

Derby's Community Directory: built with partners, owned by the community

How Active Partners Trust created a single community directory for Derby with local partners, and extended it to Erewash.

THE CHALLENGE

Derby did not have a single community directory. Active Partners Trust wanted to develop one collaboratively, so that the directory would be owned by the partners who contribute to it and not by Active Partners Trust alone.

WHY NAUTOGUIDE

Active Partners Trust knew of Nautoguide's work with the OpenActive and Open Referral UK data standards, and invited several suppliers to respond to a short brief. Nautoguide were selected for proposing a collaborative approach.

WHAT NAUTOGUIDE DELIVERED

Nautoguide built Derby's Community Directory on [Locaria](#). The service includes:-

- a full community directory, organised as "Support that can help me", "Things I can do" and "Places I can go"
- partner and administrator access, so that organisations across many disciplines maintain their own listings
- search by location and keyword, bookmarks, and a tool for submitting leaflets and posters
- Erewash Connected, a sub-local version cloned quickly from the Derby directory

HOW WE WORKED

The directory is in pilot. Nautoguide have worked alongside Active Partners Trust and its partners throughout, with the patience to let the service grow at the partners' pace and the flexibility to adapt it as their needs have become clearer.

Client

[Active Partners Trust](#) (Active Derbyshire and Active Notts)

Services

Derby's Community Directory
[derbycity.locaria.org](#)
Erewash Connected
[erewash.locaria.org](#)

Platform

[Locaria](#), by [Nautoguide](#)

Data

Added and maintained by partners and administrators

Status

Live pilot, 2026

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directories from one build: Derby first, then a sub-local version for Erewash

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"We wanted a directory that belonged to all of our partners, not just to us. Nautoguide have worked alongside us and our partners throughout the pilot, with the patience and flexibility to shape it around how Derby's organisations actually work."

Katie Crocket, Marketing and Operations Strategic Lead, Active Partners Trust

See it live

The home page of [Derby's Community Directory](#), built on [Locaria](#) for [Active Partners Trust](#). Residents search by place and topic, or start from “Support that can help me”, “Things I can do” and “Places I can go”.

