

North Devon Voluntary Services Ltd



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Voluntary Services

Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23

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Introduction from the Chair of Trustees

During the 2022/23 financial year North Devon Voluntary Services (NDVS) continued to build on our relationships with other Devon-based organisations through partnership working. We have maintained our hosting arrangements developed in the last two years, demonstrating the strength of our organisation to both act as an employer for local organisations/projects and to create additional bridges to the voluntary and community sector. NDVS continues to provide employment support services for Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations which are delivering key projects and services within the community. NDVS established new partnerships with the Live Well in Braunton (LWiB) Community Project. Some of the fledgling organisations supported by NDVS have grown sufficiently in confidence and skills to take on their own employment of staff, including Early Nourishment and 361 Energy.

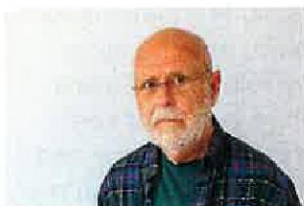
As a Devon Voluntary Action (DeVA) partner, and further to additional Government funding, we managed workstreams with an aim of bolstering the resilience and sustainability of the VCSE community through campaigns to recruit volunteers, as well as a financial literacy project to provide understanding of costs of providing their services and funding options.

During the year we lost two long-serving trustees due to personal commitments. However, we were at last able to recruit a new trustee with an extensive professional accountancy and financial controller background, who has agreed to act as our Honorary Treasurer. I am pleased to welcome David Mason on board. We also changed Chief Officer, the first one deciding to retire but providing a generous overlap with her replacement. We have again improved our financial position relative to this time last year, as our Trustee Finance Subcommittee has confirmed. The Subcommittee reviewed our financial position regularly. Our reserves for contingencies are now able to cover 12 months of operation, as recommended by the Charity Commission. Much of this positive progress has been brought about by the hard work carried out by our experienced and skilled Chief Officers; the NDVS Trustees are unanimous in their appreciation of their work, as well as the excellent support given by our core and project workers.

The challenges facing the Third Sector have increased considerably during this year, especially the effect that increased cost of living and energy costs have had on volunteering across the sector. In addition, successfully resourcing funding streams has become more difficult and requires more time and professional effort. NDVS continues to support local organisations to remain resilient, but times are difficult for many of them, and some are at risk of closing.

We are confident that we can continue to provide Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) support to VCSE organisations within North Devon for some time yet. We look forward with optimism to working ever more closely with local authorities, our partner organisations, and the health services, where we feel, we are ideally placed to provide valuable and essential support in our area.

In summary, I believe that NDVS remains strong, resilient, and viable for 2023/24.



Jon Wilkes

Introduction from the Chief Officer

It most definitely has been a year of change both through the internal and external lens of NDVS. Karen Evans, my predecessor, decided to retire and I was afforded the opportunity to step into very big shoes in October, flying solo from January. It was obvious from the start just how much hard work had taken place during the previous months (and years), with Karen and the team, supported by the Board of Trustees, continuing to support our many VCSE groups through a still changing and uncertain world.

Before she left, Karen was busy completing the final report relating to the 2nd round of funding through the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF), and through partnership with DeVA. This funding allowed the team to support the strengthening of the sector through training and support, including some vital financial resilience work as well as impactful volunteer campaigns. The sector is most definitely still recovering from the impact of COVID. A sector who has played such a vital part during the pandemic. This work, and now with the cost-of-living crisis impacting significantly on our local communities, has inspired several new groups to form and take much needed social action within the community. During the last quarter of the year, again through DeVA and working cohesively with TTVS (our sister CVS), we administered £41k worth of Community Grants to help support the Cost-of-Living (COL) Crisis.

Vulnerable people have still been reluctant to mix and are concerned about COVID and many members of our community have got out of the habit of socialising. As we know this can have such a negative impact on our health, both mental and physically. Also, due to the COL crisis many cannot afford too either. Working alongside our Community Developers, Wellbeing Connectors, VCSE organisations and partners, we have worked hard to mobilise projects, whereby warmer spaces are an accessible option to the public.

Unfortunately, volunteer numbers have continued to contract nationally, which is challenging when there are so many fledgling projects and organisations with some innovative community focussed intentions, as well as long standing organisations who are seeing a greater demand for their services. Individuals are not willing to volunteer their services in traditional ways or perhaps cannot afford to. NDVS are very aware of these challenges and the vital role we play in revitalising volunteering and supporting and guiding the sector through these difficult times. Research has shown the positive impact volunteering can make to the individual which then has the multiplier effect cascading through the community.

We were also able to continue with our extensive training programme for local organisations. We offered a variety of subjects, 22 in total! Listening to our VCSE organisations as to what was required, as well as horizon scanning sourcing for available opportunities, that we felt were very relevant.

The NDVS monthly newsletter continues to be emailed to its subscribers and forwarded to many more. We provide relevant and timely information to support the work of the sector. In addition to the newsletter, we are using other social media platforms to increase engagement and showcase our work, and the work of the organisations we support. As well as listening to the needs of the community and acting on this! NDVS has not only secured continuation funding for most of its projects, but also managed to expand its hosted services, supporting, and enhancing the work of VCSE organisations in our area.

