

Job title	Erewash Place Partnership Lead
Employment type	24 month fixed-term contract with possible continuation. Alternative employment options may be considered.
Hours of work	Part time (22.2 hours per week)
Salary per annum	c. £21,600 pro rata (£36,000 FTE)
Location(s)	Erewash Borough Council office, Ilkeston
Closing Date	30 June 2025

Background

Sport England is investing in local communities, specifically in those places where it is hardest to be active.

Physical activity is vital for our physical and mental health, from walking to work to playing sports with friends.

But not all of us have the same opportunities to be active.

When children don't have safe spaces to run and play, when adults are working long hours and constantly worrying about making ends meet, it makes it harder to be active and healthy.

Through placed-based working we can work deeply in a place, developing meaningful partnerships with communities and the organisations that support them - this is why we are calling the work 'Place Partnerships'. With these partnerships in place, we can better co-design opportunities which make it easier for residents to be active when they step out of their homes.

To achieve this, we need to:

- **work together**, from community members to voluntary organisations to local government.

- build networks and **develop relationships** in place
- **break down the barriers** that get in the way of being active.
- **strengthen communities** in a way that is reflective of their unique needs, relationships and geography.

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Just watch [this film](#) to find out more about the ethos and learning behind creating change in places.

Values and behaviours are critical to this work. The values, mindsets and behaviours listed below have been pulled together from learning from place-based work in other areas of the country. We are looking for people who work this way.

- Curious and reflective
- Open and honest (integrity)
- Humble and approachable
- Enthusiastic & passionate (caring to make a difference)
- Courageous and disruptive (willing to do things differently and challenge status quo)
- Comfortable with uncertainty and complexity, with a positive approach to risk/failure
- Values driven and outcomes focused (purpose over process)
- Flexible, agile and responsive
- Resilience and perseverance
- Collaborative, inclusive, engaging & empowering (involving people in finding solutions)
- Empathetic (takes time to understand lived experience)
- Genuine commitment to tackling inactivity, inequalities & discriminatory practices
- Non-hierarchical (leadership at all levels)

Place Partnership work in Erewash

Erewash, and the community of Kirk Hallam, is one of the places that has been identified to be part of a bigger programme of work, funded by Sport England. This role will enable people living in the Kirk Hallam area of Erewash to be more active and lead healthier lives.

Erewash has a strong industrial background, with many incredible people living and working there. Across the country people have different opportunities to be active and face barriers that are not in their control to change. By working deeply in the community of Kirk Hallam, in close partnership with a range of organisations, we want to identify and understand these barriers and work with communities to create opportunities that make it easier for people to be active where they live, helping to improve health and wellbeing.

This role will be employed by Active Partners Trust (the employing body for Active Derbyshire), hosted and based within Erewash Borough Council, with support and guidance from key partners; Erewash Voluntary Action (CVS), Derbyshire County Council (Public Health, Adult Social Care and Childrens Services), NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board and Erewash Primary Care Network.

Erewash Place Partnership Lead

This role will lead our Place Partnership work in Erewash. Working with the Kirk Hallam community and building collaboration across a range of partner organisations, the focus will be on understanding the needs of the community and what it will take to break down the barriers that get in the way of being active.

Erewash Place Partnership Lead will have the following areas of responsibility:

Overall

- Building on work to date, co-ordinate, manage and drive this stage of Place Partnership work in Erewash (for the Kirk Hallam area)

Preparing for the future

- Work with colleagues to prepare and submit a bid to Sport England for the full award. Ensure this is based on a good understanding of the lived experience of communities and the systemic barriers to physical activity that exists.
- Work with local system partners to identify where additional local funding and resources can be sourced to help develop the work further now and in the future.
- Ensure communities of Kirk Hallam and partners working across Erewash understand how the work relates to them and are actively involved as the work progresses.

Understanding and insight - informed by the community

- Line manage a community engagement lead.
- Identify and provide the necessary support to individuals and community organisations (building on the insight and understanding that already exists) to ensure the capture of local intelligence and insight from residents in creative, empathetic and structured ways.
- Ensure lived experience and resident voice is understood and acted on by partners at various levels of the system, including partnership forums in Erewash.
- Develop a clear understanding of the assets and strengths that could enable physical activity amongst partners across the whole community, health and wellbeing system.

Grow Collaboration

- Build collaboration and shared purpose amongst partners to support the Place Partnership work.
- Engage with and build effective working relationships with all parts of the wider physical activity, health and wellbeing and wider system. To include: - Erewash Borough Council (Community Health and Wellbeing, Housing, Parks, Planning, Community Safety) Derbyshire County Council (Adult Social Care, Children and Young People's services, Public Health, Education), Erewash Voluntary Action (CVS), local Community and Voluntary Sector organisations, Erewash Primary Care Network, NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (ICB).
- Develop and oversee a plan of activities that will inform the submission of a full award to Sport England in the Spring of 2026

Leadership and workforce development

- Partake and support the leadership group in their ongoing leadership journey with the support of a commissioned programme of activity

- Working with key partners, co-design a Workforce Development plan that complements the Sport England Leadership programme and supports the workforce within local communities.

Learning and Evaluation

- Understand and implement the local evaluation and learning from the work, . This is not limited to but will include:
 - Develop an evaluation and learning plan and work with partners and use it to review progress of the work on at least a quarterly basis
 - Work with partners to submit an evaluation and learning report to Sport England every 6 months (October and April) Update the Theory of Change as the work progresses.
 - Provide the capacity needed to support the Moving Communities platform.
- Create spaces to facilitate connections between the partners and community and develop safe spaces and environments for learning.
- Share insight, knowledge and learning with colleagues and partners in Erewash, within APT and Sport England to grow a collective understanding, narrative and strengthen the future place partnership approach.

Governance, management and reporting

- Convene and co-ordinate the Leadership Group to oversee the work.
- Manage a small budget to enable community engagement events/activities.
- Ensure a commitment to Safeguarding and Equity and Diversity through all work internally and externally.

We are looking for someone to join us who:

- Is committed to reducing inequalities, recognising some communities need more support, and has an understanding of the role physical activity can play in this.
 - Is passionate about working in Kirk Hallam and more broadly across Erewash, recognising the importance of understanding its residents' needs.
 - Understands the relationship between physical activity and health.
- Has strong leadership skills, including the ability to work in complexity, adapt as necessary and inspire distributed leadership.
- Can build strong collaboration across the Kirk Hallam community and the wider district of Erewash, through developing shared purpose and trusted relationships.
 - Is able to apply principles of co-production in enabling change.
- Understands the importance of values and behaviours in creating the culture and environment for place-based working.
 - Is self-reflective, self-aware and adapts own behaviours.
 - Has strong interpersonal skills and understands the value of being humble
- Is an excellent communicator - writing, speaking and presenting to a variety of audiences. A good listener - inquisitive and curious.
 - Is able to use a range of IT platforms and equipment.
- Understands the value of learning and evaluation and is able to embed this within place-based work in Kirk Hallam and the wider district of Erewash.
 - Is analytical and able to interpret and understand data and insight and use it to inform the work.
- Is motivated and able to plan, organise and prioritise own workload to meet deadlines.
- Can travel to meetings in and around Erewash and to an office base in Ilkeston.