

Jude Lockett**Subject:** GreenSpace East Midlands: News & Information**More Activities for young people this summer (DCFS)**

Children in 18 disadvantaged areas across the country are to get access to sports, arts and drama, thanks to a £265 million cash fund, outlined today by Children's Minister Beverley Hughes. The cash injection comes as the Department for Children, Schools & Families released figures that show that half of all schools are already providing extended school services. However in another recent poll 64% of people questioned said that there are still not enough activities for young people to do over the summer holidays.

Read more at http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0139

Blears hands more power to East Midlands residents (CLG)

East Midlands communities to take over council buildings in Government's 'devolution to the doorstep' drive. Local people will be urged to take more control over disused council buildings if they can show they can do a better job, as part of the Government's plans to devolve more power from Whitehall to local people in a White Paper announced on 9 July. As part of this, Northamptonshire and Derbyshire High Peak will host two of 18 new pilots to help local residents take over council buildings, with practical help to develop proposals to do so - whether an old hospital in Oundle, a town hall in Glossop, a library in Northumberland, disused council offices in Hebden Bridge, a farm in South Gloucestershire, or a covered market in Brighton.

Read more at <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=373377&NewsAreaID=2>

Access the latest information on the white paper 'Communities in Control: Real people, real power' at <http://www.info4local.gov.uk/content-by-topic/communities-in-control>

EDAW masterplans canal basin redevelopment in Chesterfield

EDAW has been appointed landscape architect and masterplanner for Chesterfield Waterside, a 16ha brownfield site next to the town centre. Chesterfield Borough Council and Urbo Regeneration have brought on board the consultancy's Manchester team to develop the plans, which will comprise residential, office, retail and leisure space.

More information available at <http://www.planningresource.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Physical-Regeneration/login/821350/> (free trial subscription required)

Wetland creation to spearhead flooding prevention responses

Large areas of wetlands must be created over the next 50 years to safeguard wildlife, counteract climate change and reduce flooding, conservationists have claimed.

The Wetland Vision Partnership, which includes Natural England and the Environment Agency, has drawn up maps of potential sites.

More information available at <http://www.planningresource.co.uk/news/login/830698/> (free trial subscription required)

**Public Wellbeing: Local action making national change**

This ground-breaking conference will showcase the work of the Local Wellbeing Project, an unrivalled three year initiative jointly led by the Young Foundation, the Improvement and Development Agency and Professor Lord Richard Layard, from the LSE's Centre for Economic Performance. The project is aimed at testing out practical ways of improving public wellbeing in three very different areas of the UK – Hertfordshire, Manchester and South Tyneside. This work remains the most comprehensive exercise to date on public policy from a wellbeing perspective.

See www.localwellbeing.org.uk/ for more information.

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