

Economic Prosperity, Education and Skills



Rapid Recession Response

- Providing support to those suffering with debt problems.
- Assisting residents at risk of redundancy to improve their prospects as well as providing support to those who are already unemployed.
- Raising awareness of apprenticeship schemes to potential employers and apprentices.
- Providing additional support to families facing home repossession.

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Why was action required?

- The 2008 economic recession placed employment and financial pressures on the whole Country. These pressures were very real as many businesses had to reduce their costs and this impacted on employee's and resident's lives.
- A co-ordinated response from partners was required to assist East Lindsey residents that were most affected by the recession.

What did we do?

- A Recession Response Team was established with Job Centre Plus co-ordinating partners to provide support and advice to employees of businesses that had closed down as a result of the economic climate.
- A Court Referral System was established between East Lindsey Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Court Service and East Lindsey District Council's Housing Team to support people presenting at court for home repossession cases.
- Agencies increased the level of debt and benefit advice in towns and rural areas by increasing opening hours and providing additional outreach support.
- New career opportunities were promoted, such as apprenticeships, and new courses and facilities for training were provided, such as at the new Wolds College in Louth.
- Voluntary Action East Lindsey held workshops to support and recruit potential volunteers. Individuals were placed with relevant organisations to provide them with opportunities to develop new skills and experience.

What were the results for our residents?

- At the end of June 2009, East Lindsey Citizens' Advice Bureau reported that they were advising East Lindsey residents on over £1.8 million of debt. This amount had grown from just over £1.3 million three months earlier.
- The Recession Response Team provided support and advice to employees of businesses that had closed down, as well as providing support and advice to employees at risk of redundancy.
- Although there has been a slight increase in the number of home repossessions, due to the economic circumstances, those presenting for such cases have now been able to directly access support designed to assist them.
- Since April 2009, over 150 volunteers have been placed with organisations that will be able to help them develop new skills and offer new experiences.

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