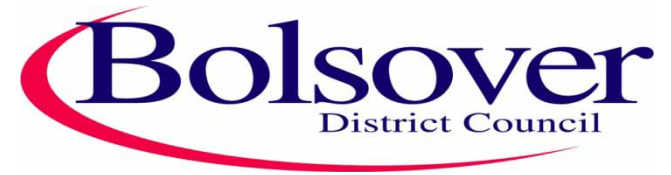


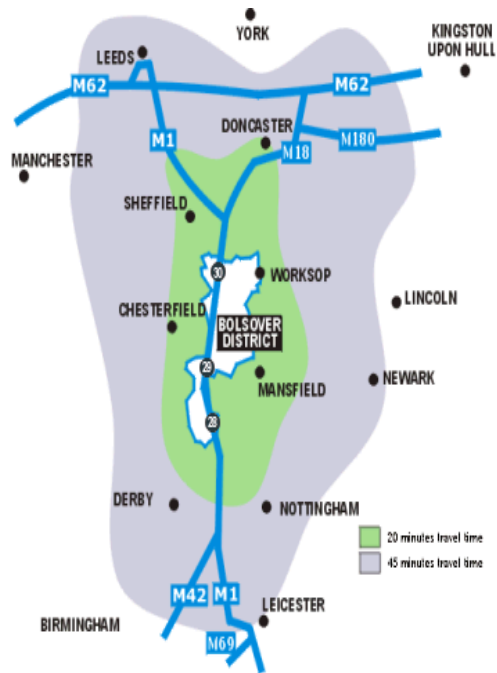
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# Bolsover District



**"A treasure-trove of historical attractions for residents and visitors to enjoy within reach of the Peak District National Park"**



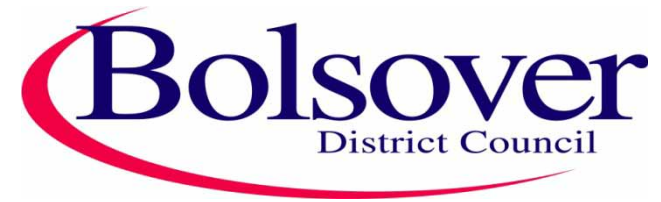
Imagine the best of Britain uprooted and moved to the heart of the country measuring just 24 miles from north to south.

Imagine majestic caverns, historical attractions and tranquil parks set in a rich vein of spectacular scenery.

Imagine bustling towns, quaint villages, friendly hamlets and rural farmland that fit hand in glove with strong industrial features.

Imagine all of this and you have the Bolsover District

# Bolsover District

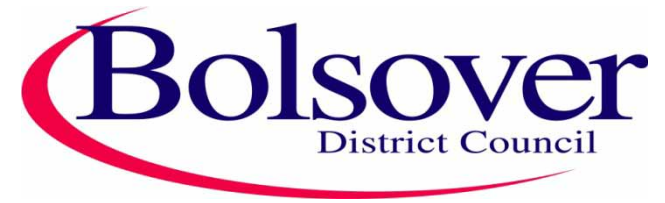


- Total population 74,000 = 60% working age
- High level of unemployment, high level of benefits claimants
- 7% of mothers are between 15 – 17 yrs = higher than regional and national averages
- 31% of the district smoke = higher than regional and national averages
- In 1 ward lung cancer death rate is 127% higher than national average
- 27% of people are obese = higher than regional and national averages
- 15% of working age population have no academic, vocational or professional qualification = higher than regional and national averages
- Bolsover has a significant number of school leavers at 16 who go on to no employment, training or further education
- Bolsover is ranked 55 out of 354 LA's in the indices of deprivation
- Youth unemployment is 59% = higher than regional and national averages
- Bolsover has a high rate of anti-social behaviour incidents

## Key issues

- Health inequalities
- Low academic attainment
- High unemployment
- Crime

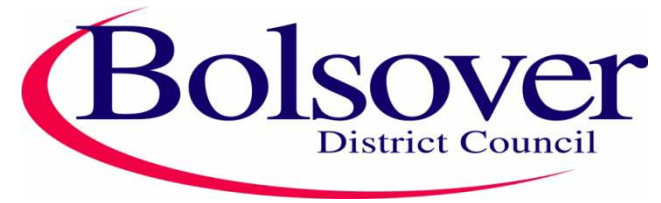
# How can Leisure Services help?



