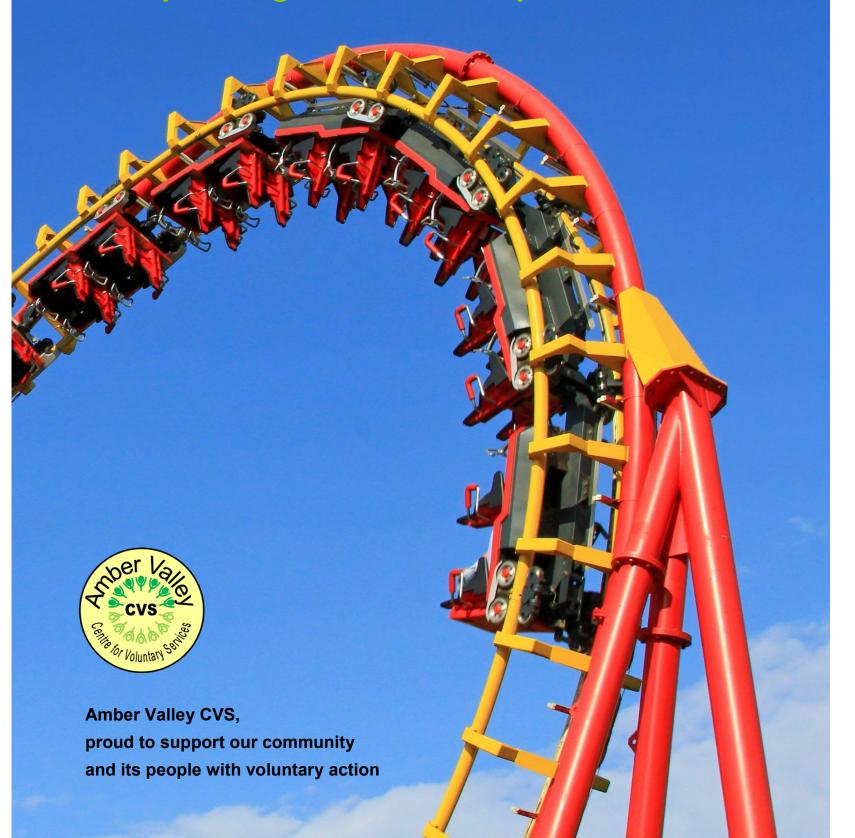
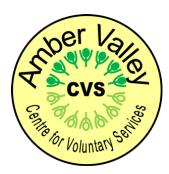


Incorporating our Annual Report 2015-2016





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
01773 512076
places are limited, so book early

Amber Valley CVS 33 Market Place Ripley DE5 3HA





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.



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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Community Group Success

Ripley Amateur Boxing Club is a community led group run by volunteers. Myself and my partner Andrew took over the day to day running in 2013, with no previous experience in community clubs or volunteering we sought out help and guidance and found Amber Valley CVS.

My first contact was with Collette at Amber Valley CVS. We attended a funding opportunity meeting and through the help and advice we received from Collette we were able to secure much needed funding from the Health Lottery for a two year project.

Without Amber Valley CVS we wouldn't have had a clue on where to start looking for funding for the gym. Their continued support and help in the past years and through 2015 has been invaluable. I know if I have any queries Amber Valley CVS are always on hand to steer us in the right direction, and the news letter we receive is invaluable, keeping us up to date with funding opportunities, courses and volunteer information.

Ripley Amateur Boxing Club is more than just a boxing gym, it's a place where people come to meet, get fit, have fun and make new friends. We are open to all, regardless of ability or fitness levels, running sessions for juniors, ladies only and open fitness sessions. The sessions are free to under 18's and we charge a nominal £2 weekly to adults, making our gym affordable and accessible to all. By offering free sessions to under 18's, we can help steer young people away from anti-social behaviour, channeling their energies in a positive direction and encouraging them to take pride in themselves and their communities. The gym offers a safe and fun environment for them.

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.

The Royal British Legion...Here to help



The Legion provides lifelong support for members of the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families all year round.

You can find out more by visiting our online advice centre at www.britishlegion.org.uk, calling 0808 802 8080, or popping in to one of the Legion information centres that have opened across the country.

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

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LEGION

Voluntary and Community Group funding set to continue

Derbyshire County Councillors are set to approve grants of more than £1.2m to voluntary and community groups. Representatives from voluntary and community organisations and people who use their services were involved in extensive discussions, during a 12-week consultation which looked at how money from our adult care budget is allocated to organisations providing a range of support to older and vulnerable people.

Following public feedback from a series of meetings, councillors met on 20th Sept to recommend continuing to support many of the services for 18 months.

In addition, councillors will agree £1.2m of one-off funding for community priorities.

