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Finalists for the 2009 Derbyshire Sports Awards are revealed

The finalists for the 2009 Derbyshire Sports Awards, sponsored by the University of Derby, have been revealed.

On Friday, November 13 the county's brightest sporting stars, coaches and volunteers will gather at Derby's Pride Park Stadium to find out who has won each of the 14 coveted trophies.

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Try something new during Active Derbyshire Week

People in Derbyshire are being encouraged to get more active and try a new activity as part of the first Active Derbyshire Week.

Running from October 26 to November 1, 2009, the week will also see a competition launched to find some of Derbyshire's 'Healthy Heroes', who could help inspire others to try a new sport or activity.

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Plan for Sport and Active Recreation in Derbyshire 2010-2015

The Plan for Sport and Active Recreation in Derbyshire 2010-2015 will be launched on Tuesday, December 15.

A launch event will be held at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, which will bring to life the vision, ambitions, action plans and targets for the development of sport and active recreation in Derbyshire over the next five years as well as celebrating the achievements of the past four years.

Village Games funding bid is given Stage One approval

A bid to secure funding for a new Village Games community project in Derbyshire has been given Stage One approval.

The £538,000 bid, to Sport England's Rural Communities Themed Round, is one of only 30 projects nationally which have been invited to submit a Stage Two application.

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Derbyshire Talented Athlete Fund - don't forget to apply!

The Derbyshire Talented Athlete Fund offers financial help to Derbyshire athletes who have competed for England or Great Britain or have the potential to do so within 18 months.

All applications for the 2010 must be received by October 31, 2009, so if you are planning to apply don't leave it until it is too late!

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Winner of the Derbyshire Schools Matchplay Championships is crowned

Andrew Sansum from Landau Forte College emerged as the winner of this year's Derbyshire Schools Matchplay Championships, claiming the accolade of Derbyshire's best schools golfer.

In the final Andrew faced Remy Beckett from St Mary's High School - winner of the event for the past two years.

But after Remy took an early lead he was gradually pegged back by Andrew, who eventually emerged a clear winner, on the 16th green, dashing Remy's hopes of a hat-trick of wins.

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Plans to help Derbyshire get more active

Plans to help people in Derbyshire get more active and improve their health, by promoting and increasing the activities available, have been unveiled.

The Active Derbyshire Plan 2009 – 2013 has now been published, and aims to get more people enjoying activities such as swimming, jogging, walking, cycling and dancing.

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New rugby pitch is officially opened at The Pingle School

A new rugby pitch has been officially opened at The Pingle School in Swadlincote.

The pitch has been installed after the school received grants from the Wharton Trust and South Derbyshire School Sport Partnership, with the school also raising funds to help meet the cost.

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Local sporting talent is recognised

Local sporting talent has been recognised, with District Sports Awards winners chosen for Amber Valley, Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, Derby, Erewash, High Peak, South Derbyshire and the Derbyshire Dales.

The awards provide a way of recognising and celebrating the successes of local athletes and people involved in sport in the county. All of the winners at district level were also considered for the Derbyshire Sports Awards.

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Derbyshire projects sought for BBC Power of Sport Award

Nominations are currently being sought from sports projects in Derbyshire for the new BBC Power of Sport Award.

The award, supported by Sport England, is being contested in all 12 BBC regions for the first time, and aims to celebrate grassroots sporting projects that have had a tangible positive effect on people's lives.

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1.25m is awarded to develop cycling in the Peak District National Park

The Peak District National Park Authority has been awarded £1.25m to develop new cycling trails and improve existing ones.

Cycling England has agreed to provide the cash as it looks to trial extending its innovative Cycling Towns and Cities idea into a rural location.

The project will aim to turn the Peak District National Park into a haven for

leisure and commuting cyclists.

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Focus on Funding

Cash 4 Clubs

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports grants scheme which gives clubs a chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1,000 to help to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, or invest in the sustainability of the club.

The scheme is funded by Betfair and is supported by SportsAid. Any sports club can apply as long as they are registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis and clubs can apply for a grant by filling out an online application form, which is available at <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Darley Abbey Cricket Club has recently been awarded a Cash 4 Clubs sports grant of £500. This will go towards helping the financing of rebuilding the club pavilion which was burnt down in 2007, as well as towards new coaching equipment. The new pavilion will also accommodate the needs of the Derbyshire disabled players who were actively involved in the design and planning.



Derbyshire teams compete at Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament

Two Derbyshire teams took part in the recent Regional Pan-Disability Boccia Tournament, with the U15 team taking second place in their event and the U25 team finishing fifth.

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New appointments made to support coaching in Derbyshire

Work to develop Coaching Derbyshire, a one stop shop for coaches, has been given a boost with the appointment of Allison Nolan as the Coaching Derbyshire Co-ordinator.

A temporary Coach and Volunteer Development Officer has also been appointed to cover the maternity leave of Andrea Stone.

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Entries open for 2010 Derbyshire Building Society 10k

Entries for the 2010 Derbyshire Building Society 10k are now open.

The annual race will once again be staged in Derby on Sunday, April 11, 2010, with the route starting at Pride Park Stadium before going into the city centre and then finishing inside the stadium.

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The search is on for Tall and Talented youngsters

A nationwide talent search is calling for athletic men over 6'3" and women over 5'11" to apply to represent Great Britain in Rio de Janeiro at the 2016 Olympics.

Tall and Talented is looking for exceptionally tall men and woman aged between 15 and 22 who could find success in sports where height can give an athlete a real advantage, such as rowing and basketball.

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Derventio swimmer selected to compete for GB at European Short Course Championships

Ripley swimmer Emma Smithurst has been selected to compete at the forthcoming European Short Course Championships as part of the Great Britain Team.

Her selection is a continuation of the success story of Derwentio eXcel, the Competitive Performance Squad of Derbyshire's Swimming Performance Pathway, of which Emma is a member.

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