I would personally like to thank Karen and team for all their hard work and laying some solid foundations for the new team at NDVS. I am very grateful for the continued support of my team, the Board, and the wider VCSE community, who have welcomed me. There are challenges to overcome, and the role of CVSs are most definitely changing, with a need to be adaptable, flight of foot and creative to continue infrastructure support in the future. I very much relish the opportunity to continue to strategically voice the importance and impact of the sector. Sometimes the world seems to be full of doom and gloom at every turn, but through my rewarding role I have witnessed so much evidence of people wanting to do good and make a difference.

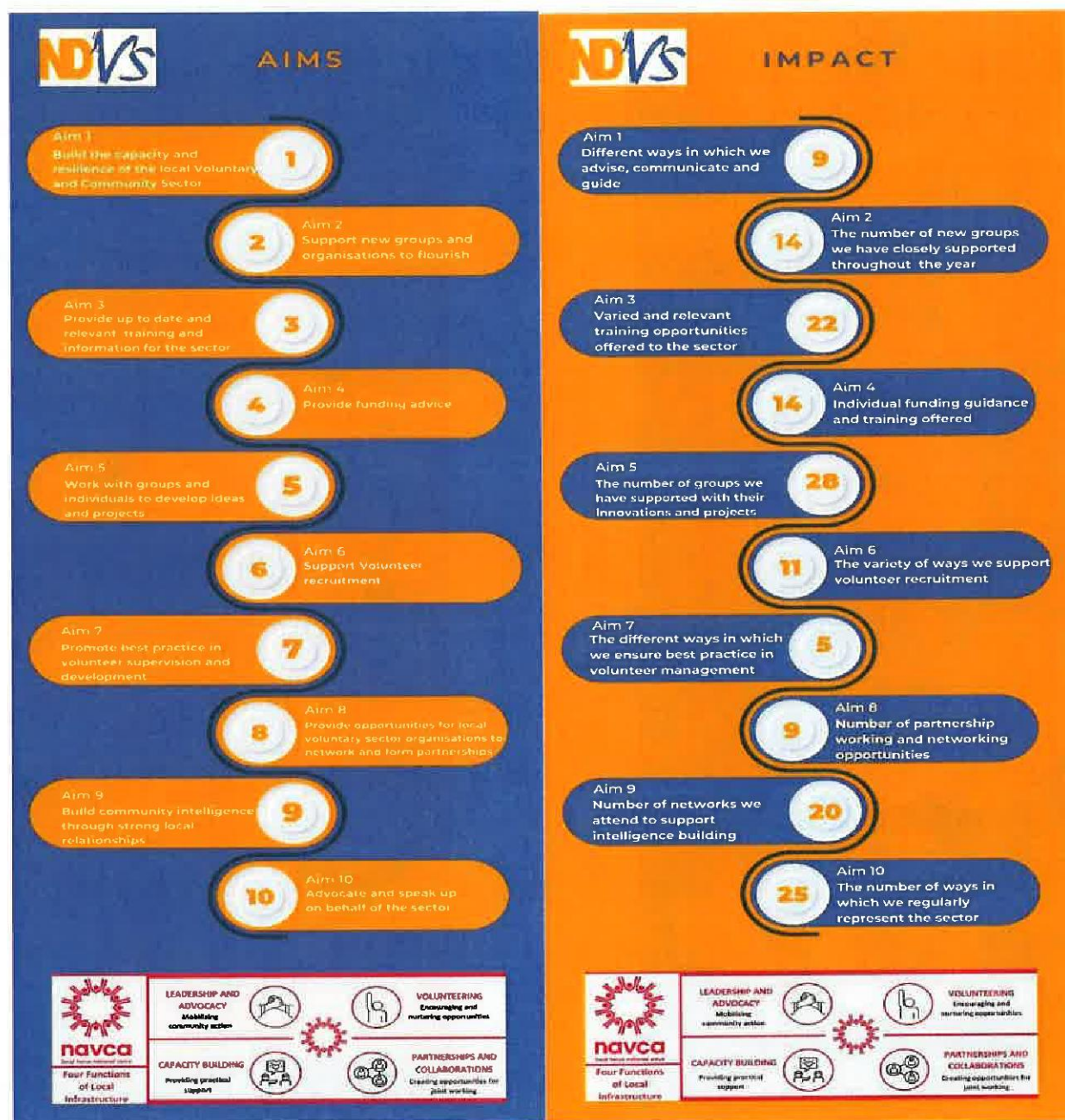
Marie Gould



Aims and Objectives

North Devon Voluntary Services' mission is to strengthen and champion the work of local organisations that represent, develop and support voluntary and community action. Ultimately, we enable those that do good to flourish!

