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## Derbyshire Sport E-newsletter March 2009



### Derbyshire sporting talent told to "reach for the stars"

Some of Derbyshire's most promising young athletes have been urged to "reach for the stars", by David Brailsford CBE, Performance Director for British Cycling.

The top sports coach joined more than 80 young sporting stars for the official launch of the 2009 Derbyshire Talented Athlete Fund.

During the event, at the University of Derby, David shared some of his insight into what athletes can do to ensure their performance keeps improving.

Former national netball coach Liz Broomhead also hosted a workshop for parents, which looked at how they can best support their son or daughter on their chosen sporting path.

Each of the athletes who attended has also received a £300 bursary from the Derbyshire Talented Athlete Fund and are among 108 athletes to have received financial support this year.

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### More of Derbyshire's talented athletes receive bursary cheques

More of the 108 athletes who have received a bursary from the Derbyshire Talented Athlete Fund have been presented with their cheques at a series of district events.

In [Chesterfield](#), athletes were presented with their cheques by Chesterfield Borough Council Councillor Keith Morgan, Lead Member for Healthy Communities and Leisure, at Queen's Park Sports Centre.

In [South Derbyshire](#) cheques were presented at Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote by South Derbyshire District Council Councillor John Lemmon, Chairman of South Derbyshire Strategic Sports Group; Derbyshire County Council Councillor Trevor Southerd; Hari Punchihewa, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Finance Director of the University of Derby; and Nigel Bonner, Chairman of the Electrical Contractors Association.

Meanwhile in the [Derbyshire Dales](#), Cllr Cate Hunt, Chairman of Derbyshire Dales District Council, presented cheques at the Town Hall in Matlock, together with Derbyshire Sport Chairman Cllr Clive Moesby, Jim Kupranec from the Derbyshire Building Society and Ollie Shearer, Student Activities Manager at the University of Derby.



### Get your entries in now for the Championing Derbyshire Corporate Team Challenge

The entry closing date for the Championing Derbyshire Corporate Team Challenge is fast approaching, so if you haven't already entered a team now is the time to do it.

All team entries close at midnight on March 31.

The event is part of the Derbyshire Building Society 10k run, and will see workplaces in the county battle it out over a 10k Derby city centre route on Sunday, April 19.

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### Victory for Amber Valley in closely fought East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Finals

Amber Valley were victorious for a third year running at the East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Finals, in what was a close-run contest at Derby's Moorways Sports Centre.

More than 120 promising young athletes from across Derbyshire competed at the event, cheered on by teachers, parents and special guest Great Britain Pole Vaulter Hen Paxton.

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### School pupils set to vie for medals at East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Year 7 Sportshall Athletics Finals

More than 120 school pupils from across Derbyshire will compete in the East Midlands Airport Derbyshire Year 7 Sportshall Athletics Finals later today (March 24).

Sponsored by East Midlands Airport, the competition will see winning school teams from a series of district events compete across a number of traditional track and field events indoors.

Schools from eight districts including Bolsover (pictured) will compete.

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### Free swimming in Derbyshire

From April 1 Derbyshire residents aged 60 and over and 16 and under will be able to swim for free during public swimming sessions at local authority pools.

The move is part of the Government's two-year Free Swimming Initiative, part of the plan to ensure a lasting sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

All Derbyshire residents aged 60 and over and 16 and under are eligible, but must apply for a free Swim 4 Life card first by picking up an application form from their local pool. Proof of age will be required. Cardholders can then swim for free at any participating pool within Derbyshire and Derby from April 1.

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### Tapton Park sweep the board at national ceremony

Derbyshire's Tapton Park Golf Club has won three prestigious national awards. The Club has been named the 'GolfMark - Club of the Year' for 2008, and two of the clubs young members have also won volunteer awards.

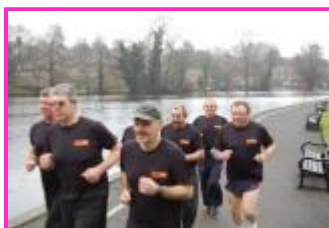
The Club of the Year Award is presented annually in recognition of a club's

outstanding and innovative contribution to junior and beginner golf, and Tapton – owned by Sheffield International Venues - was chosen as the best in England after previously being selected to represent the Midlands.

The award was presented to the club by Jennie Price, Sport England Chief Executive, at the 2009 England Golf Partnership Volunteer Awards at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa.

At the same event, junior members Danielle Kay and Robyn Furze from Tapton Park Golf Club received National Volunteer awards for their contribution to golf.

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### Jog Derbyshire launches Jogging Groups in Chesterfield

Chesterfield's first Jog Derbyshire group will launch on Wednesday, April 1 from Queens Park Sports Centre.

It will be run by Jog Leader and keen running enthusiast John Ashover, who is looking forward to welcoming new recruits to his "John's Joggers" group which is aimed at complete beginners.

Two other groups are also due to launch in April, in Brimington and Clowne.

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### Derby County in the Community scoops award

Derby County in the Community has won the Business Awards Derbyshire Business Commitment to the Community Award 2009.

The charity, based within Derby County Football Club, was recognised for its work using sport to tackle issues such as obesity, anti-social behaviour and employment.

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### Open Disability Sport consultation event to be held in Erewash

Erewash Disability Sport Group will be staging an open Disability Sport consultation event on Wednesday, April 1.

The consultation will begin at 6.30pm at the Outlook Centre in Long Eaton. Refreshments will be available.

If you would like to attend, please contact Carol Stevenson on 0845 9072244 Ext 4328.

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### Focus on Funding

Sport England grant programmes - Themed Rounds

Sport England has unveiled a £10m investment fund that will create sporting opportunities for people in rural areas.

The first in a series of themed funding rounds will open on April 1, and will focus on people in rural communities.

Successful bids will make significant contributions to two of Sport England's strategic outcomes: growing participation in grassroots sport and sustaining participation by improving the quality of peoples sporting experience.

The minimum grant available will be £10,000, but in order to maximise the positive effect on sport in rural areas, Sport England is explicitly encouraging high value, high impact projects. A significant proportion of the successful bids are expected to be projects requiring National Lottery funding of more than £500,000.

For more details go to <http://www.sportengland.org/>

### Also on the Derbyshire Sport website

We currently have a number of job vacancies advertised on our website, including Athletics Networks Coaching Co-ordinators and Disability Athletics Support Officers. For more details go to

[http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/job\\_vacancies/default.asp](http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/job_vacancies/default.asp)

Our events section has also been updated, and includes details of a special offer Derby County FC currently has on group bookings for home matches. To find out more go to

[http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/news\\_events/events/default.asp](http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/news_events/events/default.asp)

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