

EREWASH VOLUNTARY ACTION - COUNCIL for VOLUNTARY SERVICE



A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF

2014 - 2015



Volunteer Centre
Erewash

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BOARD MEMBERS

Victoria Booth
Caroline Brewer
Pete Edwards
Margaret Griffiths
Brian Parker
Kevin Scanlan

Cllr Kewal Athwal - to 31st March 2015
Cllr Terence Holbrook - from 1st April 2015
Appointed by Erewash Borough Council
Roger Miller - Appointed
Derbyshire County Council Adult Care

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

AIM Awards
Borrowbrook Home Link
British Red Cross
Canaan Trust
Cancer Journey
Derbyshire Advocacy Service
Direct Help & Advice
Disability Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living (DDCIL)
Erewash Community Transport
Erewash Valley Gymnastics Club
Erewash Writers Group
Exercise for the Heart
Faith in Action
Healthwatch
HomeStart
Horizon
IDCVS - The Flamsteed Centre
Ilkeston Church of the Nazarene
Indian Community Association (Long Eaton)
Jawa CZ Owners Club of GB & Eire
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Long Eaton 50+ Forum
Long Eaton All Media Art Club
Long Eaton and District University of the Third Age (U3A)
Long Eaton Art Room
Long Eaton District Scout Council
Long Eaton Joint Branch TOC H
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band
Parkinsons Disease Society Long Eaton District Branch
Parklands Stroke Support Club
Salcare
Sight Support Derbyshire
SSAFA Derbyshire
St John's Church Long Eaton
Stanley Common and District Eventide Guild
SureStart Erewash
Survivors of BEREAVEMENT by Suicide
The Cantelupe Centre
Touchwood - Erewash Mental Health Association
Treetops Hospice Trust
West Hallam Village Hall Charity Committee (Community Centre)



Stella Scott

Chief Executive Officer



Linda Brown

**Volunteering
Manager**



Clare Salmons

**Volunteering
Support**



Lee Tivey

**Facilities and
Information Officer**



Catriona Paterson

Development Worker



Ameeta Manek

Shopper



Cassie Hartshorne

Shopper



Tanya Gedvillo

Cleaner





OVERVIEW

By Stella Scott, Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to our new style report. We hope that this will give you more information on the work we have undertaken during this financial year and a vision of what we plan for the future.

Pete Edwards our Chief Officer took the decision to retire at the end of May 2014. We couldn't let him just retire so when he offered to stay on as director of the organisation we took up the offer before he changed his mind.

Following Pete's retirement I was appointed as Chief Executive Officer.

My first task was to look at a new Business Plan, Strategic Plan and to enable us to look at the value we have to our members and clients, this would enable us to obtain the National Council For Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation (VCQA).

Peter Stone funded through Big Assist worked with staff, board members, volunteers, clients and key stakeholders to help to develop the plans. This has been an interesting journey and the support from Peter in this process has been very valuable, he challenged us, held focus sessions and workshops with the board and staff members to look at what we do and why we do it in a way that helped us all to ensure that the services we deliver are the right ones and are fit for purpose. April 2015 saw these actions put into place.

Erewash Voluntary Action has survived and grown in strength, despite the continued threat of funding cuts to the voluntary sector.

The following pages will tell you about some of the projects we run.

Our AGM in September 2014 was a very successful event, we had 19 groups and organisations who had stalls at our market place event during the day. Our AGM followed at 7pm.

We held a very successful stakeholder day in October to look at services available for Mental Health Service receivers and voluntary sector groups who wanted to offer their activities to people needing support. This was well received on all sides and has been the start of some very interesting work. We have worked with the CCG, South Derbyshire Mental Health Forum and North Derbyshire Voluntary Action (NDVA) to put together a plan for ensuring that the actions raised at the event can be achieved. Funding has been received for a two year development worker to carry this work forward.

We have continued to deliver and develop the VCI passport training for volunteers.

We managed to secure funding to develop a new social club. This would target people on our befriending list who did not yet have a regular befriender visit them. Numbers have been a bit low but the members who attend really enjoy the company.

