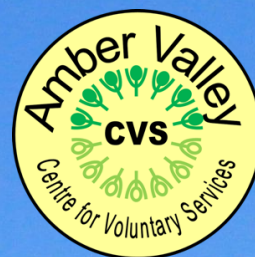


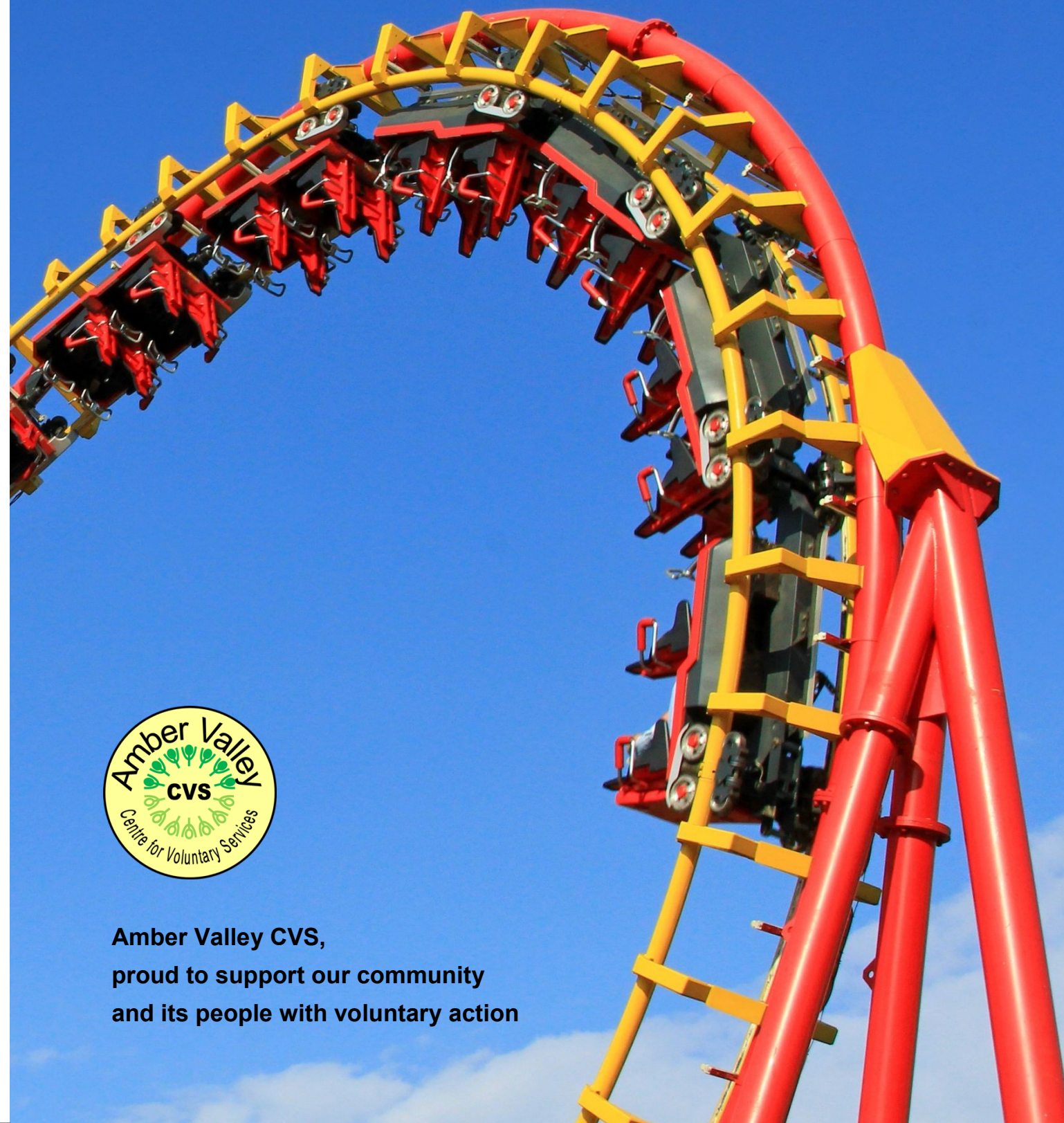
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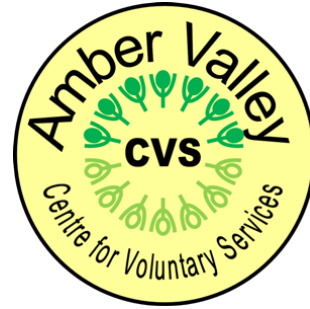
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Incorporating our Annual Report 2015-2016



