

Locality 1: Oakwood Ward Community Guide

April – September 2026



Derby City Council



“Your Community, Your Guide”

This community guide provides information on your local area including support, opportunities and how to contact services. The Neighbourhood / Locality model focuses on ways to improve health and wellbeing for all, and supports community ownership.

Working across Oakwood, Spondon and Chaddesden, your Neighbourhood Team support and connect people, community groups, local councillors and many other services that work in your neighbourhood every day.

We welcome your feedback on this guide, and we invite you to tell us what you would like to see included in future community guides.

Your next guide will be out in October 2026.

To contact your Neighbourhoods Team email: neighbourhoods@derby.gov.uk



Welcome to the Spring / Summer edition of your Community Guide.

Spring and summer are great times to enjoy the outdoors. The days are longer, the weather is warmer, and everything looks bright and green. It is a perfect chance to enjoy nature and feel better in both your body and mind. More daylight helps your body sleep better and can lift your mood. Time spent in nature can help you feel happier and healthier, as well as helping you move more and breathe fresh air. Studies show that spending just 20 minutes a day outside can help lower stress.

You don't need to travel far. Oakwood has some lovely green spaces available. Chaddesden Woods is a fantastic place for a walk. You can see the changing seasons as new leaves appear on the trees, and the wonderful display of bluebells emerge in April. You can engage the senses to appreciate the nature surrounding you by listening to the birdsong or the sound of the woodpeckers drumming, feeling the rough bark of the oak trees, watching for the movement of wildlife and smelling the damp earth after a rainfall. Oakwood also has some fantastic open spaces where you can run, walk or play, or maybe just take a seat on one of the custom-made community benches and enjoy the fresh air.

Easy ways to enjoy nature include:

- Take a short walk each day.
- Play, run, or ride a bike outside.
- Have a picnic.
- Sit and read or listen to nature.
- Look for birds, bugs, and plants.

These small habits can make a big difference. Being near green spaces can help you feel calmer and happier. Nature is good for your body too. Spending time outdoors can help your heart and keep your body active and strong. It can even help your immune system fight illness better.

Spring and summer are a great chance to build healthy habits. You don't need to do anything big. A short walk or a few quiet minutes outside can help. It's an easy way to feel better every day.

**NO PLACE
FOR HATE
IN DERBY**

Derby City Council has launched a city-wide campaign to send a clear and united message that abuse, harassment, bullying and hate have no place in Derby. As part of the launch, more than 40 organisations across the city have signed a No Place for Hate pledge, committing to take practical and visible actions to challenge hate and support inclusion. These actions include working in partnership with Derby City Council to promote respect, reviewing internal policies, providing staff training on responding to hate crime and harassment, and making public commitments to zero tolerance.

The campaign follows a rise in abusive, threatening and aggressive language, including online abuse directed at communities, colleagues and councillors. In September 2025, Derby City Council resolved to tackle and condemn abuse and hate in all its forms, including racist and misogynistic abuse, homophobic and transphobic language, religious-based hate, and hate directed at disabled people. The No Place for Hate campaign has been developed as a key part of that commitment. For more information on the campaign please visit <https://www.derby.gov.uk/community-and-living/crime-prevention-community-safety/hate-crime/no-place-for-hate-in-derby/>

If your organisation would like to show their support, please email CommunitySafety@derby.gov.uk to sign the campaign pledge, to access physical resources and to become part of the No Place for Hate network.



Your local libraries need you!

Whether that's to pop along and explore the many books available, or to use their many services. A new service being introduced in the next few weeks are that all libraries are going to have blood pressure monitors that can be loaned out in the same way that books are. To access these, you will need to sign up as a member (for free).

Are you a local group who needs a space, would you like to improve your digital skills, or do you have a spare few hours where you might be interested in volunteering.

Derby Libraries are always looking for more volunteers to help us extend the library opening hours. If you are interested, please email libraries@derby.gov.uk and we will send you an application form.

SPRINGWOOD LIBRARY - based within

Springwood Leisure Centre

Telephone 01332 640064

Opening hours:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am – 4pm
Wednesday	3pm – 7pm
Thursday	10am – 4pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	Closed

Regular activities at the Library:

Thursdays

11.00-11.30 Rhyme, Rhyme, Storytime
(FREE, DROP-IN)

Tuesday - Thursday

Key Digital Skills
(FREE, AVAILABLE BY ARRANGEMENT – Contact
Springwood Library)

New Service: Blood Pressure Monitors available on loan from the library. The kits are free to borrow with your library card and are available to borrow for 1 week. You can renew once. Pop into the library to find out more.