Our staff are trained in



Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group

In November 2014 the trustees decided that we should spend some of our reserves on the building we own. The kitchen has had new equipment fitted and the roof has been fibre glassed.

The board has continued to meet to steer the direction we are travelling in and have been very supportive in my new role, for this I would like to offer my thanks.

The staff team continue to deliver a first class service going over and beyond their job descriptions.

What a fantastic team they are, thank you all for your support.

Where would we be without our volunteers, always there to help and support the activities we provide.

Thank you all.

Funding threats are once again on the horizon and we will be working with our key funders to ensure funding can be secured to enable us to continue the work we undertake.



Future

Develop Mental Health project - new development worker Catriona Paterson recruited in May 2015

Use of the Kitchen – we hope to have the kitchen up and running by September 2015

New roof - Completed in May 2015

April 2015 will see the new development and strategic plan put into action.

New Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will be developed to measure our impact.

AFTERNOON SOCIAL CLUB



In October 2014 we decided to capitalise on the success of our Tea Dance afternoons and with funding from Derbyshire County Council – Locality Health Plan funding we have been able to hold some sessions.

The Targeted Befriending project is aimed at people who are socially isolated and do not get out very often. In the funding bid we also obtained funding for Community Concern Erewash to set up a similar project in the Ilkeston area.

Erewash Voluntary Action group meets the last Thursday of every month here at the Volunteer Centre.

We purchased a wide range of board games for members of the group to use.

People who have no access to transport are brought to the group by our volunteers.

6 sessions have been undertaken

6 volunteers have been recruited for the group.

Between 6 and 15 people attend the sessions on a regular basis.

Volunteers have attended VCI passport training, passenger assistance training and our in house befriending training.



AFTERNOON SOCIAL CLUB



People who attend have said:

“Enables us to meet other people in warm and comfortable surroundings with helpful staff”



“We feel that with different board games available it helps to stimulate our brains and memories”

12.30pm—2.30pm

Last Thursday of the Month.

Future of the group

The length of time for the sessions has been extended and a light lunch included from August.

Funding is secure for the sessions till the end of April 2016

We will be working with the Mental Health project to try to encourage some of their members to attend the sessions.



Between 6 and 15 people attend the sessions on a regular basis.

CASE STUDIES

Case Study - Volunteer Pete Foulds

Pete Foulds retired from work early and, after a couple of years saw a notice for the organisation in the local doctor's surgery. He met with Linda Brown, the organisation gave him training, and he now feels he is "accepted as one of the family" and that it feels like he has "known them all my life". He feels appreciated just for turning up – he commented that all the staff were fantastic – and made special reference to Lee and Linda.



He volunteers for the befriending service with two people and spend a couple of hours a week with each of them. He has also undertaken some shopping service volunteering as well. He says that the people he befriends seem to really value the service – every now and then they will say "bless you for coming" or I "don't know what I'd do without you" and that this is wonderful to hear. He gets the feeling that he makes a difference somewhere and that means a great deal to him.

Pete says that, in his work life he was used to people needing his input and that volunteering for ECVS helps him to feel that he still has something to contribute. He feels perfectly able to say if he cannot cope with what is being asked of him and knows that the organisation will back him up and respect his judgement/decision. He says that the Granville Centre acts as a conduit between what he wants to achieve in life and people who need his help.

Case Study - Volunteer Betty Southern

Betty first came across the organisation – and the Granville Centre – through Linda Brown and has been involved with the organisation since 2013 when her husband died. She first volunteered to take part in the befriending service Visiting once a week. Two years later she still meets him to go shopping every week and enjoys undertaking this role. She has also met with a lady on a weekly basis to sit with her, keep her company and 'have a chat' which she also enjoys greatly.



