

Askern Road Show Event 8th April 2009



The Askern Roadshow was the first of many Doncaster LINK Roadshows planned to take place around the Borough. Part of the LINK's work plan is to reach out and engage with all areas of the community and promote the work of the LINK. Askern was selected as it is a remote area of Doncaster and as such it is important that the LINK raises awareness of what it does, and how local people can be involved in shaping their local services.

A further aim of the day was to promote Healthy Living. To achieve this, the Doncaster LINK worked in partnership with NHS Doncaster and Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council. All partners agreed that the purpose of the day was to promote the Doncaster LINK and Healthy Living, whilst at the same time having FUN!

Overview

The event was very successful and well attended throughout the whole day by members of the public.

A total of 19 different stakeholders attended the roadshow, these included Healthy Eating, Test Your Heart, Fire Service and Stop Smoking. All stakeholders agreed that the event had been a great success in promoting not only the Doncaster LINK but Healthy Living as well.

During the course of the day, Doncaster LINK members spoke to the public to find out what local people thought of their local services. The main area of concern raised was around GP access.

The Doncaster LINK has already identified GP Access as a priority and this issue forms part of the existing Doncaster LINK work plan 2009/10. A GP Access group is currently working on this issue and further details relating to the progress of the group can be found on our website www.doncasterlink.co.uk.

During the course of the day 15 new members were recruited to join Doncaster LINK all showing interest in taking an active part and getting involved with future projects.

Next Steps

The intention is that the Doncaster LINK Roadshows will hopefully be rolled out around the Borough over the coming months. Keep your eye on our website to see when one will be taking place in your area and please come along and get involved.