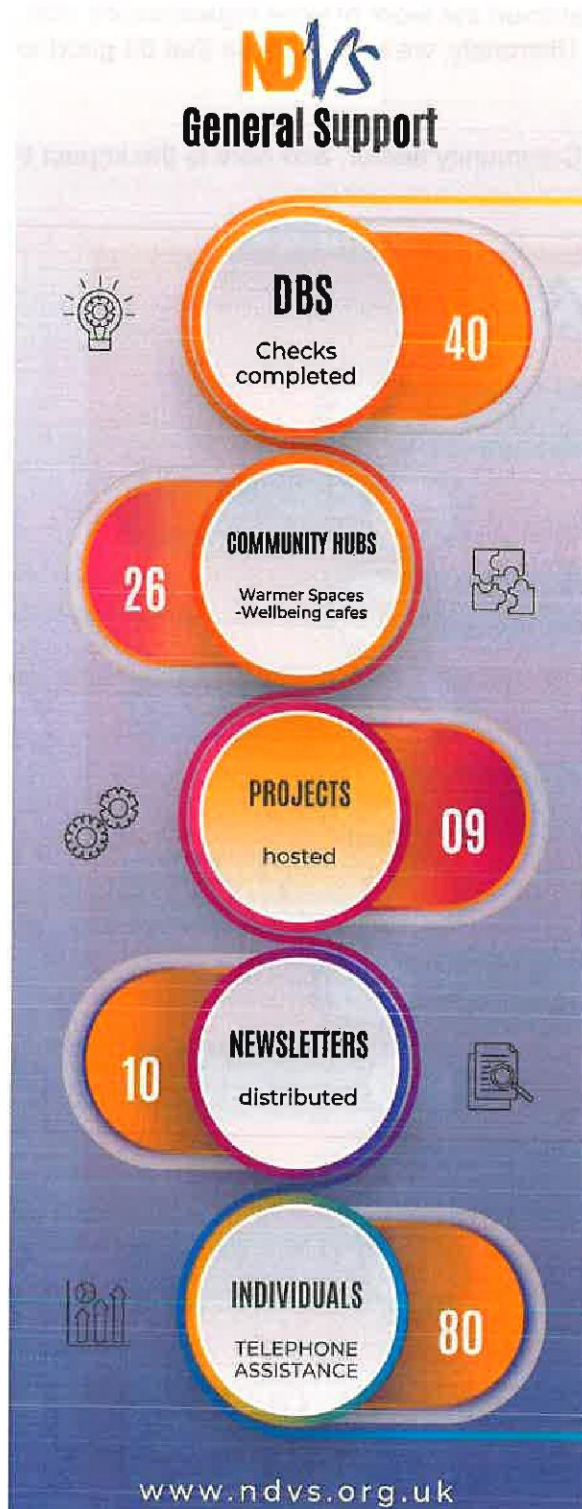
Over the last year we have been working with the Voluntary and Community sector, and here is the impact that we have made, in line with our Aims:



As members of National Association of Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA), holding these four functions as guiding principles.

Our purpose as a Local VCS infrastructure organisation is to create thriving communities, where people belong and can act on the things that matter to them.

We have also provided a range of individual and generic support using a range of communication methods:



Strategic Development and Voluntary Sector Representation – this is a key part of our work, particularly as statutory service providers look to form partnerships with the Sector.

This graphic provides an overview of strategic meetings that the team attend on a regular basis.

Devon Connect and Communication

Devon Connect went live in April 2022. It has three main functions.

1. To raise awareness of organisational functions and services
2. To promote activities and events offered by VCSE organisations.
3. Encouraging and assisting VCSE organisations to list their volunteer opportunities and to link to the members of our local community.



Our Volunteer Connector started in November and part of their role was to promote this platform. She had regular slots at local Libraries as part of this work. Our Partnerships Officer also negotiated that members of the public could access Devon Connect through the Library mainframe.

Contain Outbreak Management Fund 2

Working with our DeVA partners and other key VCSE organisations across Devon County Council District we secured funding to support the recovery of the VCSE sector. The aim of the funding was to support local organisations in expanding their volunteer numbers as well as training around important financial resilience.

Volunteer Campaigns summary data

Campaign	Total Reach	Total Impressions	Total Registrations Completed	Total Clicks	Total Views	Total Post Engagements
Carers	77,649	340,345	38	716	468	15,238
Digital/ Micro Volunteering	84,607	493,959	147	2,351	1,789	5,080
Trustees	89,266	463,810	182	3,004	2,164	5,496
Acts of Kindness	90,432	526,715	177	2,421	1,779	7,421
Total	341,954	1,324,829	544	8,492	6,200	33,235

Community Grants – COL

Again, working with our DeVA partners, in partnership with OneDevon, and working cohesively with TTVS, we facilitated a grant award process (£41k) for voluntary organisations that support people who have been disproportionately affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Across, North Devon and Torridge, we received 17 applications and awarded 13 different groups with a sum of money to support their work within the community.

Warmer Spaces

Thanks to North Devon Council Warmer Spaces Grant funding, we were able to continue with the work of Barnstaple Alliance PCN Wellbeing Connector, in the form of a weekly wellbeing café being held at Barnstaple library. One Barnstaple's Community Developer continued to facilitate this work. Both Community Development roles were funded by One Northern Devon.



Hosted Projects and Services

NDVS acts as a host for individual strategic projects delivering in the North Devon and northern Devon areas. It is vital that NDVS provides this service as it enables projects/initiatives to be delivered locally and benefit from our networks and sector intelligence. These hosted projects are listed below:

Devon Access to Services (DAS)

DAS, now in its 15th year, is a project hosted by NDVS and funded by Devon County Council. Our focus was to support the 60 members of Devon Community Car Forum in their ongoing recovery from the Covid Pandemic.