Betty attends the tea dances and may well attend the games sessions in future. She finds her involvement with the Centre gets her out of the house and provides her with company and a sense of purpose. She feels that projects such as the befriending project are invaluable and encourages others to get out and about and provides them with an opportunity to socialise which they otherwise would not necessarily have. She thinks that the Centre is a really community asset and a lovely place to hold events – very 'light and airy'. She feels it fulfils a really useful place in the community and that more concerts could be held and would probably be well attended.



Community Directory Derbyshire

is your group on it?

Don't forget to check the **Community Directory Derbyshire!**

The Directory is available for everyone to explore and find out what goes on in the world of community and voluntary groups in Derby and Derbyshire.

Check if your group is registered by visiting the [Community Directory Derbyshire](http://www.communitydirectoryderbyshire.org.uk) - and if it is not then registering is just a click away and it's FREE!

For the first time all of these groups, in their rich diversity, are available in one place

www.communitydirectoryderbyshire.org.uk

- Find out about the wide range of services available from community and voluntary groups in Derby and Derbyshire.
- Search for services by area, interest or type of support

If your contact details or meeting details change please let us know so the Directory remains up to date.

Community Directory Derbyshire is maintained and contributed to by a network of infrastructure organisations across Derbyshire and Derby City.

Erewash Voluntary Action
High Peak CVS
Glossop CVS
Community Action Derby
Chesterfield Volunteer Centre
South Derbyshire Voluntary Sector Mental Health Forum
South Derbyshire CVS
Volunteer and Community services Peaks & Dales
Amber Valley CVS

For more information about
Community Directory Derbyshire
contact Community Action Derby:

Email: info@vcsdata.org.uk
or call 01332 227719



There are currently over **4000**
groups in the directory

BEFRIENDING SERVICE

About the service

BEFRIENDING

Volunteer befrienders offer 1-1 companionship and support to people who are feeling lonely or socially isolated. The links between loneliness and poor health are well established. Befriending schemes have been shown to reduce loneliness, enhance health and well-being, improve confidence and increase the likelihood of older people being able to continue living in their own homes.



SITTING

The sitting service was set up to allow carers to get out and have a well earned break. They may be caring for someone 24 hours a day without any respite and this service enables them to do whatever they wish for a while without worrying about their loved one.

Case Study – Vanessa Jackson

Vanessa and her husband moved to Long Eaton 7 years ago and she became depressed as a result of the move. Because her husband, Reg, still needed to go out on occasion he got in touch with the Derbyshire Carers and through them he was referred to Linda Brown.



Linda met with Vanessa and Reg and brought a volunteer with her who has now been providing a sitting service for Vanessa for 7 years. She sits with Vanessa twice a month on Sunday mornings and the occasional Sunday afternoon. On the rare occasions that Reg is away on holiday she also has another lady sit with her when her usual volunteer cannot attend.

Vanessa says that the service makes a great difference – it enables her to either have a shower knowing that she has someone to look after her if she became unwell and it also provides companionship for her when her husband is away. Years ago they did not have access to a sitting service and relied on their two daughters; one has since died and they have lost contact with the other meaning that the sitting service is “a real lifeline”. Reg would not go out at all unless either the local warden – or Vanessa’s sitter – was present.

Vanessa and Reg both feel that the service provided is invaluable; it allows Reg to maintain some external interests such as his involvement with Derby Cathedral and his weekly walks with a neighbour. For Vanessa it provides security, reassurance and company when Reg is away from the house. They may need to access additional services in future and will ask as and when this is necessary.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE

We received 78 NEW befriending referrals and 21 NEW Sitting referrals from April 2014 to March 2015

Our volunteers visit over 40 regular befriending clients a week!

Volunteering over 72hrs per week!

An Average of 2880 hrs per year!



Volunteers attending our Befriending Training

Befriendees Quote

“ wonderful listener”.

Befriendees Quote

**“ very nice person
who is easy to chat
to”**

Befriendees Quote

**“ I am already looking
forward to the next
visit”.**

**Volunteer Befriender's
Quote from Volunteer**

**“Everyone is so
friendly - I feel as if I
have a new social
life.”**

Future of the group

We have developed a new questionnaire system to give us feedback on how the project helps the clients and the community.

