



**SPONDON  
NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD**

**2012/13 Achievements**

**Working in partnership to  
improve Spondon**



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Board

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# Spondon Neighbourhood Board - About the Board and its aims

**Spondon Neighbourhood Board consists of local residents, community group representatives, local councillors and public services such as Police, Derby Homes and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service who all work together to improve the Spondon area and community.**

The Board leads on behalf of the Spondon neighbourhood and aims to improve relationships between Spondon communities and public services, agree priorities for your neighbourhood and influence decisions that reflect the views of local residents. It meets every three months to review actions against local priorities, find ways to tackle local issues and encourage local people to take part in decisions about their lives and communities.

## **Spondon Neighbourhood Board aims to:**

- create a vision for Spondon neighbourhood
- set local priorities and plans
- encourage local people to take part in decisions about their lives and the Spondon community
- strengthen the role of the Spondon councillors as community leaders
- create better relationships between the Spondon community and public services
- support public services to work with the Spondon communities.

## **Current Board Members**

### **Chair and Vice Chairs:**

The Board is chaired by Councillor Harvey Jennings, with Councillor Chris Poulter and Councillor Evonne Williams as vice chairs.

### **Resident Board members:**

Angie Doughty, Susan Miller, Peter Berry, Father Julian Hollywell.

### **Council Advisors:**

Richard Smail, Ruth Hardy and Dawn Dagley

### **Community Organisations representatives:**

Jennifer Slatcher - Spondon Community Association

Steve Bowdler - Neighbourhood Watch

Mark Davis - Spondon Traders Association

Corinne Eyre - Parish Church of St Werburghs

### **Youth Club representatives:**

Sian Howard, Courtney Austin, Beth Cholerton,

Jodie Miller, Nicole Cockayne

## **Board sub groups**

In addition to the main Board, there are a number of sub groups who each help identify actions to tackle the Board priorities. The Sub groups are:

- Village Rejuvenation Team -
- Highways, Cleaner, Greener, Planning -
- Safer Spondon -
- Spondon Youth Initiative -
- Communications -

**Over the next few pages, you can find out more about all the work that Spondon Neighbourhood Board has undertaken and supported in the local area over the past 12 months and how these efforts are helping to further improve life for all in Spondon.**

# Spondon Neighbourhood Board - Priorities in 2012/13

The Board leads and funds a wide range of initiatives around Spondon with a view to tackling a number of key priorities for the local area. The Board is developing specific actions to address the following priorities in 2012/13:

## Improve Community Engagement and Empowerment

- Communicate work of Spondon Board
- Gather views of young people and engage them in decisions
- Promote ways to get involved
- Support formation of community groups

## Improve the environment in Spondon

- climate change
- reduce dog mess and litter
- Improve appearance of public open spaces

## Create a thriving and vibrant Spondon

- Promote Spondon as a place to live, shop and visit
- Develop and improve positive activities and facilities for young people
- Promote and improve activities/facilities for older people
- Promote community events
- Access to work

## Improve highways and Transport in Spondon

- Promote 'green' modes of transport
- Make roads and footways safer in Spondon
- Improve accessibility of facilities
- Promote public transport
- Parking in the Village
- Heavy goods vehicles through the Village

## Improve community safety in Spondon

- Reduce antisocial behaviour
- Tackle auto crime
- Crime prevention - dwelling burglary
- Reduce the fear of crime

## Create a healthier Spondon community

- Access to health provision
- Obesity
- Support local GP Practices priorities

## Get involved at the Spondon Neighbourhood Forum meetings

Each quarter, the Board hosts the Spondon Neighbourhood Forum meetings, where all local residents can come along and:

- raise local issues and concerns
- help identify key priorities for action
- find out what's happening in Spondon
- meet and talk to local Spondon councillors and local services such as the Police
- meet other residents who care about their neighbourhood



**The next Forum meeting is at Spondon Village Hall on Wednesday 12th June.**

You can meet the Spondon Safer Neighbourhood Team, Spondon Neighbourhood Board members and Spondon Neighbourhood Manager from 6pm. You can meet your Spondon Councillors and Derby Homes from 5.30pm before the forum meeting starts.

