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## E-Newsletter Disability Sport - Issue

### Disability Sport Groups

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**Welcome** to the first edition of the Derbyshire Disability Sport e-newsletter, which aims to give a round-up of what is currently happening within the county as well as sharing information and good practice and celebrating the successes within disability sport.



This edition is split into the following sections:

- Disability sport groups
- News updates
- In profile
- Events
- Funding opportunities
- Clubs and other useful contacts

We hope that this will become a quarterly newsletter, and future articles are welcomed.

There are currently six local disability sport development

groups, covering Amber Valley, Derby, High Peak, North Derbyshire, Derbyshire Dales and Erewash. There is an opportunity for all groups to contribute to the newsletter, and submissions to this edition are below.

### **High Peak Disability Sports Group**

High Peak Disability Sports Group was set up in October 2005 with the initial aim of representing the sport and leisure needs and aspirations of disabled people in the High Peak. Almost three years on the group has achieved funding for transport to meetings, created a sports directory for the area, and hosted a successful conference.

This year the focus is on bridging the gap between providers and customers and has found that although plenty of clubs are willing to welcome disabled people and lots of potential participants it is not always so easy to bring the two together in successful provision. With this in mind the group is currently working on a Guide for Parents and Carers and a Club Information Pack. These are both currently in the draft stage but the aim is to have them ready for piloting in September 2008. Watch this space!

The next meeting of the High Peak Disability Sports Group is on **Monday, September 22**. For more details contact

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## **Erewash Disability Sports Group**

Erewash Disability Sports Group has been meeting regularly since December 2007, and has members from both statutory and voluntary sectors, such as health, education, social care, Outlook Resource Centre, Leonard Cheshire, Derbyshire Autism Services Group and Sports Development Officers.

The group was able to influence the theme of this year's Erewash Health & Wellbeing week, which focussed on activities and access for people with a disability. The week included a Valuing Health and Wellbeing Day at the Outlook Resource Centre Long Eaton with funding from Erewash Leisure and the co-operative membership. Many therapies were on offer including Reflexology, Head Massage; and free health checks by a local pharmacist. Sporting activities included penalty shoot out, table cricket, rebound therapy and armchair exercises. The week also included a variety of free taster sessions and activities, including gym inductions, multi-sport sessions, tennis, Nordic walking, wheelchair basketball and access for all swimming. Congratulations to all those organisations which provided activities.

The next meeting of the Erewash Disability Sports Group is on **Wednesday, October 29**. For more details contact Kay Milton on [johnkay73@hotmail.com](mailto:johnkay73@hotmail.com)

### **Derbyshire Dales Disability Sports Network**

The Derbyshire Dales Disability Sports Network has met several times since its launch in November 2007, and members include representatives from health, education and social care sectors, as well as Fairplay, Umbrella and Golding House. The group was constituted in March this year, and is now looking to set up a project focussing on sailing, climbing and cycling. This is currently the subject of an Awards for All bid which is currently being pulled together to allow better accessibility and support.

The next meeting of the Derbyshire Dales Disability Sports Network is on **Tuesday, September 16**. For more details contact Catherine Davies on [catherine.davies@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.davies@derbyshire.gov.uk)

## News update

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### **The Derbyshire Disability Plan for Sport 2008 - 2012 is launched**

Work to encourage more disabled people in Derbyshire to take part in sport and physical activity, by developing new opportunities and raising awareness of existing ones, has been outlined with the launch of a new county plan.

The Derbyshire Disability Plan for Sport 2008 – 2012 sets out a vision for how disability sport in Derbyshire will look in four years time, and what must be done to achieve that. [Read more](#)

### **Boost to disability sport as school gains Sports College status**

The Delves Community School has been awarded specialist schools status in sport.

The special school, in Swanwick, will now become a Centre of Excellence for Disability Sport in Derbyshire.

[Read more](#)

### **Nominations open for 2008 Sports Awards**

Nominations are now being sought for Sports Awards in



Amber Valley, Derby City, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, Erewash, High Peak, and the Derbyshire Dales.