“Making a Difference”



Erewash Mental Health Support Services Review and Report of Stakeholder Day

Wednesday 22nd October 2014



A very successful event was held at Erewash Voluntary Action on 22nd October 2014, which brought together stakeholders in mental health support services across the Erewash area.

Broadly, the day was intended to bring together all the key stakeholders in Erewash; share the results of the Survey and Mapping Exercise; identify gaps in existing services; identify barriers to accessing services; and finally suggest solutions for improvement

Aims and Outcomes

Aim 1

To find out what support services are currently available for service receivers in Erewash Borough, and how people are referred to them.

Aim 2

To find out what local service receivers want or need from a support service in this area.

Aim 3

To identify where the gaps in provision are between “1” and “2” above, and recommend possible solutions.

Outcomes

Service receivers will have a choice of local programmes and activities which meet their continuing recovery needs

Service receiver recovery will be monitored regularly to ensure their needs are being met effectively.

Service providers will engage with the referral process and feedback on results to the DHCFT and Commissioners.

Service receivers will feedback their experiences



Many thanks must go to Stella Scott at Erewash Voluntary Action (the local CVS) for the excellent facilities, support, lunch and refreshments. Thanks also to Angela Kerry and Daniel Haslam from the Southern Derbyshire Voluntary Sector Mental Health Forum (SDVSMHF) for planning and organising the event; and to Niki Glazier and Phil Binding and MHAG members for the service receiver survey and results

Future

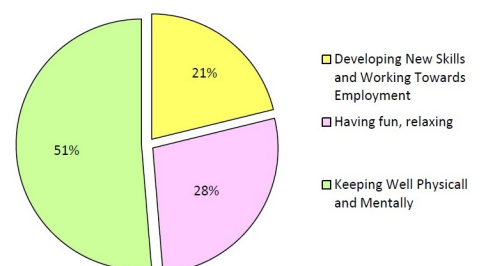
MENTAL HEALTH BUDDIES

Erewash Voluntary Action is leading on a new Mental Health Project funded by an Innovation Fund obtained by Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group as part of a project on behalf of Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group.



Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group

Categories of services from group Work 1 at Erewash Stakeholder Event - Percentages



This report is supported by SDVSMHF, MHAG, Erewash Voluntary Action, Hardwick CCG, Erewash CCG and DHcFT



SHOPPING PROJECT



The Shopping Project has yet again had a successful year. Funded by Derbyshire County Council Adult Care.

We have two members of staff, Ameeta Manek & Cassie Hartshorne who are out shopping for clients throughout the week with 15 regular volunteers.

This service assists people to collect their pension, prepare a shopping list, does the shopping, delivers it and helps to put it away if needed. It reduces isolation and can raise the alert on declining health or other personal safety and welfare issues.

Shopping Project Referrals are received from Social Services, Health Professionals, Call Derbyshire, or VSPA (Voluntary Sector Single Point of Access).

Clients Quotes:

"I am unable to do my own shopping, it is a big help to me"

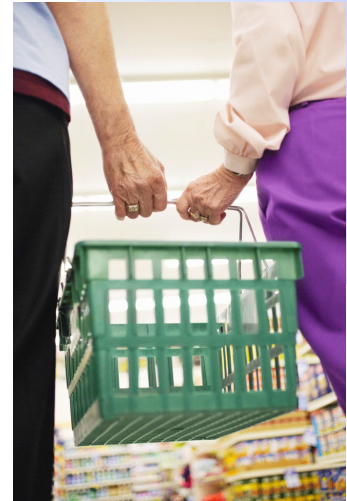
"It has made an enormous difference—without it I would be really struggling as my family do not live locally"



"I enjoy volunteering for elderly people because I feel I have more empathy than with other age groups"

SHOPPING PROJECT

We received 50 NEW Shopping referrals from April 2014 to March 2015.



Our 2 employees work 37hrs a week between them with another 15 regular volunteers providing another 30hrs worth of volunteering to support the project.

