

Derbyshire County Council

Awards and Accolades



2009/10

Corporate Resources, Strategic Policy & Budget

- Achieved 58th place in the 75 'Best places to work in the public sector', 3rd highest of County Councils. 207 public sector organisations entered in total.
- Ranked 63rd in the Stonewall Top 100 Employers index, improving our ranking from 94th in 2008.
- Theresa Wilson-Szokalo from Corporate Finance attained the 3rd highest mark nationally in the Chartered Accountancy examinations.
- The following were all Public Relations achievements:
- Winner of the 'Communications Team of the Year' at the national CIPR Local Public Services Excellence Awards.
- Also from the CIPR Local Public Services Excellence Awards, winners for Publication Excellence for the 'Quids In' magazine, Digital Excellence for the Election 2009, Campaign of the Year for the Trusted Trader Scheme and Hard to Reach Communication award for the 'What's Stopping You?' campaign.
- Winner of the Best Business to Business Campaign for the Trusted Trader Scheme at the national Public Relations Consultants Association awards.
- Highly commended for the 'This is Me' and Fly Tipping – helping put a stop to it campaigns in the national Fresh PR awards.
- Commended in the best publication category for the 'Quid's In' project at the national LGComms Reputation Awards.
- Awarded Gold for the Best Community Relations Campaign for the 'What's Stopping You?' project at the Midlands CIPR Pride Awards Also awarded Silver for the Best Campaign 10k and under for the Trusted Trader Scheme and Best Use of Social Media for the Local Elections.
- Finalists in the Best Print category at the national Good Communications Awards for the 'TooDoo' project. Also finalists in the Best Publication category for the Fostering campaign.

- Finalists at the Fresh PR awards for 'This is Me' project in the Public Sector Campaign category.
- Finalists in the Best Green Campaign category for the Fly Tipping-help put a stop to it campaign at the national PR Week Awards.
- Call Derbyshire Social Care Service were finalists in the Internal Service Team of the Year category at the Association of Public Service Excellence awards.
- Finalists at the Midlands CIPR Pride awards in the Best Website or Microsite category for the 'TooDoo' campaign and also in the Outstanding In-House Public Relations Team category for the PR Team.
- RoSPA President's Award for Occupational Health and Safety, recognising 12 years continuous improvement in Health and Safety within the Council

Children and Young Adults

- The VCI GRID (voluntary, community and independent reference group for the Children's Trust) came second and has been highly commended for the Volunteer Passport Scheme in the category of Third Sector Engagement national Children and Young People Now Awards.
- Jess Lee, from the Runaways Project, commissioned by us, but facilitated by Action for Children, came second and has been highly commended in the category of Children and Young People's Champion national Children and Young People Now Awards.
- Tom Stone, at the Belper Drop Inn (a voluntary youth provision) has won the national VInvolved Award for the category of Genius for his work on the Safe Raves project, which CAYA has commissioned, and the interactive graffiti wall.
- Laura at the Belper Drop Inn, (a voluntary youth provision) has won the VInvolved East Midlands regional award in the category of 'Transform' for helping transform the lives of young people in the community. Laura is one of the young people who have worked with CAYA on the assessment of tenders for commissioning services for children and young people.
- The Runaways Project, commissioned by CAYA, but facilitated by Action for Children, came first in their category in the East Midlands VCS Engage Awards.

Adult Social Services

- In November our ISO 9001 award was extended. The new accreditation covers all Disability Services assessment and home care provision and extends the award previously achieved in Older People's Services. The assessment was carried out by BSI Management Systems and the visiting assessor was impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm shown by everyone she met including Service User representatives. The award demonstrates that the Department has good quality management systems
- In November Adult Care successfully undertook the final stages of a retaining recognition programme for liP, the review showed significant improvements had been made across all indicators. The review follows eighteen months of work that the external assessor has also recognised, including internal reviews undertaken by the in-house team

Environmental Services

- Gained liP reaccreditation following an external assessment in August. In the final report, the external assessor made the following comment... *"Many organisations 'do' Investors in People; few are a true Investor in People. It is my view that Environmental Services Department are a true Investor in People in every sense of the word". I think this confirms that our achievement is not just about getting the liP "badge"*
- DCC was Highly Commended for 'The Effect of Climate Change on 3C's Highways Network Policy and Standards' at the ICE Awards Ceremony
- The County Council received the ROSPA President's Award for the 11th year running
- The Department has passed its six monthly surveillance audit of the Environmental Management System
- Success for a Partnership Project at Environment Agency Communications Awards 2009: Entered the partnership category, where submissions had to show how partnership work developed innovative ways of meeting regional/ national priorities and how it had enabled the Environment Agency to achieve greater outcomes than by working alone. The judges said it was great to see us working with a range of different partners. This was a project that successfully tackled an issue that clearly matters to the public and touches people's lives. A huge amount of effort had gone into the evaluation of this piece of work and it should be used as a model elsewhere
- Shipley Country Park was awarded a Green Flag by the Communities and Local Government

- Adam Lathbury was accepted by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) as an Accredited Assessor for its 'Building for Life' system of design evaluation
- Lloyds Register Quality Assurance (LRQA) carried out a three day audit of the Environmental Management System (EMS). The system has been audited by LRQA every six months since the department gained certification to the internationally recognised ISO 14001 Standard in February 2002. The LRQA found that the system meets the requirements of the Standard in all areas assessed, demonstrating continual improvement and no significant weaknesses
- The Travel Smart Initiative Team was nominated for an award at the National Modeshift Annual Conference in Glasgow at the end of November 2009 for their work advising and supporting the promotion of sustainable travel to primary school children in Derbyshire
- Shipley Country Park became the first park in the United Kingdom to install a Changing Places facility, making green space and the countryside experience fully accessible to the thousands of people with disabilities who cannot use standard accessible toilets
- The Waterswallows, Buxton In-Vessel Composting (IVC) facility was opened on 19 April 2010 by Cllr John Allsop and the Chairman of the Council, Robin Baldry