



Shape the Future of Cotmanhay – and Win £25!

Cotmanhay has been selected to receive £20 million through the Government's Pride in Place Programme. It aims to give local people control of up to £2m every year for the next ten years, to be spent on projects that will make a real difference to the neighbourhoods they live in.

With this in mind, the first step is to identify the themes and priorities that the Pride in Place programme will look to address. A short survey has been designed to understand what matters most to local people, the challenges residents face and opportunities people want to see over the next 10 years

Complete the short survey here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/V1IYDR/>

If you would like to keep up to date with the programme, please join the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Cotmanhay-Pride-In-Place-61592935371280/>



Funding applications open for local sports projects

£10,000 will support local teams and organisations to deliver free sport and physical activity opportunities. Grants between £250 and £2,000 to support community-led activities that help residents connect with others, become more active and improve physical and mental wellbeing.

Funding can support: Venue hire, Sports coaching / sessional staff costs, Volunteer expenses, Equipment and resources, Event delivery costs, Marketing and promotion, First aid provision, Accessibility and inclusion measures, Transport supporting participation

Events must be delivered between 1 Sept and 30 Nov 2026 and can't be used for activities that have already taken place.

Who can apply? Registered charity, CIO, CIC, CLG, UA, Faith and community organisations, Parish and town councils, Sports clubs

Applications open on Monday 17 August until Sunday 23 August 2026. Successful applicants will be contacted on Friday 28 August 2026.

To apply, submit your application [here](#) For further information on the application process [here](#)



Family First Partnership

The Families First Partnership (FFP) is a national programme transforming how children, young people and families are supported across England. It's designed to strengthen early help, improve child protection and ensure services work together in a more joined-up way.

To help inform the next steps and assess Erewash's readiness for Family Help as part of the Family First Partnership (FFP) Programme, a short survey has been developed. It will only take a few minutes to complete: [Readiness for Family Help - as part of the Family First Partnership \(FFP\) programme](#)

Please also save the date for a follow-up Family Help Partnership Event on **Wednesday 23 September, 9:30am, at Cotmanhay Community Network**. To confirm attendance use the link below [Erewash Family Help Partnership Event –](#)

You can find out more about the work here: [Derbyshire's Families First Partnership - Derbyshire County Council](#)



Launch of the Big Conversation on Care

As part of the Independent Commission on Adult Social Care, Baroness Casey has launched a **Big Conversation on Care**. This aims to give people across the country the opportunity to be involved from the start and share their views on what a National Care Service in England could look like.

Baroness Casey would like to hear from as many people as possible, whether you use care services, care for someone else, work in the sector, or have opinions on how care should work in the future. The initial conversation is running until November 2026.

You can have your say and find out more at: <http://caseycommission.co.uk/bigconversation/>

The Big Con

Test your knowledge, can you spot the fake:

Derbyshire Constabulary's Fraud Team has launched a regular newsletter, 'The Big Con', to help raise awareness of the latest fraud trends, scams, and prevention advice. Produced by officers working on the frontline of fraud prevention, each edition provides real-life examples of how scams occur, the impact they can have, and practical steps people can take to protect themselves and others.

[Hot off the press: Protecting yourself against fraud | Derbyshire Constabulary](#)

You can contact Tammy Barnes, Fraud Protect Officer, for printed copies.
tammy.barnes@derbyshire.police.uk

Job Opportunities

Erewash Voluntary Action, Community Development Strategic Lead.

22 hours per week, including some weekend and evening work

Salary: £33,699 per annum (FTE). Actual salary for 22 hours per week (0.6 FTE): £20,219.40 p/a.

Erewash Voluntary Action, Community Development Officer (Kirk Hallam)

37 per week, including some weekend and evening work

Salary: £31,284.24 per annum

Find out more about the roles and how to apply:

<https://www.erewashvoluntaryaction.org.uk/jobvacancies>

Parkside High CIC

Community Sport and Health Officer Apprentice.

- Advanced Level Apprenticeship
- £370-£444/ Week for 15 months
- 37 hours including 7 hours study time
- Deadline 22 Sep 2026

Further details can be found [here](#)

2 Service Development Officer vacancies in DCC, Public Health

Supporting the work of the Financial Inclusion team, delivering the Crisis and Resilience Fund for Derbyshire. The national government Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) is enabling a significant programme of crisis support to residents, and projects to build resilience for individuals and communities across Derbyshire. This is being led by the Public Health department and delivered across a broad partnership of external partners and internal teams.

Grade 10 £35,422 - £38,730 per annum

Full Time, Fixed Term - Due to finite funding ends 31st March 2029

37 hours per week

Closing Date 23 August 2026

More info: [Service Development Officer \(2 posts\)](#)

Volunteering at football or rugby matches

Could you spare a few hours to help make a difference?

As part of this year's World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) activities, DCC are looking for volunteers to support them for the 9th year of running the WSPD football and rugby games. Volunteers will greet fans arriving for the game and hand out WSPD Z-Cards. The cards include an image of the club on the front, the club's season fixtures and mental health and suicide prevention information inside.

No previous experience is required, just enthusiasm and a willingness to support an important community event. Next event in Erewash is at the Long Eaton Rugby Club on 3rd October.

To sign up, please complete the WSPD Sign Up Form:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/feYVWSFXX3>

Any questions, please contact luke.oldham@derbyshire.gov.uk

Learning Opportunities

Youth Mental Health First Aid face-to-face course in Ilkeston

The deadline for booking onto the following course is 21 August 2026:

2 sessions on **11 September 2026 (all day) and 18 September (all day) in Ilkeston**

Prior to booking the above please read the information on our 'Become an Adult or Youth Mental Health First Aider' webpage.

Neurodiversity in Sport – Face to Face Event

Date: 10 September 2026, 6.30 – 8.30pm

Venue: Ilkeston Town Football Clubs, Awsworth Road, Ilkeston, Derby, DE7 8JF

- Neurodiversity in a sporting context – what it means and why it matters.
- Traits vs labels – understanding a traits-based approach.
- The Behavioural Iceberg – a framework to support inclusive coaching design.
- Identifying traits in practice – how they manifest on the ground.
- Traits and environment – exploring sensory differences, executive functioning, and social/communication differences.
- Practical strategies and tips to support neurodivergent individuals across various environment

Click to register: [Neurodiversity in Sport Workshop – Fill out form](#)

Tackling gambling-related harm training course

This training is suitable for frontline workers who want to better understand the nature and impact of gambling-related harm by signposting affected individuals to reliable sources of information and organisations who can help. The next training dates to be held remotely are:

- Tuesday, 15th September, 9am-3pm
- Tuesday, 13th October, 9am-3pm
- Monday, 9th November, 9am-3pm

Click this link to find out more [Tackling gambling-related harm training course - Derbyshire County Council](#)



Derbyshire Community Bank – Beyond Banking: Exploring Credit Unions

Derbyshire Community Bank are teaming up with Wave Community Bank and Money Guiders to deliver a FREE session called Beyond Banking: Exploring Credit Unions.

It's aimed at anyone who supports people with money or simply wants to learn more about how credit unions help build stronger financial futures.

You can find all the details and register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-banking-exploring-credit-unions-tickets-1994778652648>