Clients Quotes:

"I don't know who would have got my shopping if yourselves wouldn't have helped."

"A very big difference. My daughter is ill and now unable to help. My hairdresser helps with a few jobs."



"Your services have given me peace of mind. Thank you for your help"

Future of the group

We have developed a new questionnaire system to give us feedback on how the project helps the clients and the community.





TEA DANCE

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly Tea Dance at the Centre. We set this up in May 2013 with money from Erewash Small Grants Scheme the group is now self funding.

The tea dance has become very popular in that time with having special events and singers like Johnny Victory.

1.30pm—3.30pm Every 2nd Wednesday of the month

Case Study - Audrey Pickering

Audrey first got to know of the Centre through her daughter, who is a friend of Linda Brown, the Volunteering Manager. When her husband died Linda contacted her to encourage her to attend the organisation's tea dances as a way of getting her out of the house. She likes dancing very much and is keen to continue to attend these tea dances both as a way of keeping fit and socialising.



Audrey does not attend any other functions at the Centre at present but does go to a range of other social events which she started attending when her husband was alive. These include the Disabled Club at Sawley and the Stroke Club where she volunteers as well. She feels that the Centre fulfils an invaluable role and is impressed with a number of other services offered even though she does not access them at present. She feels that befriending and shopping services sound really useful and she feels that they need to continue.

Audrey feels that she has met a lot of people through the Granville Centre and has made a number of good friends through attending the tea dances. She would be interested in attending other, relevant, events – especially if something along the lines of Chairbics sessions could be organised.





A total of 383
clients have
attended the Tea
Dance
throughout the
year.

TRANSPORT SCHEME

Our Transport Scheme is available to groups and organisations who require transport for their members who cannot access public transport.

We cover residents in the whole of the Erewash Borough.

We support 6 main Groups with our Transport Scheme:

British Red Cross
Age UK
Castle College
Visually Impaired Club
Afternoon Games Session

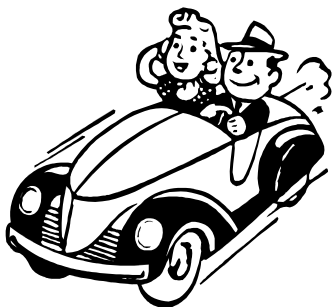


“Very Good Service”

“Makes it possible for me to get out and meet my friends at the Visually impaired Club”



“Has allowed me to attend Happivale and meet new people, Volunteer is a pleasant and helpful driver”



We received 35 NEW Transport referrals from April 2014 to March 2015.

We have 10 Volunteer Drivers who provide transport to 20 clients per month on a regular basis.

Over 5250 miles driven!



We provide Passenger Assistance Driver Training for all our volunteer drivers. Training is provided by Howard Gunn from Voluntary & Community Services Peaks & Dales.



88%

OF VOLUNTEERS SAY VOLUNTEERING GIVES THEM SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO



THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE HAS HAD ANOTHER VERY BUSY YEAR.

We had 361 enquiries and applications from volunteers last year.

Referring 254 potential volunteers who applied via the Do-It website to over 100 organisations

Over 200 volunteers per month provide direct Services



Do-it *Be more*

We advertise 185 opportunities for 96 organisations on the National Volunteering Website www.do-it.org.uk

98%

OF VOLUNTEERS FEEL PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS WHILST VOLUNTEERING



VOLUNTEERING

Thank You Event

We held a Quiz night and 66 volunteers attended the evening on the 14th November 2014 to say 'thank you' to all our volunteers who offer their time to help in the community.

Quiz masters for the evening were Mike & Helen Gyles

Cheese and biscuits were offered as refreshments.

A big thank you to the staff team who made the event a big success.

We hope to hold more events in the future.



Quiz Master Mike & Wife Helen.

"We certainly enjoyed ourselves, and if the comments we received afterwards are representative, it would appear as if most of the 'punters' did too."

"Please pass on our thanks to the staff and those who helped on the night.

Speaking for ourselves, we were well looked after!



