



Press Release

High Peak Celebrates One Year to Go to The Olympics

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COUNTDOWN TO LONDON 2012 HUNDREDS TURN OUT TO CELEBRATE A YEAR TO GO AT GLOSSOP OLYMPICS

Hundreds of High Peak people celebrated a year until the 2012 Games by taking part in a day of Olympic inspired sports and activities.

Derbyshire Village Games officer Emma Beswick teamed up with St Philip Howard and Glossop Community Sports Development Officer Emma Champion and Leanne Pace at Glossopdale ATP. With funding from Glossop &

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Tameside PCT and the Community Sports network, they put on a range of activities including a morning of Paralympic events like boccia & trampolining, and an afternoon of family and team events like table tennis, football and power shot. The day ended with an evening closing ceremony with a bungee run, cheer-leading displays and more than a 100 medals presented by Mayor of the High Peak, Dave Lomax.

Dave Lomax, Mayor of the High Peak, who also won a bronze medal for orienteering said: "It's been a great day and it's going to be v exciting time - not everyone will get a chance to go but we're all going to be able to take part in events like this and hope more people will take up sports in he High Peak. A lot of clubs have been here showing what's on offer so get out an enjoy it!"

St Philip Howard and Glossop Community Sports Development Officer Emma Champion said: "I think we did our best to start off the Year to Go Countdown in the High Peak. Everyone I've spoken to said what a fantastic day they had. We called it the '50p Olympics' and everyone said there was lots to do and it was really enjoyable and affordable. Clubs and activities totted up more than 500 participants between then so we reckon were well over two hundred people came along. 80 people alone took part in the Paralympic part of the day. All the staff were fabulous. They worked really hard and looked really cool in their green event T-shirts."

Emma Beswick, High Peak Village Games Officer said: "This is just the beginning. We've had more than 36,000 attendances at events, training sessions and classes throughout Derbyshire over the past year. If you're in a village association, a carnival or fete committee, or if you a just one person who would like to make a difference, I am here to help, whether it be through event planning, promotion or publicity."

Barry Fordham who helps run the **Glossop Table Tennis Club** at St Phillip Howard school said: "I had 35 people at the first session - it was bedlam! It's been fantastic. They seemed to be bussing them in! We had a good time. There are 36 teams in Glossop alone - the oldest is 96 and the youngest is 10."

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The Community Sports Trust is a not for profit Community Interest Company. Our vision is of communities where people of all ages and interests take part and compete in sport and recreation opportunities. Communities will have strong sustainable sports infrastructure with high quality volunteers, coaches and leaders.

The Community Sports Trust manages community-based sports development projects. Our flagship initiative is the **Derbyshire Village Games**. Inspired by the 2012 Olympics, this innovative three year project's aim is simple - we want people of all ages and abilities in villages across the county to get active. Our network of **Village Games Officers** work at grassroots level delivering sport on the doorstep.

The three year project is run by the Community Sports Trust in partnership with Derbyshire Dales District Council, Sport England, Derbyshire County PCT and Derbyshire County Council.

In its first year alone the Village Games' team has developed clubs, activities, events and festivals with 50 communities across Derbyshire with 36,000 attendances. 175 coaches and nearly 200 volunteers have supported activities. In the High Peak these include Flash, Flagg, Chelmorton, Taddington, Sterndale Moor, Chinley, Longnor, Wardslow and Tintwistle. The project will be expanding over the next year to other villages and in the Hope Valley.

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