with parks and open spaces
- Increased the number of residents satisfied with the quality of the place in which they live

**CASE STUDY**

**Green Doctor:** Groundwork’s original Green Doctor idea offered energy advice and practical assistance to householders. It’s since been extended to include BDC’s Handy Van service with special emphasis on vulnerable households – the old, the very young, the long term sick, and the disabled. This makes GPs aware of energy saving issues when seeing patients, particularly those suffering from respiratory problems.

**Our top priorities to 2020 are**
- Increasing the number of affordable homes and reducing empty properties
- Improving satisfaction with green spaces
- Promote affordable warmth to vulnerable people

Images courtesy of the National Trust and Bolsover District Council
A better life

2020 Vision:
To increase the awareness of and create opportunities to celebrate, share, participate, express and experience cultural activities in and around our district.

Together we have...
- Developed themed seasonal event listings across the district
- Delivered an Olympic Relay celebration
- Contributed to generating £104,206,000 locally as a result of 2,393,851 visitors and sustaining 1,440 jobs

CASE STUDY
Themed seasonal event listings have been developed to pull together the different cultural activities across the district. This includes The Bolsover District Festival 2012; a month long celebratory event to kick start the Olympic Relay celebrations and ran from 29 June 2012 – 28 July 2012. The festival was the first of its kind for the District bringing together all local partners to deliver a programme of arts and cultural themed events for local residents and visitors to attend.

Our top priorities to 2020 are
- Improve information sharing and promotion of cultural activity
- Develop the local cultural offer
- Continue to develop the Olympic 2012 legacy as part of the Bolsover District month long annual festival

Images courtesy of Bolsover District Council
Our top priorities to 2020 are
• Promote Healthier Lifestyles
• Build Healthy Communities
• Ensure Access to Effective Health Care Initiatives

2020 Vision:
A District in which poverty and ill-health are not handed down the generations, where young people are able to grow into confident, healthy adults, and the elderly are able to enjoy full and fulfilling lives well into old age.

Together we have...
• Improved premature mortality rates
• Reduced under 18 conception rates
• Improved the health and wellbeing across 48 Lower Super Output Areas

CASE STUDY
Another key Communities for Health Initiative was the development of A Healthy Bolsover, a health improvement plan for people living and working in Bolsover district. Launched during 2009/10 by NHS Derbyshire County and BDC, the Plan outlines a number of priorities for health improvement based on the health needs of the local population and provides the basis for the work of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership. Key priorities were identified together with recommended actions for all sectors that make up the Group. Together members translate national and local priorities into practical steps to support health improvement.
The district has a robust and mixed economic base that supports locally grown and owned businesses and larger national companies. Tourism plays a vital role in the development of the economy and local people have access to good quality jobs that can support them and their communities.

Together we have...

• Supported the development of major new development sites
• Reduced levels of worklessness despite the economic downturn
• Closed the gap with regional and national averages for unemployment and long-term unemployment

Our top priorities to 2020 are

• Supporting businesses to grow
• Support activity that will create opportunities for individuals to gain employment
• Enhance access to transport, infrastructure, accommodation and finance for residents and businesses

CASE STUDY

The Work for Yourself programme began in 2009 as a bespoke intensive business start-up programme for people with disabilities residing within the Bolsover District. The business support model provides one-to-one support to help clients break through personal barriers and launch their business idea. The success of the programme enabled Bolsover District Council to secure additional funding through the European Regional Development Fund to continue delivery until 2015.

Images courtesy of Bolsover District Council, BNED LEADER, Steve Maxwell and DNCC.
Better access to all areas

2020 Vision:
The ease and access we have to transport provision will mean that everyone can access services, jobs and leisure facilities. Congestion in towns will be addressed and road safety measures in place to see a dramatic fall in the numbers killed or seriously injured on our roads.

Together we have...
- Maintained a low level of traffic fatality or serious injury
- Provided better options for travelling
- Improved a number of cycle greenways

Our top priorities to 2020 are
- Remove Transport Barriers to employment
- Ensuring access to effective health care interventions
- Increasing access to services, facilities and leisure by walking and cycling

CASE STUDY
Ways to Work provided support with other transport costs such as bus/train fares, driving lessons, and petrol costs. This support provided local people without access to a car with the means to access jobs at locations or with shift patterns that were not well served by public transport. Following an independent review of WNF projects, Ways to Work was granted additional funding in 2012 and continues to provide transport assistance to people wishing to access employment and training opportunities in the district.

Images courtesy of Community Transport for Town and County, Rural Action Derbyshire and STAR
**Better results, better future**

**2020 Vision:**
A district in which education is seen as a pathway to prosperity, where young people get the best start in life, but where lifelong learning is also cherished.

Together we have...
- Improved attainment at Key Stage 2, 3 and 4
- Increased the numbers who go on to post-16 education
- Increased retention of 16-18 year olds in structured learning.

