



SPONDON NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

2013/2014 Achievements

Working in partnership to improve Spondon



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Neighbourhood Board Priorities for 2013/14

Spondon Neighbourhood Board were focussed on tackling a number of key priorities between April 2013 and March 2014. These were:



Building a stronger Spondon Community



A better built and natural environment



Being safe and feeling safe



An active and cultural life



Creating a healthier Spondon Community

Welcome to Spondon Neighbourhood Board 2013/14

Welcome to Spondon Board's Achievements booklet for 2013/14.



Cllr Chris Poulter

Spondon Neighbourhood Board plays a key role in making Spondon a safe, clean, friendly place to live, work and visit. The Board has worked hard over the last year tackling its priorities and improving the services, the environment, the facilities, the activities available and communicating and engaging with residents and community groups. The Board successes are a direct result of the hard work done by the Board members and the commitment of community groups and residents who care about Spondon, making it a place to be proud of.

I hope you enjoy reading about how the Board has allocated funding over the last year to tackle its priorities. The projects show by working together we are helping to keep Spondon a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

Councillor Chris Poulter
Chair Spondon Neighbourhood Board 2013/14

Board Members

Resident

Susan Miller, Jonathan Smales, Peter Berry,
Fr. Julian Hollywell, Nicola Roulstone

Community Organisations Representatives

- Jennifer Slatcher, Spondon Community Association
- Mark Davis, Spondon Traders Association
- Corinne Eyre, Parish Church of St Werburghs
- Tom Strachan, Neighbourhood Watch

Youth Club Representatives

Jaymie Brown, Courtney Austin, Sian Howard,
Beth Cholerton, Nicole Cokayne, Nicole Oakley,
Clarissa Norbury-Swannick.

Partners

Insp Paul Cannon (Police), Steve Astle (Derby Homes)

Council Advisors

Richard Smail, Ruth Hardy, Tim Banton,
Dawn Dagley and Mandy Douglass

① Building a stronger Spondon Community

Friends of Spondon Cemetery

The Neighbourhood Board has supported a project to develop a Memorial Garden within Spondon Cemetery. There has already been a good response and local volunteers are enhancing and helping to look after the cemetery. Work is ongoing to design and construct improvements to the memorial garden. Thanks to all the local residents and local businesses who have volunteered their time so far, including young people from the National Citizen Service.



Excellent Communications with Spondon Residents



Thanks to all those who keep Spondon well informed

With special thanks to Steve Allen. The Board use the Spondononline website, facebook, twitter and monthly articles in C & C Spondon and Village Wide SCAN

Get involved at the Spondon Neighbourhood Forum meetings



Each quarter, the Board hosted the Spondon Neighbourhood Forum meetings, where local residents gave their views and recommendations.

Themes of forums last year were:-

- Discover Spondon
- Low Energy Neighbourhood Project
- Improvements in parking
- Wind turbines
- The allocation of board funding

The next Forum meeting is at Spondon Village Hall, Sitwell Street on Wednesday 2nd July at 6.30pm

Before each forum you can meet your Spondon Councillors. You can also meet the Spondon Safer Neighbourhood Team, Spondon Neighbourhood Board members and Spondon Neighbourhood Officer.

② A better built and natural environment

Last year the Board identified 2 Highways and Transport priorities:

1 Investigation into vehicle parking issues in the Village centre.

Surveys revealed that additional parking would be a benefit but the problems were not as significant as first perceived. An additional ten parking spaces are to be provided within the car park at the village hall.

2 Investigate parking and access at Dale Road shopping area.

A new one way access has been introduced. Further improvements are being considered by local businesses.



Work completed on Spondon walls

The Board are delighted to report that after much discussion at the Neighbourhood Forum meetings, work has begun to restore the Homestead Wall on Sitwell Street back to its former glory. Board members represented residents' views when the trees were removed from the bank on West Road. The banking has now been replanted with trees and plants to restore its original appearance.

Asterdale School bulb planting

Children from Asterdale Primary School have planted spring flowering bulbs on Willowcroft Rec. Councillor Poulter, together with Neighbourhood Board Members and parks officers joined the year 7 children and staff to plant bulbs funded by the Neighbourhood Board. The pupils did a great job and were really excited about returning to see the display in the spring.



Springfield School wild flower planting



The Board funded a wild flower planting project with year 6 children from Springfield school. Staff from Derby Park coordinated the planting of flowers at West Park Nature Reserve. Thanks to all the staff who attended, including the Neighbourhood Board Members and Councillor Poulter. A great addition to the Nature Reserve.



Christmas Tree Shredding Service

Spondon Neighbourhood Board funded a free Christmas tree shredding in January 2014. Residents and Spondon Traders Association took their trees to Spondon Village Hall to be shredded. It was very successful and over 60 trees were shredded

Tremendous Toposcope

The tremendous Toposcope, added to Dale Road Park was partly funded by the Board. It was a community led project which involved the members of Spondon Community Association and Village

Improvement Committee. They worked with Rolls Royce, University of Derby, pupils from St Werburgh's, Springfield and Borrow Wood schools, who were all involved in the project.



Clean Up at Sandringham Drive

On Saturday 22 February the board funded a clean up day, which included a free skip, extra footway cleaning, car park cleaning and a litter pick, for local residents to bring any rubbish they had. They were helped by Councillor Williams and Councillor Poulter with Neighbourhood Officer, Mandy Douglass and Neighbourhood Board member, Tom Stracham.



Low Energy Neighbourhood Project

The board supported this project which was aimed at giving advice to local residents on how to save energy and reduce their bills.

Last year included:-

- The fantastic home roadshow outside the Co-op foodstore
- Speaking at Spondon Forum
- Visiting community groups in the year

This project continues to be supported by the Board to benefit Spondon residents.



