

South Derbyshire CVS

SAFER FUTURE COMMUNITIES
Empowering local voluntary & community partnerships

South Derbyshire CVS provides a range of projects designed to improve the quality of life for older and vulnerable people throughout South Derbyshire, keeping them safe in their own homes by reducing their fear of crime and maintaining their independence.

Funded by a range of different sources including Derbyshire County Council, South Derbyshire District Council and the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership, the projects aim to reduce fear of crime, prevent distraction burglaries, increase awareness of home security and fire safety, and enable victims of domestic violence to stay safe.

One of the projects delivered is the Safer Homes project, which has been running since 2003 and receives £20,000 per year. The project provides a free service providing crime prevention advice and installing security equipment, including door and window locks to older and vulnerable people, with a particular focus on victims of burglary.

Delivered by South Derbyshire CVS, and coordinated by Next Step (Against Domestic Violence), the Sanctuary Scheme aims to enable victims of domestic violence to remain in their own homes, by providing a range of security equipment, including locks, spy holes, anti-arson letter boxes and window shock alarms.

The Sanctuary Scheme forms part of South Derbyshire CVS's Handy Van Network, part of a county-wide scheme, which provides up to two free visits a year

to older and vulnerable people referred to the service by Derbyshire Constabulary, Derbyshire Fire & Rescue, South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire Council. The scheme, which has been running since 2009 and receives £46,000 of funding per year, provides home security and fire safety checks, smoke alarms and energy efficiency advice, as well as a range of practical tasks including installing key safes.

Feedback from the projects has shown an improvement in public safety awareness amongst the clients it has worked with. In addition, there have been no repeated burglaries at the properties where the projects have installed burglar alarms.

The projects are supported by both the Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire & Rescue, with their targets approved by the local community safety partnership, who believe that the services provide great value for money.

For further information on South Derbyshire CVS visit www.southderbyscv.org.uk.

“My wife and I would like to thank everyone who was involved every step of the way for this scheme. They made a great effort and a speedy performance. I feel much safer now thanks to your very organised joint effort by all concerned.”

Customer feedback