**Amber Valley CVS,
proud to support our community
and its people with voluntary action**





Report from the Chief Executive...

We have worked through the financial year despite a certain amount of trepidation linked to the review of voluntary and community sector funding by Derbyshire County Council and Clinical Commissioning groups in the county. This has been a great opportunity to make regular contact with member groups and reinforce the need for high standards in governance and the need to be creative in fundraising. As a result, more than £190,000 of external funding has been gained by you with our help which is an increase of £90,000 from last year.

We have also seen new volunteering activity and groups in all communities, particularly Ironville and Riddings, to respond to local needs.

A big thanks to all those, who for the first time, are volunteering in allotments, at craft and social groups, as management committee members, or as Befrienders.



A special mention to Youth Spirit, a group of young people age 11 - 14 years of age, who met at Act4Change, and who are coming together from the community to have fun and also to address issues that concern them in their village.

Amber Valley CVS Directors have encouraged the organisation to be equally creative in generating our own funds and so we have invested some reserves in longer term higher interest accounts and also invited Legacies and Donations to the organisation. We have also used a local external consultant to offer their insight to income generation.

I hope you enjoy reading the performance plan that gives some facts from the year and shows our measured progress towards outcomes for local groups and the community of Amber Valley.

And finally... Please look at our new website, which now incorporates the 50 Not Out directory of Lunch, Social and Physical activities in Amber Valley. If you have any new information or updates to current activity, then please give us a call on 01773 512076.



Funding Surgeries

Wednesday 23rd Nov
2pm - 6pm

Amber Valley CVS

Edwina Archer, Funding Development Officer at Derbyshire Sport, is coming to Amber Valley CVS on 23rd November from 2.00pm – 6.00pm to offer 30 minute funding surgeries to people from clubs/groups and not for profit organisations. She will be available to give funding advice on various grant schemes including Sport England's Small Grants programme and general funding advice on project ideas focused around sport and physical activity.

For more information visit the Derbyshire Sport website
<http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/funding-opportunities>

To book a surgery slot please contact...

Collette Watson

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places are limited, so book early

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Volunteer Centre
Amber Valley

DCC Consultation

Derbyshire County Council has launched a consultation into their plans to include Social Value when procuring local services, including those from the voluntary and community sector.

The Social Value Act 2012 came into force on 31 January 2013. The act places a requirement on commissioners (and procurement officers) to consider the economic, environmental and social benefits of their approaches to the procurement of public services.

A group comprising representatives from departments has been established to support the development of Social Value across the council. The group has produced a draft Social Value Strategy, which sets out the aims, priorities and key actions required to develop Social Value.

The consultation process is important in ensuring that the voluntary and community sector and suppliers are able to input their views.

The consultation is aimed at

- Contracted service providers (and those hoping to win contracts)
- Service users
- Voluntary and community organisations

You can take part by filling in a questionnaire online – more details can be found on the Derbyshire County Council website: http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have_your_say

Please also encourage the people who use your services to take part.

The consultation is open until 20th November 2016.

Personal Assistant Recruiting

Disability Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living supports individual employers to recruit Personal Assistants county wide. The website is constantly updated and there are full and part time opportunities.



Disability Derbyshire
Coalition for Inclusive Living

All vacancies are advertised on DDCIL's website:
www.dcil.org.uk/PA

You can download job descriptions and application forms directly and you can register to receive updates in your local area as they arise.