Categories include Sportsperson of the Year, Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year and Disabled Sportsperson of the Year, as well as Team of the Year, Club of the Year, and Community Coach of the Year, and organisers would particularly like to see more nominations from disabled athletes. [Read more](#)

### **Derbyshire schools invited to join Paralympic handover celebrations**

Derbyshire schools are being invited to join the celebrations to officially mark the Paralympic Games handover from Beijing to London.

Wednesday, September 17 will officially mark the build up to the 2012 Paralympic Games. London 2012 is inviting schools and colleges to celebrate and its website <http://paralympichandover.london2012.com> includes ideas of how to get involved.

If you are planning to join in the celebrations, let us know.

[Read more](#)

### **Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI)**

Phase 1 of this initiative developed Derby College, Chesterfield College and Buxton Community School's Fitness Centres into fully inclusive accredited sites.

Across the county more private and public Fitness Centres are being developed to IFI standards and presentations have been given to all Derbyshire Leisure Group Officers on the benefits and the processes needed to become accredited. All potential 'Building Schools for the Future' sites will be kept fully briefed on the IFI initiative.

Nationally and Regionally IFI have been promoting the initiative through marketing and equipment seminars and are developing partnerships with health providers. Across the county all new and existing sites are being kept aware of available IFI training programmes and pre-requisite fitness courses.

### **Derbyshire Dales pupils enjoy alternative PE day**

More than 30 school pupils from across the Derbyshire Dales took part in an alternative PE day at Highfields School in Matlock.

The day was led by sports leaders from year nine, and activities included standing long jump, speed bounce, sprint, foam javelin and shot putt. [Read more](#)

## Success for Tri Relay Team

A group of three young people have completed the Childrens Triathlon at Rother Valley.

Lydia Ingman, who has impaired hearing, and Emma Wilson and Laura Bunting, who have learning difficulties, took part in the event on Saturday, May 31. [Read more](#)

## Rock Scrambling

A party from Golding House recently enjoyed a Rock Scrambling event led by 'Escape', a company specialising in outdoor activities. Peter Montgomery headed the activity which took place at Black Rocks.

The group was kitted out with helmets, and after a briefing the 'scrambling' began. [Read more](#)

## Chance to Shine

The Derbyshire Cricket Club received funding for the Chance to Shine scheme. The funding for this scheme allowed community coaches to go into three special schools and deliver specialised coaching. [Read more](#)

## School Competitions

Derby school pupils have taken part in a number of sporting events in recent weeks, including a swimming gala at Queen's Street Leisure Centre, where more than 70 pupils from a range of special schools in the city participated. [Read more](#)

## **Derbyshire athletes selected for Paralympics**

Derbyshire athletes David Ellis, Alex Jewitt, John Hall, Anthony Kappes and Leon Taylor will be competing at the Paralympics in September.

Swimmer David Ellis (pictured above), from Heanor, booked his place in Beijing with a British record swim in the 200m individual medley.

Alex Jewitt, from Dronfield, is part of the eight-strong GB wheelchair tennis team, and Chesterfield's Jon Hall is part of the wheelchair basketball team.

Anthony Kappes, from Chapel-en-le-Frith, is part of the ten-strong GB cycling team, and footballer Leon Taylor, from Chaddesden, will be a goalkeeper in the seven-a-side Cerebral Palsy football squad. [Read more](#)

## In profile

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Two of the county's young disabled sports performers are among those to have been chosen to receive a bursary from the Derbyshire Talented Athlete Fund this year.

Derby gymnast Ricky Blampied, and High Peak wheelchair basketball player Madeleine Thompson have each received £300 to help them further their sporting careers.

16-year-old Ricky (pictured front centre) competed in the World Special Olympics in Shanghai in October 2007, representing Great Britain and bringing home two Gold and four Silver medals, and was named Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the 2007 Derbyshire Sports Awards.

