

# Community News

**Information for local groups, societies, clubs, parish and town councils**  
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## **Show your Derbyshire Spirit**

There has been a truly heartwarming response from our Derbyshire communities to the coronavirus outbreak. Despite the challenges faced by all of us, people have been pulling together like never before.

We are celebrating this collective show of strength through the Derbyshire Spirit campaign and want to see your tales of our Derbyshire Spirit in action.

Perhaps you are doing your bit by volunteering, keeping people in your community connected or just simply following the guidance. You might also be showing your support for the key workers keeping us all going.

Let us know what you, your family, friends and communities are doing to help in these unprecedented times and see how others are showing the Derbyshire Spirit by visiting [derbyshirespirit.derbyshire.gov.uk](https://derbyshirespirit.derbyshire.gov.uk). You can email your stories, pictures and videos to [derbyshirespirit@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:derbyshirespirit@derbyshire.gov.uk) and use #DerbyshireSpirit on social media



## Update on our household waste recycling centres

We are doing all we can to get our household waste recycling centres re-open as soon as we can, but this is going to take a few weeks rather than a few days.

Before we re-open we need to make sure that we consider all of the practicalities, like putting social distancing measures in place, and make sure that our contractors can deal with the waste that people bring into us, many of whom have been closed since lockdown started.

We're pulling all the stops out to make this happen as quickly as possible, and as soon as we can confirm a date we will let people know.

We will also need to work with the police as we will need their agreement for plans to manage the traffic around many of our sites, especially those next to major roads. And we need the Government to make it clear that visiting a site is classed as an essential journey.

We'll also be continuing our discussions with our colleagues in the districts and boroughs to make sure that before we do re-open that they are on top of all the kerbside collections so that there should no need to bring excess normal domestic waste to our centres.

We are also consulting with our neighbouring County Councils through the County Council Network to see if we can all open on the same date which will avoid people from one area visiting another.

### Pothole blitz



Since the start of the lockdown period our road workers have fixed more than 10,500 potholes.

Our workers have been working hard throughout lockdown to ensure Derbyshire roads are safe for all who use them.

The number of potholes had increased earlier this year due to storm Ciara and Dennis in February. Find out more [here](#).

## Community Response Unit

Help if you  
need it