# Spondon Neighbourhood Board - Bring the Community Together

As part of the Board's priority to create a thriving and vibrant Spondon, funding and support has been provided over the past 12 months to a number of projects delivering memorable events for the whole Spondon community to come together and enjoy.

## Jubilee celebrations go with a bang!

2012 saw the whole of the UK celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee - and Spondon once again rose to the challenge of making it an event to remember!

Funding of over £2,800 was provided towards the various preparations for the Jubilee celebrations along with supporting the many celebratory events which took place over the extended Jubilee weekend at the start of June.



The weekend was a big success with many Spondon residents getting involved in the celebrations around the village. It all concluded with the fantastic Beacon Jubilee Party at Dale Road Park which saw the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon followed by the brilliant fireworks finale.

The celebrations were co-ordinated by the Spondon Jubilee Committee, led by Councillor Evonne Williams. Evonne said "Thanks to everyone who made Spondon's Jubilee Weekend and Beacon Party such a fantastic occasion. Spondon did it again!"

## Spondon Alight's festive cheer

Last year saw another fantastic Spondon Christmas lights event being held in the village centre.



Organised by the Spondon Traders Association with support from the Neighbourhood Board, the event saw over a thousand people descend on the village centre to once again soak up the fantastic atmosphere during the night.

The stage at the back of the Village Hall saw some amazing entertainment while the lights switch-on itself was accompanied by a wonderful firework display, watched by the hundreds of families and friends lining the streets of Spondon centre.

It was great to see so many people once again enjoying this special event.

## Thousands enjoy the biggest Spondon Village Festival yet...

People from around Spondon and beyond descended on Asterdale Sports Ground last year for the third fantastic Spondon Village Festival.

This 2012 event featured more entertainment, stalls, fun fair rides and other attractions than ever before. It also featured the return of the traditional Spondon Carnival parade, which was led through the streets of Spondon by the Carnival Queen. Funding from the Board of £2,000 plus a tremendous amount of hard work by the Festival committee all helped to make the Festival another massive success.



# Spondon Neighbourhood Board - Improving Spondon's environment



A Streetpride devolved budget of £20,000 has been utilised by the Board in 2012/13 to improve roads, footways, accessibility, environment, street scene, school safety, cleanliness and much more in Spondon.

## Keeping Spondon clean and tidy

One of the projects funded by Spondon Board to improve Spondon's environment was a 'deep clean' around various Spondon parks.

Residents at the Forum meeting in November asked for action to be taken and the Board responded by allocating funding for a deep cleans around parks. An immediate impact has been seen with Park Rangers collecting a van-full of waste at Gravel Pit Rec (10 bags) and at Ladybower / Haddon, (25 bags) plus chairs, wheels & a strimmer. These large quantities of waste and litter have accumulated over time and, to prevent it happening again, we need residents to take responsibility for their environment and pride in their community.

***A clean Spondon adds pride to the community.***

Two Board-funded 'Clean Sweep' days were held last year where large or bulky waste was collected from Spondon homes free of charge. The two days were held in February and July, with over 2.5 tonnes of rubbish, from general waste to electrical appliances, being cleared during July's collection alone.

## SID tackles speeding problems

The Board has also funded a Speed Indicator Device (SID), which aims to educate and change the behaviour of speeding and inconsiderate drivers travelling in the area.



The device is regularly moved around different locations in Spondon to make sure it is always making an impact, with recent spells on Locko Road, Moor Street and Church Street.

## Brunswood Park makeover

Over 70 local volunteers joined Derby Parks staff at Brunswood Park in March last year to help with the park makeover.



