



# Volunteer Centre

Daventry

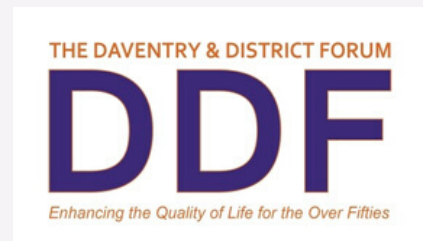
## VCSE Newsletter



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### THE DAVENTRY DISTRICT FORUM

The Daventry & District Forum provides information and advice for the over 50s living in Daventry District. Membership is free and includes invites to quarterly forums that are held throughout the year. They provide an opportunity for members to get together and make new friends, whilst relaxing over a cup of tea.



There are guest speakers along with many stands providing information and advice on a wide variety of subjects from health care; to safety in the home, adult learning, fun and relaxation...there are often raffles with a chance of winning gifts too! The forums are open to all and offer something for everyone.

For further information please contact Daventry District Council on Tel: **01327 871100** or visit **[daventrydc.gov.uk/ddf](http://daventrydc.gov.uk/ddf)** or e-mail: **[AgeingWell@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:AgeingWell@daventrydc.gov.uk)**

To promote your group/organisation at a DDF forum - or to have a promotional stand and/or a guest speaking slot - please forward your details for consideration to the committee, by contacting Emma Parry. Email: **[eparry@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:eparry@daventrydc.gov.uk)**

## RISK ASSESSMENT TIPS FOR VCSE ORGANISATIONS



Risk assessments are the simplest and most effective way for organisations of all sizes to control and mitigate obvious dangers. However, too often they are treated as a box-ticking exercise.

It is a common misconception that risk assessments are a time-consuming chore, or that they only need to be completed once a year, which can limit their effectiveness. Zurich Insurance have created a useful guide for carrying out risk assessments:

### **What are risk assessments for and what should they cover?**

Risk assessments are a simple way of identifying potential hazards that could put individuals and property at risk. There is no such thing as a one-size-fits-all approach – they should be tailored to what your organisation does and the particular risks you could face. However, every risk assessment should:

- Identify potential hazards
- Identify who or what could be most at risk from these hazards
- List measures being taken to address hazards and identify any additional action needed
- Allocate responsibility for risk improvement actions, with clear timescales

You should also review your risk assessment processes following any serious incident, such as a fire, flood or safeguarding incident.

### **How detailed should risk assessments be?**

A risk assessment does not always have to be a lengthy document. The important thing is to have a straightforward system to identify and prioritise risks, and to record any actions taken to mitigate them. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) provides a number of useful resources and tools that can help clubs develop robust risk assessments found at: [hse.gov.uk/risk](https://www.hse.gov.uk/risk)

## Who should carry out risk assessments?

You should appoint a ‘competent person’ to oversee the process. A competent person is defined by the HSE as “someone with the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to manage health and safety.” This does not necessarily mean somebody who has undergone specialist training or received any formal qualifications in health and safety. The important thing is that whoever you entrust to carry out your risk assessments is aware of best practice and can commit to overseeing the process.



## How should risk assessments be recorded?

A logbook is a simple way to keep a record of your risk assessments and any actions taken to mitigate risks.

Logbooks should include space to record the dates and times of assessments or training, and brief details of what was covered. If any potential hazards are identified, it is important to note any action taken to reduce or eliminate the risk.

## Keeping it simple

Building a risk assessment does not have to be a complicated or time-consuming process.

You can create specific risk assessments that identify and address the hazards particular to your organisation. By regularly reviewing these documents as your circumstances change, you could go a long way to mitigating some of the biggest risks your organisation could face.

The HSE provides a straightforward risk assessment template that you can tailor to your organisations particular needs found at: [hse.gov.uk/risk/controlling-risks.htm](https://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/controlling-risks.htm)

## UK SOCIAL SECTOR HEALTH CHECK: REPORT



**Charity Bank** has released its inaugural UK Social Sector Health Check report, which assesses the impact of the current climate on the sector's ability to respond to the needs of people and communities.

182 social sector leaders were polled to understand the challenges they face, and guest contributors share their perspectives on the state of the sector, including the impacts of Brexit and political uncertainty, funding, regulations, technology and governance.