FINANCE

EREWASH VOLUNTARY ACTION – COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2015

		2015		2014	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		391,545		403,127
Current assets					
Debtors	15	24,576		6,535	
Cash at bank and in hand		311,261		199,135	
		<u>335,837</u>		<u>205,670</u>	
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>99,149</u>		<u>8,686</u>	
Net current assets			<u>236,688</u>		<u>196,984</u>
Net assets			<u><u>628,233</u></u>		<u><u>600,111</u></u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	18	572,255		555,655	
Designated funds	18	2,865		-	
		<u>575,120</u>		<u>555,655</u>	
Restricted funds	17	53,113		44,456	
	18	<u><u>628,233</u></u>		<u><u>600,111</u></u>	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small Companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on



P Edwards

(Director)

This page shows summary financial information.

Please contact us for our full 2014-15 Trustees Annual Report and Accounts or visit the Charity Commission to download a copy

<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/CharityWithoutPartB.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=1069838&SubsidiaryNumber=0>

FUNDING

We manage the Erewash Small Grant Scheme in partnership with
Derbyshire County Council Social Services
Erewash Borough Council
Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group

Groups can apply up to £1500 (per group) to improve Health In Erewash. We strive to improve Health in Erewash, every grant must meet one of the following criteria's:

- ♦ *Improve health for families & young people*
- ♦ *Promote physical activity*
- ♦ *Mental health*
- ♦ *Promote healthy eating*
- ♦ *Prevent accidents*
- ♦ *Improve health for older people*
- ♦ *Promote the reduction of health inequalities*



We Funded 7 groups in the year April 2014—March 2015:

Community concern Erewash HOPEFUL project

Community Concern Laundry project

Parklands Stroke Support group

Ilkeston Church of Nazarene

Erewash Voluntary Action Kitchen facility

Derbyshire Carers Group

Erewash Village Games



Future

Funding still available for groups

Please contact Catriona Paterson on
0115 9466740 or email

Catriona@erewashcvs.org.uk



Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group

TRAINING

VCI Passport continues to be very popular again this year.

EVA has been integrally involved in the strategic and practical creation, development and continued growth of the Derbyshire wide Volunteer Passport (a nationally accredited Level 1 award for all Volunteers working with both children and young adults and adults). The Centre works extremely effectively in terms of meeting the contract agreement.

The Volunteer Passport model was developed, and continues to evolve, with EVC's valued, sector specific, involvement. DCC recognised the locality knowledge, volunteer specific understanding (people and opportunities), and competent deliverers based within EVC which enables the Passport to be "owned" and "fit for purpose" for EVC and its volunteers. The success and continued growth of the DCC Volunteer Passport could not be achieved without this input. The Volunteer Passport and the Volunteers within this continue to flourish.

EVA are also integrally involved in Volunteer Partnership meetings (with wider partners e.g. Public Health, Adult Care), standardisation and quality meetings as required. This involves contributing ideas for strategic development; content development; sharing resources (e.g. safeguarding materials proven to work well with volunteers); moderation of evidence produced by volunteers to ensure good practice, sharing of creative; inclusive learning activities to ensure ALL volunteers are able to fully engage with the learning process and offer a consistency of standardised training content and delivery.

EVA have also been centrally involved in the annual Volunteer Passport Celebration Event run at DCC where we celebrate the partnership working, volunteer success and project developments with all volunteers and agencies involved in this scheme.

EVC have offered all of their volunteers the opportunity both to attend this event and speak of their experiences to the group. Hearing directly from the volunteers as to how they found the Passport experience always proves to be an excellent (and often moving) account of how volunteering has enriched someone's life, which in turn increases awareness of the impact of volunteering.

Robyn Hughes
CAYA Integrated Workforce Development Team
Derbyshire County Council



Future

Continue to work with DCC to continue to update the content of the scheme.

Actively promote to Volunteers across Derbyshire

Encourage our volunteers to attend and attend refresher courses



TRAINING

We held three Befriending Training Sessions throughout the year.