DAS distributed the annual DCC grant £35,593 to the 51 Full Members of the Devon Community Car Forum via the regional fund holders. This grant is made in return for data relating to volunteer car journeys across the Devon County Council area.

In response to the increased frailty of passengers, our main effort was providing training to as many new drivers and those returning to volunteering as possible. Thanks to Mid Devon Mobility's successful application to the governments Stronger Together Fund we delivered 4 different training programs to 15 organisations who hosted 39 training sessions given to 238 participants! We were also delighted to participate in the Devon County Councils Bus Drivers Disability Awareness Training.

DAS continued its regular activities including hosting Car Forum meetings and providing professional advice and support. We collected statistics, case studies and shared best practice to all the car schemes. Working with DCC we arranged for the distribution of 1929 Volunteer Driver Hospital Parking Permits and continued to support community car schemes solving parking issues at NHS hospitals in Devon.

DAS also carried on updating entries in its directory devonservices.org.uk. DAS would like to thank Devon County Council and NDVS for their continued support of the project.

Community Car Scheme Activity	2019-20	2020-21 Covid	2021-22	2022-23 (provisional)
Journeys to and from primary care	40,850	17,205	31,685	41,986
Journeys to and from secondary care	49,928	21,029	38,726	51,316
Journeys to social and welfare activities	42,220	3,916	18,118	30,757
Total number of journeys	132,998	42,150	88,529	93,302
Journeys for passengers travelling in wheelchairs	5,435	1,633	1,873	1,188
Miles travelled	1,446,161	570,000	972,703	925,441
Volunteer hours	133,076	77,261	103,813	109,775
Notional value of vol hours min wage	£1,092,554	£673,716	£924,974	£1,042,862
Drivers' expenses paid	£582,471	£206,172	£377,813	£383,404
Operational costs of schemes	£703,703	£390,628	£509,920	£554,581
Received from passengers	£772,103	£262,728	£517,861	£488,212
All other fundraising (inc grants)	£268,658	£138,144	£552,195	£224,767
Total cost of providing services	£1,286,174	£596,800	£887,733	£937,985
Funding -deficit/+surplus	-£245,413	-£195,928	+£182,323*	-£225,006

*2021-22 Two schemes received large bequests which has inflated the deficit/surplus figure. Many schemes are still struggling to meet their costs.

To find out more about car schemes in your area, please call us on 07840 452147 or search www.devonservices.org.uk

Connected Communities Programme

Connected Communities is a project which has been developed within the framework of Devon County Council's Prevention Strategy. The aim is to support vulnerable adults in their community and promote independence through enabling access to voluntary and community activities.

For those adults who are isolated or vulnerable the programme offers support that is individual to their needs from either the voluntary sector or the community. We focus on the individual and work with them to identify opportunities, including signposting that will reduce isolation and meet social needs.

This role remains a vital link between vulnerable clients and the VCSE sector and statutory services and proved its worth during the challenges of Covid-19 and the associated restrictions. Clients were able to receive the support they needed to remain independent in their own homes but at the same time safe and connected.

The Community Connector takes referrals from the Social Care Assessors, the Sensory Team, Occupational Therapists, the Community Enabling Team, Pathfinder and Rapid Response Team. The worker will provide support either face to face, by telephone or via email. The holistic and solutions-based nature of this role has resulted in several significant outcomes. For example, increased access to grants and funding, improved relationships and confidence in services, home improvements, and improved access to services.

Health and Social Care Teams

The Devon County Council Health and Social Care Team contract, managed by Westbank and sub-contracted to DEVA, requires NDVS to provide development support to address the issues and gaps identified by the Voluntary Sector Representatives. The Voluntary Sector Reps attend the meetings of the community health and social care teams and identify ways in which voluntary sector organisations can assist clients. Our development work aims to enhance the wellbeing of people who are often dealing with multiple health problems and other difficulties.

Live Well in Branton

Further to successful National Lottery Funding bid, NDVS now employs and hosts the Community Connector, Marketing, Admin and Volunteer Co-ordinator role as well as 2 Social Prescribers for Live Well in Branton (LWiB). NDVS is an active member of the Branton Forum and provides advice information and guidance to the community. Social Prescribers works with the local GP surgery to support individuals overcome barriers and issues affecting their wellbeing. During the last year the Community Connector has played a central role in coordinating voluntary action to support those isolated within the community and ensuring that the project is meeting the outcomes set out for the National Lottery, supported by the Marketing, Admin and Volunteer Co-ordinator and with full support of the LWiB committee.

One Northern Devon (OND)

NDVS works closely with OND and employs and manages the Community Developer for Barnstaple. OND also supports one of Barnstaple Alliance PCN's Community Connectors with small but impactful number of community development hours. The aim is to form a strong partnership between service providers and the voluntary and community sector focussing on key health and wellbeing issues affecting the local community. Funding for this role is provided on an annual basis.