Community Events and Activities

May 27th - 2-5pm - Fit and Fun Event at Oakwood Community Centre.

July 5th - 12-5pm – Oakfest at Oakwood Park.

Friends of Chaddesden Woods:

April 11th - 7-9am Dawn Chorus

October 3rd - 1.30pm-3.30pm Fungi Foray

Oakwood Neighbours Shed:

Group Meeting – 7pm-9pm at Leisure United, DE21 6AJ.
Dates: April 14th, May 19th, June 16th, July 21st,
and September 15th.

Kings Corner:

May 3rd - From 12pm – Charity Darts Event in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. All abilities welcome.

Weekly:

Tuesday and Thursday – Free Quiz Nights

Wednesdays – Kids eat for free

Fridays – Live music from 7.30pm

Monthly:

Second Monday of the month 12pm-3pm, Community Hub – Welcome Space Open to All. Free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Further Information:

Oakwood Neighbours Shed: Find on [Facebook](#) or their website: www.oakwoodshed.org.uk.

Email: oakwood.shed@gmail.com

Friends of Chaddesden Woods: Find on [Facebook](#) or their website: <https://focwood.wixsite.com/focwood>

Email: focwoods@gmail.com

A polite reminder from the Friends Group if you are walking your dog through Chaddesden Woods, please keep them on a lead and stick to the path, to help preserve and protect the woodland habitat and nesting birds.

Local Area Coordination

I'm Donna, Local Area Coordinator for Oakwood Ward and part of the Neighbourhood Team. I work with local people who want to work out what a good life looks like for them and start to make changes.

- Looking for support to explore what is in your community?
- Want to change your life but don't know where to start?
- Unsure where to go for help?
- Feeling down, isolated, or lonely?
- Wish you had someone who would listen and be on your side?

Email: Donna.Heenan@derby.gov.uk

Phone: 07812 300126

Social Prescribers

The Social Prescribing service can help with whatever has impact on your health and wellbeing, focusing on what matters to you. It all starts with a chat.

Ask at Reception of your GP Surgery for a free referral.

Support Services

Healthy Housing Hub – working to improve the lives of vulnerable people by reducing the risk of poor health and accidents at home. To find out if they can help you improve your home environment you can ask for a referral by any healthcare or social care worker.

Or contact them on -

Phone: 01332 640163.

Email: healthyhousing@derby.gov.uk

The Handyperson Service – a helping hand with home repairs for older people. This service can help with small jobs such as installing grab rails, smoke detectors, or toilet seat repairs.

Handyperson Contact: 01332 640134,

or email: home.repairs@derby.gov.uk

Community Care Hub – Provides a foodbank, with fortnightly community meals and a space for a warm drink and support. Based in Craddock Avenue Community Room, Spondon, DE21 7HT. Contact: communitychspondon@hotmail.com

Bereavement Support Hub – a peer support group lead by trained volunteers from Treetops Hospice. A drop-in session to find support and connect with others dealing with grief. Every Thursday at Oakwood Community Centre, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Community Safety

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) where you live can make life miserable. Report it, and we can deal with it. Derby City Council works in partnership with Derbyshire Constabulary, Derby Homes, and other social housing providers to deal with it.

If you don't live in social housing, report ASB to Derby City Council. Telephone 01332 640000.

If you're a Derby Homes tenant, or the noise or ASB is coming from a Derby Homes tenant or property, report it directly to the Derby Homes ASB team. Telephone 01332 888777.

If your landlord is another housing association in Derby, report any issues to them first before contacting the Council or police.

Useful Contacts

Neighbourhood Team

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Ward Councillors

Matthew Eyre – Matthew.Eyre@derby.gov.uk

Freya Trehwella – Freya.Trehwella@derby.gov.uk

Jamie Mulhall – Jamie.Mulhall@derby.gov.uk

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service

If you would like fire safety advice, information on Kitchen Safety or information on Safe and Well checks, please visit www.derbys-fire.gov.uk or call 01332 777850.

Direct Help & Advice (Derby Law Centre)

Information and advice around debt, housing issues & homelessness: 01332 287 850.

Community Legal Advice Service (Derby University)

Free legal advice clinic. Contact:

communitylegaladvice@derby.ac.uk