As well as the grants, councillors will also consider four further reports to fund statutory services to:

- Set up a two-year advocacy service to support older and vulnerable adults (£320,000)
- Launch services for people who are hard of hearing in the north and south of the county (£59,200)
- Develop services for people with mental health issues including one-to-one and telephone support and self-help (£384,695)
- Commission a three-year British Sign Language support service for deaf and hearing impaired people (£38,750)

Councillor Paul Smith, Cabinet Member for Adult Care, said:

who took part Improving life for local people

"I'd like to thank everyone who took part in our consultation.

In fact, it became clear just how much people valued and relied on the services provided by voluntary and community groups.

So I'm pleased that despite severe budget pressures we expect to be able to continue to offer financial support for most services.

We recognise that year-on-year cuts will continue to affect our budgets, which is why we're committed to helping groups find other sources of funding so they become more self-sufficient.

Although the future remains unclear I'd like to reassure people that no major decisions would be taken on future funding arrangements without consultation."

The grants would be funded from existing adult care budgets, money redirected from the Members' Community Leadership Scheme, public health and our chief executive's department.

Cabinet will also be asked to agree to formally contract some services rather than paying grants in the future, following competitive procurement exercises and consultation.

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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
Income from:	Notes	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities Other trading activities	3	388,737	177,928	566,665	529,490
Investments	4	38,814	-	38,814	27,753
Other income	5 6	472 12,404	-	472 12,404	1,005 5,553
Total income		440,427	177,928	618,355	563,801
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	410,556	188,477	599,033	552,830
Total resources expended		410,556	188,477	599,033	552,830
Net income for the year and incoming resources before transfers Gross transfers between funds		29,871	(10,549)	19,322	10,971
Gloss transfers between funds					
Net movement in funds		29,871	(10,549)	19,322	10,971
		413,609	53,098	466,707	455,736
Fund balances at 31 March 2016		443,480	42,549	486,029	466,707

The company had no new or discontinued activities during the year.

Balance Sheet

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

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 its behalf by:

M Gee Trustee

Trustees Statement on Financial Information

Financial Review (Detailed financial information is shown on pages 8 and 9)

Investment Policy

The Executive Committee are responsible for setting the investment policy of the charity. A decision was made in the year to invest £150,000 of funds in a money market higher return account.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

At 31 March 2016 the charity had total reserves of £486,029. Of these reserves £42,549 was held in restricted funds, with the balance remaining of £443,480 being held in unrestricted funds.

The charity has designated some of its unrestricted funds for particular purposes. At 31 March 2016 the designated funds of the charity comprised:

Training Fund	£ 5,000
Contingency Fund	£80,000
Building Fund	£75,000
Help At Home Fund	£10,000

£170,000

The Training Fund is to ensure the organisation has sufficient funds for staff development that would not be met by other project costs and to pump prime training initiatives that support development of the sector.

The Contingency Fund is set aside to cover any organisation costs or debts not covered by project costs, this includes directorate redundancies. It is also in case of long term incapacity or absence of a senior manager that requires costs for interim support of another professional.

The Building Fund is in line with our aspiration to refurbish the 'Cottage' we are designating some funds which could then be used as match funding in any future bids and to maintain the fabric of the building in the meantime.

The Help at Home Fund is to ensure that in the event of a disaster we are able to continue Help at Home activity to our clients by replacing essential equipment, personnel and work space immediately.

General reserves (excluding tangible fixed assets) freely available for use by the charity amounts to £224,725.

The Trustees policy is to build unrestricted free reserves equivalent to 4-8 months directorate expenditure, which is currently running at the rate of £258,000 per annum. At the year end unrestricted reserves amounted to £224,725 which is considered prudent as there are indication that grant funding will decrease in 2017.

In our opinion the accounts:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- require for our audit; orThe trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in
- The trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Report from the Chairman

Once again the organisation has had to operate in a very challenging and stringent financial climate as a result of reduced grant funding.

Nevertheless, the organisation which was re-aligned to reflect the new method of operation has continued to expertly and efficiently provide a valued service across all of the key areas of the business.

The Help at Home service has made a significant contribution to our overall financial position and at year end we achieved an operating surplus of £53,304 which is re-invested in Amber Valley CVS work within communities.

This was down to the hard work and dedication of all staff plus Board members who actively pursued identification of new income streams.

During the year we introduced our Legacy Policy which has generated funds and following a set of detailed presentations we embarked upon an investment programme, which is aimed at generating additional funds in the longer term.

With our dedicated team of both staff and Board members we look forward to another challenging and rewarding year as we strive to provide our valued and much appreciated service to all within the Amber Valley and Erewash areas.

Malcolm Gee

Richard Matthews (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Baldwins (Derby) Limited

28/9/16

Chartered Certified Accountants

Statutory Auditor

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









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

Email: admin@homestartderby.co.uk

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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