Early Nourishment CIC

NDVS is working in partnership with Early Nourishment CIC. Our role is to host three members of staff to enable this emerging CIC to deliver a much-needed project supporting new parents. Early Nourishment CIC provides one to one support and group activities for parents and caregivers to help their children flourish. In addition, their work helps to overcome loneliness and isolation experienced by new parents. In December, after NDVS providing this hand holding role, this new fledgling organisation, has now taken full control of HR function. This was managed through TUPE. They are now in the process of becoming a Charity.

Warmer Homes North Devon

Now in second year of funding, from the Energy Redress Fund delivering a project addressing fuel poverty issues across North Devon and Torridge. Our delivery partner is 361 Energy CIC who provide the expertise and project management. NDVS host the Warmer Homes Advisor to deliver the project. This has been a vital project and source of support through the winter of 22/23 and the energy crisis. We are now in the process of trying to secure a second round of funding.

Barnstaple Alliance Primary Care Network

NDVS is working in partnership with the Barnstaple Alliance Primary Care network to support the NHS wellbeing agenda. NDVS employs 2 Community Connectors on behalf of the network with the aim of linking the local voluntary and community activities to the needs of patients. In addition, these workers identify gaps in service provision and with NDVS's support develop new voluntary and community services.

North Devon Coast Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

The North Devon Coast Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) covers 171 square kilometres (66 square miles) of mainly coastal landscape including special places such as Combe Martin, Lee Bay, Woolacombe, Croyde, Saunton, Northam Burrows Country Park, Westward Ho!'s Pebble Ridge, the Hartland Peninsula and Braunton Burrows, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

Finding Nature's Footprints is a three-year National Lottery Heritage Funded project which aims to learn more about the nature in our villages, gardens, fields and shores through surveys, monitoring and mapping of wildlife including plants, mammals, insects and birds.

This information will be used to support action by communities, volunteers, landowners and local agencies to develop community-led nature recovery plans and take action for nature improvement.

North Devon Coast AONB have teamed up with partners across North Devon to provide opportunities for new audiences in the area to connect with nature and benefit from the nationally designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

As part of this project NDVS host the Project Co-ordinator.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

NDVS Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (number 06934618) and a registered charity (number 1133707) with an area of benefit which covers North Devon. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are liable for any debts, the total not to exceed £10.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by approval of the members at the Annual General Meeting, by approval of the members during the year or by co-option of the Board of Trustees. New trustees are provided with an induction pack and additional training offered as need indicates. The Board of Trustees meets on average four times per year and a Chief Officer is appointed to manage the day-to-day operations.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified the risks facing the Charity. They review them regularly and put systems in place to mitigate these risks. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have taken it into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant. How we have done this is demonstrated in the Chief Officer's report.

Related Parties

We are a member of DeVA working in partnership with TTVS, Involve, South Hams CVS, Teignbridge CVS and West Devon CVS, all locally based organisations providing comprehensive support to Devon's voluntary and community sector. DeVA is an associate member of NAVCA and NCVO.

Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity Number	1133707	
Company Registration Number	06934618	
Registered Office	Suite 206, Queens House, Queens Street, Barnstaple EX32 8HJ	
Trustees:	Jonathan Wilkes Bill Allen David Mason	Chair Vice Chair Treasurer – 6 th June 2022
	Patrick May Diane Pedley Ian Gibson Sarah Vingoe Clare Humphreys Rebecca Sharples	Resigned August 2023 Resigned January 2023 24 th April 2023 31 st July 2023
Company Secretary	Laura Challacombe Monica Carter-Burns Claire Callister	From Jan 2022 – Dec 2022 From Jan 2023 – Mar 2023 From April 2023
Chief Officer	Karen Evans Marie Gould	From Apr 2018 – Oct 2022 From Oct 2022
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank, Customer Services Centre 4 Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2JB	
Accountants	Westcotts (SW) LLP 47 Boutport Street Barnstaple Devon EX31 1SQ	
Solicitors	Wollen Michelmores Avery House, Liberty Road Roundswell Business Park BARNSTAPLE Devon, EX31 3TL	
Constitution	Adopted July 1997 Revised 20th April 2006 Memorandum and articles of association 15 June 2009	

Financial Review

Year 22/23 saw an increase in funding from £305,711 (21/22) to £444,744 (22/23) reflecting not only the increasing development work undertaken but funding specifically relating to projects to aid in the recovery period post the COVID-19 pandemic. Our reserves have increased from £146,926 to £163,201, however projects that are WIP at the beginning of the year and WIP at the end of the year should be noted.

In particular projects that had brought forward funds on 1st April 2022 were

- DASP £33,902
- Community Development £5,360
- Barnstaple PCN £5,837
- Active Devon £1,991

and projects that had carried forward funds as at 31st March 2023 are

- DASP £39,581
- Community Development £8,469
- DCC Teacher's Hub £1,809
- Revitalising Volunteers £10,000
- Barnstaple PCN £5,664
- Active Devon £1,344

The expenditure on these will be in the 23/24 year.

361 Energy Redress fund carries forward £(11,512) owing to a time lag between expenditure and the receipt of the quarterly funds.