If you are looking to recruit PAs we may be able to offer our services to you also;

Contact: DDCIL Park Road Ripley DE5 3EF Tel: 01773 740246 www.dcil.org.uk

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Through the gym we can offer nationally recognised sports qualifications to interested participants who wish to volunteer with us, gaining them valuable skills to increase their employability.

**We are at Amber Valley CVS
on Wednesday afternoons 2-4pm**



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Trustees Financial Report - Achievements and Performance.

In tracking our performance against outcomes for the organisation and the sector, we have been pleased with many successes, despite a year of uncertainty for the organisation and its staff team.

Amber Valley continues to have over 500 active groups, 298 of which are members of CVS all of whom we maintain a record of on Community Directory Derbyshire and communicate regularly with by e mail bulletin, newsletter and personal visits and calls.

We have given direct advice and support to 230 of these groups in the past year, which shows as an activity log on our performance management area of the Community Directory Derbyshire.

We have supported groups to gain £190,794 of funding, an increase of £90k from the previous year. We use our central base to bring selected funders to speak directly with local groups.

We also provide regular e bulletin updates and continue to offer training and support in writing funding applications.

We have gathered intelligence of community assets, likes, and concerns from the work of Community Organisers who have listened to residents in Langley Mill/Aldercar, Heanor, Ironville and Riddings. As a result there are more volunteers in the community and new community action.

We continue to maintain through Do – It with around 170 volunteering opportunities promoted through out the year.

We have seen an increase in on-line applications for volunteering but continue to see better success in placing volunteers from our local brokerage activity which encourages those with less confidence and gives the opportunity for support in the new arrangement with local organisations. We are actively recruiting to the Befriending project to offer volunteer support to isolated individuals.

Our premises are well used by other agencies as a training venue and also to offer a local service. Chesterfield Law Centre, CAB, Futures Housing Options are regular users. We are also popular as a meeting venue for CVS and volunteer Centres in Derbyshire, with whom we liaise to raise the profile and voice of the sector.

Help at Home continues to be valued by the elderly population of Amber Valley and Erewash and supports the organisation with information about older people's needs, allowing signposting to all other voluntary sector provision and offering long term support when the Befriending activity is outstripped by individual need.

Statement of Financial Accounts

		Unre- stricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2016	Total 2015
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>Income from:</u>					
Charitable activities	3	388,737	177,928	566,665	529,490
Other trading activities	4	38,814	-	38,814	27,753
Investments	5	472	-	472	1,005
Other income	6	12,404	-	12,404	5,553
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Total income		440,427	177,928	618,355	563,801
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<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	7	410,556	188,477	599,033	552,830
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Total resources expended		410,556	188,477	599,033	552,830
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Net income for the year and incoming resources before transfers		29,871	(10,549)	19,322	10,971
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		29,871	(10,549)	19,322	10,971
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		413,609	53,098	466,707	455,736
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Fund balances at 31 March 2016		443,480	42,549	486,029	466,707
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The company had no new or discontinued activities during the year.

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2016 £	£	2015 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		48,755		53,452
Investments	13		149,580		-
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			198,335		53,452
Current assets					
Debtors	14	12,230		14,620	
Cash at bank and in hand		305,353		435,247	
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			317,583		449,867
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(29,889)		(36,612)	
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Net current assets			287,694		413,255
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Total assets less current liabilities			486,029		466,707
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Net assets			486,029		466,707
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Income funds					
Restricted funds	16		42,549		53,098
Unrestricted funds - designated funds	16				
		170,000		170,000	
- general reserves	16	273,480		243,609	
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			443,480		413,609
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Charity funds			486,029		466,707
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 28.9.16 and are signed on its behalf by:



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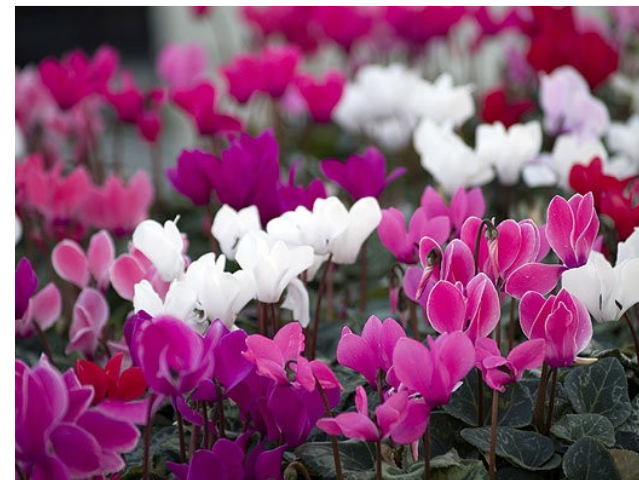
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Gardening out of season

With Summer coming to an end many believe it is also the end of the jobs that can be done in the garden. As you will know this is not the case and we are able to help you over the next few months with some of the following tasks - British weather conditions permitting of course:

- Edge or half moon your lawns and borders to give them a clean, crisp finish
- Clear out the Summer bedding plants and tidy up borders
- Plant Winter bedding plants
- Plant bulbs ready for Spring
- Lift or divide herbaceous plants
- Cut back roses
- Lay down mulch
- Spike lawns-an aid to Winter drainage
- Clear away leaves
- Clean paths of moss to prevent slips and falls
- Cut back overhanging shrubs
- Weed and feed lawns
- Relocate plants, shrubs and small trees
- Paint and treat fences and gates



Please call Jane (Amber Valley area) or Diane (Erewash area) on 01773 512076 for more information about the Help at Home Service.



Fond farewell to Wendy



Wendy Keeton – Admin Volunteer Retires after 14 years of Service... November 2016, saw the departure of our long standing Volunteer Wendy, due to her moving to Derby to be closer to her family.

Wendy joined the administration team back in 2002, and has seen lots of changes not only to the team but to her role as she started by carrying out varied admin tasks from helping with mail shots, photocopying and leaflet preparation. Amber Valley CVS then

recognised her IT skills, and for the last 10 years her role has been to input the Help at Home weekly timesheets to a database, which managed to fill her time for 2 full days a week. All of the staff of Amber Valley CVS were sad to see her leave but wish her all the best in her new home.

Take a seat, Give a seat

Next time you are driving to your community group think about who else could benefit from the seat next to you. Many people living near you would love to get out to your local group, but are limited by transport.

Make their day, let them take a seat.



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Drop In and Freedom Programme



Escape works with Women and Men and with people from all communities
Have you lived with, or are you living in an abusive relationship?

You can drop in to talk to someone...

Every Thursday morning

8.30am – 12.30pm

At Salcare, 59 Ray Street, Heanor



If you are living with domestic abuse and you need support you can contact us

01773 765899

enquiries@escapedas.org.uk

The Freedom Programme©

Tuesday's 9.30am – 11.30am

**Belper Children's Centre, Community Centre,
Alder Road, Belper DE56 1LP**

A rolling programme for women, that you can join at any time. There are 12 sessions, looking at domestic violence and abuse and how domestic violence and abuse can effect you and your children.

To find out more or book a place contact us on the details above



Parent Volunteers Needed



**Could you help to support a young family?
Do you have 2-3 hours to spare each week?**

We are looking for volunteers, old & new, in Amber Valley to revive support to parents

Please contact us to offer your time :

Tel: 01332 742619 or 01773 512076

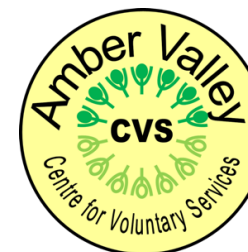
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or kirstybarker@avcvs.org**

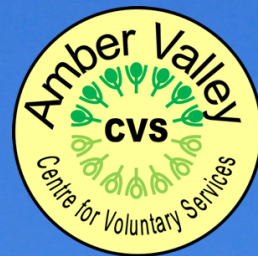


We hope you have enjoyed the articles, news and information in this edition. If you would like to promote your group, an activity or event in our Newsletter, please get in touch...



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