

# Connecting Rural Communities 1924 to 2024



**Digital Support Derbyshire  
Network Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
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# Digital Support Derbyshire Network Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Digital Health Project – The Bureau – Emma Delany
- Q&A
- DSD Update
- Network Round Table Open Discussion
  - Networking Opportunity
  - Sharing Best Practice
  - Digital Inclusion Project Updates



# Digital Support Derbyshire Update

- **DSD Update**

- Year 2 DCC Digital Support Derbyshire Funding to 31/3/26
- Digital Inclusion Small Grants Round 3 closes 31 March 2023
- Digital Health Project running to June 2026
- PCrefurb Device Scheme Renewed for 2025-26
- RAD/DSD contribution to Peak District Partnership Think Tank 2024 (C2A) **Smart Technology and the Urban-Rural Digital Divide**
- DCC/RAD engagement on Digital Champion Code of Best Practice
- **Government's new Digital Inclusion Action Plan Open Call for Evidence** Inp [Digital Inclusion Call for Evidence](#) Closes 11:55 pm, 9 April 2025.
- **Digital Connectivity advice / signposting on DSD website**



# **Digital Support Derbyshire Grant Funded Projects Rounds 1 & 2**

A total of 13 projects have received funding from the Small Grants Programme

### **Canaan Trust**

digital skills training in safe female only group and 1:1 settings in Long Eaton.

### **Ashbourne Foodbank**

digital support and access to those in need in the local area of Ashbourne.

### **Citizens Advice NED**

1-1 digital support in arranged sessions and home visits in North East Derbyshire.

### **Freedom Community Project**

digital inclusion support to residents in the Bolsover District via a Rural Support Bus.

### **Links CVS Resource Centre**

work with key members of small front-line groups by training and supporting them to use digital devices.

### **Kings Road Area Neighbourhood Watch**

digital support at the Community Hub, enabling fundamental online skills.

### **Chesterfield FC Community Trust**

increase confidence in going online by adding a digital corner to the 'Senior Spireites' group.

### **Connex Community Support**

Tea, Talk & Tech - café drop-in's where people can learn about digital technology in a relaxed environment.

### **Barrow Hill Community Trust**

accessible digital support sessions on how to safely connect online as part of a coffee morning.

### **South Derbyshire CVS**

informal community-based digital sessions to support and encourage residents in South Derbyshire to access digital services.

### **The Zink Project CIO**

support people in Buxton to access online services plus some basic Word and Excel and online safety.

### **Amber Valley CVS**

following up and building on the work of GP link workers, inviting patients to NHS app sessions and attending events.

### **Kelsey Family CIC**

support residents affected by substance use disorder, to develop essential digital skills.