**CASE STUDY**
From October 2009 to March 2013 the Raising Aspirations Project provided bespoke support for young people who were either NEET (not in education, employment or training) or at risk of becoming NEET. This support was delivered over 3 strands:
- **Strand 1** worked in partnership with local secondary schools to increase the awareness amongst young people and their families of further educational employment opportunities
- **Strand 2** added value to existing support and guidance for young people by providing dedicated project workers and developed bespoke provision
- **Strand 3** subcontracted activity to Action for Children 2009-2011 and Barnardo’s 2011-2012 to provide support for care leavers.

**Our top priorities to 2020 are**
- Raise the aspirations of school aged young people
- Reduce the number of 16-18 NEETs
- Promote healthy pregnancy, good parenting from early years, and reducing teenage pregnancy

**Images courtesy of SNaP Development Project and Derbyshire County Council**
**Better together**

*The intention of the Community Strategy is to focus on the themes where there is a clear need to bring together different sections of the community.*

Public, private and voluntary sector organisations, community groups and local people work together to deliver improved services and quality of life for residents of Bolsover District. This shared commitment is necessary to work towards the long-term vision and to deal with the key challenges that face us. By working together with our partners helps us to make a difference and deliver the targets and priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

**Community Voluntary Partners -**

Community & Voluntary Partners (CVP) is the infrastructure organisation for Bolsover District. CVP acts as an umbrella organisation for community and voluntary organisations, providing advice, information, and development support services to groups based or operating in the District as well as the opportunity to participate in a range of networks and to influence the policy making and strategic planning processes.

**Parish and Town Councils -**

Each of the 15 Parish and Town Councils have a seat within the Parish Council Liaison Group, which is represented on the Executive Board of Bolsover Partnership. Parish and Town Councils have an important role to play in local service delivery and in promoting community cohesion. As democratically elected community representatives in the first tier of local government (Parish, District, County) your Parish and Town Councillors are there to put your views across when decisions are being made. By working closely with the Action Groups of Bolsover Partnership, the Councils help to deliver the priorities and targets in the Sustainable Community Strategy.
The 15 Parish/Town Councils within Bolsover district are:

- Ault Hucknall Parish Council
- Barlborough Parish Council
- Blackwell Parish Council
- Clowne Parish Council
- Elmton-with-Creswell Parish Council
- Glapwell Parish Council
- Hodthorpe and Belph Parish Council
- Old Bolsover Town Council
- Pinxton Parish Council
- Pleasley Parish Council
- Scarcliffe Parish Council
- Shirebrook Town Council
- South Normanton Parish Council
- Tibshelf Parish Council
- Whitwell Parish Council

Members of the public are welcome to attend regular Parish and Town meetings, details of which are advertised at Community Centres and Village Halls.

More information about your Parish and Town Council can be found on the Bolsover District Council Website at [www.bolsover.gov.uk](http://www.bolsover.gov.uk)

General information about the role of Parish Councils and Councillors can be found on the National Association of Local Councils website at [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk) or from the Derbyshire Association on Local Councils (DALC) at [www.dalc.org.uk](http://www.dalc.org.uk)

Bolsover Older People's Forum -

Bolsover Older People's Forum represents the ideas, views and concerns of its members (170 so far!) on the Executive Board of Bolsover Partnership. The Forum Network is Derbyshire wide and links are often made with other forums to exchange ideas and feed information on a wide range of subjects.
Membership is free and day to day running is carried out by a band of volunteers elected by the forum at the Annual General Meeting. Activities and information days are organised with the help of a support worker from Derbyshire County Council. Bolsover Partnership assisted the forum in securing key people to present at their events and also provide venues.

More information about the Older People’s Network across Derbyshire can be found on the Derbyshire County Council website www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Youth Council, Young Voice -

The Bolsover District Young Voice meets formally five times a year. All secondary schools in the district (Tibshelf, Shirebrook, Bolsover, Frederick Gent, Heritage and Stubbin Wood) elect or nominate six young people as Youth Councillors each - 36 in total.

Young Voice was started as a pilot project and has since gone from strength to strength. BDC has also endorsed the continuation of the Youth Council and award the Youth Council a budget to spend on projects it identifies each year.

**The aims of the Youth Council are to:**

- Build on existing consultation with young people to inform improvements to service delivery;
- Engage young people in Bolsover in local democratic processes and institutions;
- Provide schools with a learning tool to enhance the teaching of citizenship;
- Develop a positive image of young people across the district.
Bolsover District Council is committed to equalities as an employer and in all the services provided to all sections of the community. The Council believes that no person should be treated unfairly and is committed to eliminate all forms of discrimination in compliance with its Equality Policy. The Council also has due regard to eliminate discrimination and to proactively promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different groups when performing its functions.

This document has been produced to provide you with a summary of the Bolsover Sustainable Community Strategy 2006 to 2020 Refresh 2013 – 2020. The full document is available from the Bolsover Partnership web site www.lsp.bolsover.gov.uk which provides details of specific activity and Bolsover Partnership achievements from 2006 and provides additional details in respect of each thematic areas priorities.

If you require a hard copy of the Bolsover Sustainable Community Strategy 2006 to 2020 Refresh 2013 - 2020 please contact the Bolsover Partnership Office
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