Meanwhile 13-year-old wheelchair basketball player Madeleine, from Hope Valley, recently travelled to Turkey to play for Great Britain in the European Championships under 22s in her first international game. [Read more](#)



## Events

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**Inclusive Summer Sports Sessions** - Activities include golf, mountain biking and bowling throughout August.

**Disability Football summer coaching** - Every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays at Powerleague Soccerdome (formally JJB).

**Sports sessions for children with disabilities** -August 13 at Shaftesbury Sports Centre.

**Disability Cricket Match** - Wednesday, August 20 at Queens Park Cricket Ground, Chesterfield.

England Learning Disability XI vs Physical Disability Select XI.

**Breaking the Barriers Disability Awareness Event** - Sunday, September 21 at the Netball and Badminton Centre, Loughborough University.

For anyone interested in playing netball, coaching, umpiring or volunteering.

[Read more](#)



## Funding opportunities

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**The Mars® Refuel Fund** is giving £10,000 away each month to sports teams and clubs.

Every month from now until December 31, 2008, it will make contributions of up to £500 to individuals, teams or clubs who apply via [www.marsrefuel.com](http://www.marsrefuel.com) .

Applications are welcome for funds to help with anything from equipment costs to improving training grounds and club houses, but only one application will be accepted per person, club or organisation. Go to [www.marsrefuel.com](http://www.marsrefuel.com) to apply.

**The Derbyshire Building Society Fund** is looking to support sport in the community.

It is particularly looking for applications linked to improving health or encouraging the uptake of sports in disadvantaged areas or encouraging people to overcome physical or mental barriers to sport / exercise.

The maximum grant is currently £1,000. For more details [click here](#)

**The Sport Relief Fund** distributes small grants that will strengthen communities and provide opportunities for



disadvantaged groups through sport or exercise.

Applications are welcome for projects that encourage people to take part in sporting or exercise activities that bring people together, or for projects that help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

Smaller groups having an annual turnover of under £50,000 will be given priority, and applicants can apply for amounts ranging from £1,000 to £10,000. [Click here](#) for more details.

### **Loan Scheme**

Disability community groups are able to loan equipment from Derby City Council. The equipment available at the moment are Badminton Posts/Nets, Indoor Bowls mat and bowls, netball posts/ balls, boccia sets. Contact Mark Dolman on 01332 715317 for more information.

## **Clubs and other useful contacts**

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### **Multi Sports Club, Chesterfield**

Meets on Mondays from 4pm until 5.30pm.

The club has now ended for the summer holidays and will reopen on September 15. All new members will be

welcome. [Click here](#) for more details.

## Disability Direct, Derby

Disability Direct supports young people and volunteers to run a social group for disabled people or those with long term health conditions. The group is attended by around 30 people of different ages and they enjoy talks and activities on a variety of topics including sport and physical activity.

In recent weeks, guest speakers have come and given talks and interactive workshops on boxing, accessible gyms, wheelchair-based exercises, sailability, wheelchair basketball and rock climbing/outdoor activities. As a result of the workshops several disabled people have begun visiting an accessible gym and some have taken up boxing.

For more information about the Tuesday Group, contact Louise Parsons at Disability Direct on 01332 299449.

## Derby Sportsability Club

The Derby Sportsability club started in Sept 07. The club has been running from Shaftesbury Sports Centre every Thursday 3.45pm-4.45pm. Disabled pupils have had the opportunity to take part in various sporting activities.



This club has now received funding to run three more sessions at Shaftesbury and three new sessions at Derby Moor Community Sports College from September. The club is also looking at the Royal School for the Deaf as another possible venue to run the club from in the future.

[Read more](#)

### **Derby City Gymnastics Club - Trampolining**

The Derby City Gymnastics Club will be running disability trampolining sessions from Sept 08 with funding from extending activities. The club will be based from Chapel Street. Places can be booked from August 15. To arrange a place or for further information call Mark Dolman on 01332 200011.

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