## Targeted Intervention Programmes

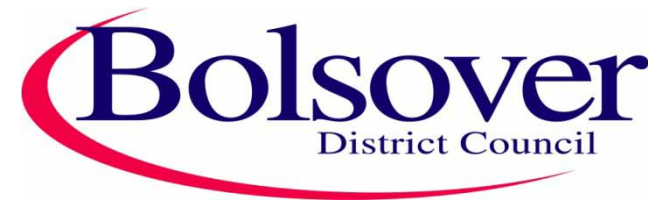


# What is 'Turnaround'?



- A discreet project, run by Bolsover District Council
- Intervention programme to tackle ASB and target known offenders
- It is not a reward for bad behaviour
- It rewards good behaviour, teamwork and taking responsibility
- A multi agency partnership
- A 'brat camp' style project which uses outdoor adventure, forest skills and a range of other fun activities to develop social, communication, leadership and teamwork skills
- It raises the self esteem, confidence and aspiration of those participating
- Local agencies identify and refer the young people to the programme
- The project tracks participants for 6 months after the residential
- A project which aims to reduce street crime & anti-social behaviour amongst young people through positive diversionary engagement & enrichment activities

# The Referral Phase



- The Bolsover Turnaround Camp targeted the 12 most prolific young offenders (aged between 13 & 18 years of age) from across Bolsover district.
- Referrals were identified by local agencies such as the police, youth offending team, anti social behaviour team and Children and Younger Adults teams.
- The district is split into 4 referral zones
- Each of the 4 areas nominated 5 young people (the 3 preferred participants plus 2 reserves) to ensure a geographic balance across the district.
- Contact was made with the young people, parents/guardians
- Sold as a challenge
- We are working towards turnaround being included in any future ABCs & ASBOs issued if the scheme continues to prove to be successful in reducing re-offending rates in those young people targeted

# Project Delivery

- 1 week residential in a remote setting
- Young people taken out of their comfort zones completely
- Cooking, cleaning, no tv, no phones, no junk food
- Up to 12 hours of physical activity per day
- Individuals and team given specific responsibilities
- Emphasis placed on attitude, behaviour and respect for themselves and others
- Hard work and teamwork = rewards
- 10 week follow on
- 2 hours engagement per week
- Activities, other agency engagement, volunteer opportunities, work experience



# Case Study

- Andy (17) – referred by almost all agencies
- All said “ could be a good lad if given the chance”
- Prone to drinking, violent behaviour, arson, hoax calls for service and a host of ASB
- Not from a stable family background
- Cost Fire service alone approx. £80k in hoax calls

- Andy successfully completed the week long residential
- After the camp Andy worked hard on the ten week follow up programme
- Andy became a volunteer for BDC
- Andy now attends college in Sheffield full time
- In conclusion everyone was right “Andy is a good lad when given the chance”

“together we made a difference”.

# The Outcomes

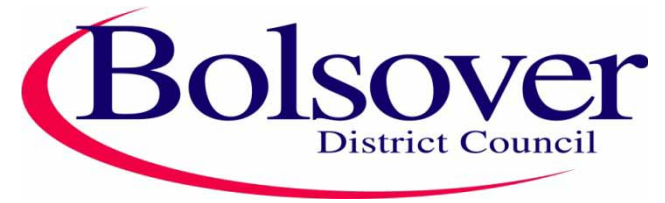
- Improved social, communication, leadership & teamwork skills
- Raised self esteem, confidence & aspirations
- A sense of hope, self belief and personal discipline

Which resulted in:

- 1 young person joined the Army
- 3 entered part time employment
- 1 attends college and is a volunteer with BDC
- 1 is a regular attendee with the army cadets
- 11 of the 12 did not go on to re-offend
- Most have better relationships with their parents and the authorities

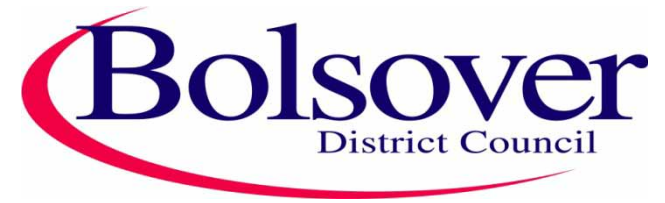
# What makes this work?

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- Belief, support & investment in time and effort by the agencies involved – it has to be a team effort
- Follow up is essential – the positive changes need to be encouraged for a period of time beyond the residential week

# What now?



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- We have now completed 3 camps
  - We have been commissioned by other LA's to deliver 'Turnaround Camps' in their area

## Thank You

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