Both days were extremely successful with jobs completed during the makeover including play equipment being painted, benches varnished, vegetation clearance and weeding, tree planting and dog fouling stencilling. In addition, five huge trade bins were filled with waste from the park.

Thank you to all those who helped out - it was all a massive help. Another similar event takes place in Willowcroft Park on 12th and 13th April 2013- volunteers welcome!

## Bulb planting project

Funding from Neighbourhood Board has enabled the planting of 12,000 crocus bulbs in two of Spondon's Parks.

Coordinated by Derby Parks Team and working with two of the local schools, the planting sessions took place in Borrow Wood Park and Brunswood Park in November and the results will soon burst into life as Spring approaches.

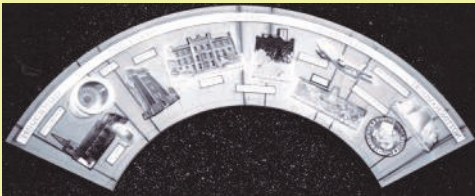


# Spondon Neighbourhood Board - Improving Spondon's environment

## Taking pride in Spondon's open spaces

Part of the Board's Streetpride devolved budget has been used to fund improvements and new features in some of Spondon's open spaces.

Many improvements have been made over the past couple of years to Dale Road Park due to huge work by the Village Improvement Committee. To support this, the Board funded new planters plus a clean-up day at the park, held last June. We'll also soon see the installation of the much-anticipated Toposcope (pictured below).



Another new addition to Spondon, commissioned and funded by the Board, will be a new wildlife carving in the Chapel Street Sensory Garden, intended to provide a point of interest that will attract and inspire all generations. The carving will be installed into a yew tree in the garden in Spring.

## More projects in brief...

The Board has funded many more initiatives in 2012/13 to improve the environment, safety and cleanliness of Spondon including:

- Jitty cleaning around Spondon
- Provision of 3 new street bins in South Avenue, Gravel Pit Lane and Moulton Avenue jitty
- Refurbishment of 16 cast iron street name plates
- Landscaping improvements to Lodge Lane area under steps at A52 footbridge
- Planting of trees, shrubs and bulbs in verges, open space and 'derelict' land
- Renewal and cleaning of bollards around the village
- Deep clean of Oxford Street plus gully cleans on Chapel Street, Oxford Street, opposite St Werburgh's school and junction of Brecon Close & Locko Road.

## New Route 66 cycle signs installed

Regional Cycle Route 66 provides a circular loop around Derby and is illustrated on the Derby Cycle Map.

Signage is being improved along the route including through parts of Spondon. New signs will show key destinations and estimated times to cycle to these locations in minutes.



Spondon Neighbourhood Board and residents provided comments about the sign locations in the conservation area, along Church Street, Sitwell Street and Lodge Lane. Look out for the signs, which were recently installed.

## Spondon Town Team awarded £10,000

Spondon Traders Association (STA), Spondon Community Association and Spondon Neighbourhood Board, working together as the Village Management Team, has been awarded £10,000 from the Portas Lipot Funding to help deliver some improvements in Spondon.

The aim is to use the funding to improve, develop and sustain the Village Centre as a place to visit and shop. The outcome of the recent survey conducted by STA has confirmed the priority to improve parking within the Village Centre. In addition to the funding, the Team will also have access to free support, advice and information until the end of the year plus support from a Town Team Special Advisor.

# Spondon Neighbourhood Board - Inspiring and safeguarding the young



## Young Team Awards celebrate the achievements of Spondon's youngsters

The annual Spondon Young Team of the Year Awards, sponsored by Spondon Neighbourhood Board and first launched in April 2011, aim to recognise, reward, promote and celebrate the achievements and successes of young people from Spondon working as part of a team.