Analysis of Incoming Funds is as follows:

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	£ 22/23	£ 21/22
Grants & Donations	424,531	281,902
Training Workshops	9,913	8,435
Costs Recovered	9,273	15,305
Interest Received	1,027	69
Other Income	-	-
Total Incoming Funds	444,744	305,711

Resources Expended

Total Expenditure for the YE 22/23 is £428,469; an increase of £114,563 on the previous year. However, included in this figure is £19,207 which represents grants that were sent out to CVS and NFP groups as part of the Cost-of-Living Community Grants scheme.

Key Costs 22/23 compared to 21/22

Resources Expended:

	£ 22/23	£ 21/22
Staffing Costs	282,832	213,572
Grants Transferred	19,207	45,367
Premises Costs	12,290	11,444
Office Costs	3,363	4,964

The increase in staffing costs reflects the increased project activity.

Reserves Policy

As at 31st March 2023 the total NDVS reserves stood at £163,201 of which £3,475 is designated funds set aside for potential redundancy costs. The total reserves are an increase of £16,275 on the previous year. Analysis of reserves show that £56,419 is Restricted Funding and £106,782 is Unrestricted Funding.

The NDVS Reserves Policy has several objectives:

- To ensure that we have sufficient funds to cover potential redundancies – currently held in a Designated Fund,
- To enable us to ensure the organisation can survive for at least 12 months should other funding cease,
- To provide sufficient resilience and flexibility to cope with changing times and the fact that some of our projects arrive with grants whereas with others the costs have to be reclaimed afterwards,
- From time to time there are opportunities that require “matched funding” – without some flexibility we would be unable to respond to those opportunities.

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's needs for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and we should be able to continue our operations for a minimum of 12 months.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provision applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

On Behalf of The Board: JF Wilkes

Jonathan Wilkes (Chair)

Date: 4 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the North Devon Voluntary Services Limited.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 as set out in this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is on of the listed bodies.

Signed ... 

Date ... 4th December 2023

Catherine Williams FCA DChA

Westcotts (SW) LLP
Independent Examiner
47 Boutport Street
Barnstaple, EX31 1SQ

Statement of Financial Position as of 31st March 2023

	Total Funds 22/23 £	Prior Year Funds £
Tangible assets	517	662
Current Assets:		
Debtors	21,482	45,765
cash at Bank and in hand	159,453	126,624
	180,936	172,389
Current Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	18,252	26,125
Net Current Assets	162,684	146,264
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	163,201	146,926
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		
Provision for Liabilities		
Total Net Assets	163,201	146,926
Funds of the Charity:		
Restricted Funds	56,419	38,565
Unrestricted Funds	106,782	108,361
	163,201	146,926

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption to audit under ss. 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts 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 and signed on its behalf on 4/11/23. Date

 Jonathan Wilkes (Chair)

 Bill Allen (Vice Chair)

 Claire Callister (Company Secretary)

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Statement of Financial Activities YE March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	31st March 2023			31st March 2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals Funds £	Totals Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Income:						
Grants & Donations	20,515	404,016	424,531	281,902	22,200	259,702
Earned from Other Activities	6,637	13,576	20,213	23,809	7,346	16,463
Total Income	27,152	417,592	444,744	305,711	29,546	276,165
Expenditure:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	28,732	399,737	428,469	313,906	16,138	297,768
Net Incoming Resource	(1,580)	17,854	16,275	(8,195)	13,409	(21,604)
Transfer between funds						
Net Movement of Funds	(1,580)	17,854	16,275	(8,195)	13,409	(21,604)
Reconciliation of Funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward	108,361	38,565	146,926	155,121	94,952	60,169
Total Funds Carried Forward	106,781	56,419	163,201	146,926	108,361	38,565

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Notes to the Accounts

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Suite 206, Queens House, Queen Street, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 8HJ

1. Basis of Accounting

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS102, the Charities SORP (FRS102) and the requirements of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). The financial reports are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There have been no changes in the Accounting Policies for 2022 or 2023.

1.3 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Grants and donations are received by way of grants, donations and gifts and are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in the accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

1.5 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Expenditure includes VAT and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes, including the running of community transport.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

1.6 Fixed Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are valued at Cost or, if Gifted, at the value to the Charity on receipt. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off costs of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the basis of 25%, reducing balance.