The results show that:

- **85%** of charities expect demand for their services to grow over the next two years;
- **86%** are concerned about future grant funding; and
- **82%** don't think they'll be able to sustain donations over that period.

The full report can be read at **[go.charitybank.org/uk-social-sector-report-2019](https://go.charitybank.org/uk-social-sector-report-2019)**

### UK Social Sector Health Check Report

How charities are finding the current climate  
and anticipating the road ahead



## CHARITY GOVERNANCE AWARDS



The Charity Governance Awards is an exciting not-for-profit initiative created to celebrate outstanding governance and trusteeship in charities across the UK, allowing large and small not-for-profit organisations to inspire and learn from one another.

The winner in each category will receive an unrestricted grant of £5,000 and all shortlisted entries will be invited to a complimentary and exclusive Awards Ceremony and Reception in May 2020.

There is nothing to lose, so follow the link for more information and to submit your entry: [www.charitygovernanceawards.co.uk](http://www.charitygovernanceawards.co.uk)

**Deadline 22 January 2020.**

## ASSET-BASED INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL PRESCRIBING



London South Bank University has released a report on its research into successful approaches to social prescribing and co-production.

The report, The Asset-Based Health Inquiry – how best to develop social prescribing sets out a number of social prescribing exemplars 'to uncover the key conditions for real asset-based collaboration'. The report makes a number of recommendations to ensure that social prescribing resists becoming part of the status quo and instead provides a critical route to more personalised approaches to healthcare.

Use this link to read the full report:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/126G1wXRMP2R8bAvGZsZ4pTnKVkpPafRm/view>

Thank you to the Think Local Act Personal partnership for sharing this resource.



## GUIDANCE ON BAILIFF AND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SCAM



Central & East  
Northamptonshire

Central and East Northamptonshire Citizens Advice are calling on people to stay vigilant against fraudsters posing as enforcement officers and bailiffs.

We have become aware of scammers phoning members of the public, posing as County Court bailiffs, High Court Enforcement Officers (HCEOs) and Certificated Enforcement Agents (CEAs).

During the calls, the fraudsters claim that the person owes money, and demands that they transfer funds into a bank account.

We may contact you by phone to discuss a warrant of control and will offer to take debit or credit card payments over the phone.

However, we will never:

- telephone you to ask for your bank details
- telephone you to ask you to make a bank transfer using your sort code and account number

If anyone claiming to be a county court bailiff, an HCEO or CEA calls asking for this information, you should not make any payment and not give their bank details. You should end the call and contact:

- your local county court, if the caller says they are an HMCTS bailiff. Contact details for county courts are on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk)
- the company the person claims to work for, if the caller says they are a HCEO or CEA. Contact the [High Court Enforcement Officers Association and the Civil Enforcement Officers Association](#) (CIVEA) for more information

If you believe you have been a victim of this scam you should report the matter to: [Action Fraud online](#) or on **0300 123 2040**.

## CARERS CONSULTATION BY NCC



Public Health and Adult Social Care at NCC are currently carrying out a joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) looking at the current and future health, care and wellbeing needs of carers in Northamptonshire and which will help to inform the future planning and commissioning of carers services. A carer is anyone, including children and adults who looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction and cannot cope without their support.

NCC want to include the voices of as many of the estimated 73,000 Northamptonshire carers as possible. They know that many carers do not see themselves in that role and many others, particularly working carers, struggle to juggle their caring and working lives.

In January and February NCC will be running focus groups to hear the views of working carers. If you are a carer and currently working, then NCC would very much like to hear of your experience. Groups will consist of no more than 10 people and will be facilitated by staff from Public Health and Adult Social Care.

NCC understand that not all carers wish to advertise their caring role so if carers would rather talk to them directly on a one to one basis then this would be fine.

For any further details please contact Hayley McKagan

Email: [Hayley.McKagan@nass.uk.net](mailto:Hayley.McKagan@nass.uk.net)

Tel: 07921 403870.



## TESCO COMMUNITY FUND

The March round of the Tesco Bags of Help programme is open in the Daventry store area and they are looking for applications now!



