

NEW TOURING EXHIBITION HITS THE ROAD

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The dangers of drugs will be highlighted by a new touring exhibition launched by Derbyshire County Council.

Called Hooked, the display has been developed by the authority with help from Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Drug and Alcohol Team.

It features a display of confiscated illegal drugs equipment including weights and scales. It also features legal drugs and the dangers these can pose as well.

It is the fourth in a series of travelling exhibitions which will visit community venues across the county.

The exhibition has been put together by the county council which took over responsibility for the Derbyshire Police Collections in 2004.

As well as exhibits there will also be a range of leaflets available containing information and advice for the public.

The exhibition will be launched at Ilkeston Library in Market Place on Thursday 9 November from 1.30pm.

At 2.30pm a group of students from Bennerley School in Ilkeston will be performing a play at the library about how issues of drugs can affect teenagers.

Hooked will be on display at Ilkeston Library until 15 January before travelling to Chapel Library in the High Peak.

Councillor Bob Janes, the county council's cabinet member for cultural and community services, said: "This exhibition aims to challenge people's perception of drugs by highlighting the dangers of illegal and legal substances.

"As well as containing exhibits linked to drugs and drug-taking there will also be a range of information and advice available to the public."

The first exhibition created by the county council was called Motor-vated and included items relating to policing Derbyshire's roads.

In April the authority launched Kopy Kats, a collection of fake branded goods with Crime Detectives launched in June exploring how police have used science to solve crimes over the last 80 years.

Note to News Editors: Reporters and photographers are invited to the launch of Hooked at Ilkeston Library, Market Place, from 1.30pm on Thursday 9 November.

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