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Hardworking young volunteers recognised for contribution to community sport

Hardworking young volunteers from across Derbyshire have been recognised for their contribution to community sport.

Thirteen members of the Derbyshire Sports Leadership Academy – who between them have logged more than 3,000 hours of volunteering in sport over the past year – attended a celebratory presentation at Alton Towers before going into the theme park.

All of the young people have recorded more than 100 volunteering hours through the Leadership Academy, giving up their time to help organise or coach sporting activities within schools and the wider community.

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Derbyshire Sport Annual Report 2008/09 is published

The Derbyshire Sport Annual Report 2008/09 has been published, and approved by the Derbyshire Sport Partnership Group.

The document summarises the progress made during 2008/09 towards the 29 targets set out in the Plan for Sport in Derbyshire 2006 – 2009 as well as Annual Report information for Derbyshire Sport.

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Hot competition at East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Schools Northern Miniathlon Championships

More than 100 pupils enjoyed glorious conditions at the East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Schools' Northern Miniathlon Championships, where the competition was as hot as the weather.

Gabby Storer from Chapel-en-le-Frith High School topped the final scoreboard at the event at Tupton Hall School in Chesterfield, with a grand total of 67 points.

Meanwhile in the boys competition first place went to Sam Genn from Newbold Community School, scoring 62 points.

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Sport Unlimited proves a success in first year

Sport Unlimited has been hailed as a success after figures showed that nationally 177,358 young people completed ten-week sports courses in the programme's first year.

Co-ordinated by county sports partnerships, the programme aims to get more youngsters playing sport outside of school, and Sport England says that it is boosting participation among those aged between five and 19 by giving them the freedom to choose the sports on offer.

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Tight at the top at the East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Schools Southern Miniathlon Championships

Pupils from Etwall's John Port School took first and second place in the boys' individual event at the East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Schools' Southern Miniathlon Championships, in a close competition at Moorways Sports Centre Stadium.

Taking the gold medal in the boys' individual event was Josh Ljuhar-Lyttter from John Port School, who scored a total of 64 points, and closely behind, with 61 points, was fellow John Port pupil Alex Hillier.

Meanwhile in the girls' individual event Katherine Molyneux, from Woodlands School, won gold having topped the scoreboard with 87 points.

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Time is running out to nominate your sporting star

If you haven't already nominated your sporting stars for this year's Sports Awards, then now is the time to do it.

District events will be held for Amber Valley, Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, Derby, Erewash, High Peak, South Derbyshire and the Derbyshire Dales, and local authority nomination forms are now available.

Nominations for the Bolsover awards must be received by July 24, and the deadline for all other districts is August 21.

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Derbyshire athletes selected to compete at European Youth Olympic Festival

Derbyshire athletes Yasmin Spencer, Katie Byres, Jennifer Pinches and Joshua Ward-Hibbert have been selected to compete at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Tampere, Finland.

Shot putter Yasmin (pictured), pole vaulter Katie, gymnast Jennifer and tennis player Joshua Ward-Hibbert are among 61 athletes from six sports currently competing for Team GB.

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Could you be a jog leader?

Jog Derbyshire is continuing to expand across the county - and is now looking for more volunteers to help sustain growth.

Jogging groups can be based anywhere, from sports clubs to community centres, pubs or workplaces.

You don't need to be an expert runner, you just need to be motivated, enthusiastic and supportive of others.

For more details contact Tom Crampton on 01773 571234 or Kate Nelson on 07787 186815.

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New Active Derbyshire website now fully operational

New interactive website www.activederbyshire.co.uk is now fully operational.

A key part of the county-wide Active Derbyshire campaign, the website provides information on how much activity people should do to benefit their health, and what kind of activities they could do.

As part of this, clubs, groups and organisations from around the county are now being encouraged to register their activities for free via the website.

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More than 11,000 people in Derby sign up for free swimming

More than 11,000 people in Derby have signed up for free swimming since the scheme launched in April 1.

The 10,000th person to sign up for the scheme in Derby was 61-year-old Carl Davis, who is semi-retired.

The aim of the scheme is to encourage more people to get active and for people who have never swum before or have not swum for a long time to give it a go, and it was the incentive for Carl to go swimming at Queen's Leisure Centre.

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More than 6,000 people take part in Bolsover Big Mile

More than 6,000 people from across Bolsover took part in the 'Bolsover Big Mile', walking or running a mile around their school as part of the biggest charity event the district has seen for years.

Organised by Bolsover District Council and the Bolsover and District School Sports Partnership, 22 schools took part, with many of the participants donning fancy dress.

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Individual and team success for Derbyshire at English Schools Championships

There was success for Derbyshire at the Aviva English Schools' Athletic Association National Track & Field Championships, as teams from the county won three national team trophies.

The Junior Boys team from Derbyshire won the Durham Cup, while the Inter Girls won the Goodwill Cup for the second consecutive year. The Derbyshire team as a whole also won the Bradford Cup.

There were also gold medals for individual athletes from Derbyshire, with Yasmin Miller (pictured) winning the Junior Girls 75m Hurdles, Yasmin Spencer winning the Inter Girls Shot and Lauretta Curtis winning the Senior Girls 100m.

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Pupils enjoy a variety of activities during National School Sport Week

School pupils from across Derbyshire greeted National School Sport Week with enthusiasm as a variety of sporting activities were held across the county.

The week was an opportunity for pupils to try new sports as well as take part in more traditional activities, with the aim of motivating young people to do more sport.

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Derbyshire Athletics Network is officially launched

The Derbyshire Athletics Network has been officially launched.

The three main Athletics Clubs in Derbyshire, Derby AC, Amber Valley AC and Chesterfield and District AC, have teamed up to form the Athletics Network to develop the sport in Derbyshire, and ex 400m international Daniel Caines has been appointed as Network Coach Co-ordinator.

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Focus on Funding

Sport England Innovation Fund

Sport England has challenged innovators to come forward with ground-breaking ideas to increase and sustain participation in sport over the next decade.

£5m of National Lottery funding is available each year through a highly competitive process, with up to 20 projects expected to secure awards ranging from £10,000 to £500,000.

Sport England wants to hear about innovations that will unlock a major barrier to participation in sport; exploit technology to deliver sport at new times, in new settings or to new audiences; and inspire more people to take up a sport by creatively adapting an existing game.

Stage 1 applications should be submitted to Sport England via http://www.sportengland.org/funding/innovation_fund.aspx by 10th August 2009.

North East Derbyshire lifeguards top table in national triathlon

North East Derbyshire District Council's lifeguards have topped the table in a national competition which puts their skills to the test.

The life-saving team from Sharley Park Leisure Centre in Clay Cross scooped the overall prize in the annual ISRM Lifeguard Triathlon - meanwhile, three members of the Sharley Park team swept the board in the individual contest.

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Company offers free sports equipment for clubs and schools in return for recycling

Reciproc8, a recycling company that focuses on the recycling of consumer electronic equipment, is looking to link up with schools and sports clubs in Derbyshire.

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