The closing date for applications is Friday 28th February and as Daventry area has no applications queuing, they need a minimum of 3 successful applications for this round. Any additional applications will be considered for subsequent rounds.



Applications are made via the application portal only, using the link below.

Sean Silver from groundwork is available to assist any group who might be considering applying and would like to discuss an application idea, or for any support.

Contact details: **Sean Silver** -Tesco Bags of Help (funding programme) Enabler, Groundwork .

Email: **Sean.Silver@groundwork.org.uk**

Tel: Office: **01536 526453**

Mob: **07912 480 537**

Application portal link:

[www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/grants\\_tesco-community-grants/](http://www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/grants_tesco-community-grants/)

## JEAN SAINSBURY ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST



The objectives of the Trust are to donate to UK registered charities whose purposes encompass one or more of the following:

- to benefit or protect animals
- to relieve animals from suffering
- to conserve wild life
- to encourage the understanding of animals

**Application Form:** Questionnaire to download from the website to complete and send with other documentation as detailed.

**Deadline:** 15th January (for Spring meeting) 1st May (for Summer meeting) 1st September (for Winter meeting).

**Contact:** Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, P.O.Box 469, London, W14 8PJ

**Email:** jsawt7@gmail.com

**Website:** [www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/index.html](http://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/index.html)



## GREEN GIVING - GRIMPLE'S GREEN GRANTS



Grimple are looking for green projects across the United Kingdom that they can fund and help support environmentally friendly project.

They are offering grants of up to £1,000 for small projects and organisations. They want you to overwhelm them with your applications, so get inspired and let them know about your green project idea!

**Application Form:** You can enter Green Grants by filling in the easy to follow online application form on the website below.

**Contact:** The Green Insurance Company, 1, Masterton Way, Tannochside Business Park, Uddingston, G71 5PU

**Email:** [greengrants@greeninsurancecompany.co.uk](mailto:greengrants@greeninsurancecompany.co.uk)

**Website:** <http://www.greeninsurancegiving.co.uk/how-to-apply.php>

## RUGBY FOOTBALL FOUNDATION



The purpose of the Rugby Football Foundation is to promote and develop community amateur rugby in England.

It aims to do this by

- Promoting participation in Rugby union for adults and children of all abilities by providing appropriate facilities.
- Advance education, social equity and inclusion through Rugby union in order improve quality of life.
- Protect and promote the heritage of Rugby Union through the World Rugby Museum

Helping Hand Grants – this grant recognises that current economic times are difficult and provides a mechanism for clubs to apply for a small grant of between £500 - £1,500 for eligible Capital Projects (for example a new set of rugby posts, redecorating the changing rooms etc) with the club matching the grant on a £ for £ basis.

Groundmatch Grant Scheme -provides easy-to-access grant funding for capital projects which contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players. A list of projects which qualify for a grant ('Qualifying Projects') is given in the Guidance Notes on the website but the list is not exhaustive; it is the overall objective of the project which is important. Interest Free Loan Scheme - The Interest Free Loan scheme provides up to £100,000 in an interest free loan to capital works to clubs at level 4 and below which contribute to the retention and recruitment of community rugby players.

**Contact:** Rugby House, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7BA

**Tel:** 020 8892 2000 Fax: 020 8896 9816

**Email:** [foundation@therfu.com](mailto:foundation@therfu.com)

**Web:** [www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=featured&Itemid=101](http://www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=101)

# WAITROSE COMMUNITY MATTERS



Launched in 2008, Waitrose Community Matters initiative donated over £14 million to local charities chosen by the public. Using tokens provided at the till, customers decide how much of a £1,000 monthly total (£500 in convenience shops) is given to the three charities or community groups, nominated by customers and selected by Partners.

Online, Waitrose.com also shares a donation of £25,000 between 3 national causes. After checkout, you will be asked to vote for one of the national causes we are supporting. Each cause will receive a share according to the number of votes - just as we do in our branches.

If you are a UK-registered national charity and would like to be considered for our Community Matters Online initiative, write a brief outline of your charity's work and any project funding sought for, and send it to the address below.

