

UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE OLDER PERSONS CHAMPION AND CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS CHAMPION – 28 APRIL 2008

Older Persons Champion



- Actively involved and engaged with a number of community groups in order to raise the profile of the work being undertaken, whilst at the same time using this as a platform to understand the needs and aspirations of our older community.
- Taken part in a number of local and national events aimed at understanding the requirements in this area of work going forward (for instance LAA events, an East Midlands conference on "Solutions for Older Customers").
- Helped to promote Benefit take up work through literature and attendance at local events.
- Formed and hosted the inaugural Older Persons Forum. This has been achieved by engaging members of the local community and encouraging them to take ownership of the forum, together with the involvement of other professional and voluntary bodies.
- Commenced work on an Older Person's Strategy for The District.

Children & Young Persons Champion



- Commissioned a Children & Young Person's Strategy for Blaby District Council.
- Commissioned the introduction of the "Hear by Rights" standard into Blaby District Council.
- Profiled the Children & Young Person's Champion role at a range of events/activities across the District, including the "Kick Out Racism" event in October 2007 which engaged up to 100 young people from across the District in sporting activities/football, based on anti racism as a theme.
- Provided profile to the Children's Centre and Extended Schools Programme which was introduced to the District during 2007.
- Proactively and successfully engaged partner organisations in sustaining youth clubs under threat of closure in the District.
- "Supported" a successful £200,000 bid to the Big Lottery for enhanced play provision in the District.