Clare Salmons took over the running of the Befriending Training during this financial year and she has held 2 sessions (16th September 2014 and 4th February 2015) with 35 people attending the sessions in total.

During the financial year we have held the following training sessions:

Foundation Derbyshire Funding surgeries. Where the foundation come along and meet with groups on a one to one basis.

We held two Driver Training Sessions for our volunteers with 16 volunteers attending on two dates, 16th April 2014 & 11th November 2014

Staff and groups attended Fire Safety Training on 13th May15. Diamond Fire Extinguishers provide the training and if any groups require Fire Safety Training please contact us.

We held a Dementia Awareness Training course on 15th July 2014 for volunteers to attend.

The Centre is also used by Derbyshire County Council for Children and Young People training and Adult Education, Community House.

Community Voluntary Partners Suicide Awareness Training for community organisers was held on 15.04.14



Future : to develop a plan for training including:

Mental health first aid
Volunteer managers training
Staff have attended training throughout the year including
Fire safety
Safeguarding
Manual handling
Illegal money lending



NETWORKING

Volunteer Organisers Forum

We hold Bi-Monthly meetings for Volunteer Managers (paid & Unpaid) to come along to and share ideas and information.

Volunteer Managers' Forum:

24th March 2015

9 members attended topics included Silverlinks, Dementia friends and Volunteers Week.

21st January 2015

10 members attended topics included Community Directory Derbyshire, CVS new strategic plan, Age UK Memory Lane and Do-It.

5th November 2014

11 members attended topics included Southern Derbyshire Mental Health Forum, SSaFa, and Training

2nd September 2014

14 members attended – discussed VSPA.



Southern Derbyshire Health & Social Care Forum - covering the areas for South Derbyshire CCG (Which covers, South Derbyshire, Amber Valley, Erewash and Southern Dales) EVA have continued to be a key player in this forum.

Ensuring that any news on funding cuts is disseminated to the voluntary and community sector in Erewash. Also that the voice of Erewash groups is heard in the process. The forum has over 150 members and averages around 45 people per meeting.



80% of people
want to volunteer
but don't know how.

Speak to the experts in your area!

GROUP WORK

We supported 48 groups throughout the year with 1 to 1 support.

We continued to support groups with advice on funding, training, HR issues, and providing meeting space at our offices.

As you can see from page 3, we have a wide range of member groups and organisations whom we work with.

We have many groups who meet here at the centre including:

U3A - have various interest groups (Family History, photography, Mixed Media etc)
Long Eaton Chamber of Trade
LEAMAC – Long Eaton All Media Arts Club
Parkinson's Exercise Class
Seventh Day Adventist Church
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Derbyshire Parents Forum
Relate
Trident have a permanent office based here at the centre.
Alzheimer's Society
Homestart

See page 30 & 31 on our centre.

We send out regular E-Bulletins with over 254 groups on our mailing lists. We send out quarterly Volunteering Newsletters to our 200 Direct Service Volunteers and 800 Brokerage Volunteers.

We promote many local events for groups and send out alerts to important changes that affect groups.



VOLUNTEERING NEWS

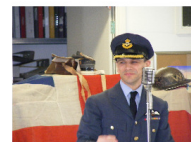
PROMOTING VOLUNTEERING THROUGHOUT EREWASH

Autumn 2014

WE'LL MEET AGAIN!



More Pictures inside of our 1940's Themed wartime Tea Dance



Are you on the Community Directory Derbyshire - the most up to date list of voluntary groups in Derby and Derbyshire?

You can now add your group or amend the details of your group at: www.communitydirectoryderbyshire.org.uk

The Community Directory Derbyshire is managed by a partnership of support organisations across Derbyshire who can provide help and advice to your group. For more details please contact us.

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254 groups on our mailing list

REPRESENTATION / PARTNERSHIP WORK

This is a major part of Stella and previously Pete's work in making sure that the voice of the voluntary sector in Erewash is heard at a strategic level. And that what's happening at a county/regional and national level is fed back to the sector.

