

driving schools



Working with local communities and partner agencies such as police, local authorities and others, Chevin has supported 161 young people aged 17-25 through car driver training. The project was set up in 2000 on a former Coal Board housing estate that had high levels of youth disaffection and car nuisance. Chevin's Community Development Officer and the local beat PC teamed up with local residents to offer an alternative for young people that would have direct benefits for the community. Following that first success, other similar schemes followed in a variety of areas across the Yorkshire and Humber region.

So far, partnership schemes have operated in the former mining villages of South Kirkby, Hemsworth, Fitzwilliam and Kinsley near Pontefract in West Yorkshire. Schemes have also operated in Easingwold, a rural village in North Yorkshire, Harrogate, Chapeltown in inner-city Leeds along with Ings and Preston Rd estates in Hull.

Trainees are offered between 15 and 30 hours of driving lessons at no cost to themselves, plus either one or two attempts at the theory and practical tests. All trainees have to sign up to a 'contract' that commits them to regular attendance and to remain free of police attention for at least the duration of the programme. Trainees must also be committed to working towards entering into employment or training.

Communities have found the idea to be a useful tool in engaging with young people and addressing their needs in terms of entering employment, many for the first time, with some coming from families where no one is in work or where their literacy or numeracy skills are poor.

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