1.7 Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

2. Grants & Donations

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Funder	Project			22/23			21/22
Give As You Live	Core	15		15			-
361 Energy CIC	Core	1,500		1,500	1,200		1,200
North Devon Council	Core	17,000		17,000	17,000		17,000
Norman Family Charitable Trust	Core	2,000		2,000	2,000		2,000
Barnstaple Town Council	Core				1,000		1,000
Devon Voluntary Action	Covid 19 Wave				1,000		1,000
Devon County Council	DASP (5)		47,803	47,803		49,527	49,527
One Northern Devon	Community Builder (34)					1,700	1,700
Barnstaple Town Council	Community Builder (34)					8,000	8,000
Devon Voluntary Action	CH&SCT (22)		5,632	5,632		6,688	6,688
Devon County Council	Care Direct (24)		18,120	18,120			-
Barnstaple Almshouses	Care Direct (24)					300	300
Northcott Foundation	Care Direct (24)					450	450
The Bridge Trust	Care Direct (24)					400	400
Landkey United Charities	Care Direct (24)					250	250
Barnstaple Rotary	Care Direct (24)					200	200
Grosvenor Church	Care Direct (24)					650	650
Barnstaple &ND Dispensary	Care Direct (24)					500	500
Lions	Care Direct (24)						
Holsworthy Freemasons	Care Direct (24)						
Teignbridge CVS (DeVA partner)	Care Direct (24)					17,600	17,600
Live Well in Braunton	LWIB (42)		3,476	3,476		14,005	14,005
Early Nourishment CIC	Early Nourishment (44)		33,619	33,619		34,228	34,228
Devon Voluntary Action	ASC Infection Control (45)					10,038	10,038
Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust	Comm Dev (46)		24,413	24,413			-
Barnstaple Town Council	Comm Dev (46)		8,000	8,000			-
Royal Devon Healthcare Trust	Comm Dev (46)		1,000	1,000			-
Live West	Grow, Share Cook (47)						-
The Energy Savings Trust	361 Energy (48)		73,179	73,179		20,583	20,583
North Devon Council	Kickstart (49)		3,215	3,215			-
HM Govt	Kickstart (49)					19,388	19,388
Barnstaple PCN Alliance	Barnstaple PCN (50)		46,153	46,153		16,486	16,486
Barnstaple Town Council (Goop)	Active Devon (51)		240	240			-
Devon County Council	Active Devon (51)					2,800	2,800
Devon Voluntary Action	COMF (52)		55,000	55,000		55,910	55,910
Devon County Council	AONB (53)		22,369	22,369			-
Live Well in Braunton	LWIB (54)		20,128	20,128			-
Velocity Devon	Velocity (55)		1,800	1,800			-
Cosmic	Velocity (55)		6,670	6,670			-
Devon County Council	DCC Teachers Hub (56)		2,868	2,868			-
North Devon District Council	Warmer Spaces (57)		330	330			-
Devon Voluntary Action	COL Community (58)		20,000	20,000			-
The National Lottery Community Fund	Revitalising Volunteers (60)		10,000	10,000			-
TOTAL		20,515	404,016	424,531	22,200	259,702	281,902

**3. Net Incoming Resources for Year
Ending 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging depreciation	145	206

4. Examination & Accounting Fees

Independent Examiners Fees	1,600	1,460
Examination & Accounting Fees	1,600	1,460

**5. Employees ' Costs (including pension and employers
national insurance)**

Gross Salaries	264,568	202,184
Employers National Insurance	16,779	10,830
Pension Costs	6,612	4,559
Employers Allowance	(5,000)	(4,000)
Total Employee Cost	282,959	213,573

No Employees received emoluments over £60,000

Average number of full time equivalent
employees in the year:

10.2 8.3

6. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

No loans were made to Trustees by the charity or by Trustees to the Charity (YE 2023 nil).

7. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

		£ YE 2023	£ YE 2022
8	Tangible Assets		
	8.1 Cost or Valuation		
	As at 1st April 2022	20,653	20,653
	Disposals		
	Additions		
	As at 31st March 2023	20,653	20,653
	8.2 Accumulated Depreciation		
	As at 1st April 2022	19,990	19,784
	Depreciation on Disposals		
	Charge for the Year	145	206
	As at 31st March 2023	20,135	19,990
	8.3 Net Book Value		
	As at 1st April 2022	663	868
	As at 31st March 2023	518	663
9	Debtors & Prepayments		
	Grant Funding	19,891	41,319
	Other Debtors	-	2,027
	Prepayments	1,927	2,419
		21,482	45,765
	All of which are due within one year		
10	Current Liabilities - Due within one year		
	Other Creditors	14,180	18,155
	Taxation, PAYE & INS	4,072	7,970
		18,252	26,125

11. Movement in Funds 22/23

	Balance Bfwd £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance Cfwd £
DASP	33,902	59,457	(53,779)		39,581
Care Direct	637	18,120	(18,434)		323
NCH & SCT	-	5,632	(5,632)		0
Live Well in Braunton	456	3,476	(3,931)		1
Community Builder	5,360	33,413	(30,304)		8,469
Grow, Share, Cook	500	-	-		500
361 Energy Redress	(10,108)	73,179	(74,583)		(11,512)
Barnstaple PCN	5,837	46,153	(46,326)		5,664
Kickstart	324	3,215	(3,538)		(0)
COMF	-	55,000	(55,000)		0
Active Devon	1,991	240	(887)		1,344
Early Nourishment	(334)	35,540	(35,207)		(1)
Velocity	-	8,470	(8,470)		0
Live Well in Braunton (Lottery)	-	20,128	(20,128)		0
DCC Teachers Hub	-	2,868	(1,059)		1,809
Revitalising Volunteers	-	10,000	0		10,000
AONB Finding Nature's Footsteps	-	22,369	(22,243)		126
COL Community	-	20,000	(20,000)		0
Warmer Spaces	-	330	(214)		116
Total Restricted Funds	38,565	417,591	(399,737)	-	56,419
Designated Fund	2,474	1,001	-	-	3,475
General Funds	105,887	26,151	(28,731)		103,307
Total Unrestricted Fund	108,361	27,152	(28,731)	-	106,782
	-				
Total Funds	146,926	444,744	(428,468)	-	163,201