Some of the activities we have been involved in include:

D2N2 we have hosted meetings and taken an active part in bringing partners together to look at the potential opportunities, this has included working with One East Midlands and Rural Action Derbyshire.

We worked with CCG and South Derbyshire Mental Health Forum to bring together the Stakeholder Day back in October 2014. (See page 12 and 13.) A wide range of partners came together to look at what activities there were in Erewash and what support groups might need to be mental health friendly. This resulted, after many meetings, in funding being made available to EVA for a development worker to start in May 2015 to help to assist this work. More information days are planned for the next financial year.

Pete has continued to attend Derbyshire County Council's Climate Change meetings and has contributed to the wide debates had at that level.

Work with the CCG continues to see where the voluntary sector can add to and promote the services already on offer.

EVA have hosted and attended the CCG Patient Participation groups and we are looking at some focus groups for the future.

The South Derbyshire Health and Social Care forum is also supported by EVA and we have held some of the meetings here in Erewash.

The Derbyshire Volunteer Centre Network continues to meet and we have represented the network at the East Midlands Regional Network. EVA have hosted two of these meetings bringing the region into Erewash.

Derbyshire Partnership Forum brings together a wide range of providers across the Derbyshire area and we have had input into these meetings, looking at tackling poverty thriving families, climate change and community involvement. Many of these topics have sub groups which we attend if we can.

Other partnerships we engage with on a regular basis include the Local Strategic Partnership, Health watch, we work closely with Vspa (the Voluntary Single Point of Access) and their development worker has a hot desking arrangement here in our offices.

DCC Suicide Prevention Strategy, Derbyshire Learning and Development Consortium, Compact Refresh Group.

The 3D Consortium is a group of CVS and specialist infrastructure organisations across Derbyshire who again meet to talk about and plan ways forward for issues affecting the sector in Derbyshire.

The Community Directory Derbyshire is also part of this consortium with CVS across the county inputting group data onto the main server.

On a national level we work with NCVO and NAVCA who send out regular updates to us.

These are cascaded to the sector where it is relevant.

This is just a snap shot of the activities we undertake.

My apologies for any we have missed off.

Stella Scott



NEW KITCHEN FACILITIES

Back in January our trustees decided to use some of our reserves to put our kitchen back into use.

The kitchen has not been used since Leonard Cheshire moved out many years ago, so much of the equipment was out of date and unusable.



We have now had all the old equipment removed and purchased a new cooker and dishwasher which are now fully functional.

New pots and pans have also been purchased.



If you would like more information on prices or to have a look at the new facilities please contact

Lee on 0115 9466740 Or email lee@erewashcvs.org.uk



ROOMS TO HIRE

Erewash Voluntary Action has several fully equipped rooms for hire by community voluntary groups, suitable for either meetings or training events.

Small room seats 10 comfortably

Large Meeting room seats 24

Hall seats 80-100

Interview room for 1 to 1

& Workshop Space

All rooms are versatile for different layouts.

Tea & coffee can be provided.

Buffet can be provided from £4 per head.

Wi-Fi, projector, screen, flipcharts etc.

Day, evening and weekends at reasonable rates.

Full Disabled Access. The premises were designed for use by disabled people and are used regularly by Derbyshire Adult Community Education and other training providers.
Car Park and on street parking.



We may be able to offer long term office accommodation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

On behalf on Erewash Voluntary Action I would like to thank our Funders for their continued support

Also a huge thank you to our Volunteers and Supporters.

Without you it would not be possible.

Last but not least, thank you to our staff team who provide a first class service to the people of Erewash.

This report can be made available in large print please ask for a copy that meets your needs.

ARE YOU BORED?

TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

**COME AND SEE US AT
THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE**

LOTS TO DO TO KEEP YOU BUSY!

We recruit volunteers as Befrienders, Shoppers, Sitters, Buddys & Drivers to help older or disabled members of the Erewash Community.

Just 1 hour per week is all you need to give

Opportunity to meet new People, Socialise, Learn New Skills and for those looking at a new career, it can be beneficial when applying for jobs.



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