**Contact:** Waitrose Community Matters Team, Waitrose Limited, Doncastle Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 8YA

**Website:** [http://www.waitrose.com/content/waitrose/en/home/inspiration/community\\_matters.html](http://www.waitrose.com/content/waitrose/en/home/inspiration/community_matters.html)



## NVCA - FREE TRAINING

COURSE TITLE	DATE	VENUE	TIMES
Disability Awareness	Thurs 23rd Jan 2020	Doddridge Centre Northampton	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Lone Worker Personal Safety + overview of Safeguarding	Wed 5th Feb 2020	Swanspool Pavilion Wellingborough	1 pm – 4 pm
Basic First Aid	Mon 10th Feb 2020	Corby Volunteer Centre Corby	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Quick & Easy Finance	Wed 18th March 2020	Kettering Business Exchange Kettering	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Trustees Roles and Responsibilities	Wed 18th March 2020	Kettering Business Exchange Kettering	1 pm – 4 pm
Safeguarding awareness	Wed 29th April 2020	Volunteer Centre Towcester	1 pm – 4 pm
Basic First Aid	Mon 11th May 2020	Doddridge Centre Northampton	1pm – 4 pm

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Social Prescribing in Northamptonshire	Thurs 14th May 2020	CAB Northampton	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Quick & Easy Finance	Thurs 14th May 2020	CAB Northampton	1 pm – 4 pm
Managing Volunteers	Wed 3rd June 2020	Volunteer Centre Towcester	1 pm – 4 pm
Social Prescribing in Northamptonshire	Wed 24th June 2020	Volunteer Centre Towcester	1 pm – 4 pm
Lone Worker Personal Safety + overview of Safeguarding	TBC	TBC Northampton	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Social Prescribing in Northamptonshire	Wed 16th Sept 2020	Swanspool Pavilion Wellingborough	1 pm – 4 pm
Managing Volunteers	TBC	TBC Northampton	1pm – 4 pm

## CAVA - WARWICKSHIRE



An exciting opportunity has arisen to join ConnectWELL's award winning Social Prescribing programme.

**Salary:** NJC Scale 5 point 22 currently £21,074  
**Hours:** 37 hours per week  
**Closing date:** Friday, 10th January 2020 at 9.00am  
**Interview date:** w/c Monday, 20th January 2020



ConnectWELL is a free service to help people improve their general health and wellbeing their way using non-medical sources of community support. ConnectWELL offers the chance to find out about activities that can improve health and wellbeing, including: advice and information services, community groups, leisure activities, lunch clubs, self-help groups, specialist interest groups, sporting activities, and lots more.

We are seeking an Engagement Champion to raise awareness of ConnectWELL in Warwickshire by establishing and developing connections with existing and new referrers including Voluntary, Community and not for profit groups and other delivery agencies and organisations. The successful candidate must have experience of public speaking and delivering presentations, working effectively in collaboration with a wide range of agencies & partners and knowledge of monitoring and evaluation, including case studies and proficient use of social media.

Excellent communication and organisational skills, the ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team are essential for this role. To apply for this role you are required to hold a driving licence and have use of a car for work purposes.

If you think you fit the brief for this exciting role, please view the job opportunity below and apply as per the guidance.

Download an application pack from [www.wcava.org.uk/jobs](http://www.wcava.org.uk/jobs) No CVs please.

## DAVENTRY DISTRICT VCS FORUM



**Date:** Friday 20th March 2020

**Time:** 1pm - 2.30pm

**Location:** The New Street Centre  
DDWF Building (next to Tesco's)  
13 New Street, Daventry NN11 4BT

Dear Colleagues,

Please see below an agenda for our next Daventry VCS Forum meeting. You can park free of charge in Tesco car park for up to 2.5 hours.

Please can you let DVC know as soon as possible if you would like to attend, and if you would like a free lunch ordered?

**Tel:** 01327 300614

**Email:** [info@daventryvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:info@daventryvolunteers.org.uk).

### AGENDA

1. Lunch available on arrival (please pre-order)
2. Welcome, introductions and apologies: Carella Davies (Chairing)
3. Minutes of last meeting 13th December 2019 and Matters Arising
4. Speaker: To be arranged
5. VIN : Countywide Forum and Commsortia updates
6. News round-up from Members
7. Best "Good News" story
8. Any Other Forum Business
9. Dates of next Forum meetings: To be arranged
10. Networking