Garden makeover for Haddon Drive

Young people in the National Citizens Service Scheme, in partnership with Derby College, volunteered to do a 'makeover' of the Live at Home scheme garden at Haddon Drive.

The project involved 11 young people who all worked hard clearing the garden of litter, overgrown vegetation and repainting fencing. The project was supported by the Board and materials were supplied by Asda, Crime Prevention Team, Streetpride and the Neighbourhood Officer.

Many thanks to you all for the hard work and donations



Chapel Lane Dropped Kerb

Spondon Board funded the drop kerb on Chapel Lane in response to requests from residents.



3 Being safe and feeling safe



Keeping Spondon Safe

The Board works closely with the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to keep Spondon safe.



The Board Subgroup, Safer Spondon, provides information and security equipment including Smart Water to Spondon residents at community events.



Spondon Bowl club fencing

The Neighbourhood Board funded Spondon Bowls Club £1,000 towards the costs of buying and installing over 100 metres of security fencing. After many hours of work, the Club members have now completed their project to make their club a safer and more secure environment.



Keep Schools Clear campaign

Following a number of concerns regarding inconsiderate parking at school start and finish times, the Board have promoted a campaign regarding safer parking around schools.

The campaign involved local Councillors, Police, Neighbourhood Officers, Fire and Rescue Service, Civil Enforcement Officers giving advice and supporting residents around the following schools - Springfield, St Werburgh, Borrowough Primary and West Park.



Network Rail Safety Campaign



Board Members, Councillor Christopher Poulter and Councillor Evonne Williams assisted Network Rail staff in a level crossing awareness event held at Spondon level crossing in Derby.

The event was held to highlight the correct use of level crossings for drivers. Concerns had been raised about the safety at the crossing. As a result of this Network Rail and the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have visited Spondon schools to promote safety on level crossings.



Free Grit in Spondon

Spondon Neighbourhood Board have funded free bags of grit to encourage Spondon residents to help others, especially the elderly, when footpaths are icy.

Tweets from Spondon Beat



The Board supported the introduction of the Spondon SNT on twitter to keep Spondon residents up to date with current news and events.

PCSO Bannister said: **“We hope to use Twitter as another way of keeping local residents informed of our whereabouts, incidents that are being reported to us, safety advice and crime prevention as well as letting you know of local meetings and events we will be at.”**

Follow Kate on Twitter via www.twitter.com/SpondonSNT. You can also follow Derbyshire Police by going to their website, www.derbyshire.police.uk, and clicking on the “Follow us on Twitter” icon.

④ An active and cultural life

Spondon Alight and Spondon Day

The Board funded Spondon Traders Association (STA) to deliver the two annual events Spondon Alight and Spondon Day. Spondon's Millie Flewitt was delighted to win the Christmas Light competition and is pictured with her teacher at the unveiling of the design of the night. The STA also worked with Spondon Rejuvenation Team to organise the first Spondon Day which brought the village alive in July 2013.

Look out for this year's event on 28 June 2014.



⑤ Creating a healthier Spondon community

Don't Blame the Dog!

A dog fouling campaign was carried out in Spondon for two weeks in February.



The campaign engaged with residents and informed them how to get dog mess cleaned

from the streets and how to provide evidence of offenders. Posters were put up and information leaflets were given out as well as stencilling in the parks and open spaces. HiVis jackets were worn and dog walkers were spoken to, while free dog poo bags were supplied to owners not carrying any.

The Campaign was a huge success. Residents stated they '**welcomed the campaign as it is the biggest problem in the area and something needs doing about it.**' The campaign will be followed up in future. The Board continues to support the campaign.



New Kit for Crusaders

Clr Poulter with the Spondon Crusaders AFC Football Team receiving the new kits supplied by the Neighbourhood Board funding.



New Kit for Spondon Cricket Club

The Board funded and supported Spondon Cricket Club to expand its successful junior section by contributing to new cricket equipment including bats, pads and stumps for the 150 juniors who attend the clubs training nights.

Board members Jennifer Slatcher and Councillor Poulter presented the equipment at the start of the season to the players and the volunteer coaches who provide the training each week for the junior section.



Find out more and get in touch

Ways to contact us

There are a number of other ways to raise a local issue or report a complaint without waiting for your next Forum. Please contact one of the following to report issues:

Derby Direct - 293111

General enquiries or email
customerservices@derby.gov.uk

Streetpride - 0333 2006981 (charged at local rate)

Email Streetpride@derby.gov.uk
To report potholes, fly tipping, litter, dog fouling, grounds maintenance, graffiti, vandalism and damage to street furniture, abandoned vehicles and broken / faulty street lights.

Police - 101 - non-emergency calls

Police - 999 - For emergencies only

Crime Stoppers - 0800 555 111

To report information anonymously

Find your local Neighbourhood Watch

Click on the link and type in your post code !
<http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Your Neighbourhood Officer - 01332 643061

Mandy Douglass, Derby City and Neighbourhood Partnerships, Council House, Corporation Street, Derby DE1 2FS

Email mandy.douglass@derby.gov.uk

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Spondon Neighbourhood Board - Be Involved

Each year Spondon Neighbourhood Board reviews its membership and invites residents to join and make a difference in their neighbourhood. We want to hear from you if you feel you can help make Spondon and your neighbourhood a better place for everyone. It's easy to apply and get involved, just contact one of your Spondon Councillors or email Neighbourhood Manager Richard Smail via neighbourhoods@derby.gov.uk

FORUM DATES 2014/15

2 July - Spondon Village Hall

8 October - Edmund Hall, Edmund St

11 March 2015 - Village Hall

For information about Spondon look on www.spondononline.co.uk