Prior Year Comparison

	Balance Bfwd £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance Cfwd £
DASP	23,832	57,858	(47,788)		33,902
Care Direct	863	20,350	(20,576)		637
NCH & SCT	-	6,688	(6,688)		-
Live Well in Braunton	1,170	14,005	(14,719)		456
Community Builder	19,283	8,400	(22,323)		5,360
Rural Communities	1,521	-	(1,521)		-
ASC Infection Control	13,000	10,038	(23,038)		-
Grow, Share, Cook	500	-	-		500
361 Energy Redress		20,583	(30,691)		(10,108)
Barnstaple PCN		20,581	(14,744)		5,837
Kickstart		19,388	(19,064)		324
COMF		58,965	(58,965)		-
Active Devon		2,800	(809)		1,991
Early Nourishment		36,509	(36,843)		(334)
Total Restricted Funds	60,169	276,165	(297,768)	-	38,565
Designated Fund	1,261	1,213			2,474
General Funds	93,692	28,333	(16,138)		105,887
Total Unrestricted Fund	94,952	29,546	(16,138)	-	108,361
Total Funds	155,121	305,711	(313,905)	-	146,926

Funders 2022/23:

Project	Funded by:
DASP Purpose: Dedicated to improving access to information, services and representation focussing on volunteer lead community transport schemes.	Devon County Council & various donations
Community Health & Social Care Teams Purpose: To provide a framework in each Health Service in Devon to enable the Community Health & Social Care Teams to develop community response to the needs of patients.	DeVA
Care Direct Plus Purpose: To support vulnerable adults in their community and promote independence through enabling access to voluntary and community activities.	Devon County Council via Teignbridge CVS
One Northern Devon Purpose: To explore new ways of working to improve wellbeing outcomes for defined groups. To build capacity and support the formation of One Barnstaple	One Northern Devon
Live Well in Braunton Purpose: Provide Community Connector services and support community building across the Live Well Braunton area.	Live Well in Braunton
Nourish Project Purpose: Provision of employment services to support the delivery of the Nourishment Project for Early Nourishment CIC	Early Nourishment CIC
Velocity Purpose: To provide digital support and developing Digital Leadership capabilities to small groups, organisations and charities across Devon. Provide IT training sessions, organisational reviews and grants to enhance and grow digital capability across the not for profit sector.	Velocity Devon & Cosmic
DCC Teachers Hub Purpose: Provision of admin and financial services to support the delivery of ESOL projects within the community.	Devon County Council
Warmer Homes (361 Energy)	Energy Redress Fund

Purpose: To provide advice, guidance and practical support to improve energy efficiency and affordability.	
Kickstart Purpose: To create six-month, meaningful jobs for young people, aged between 16-24, who are claiming Universal Credit and are at risk of long-term unemployment, to enable them to develop their skills and experience to find long term employment after completing the Kickstart scheme.	North Devon Council & HM Government
Barnstaple Alliance Primary Care Purpose: To support provide advice and information and connect people to their local community to improve wellbeing	Barnstaple Alliance Primary Care
COMF2 (Contained Outbreak Management Fund) Purpose: The aim of the funding was to support local organisations in expanding their volunteer numbers as well as training around important financial resilience.	DeVA & Devon County Council
Active Devon Purpose: To offer an activity programme to members of the community that will help to bring people together and maintain their physical and mental wellbeing.	Barnstaple Town Council (Groop) & Devon County Council
AONB Finding Nature's Footprints Purpose: To learn more about the nature in our villages, gardens, fields and shores through surveys, monitoring and mapping of wildlife including plants, mammals, insects and birds.	Devon County Council
COL Community Purpose: To administer and manage the allocation and distribution of a funding pot to local VCSE who are supporting communities in relation to the Cost-of-Living crisis.	DeVA & One Devon
Warmer Spaces Purpose: To support small projects that are helping with the Cost-of-Living crisis by having places that community members can go to for warmth and refreshments – in particular our wellbeing café.	North Devon District Council

12. Analysis of Assets

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	517	-	-	517	662	662	-	-
Current Assets	114,784	3,475	62,676	180,935	172,389	116,365	2,474	53,550
Current Liabilities	(11,994)		(6,257)	18,252	(26,125)	(11,140)	-	(14,985)
	<u>103,307</u>	<u>3,475</u>	<u>56,419</u>	<u>163,201</u>	<u>146,926</u>	<u>105,887</u>	<u>2,474</u>	<u>38,565</u>

Purpose of Designated Funds

NDVS has felt that it is prudent to provide for redundancy costs. The total estimated as at 31st March 2023 is £13,401 from which £9,926 is calculated as being the cost for those staff working for DASP (Restricted Funding) and is built into their ongoing budget. The remaining £3,475 represents those staff who are currently being funded from Unrestricted Funds.

Non-regular Costs

None have been recorded during 2022/23

13. Company Status

NDVS is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

Each director of the company is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charitable company in the event of liquidation.

14. Grants Redistributed

NDVS were awarded, via DeVA, a Cost-of-Living Community Fund (COL Comm) during FY 22/23 which required funds to be distributed to smaller charitable entities for the purpose of helping them with the cost-of-living increase. These fund payments amounted to £19,207 and are shown as an expenditure item in Restricted Funding.

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