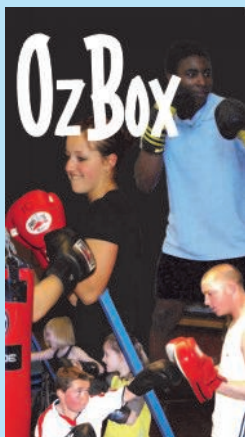
Last year's award was won by Spondon Cricket Club Under 13 Girls team, who received £150 for the Club. Runners up awards of £50 were made to West Park Year 8 Cricket team, Friday Night Dance Club, Hearts n Crosses Dance Team and Craddock Avenue Youth Club representatives on Spondon Neighbourhood Board. Winners of the 2012/13 awards will be announced in the Spring.

## OzBox gets youngsters active and engaged

A new police initiative to engage young people in the Spondon area has launched at Spondon Village Hall.

Ozbox sessions, featuring non-contact boxing training, take place on Wednesday evenings at the Village Hall from 5.15 to 6.15pm.

The Neighbourhood Board have financed the hall and the police are staffing the event. This gives the Police the opportunity to engage with the young community of Spondon and show them that they are not nasty, but willing to help the young people to be neighbourly.



## Youth funding tops £5,000

The Neighbourhood Board has funded youth provision projects around the Spondon area totalling over £5,000 in 2012/13, including:

- Funding for Craddock Ave Youth Club and a Friday Night Dance Club
- Funding for family activities during the school holidays
- Equipment and activities for the Spondon Young Mums Group
- Youth activity and entertainment provision at Spondon Village Festival.

The Board continues to support numerous projects around the area to inspire and engage youngsters.

## Funding for road safety learning in schools

The Neighbourhood Board has funded Pedestrian Training for Year 2 pupils at Spondon Schools, including the 'Togo Nogo' Theatre, aiming to make children safer on their journey to/from school through education of children and their parents or carers.

Through the training, children learn how to safely cross roads and be aware of their surroundings, and also learn how to keep themselves and others safe. The training includes classroom theory sessions plus interactive workshops, DVDs and worksheets.



In addition to the pedestrian training in schools, the Board has also supported Extra Civil Enforcement Officer time to improve road safety around Spondon's schools. Additional patrols have seen officers giving advice for inconsiderate parking and issuing notices where blocking dropped crossings.

# Spondon Neighbourhood Board - Find out more and get in touch

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These pages have highlighted just a small number of the many projects supported and funded by Spondon Neighbourhood Board in 2012/13. In total, £36,000 of funds have been allocated by the Board during the year to projects, groups and individuals who are all supporting the Board's aims in tackling its key priorities for the local Spondon area.

To find out more about the Neighbourhood Board and its work, plus see a full breakdown of all the projects and initiatives being supported by the Board, please visit the Spondon Online website:

[www.spondononline.co.uk/neighbourhoodboard](http://www.spondononline.co.uk/neighbourhoodboard)

## Ways to contact us

In addition to the quarterly Spondon Neighbourhood Forum meetings, there are a number of other ways to raise a local issue or report a complaint. Please contact the following to report issues:

### Derby Direct - 01332 293111

General enquiries or email  
[customerservices@derby.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@derby.gov.uk)

### Streetpride - 0333 2006981 (charged at local rate) or email [Streetpride@derby.gov.uk](mailto:Streetpride@derby.gov.uk)

To report potholes, fly tipping, litter, dog fouling, grounds maintenance, graffiti, vandalism and damage to street furniture, abandoned vehicles and faulty street lights

### Environmental Enforcement Response Service - 01332 642020

To report evidence about fly tipping, dog fouling, fly posting, graffiti and littering.

**Police - 101** - non-emergency calls

**Police - 999** - For emergencies only

**Crime Stoppers - 0800 555 111**  
To report information anonymously

### Derby Direct - 01332 255260

To report issues relating to pest control and for information about the family information service.

### Patient Advice and Liaison Service - 0800 032 32 35

When you need advice, help or information about your local health service

## Your Spondon Ward Councillors are:



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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](mailto:neighbourhoods@derby.gov.uk)

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