



Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service



Bolsover Community and Voluntary Service

# Annual Report 2021—2022



# Chairs Report

This year has been another successful and significant year for BCVS and the groups and people it exists to support as we continued to navigate the pandemic.

COVID-19 remains with us, however due to the hard work of BCVS staff and Trustees much business as usual was able to resume this year with multiple strands of work developed to support our communities on the journey towards recovery.

May 2021 saw the departure of our previous CEO, Catherine Burn, and following recruitment we welcomed our new CEO, Andria Birch, in September.

Work started in October 2021 on development of the new BCVS strategy 2022-2025 #WorkingTogether and involved all staff and trustees. #WorkingTogether will ensure our BCVS Values remain front and centre of all the work we will do going forward to develop and grow BCVS and the VCSE sector.

Our aim was to ensure the BCVS vision, mission and values, with our commitment to Sustainability, Inclusion, Diversity and Equality (SIDE) and Health and Wellbeing, are more visible and understood by all BCVS stakeholders. This work fed into our brand refresh and has informed the BCVS strategic goals for 2022 to 2025 to ensure maximum impact of the work of BCVS moving forwards.

[The strategy was successfully launched with our new brand for Bassetlaw CVS and Bolsover CVS early in the new financial year 22/23].

The 'Voice' work of infrastructure organisations is often least visible but of critical importance to the health of the VCSE sector. The BCVS definition of 'Voice' is 'Listening to and sharing the voices of groups, and all people connected with them, to influence and shape policy, funding, services and communities'. To this end, BCVS colleagues organise and attend hundreds of meetings each year across Bassetlaw and Bolsover to ensure that we feed in the needs and voices of the diverse communities that we serve in order to influence system development and affect positive change for our sector.



Whilst also developing above, BCVS has continued to lead and support a wide range of programmes **with 23 service areas** and projects in operation in 2021/22 including: Establishment of the Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network; ongoing coordination of the system leading Social Prescribing Link Workers for Bassetlaw; successfully securing funding from the Arts Council England for the POV project, leading a partnership of 9 VCSE organisations seeking to amplify the voices of young people and create volunteering opportunities that meet their needs; ongoing support for recruitment and coordination of volunteer COVID-19 marshalls to support local vaccination programmes; wider brokering of volunteering opportunities for local residents, ongoing VCSE group development support; a successful programme of activities and projects in Bolsover to reestablish VCSE infrastructure support for Volunteers, Groups and Voice, and leading and facilitation of the Nottinghamshire wide Tackling Loneliness Collaborative.

A spotlight on a selection of these projects and service areas is included within our extended Annual Report as a separate and more detailed publication for 21/22.

My thanks as always goes to the staff team and all trustees for their dedication throughout the year, and to our funders and partners for their ongoing support. We look forward to building on these very positive foundations in 22/23.



**Fran Walker, BCVS Chair of Trustees,  
alongside Andria Birch, BCVS CEO**





## Future Plans

During the next financial year, 2022 to 2023, BCVS Trustees will be making financial investment into the following areas:

- ◆ IT infrastructure and data management system development to support the growth and development of BCVS
- ◆ An office base in the Bolsover District to increase visibility and access for Bolsover CVS groups and service users
- ◆ Continuous Professional Development of staff, trustees and volunteers
- ◆ A brand refresh and increased focus on communicating the impact of what we do





## Policy on reserves

The BCVS Trustees policy on reserves is that free reserves have been set as a minimum of 9 months of operating costs.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

### Grant Aid

BCVS receives grant aid from Nottinghamshire County Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group and holds contracts for service delivery with Bolsover District Council, Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group.

Two significant risks to BCVS are further reductions in Grant Aid for core infrastructure support in addition to the changing landscape of Integrated Care System (ICS) development and funding including the movement of Bassetlaw into the Nottinghamshire ICS footprint.

BCVS is a well-respected organisation which is responsive, dynamic and achieves positive outcomes for the groups and people it supports. BCVS continues to work hard and creatively to generate new sources of sustainable income, to ensure all activities have a sound financial basis. We will continue to document and increase awareness of the impact of our work to mitigate these risks.



# Marketing and Communications



In November 2021, BCVS trustees supported proposals for development of a Head of Marketing and Communications role within BCVS in order to support Business Development and diversification, raise awareness of the impact of BCVS work with all key stakeholders and lead the marketing workstream within BCVS.

Rachel Wood was appointed and came into post in February 2022.

Work started immediately on the BCVS Ukraine response as the war began to intensify. It was clear that BCVS needed to support VCSE organisations to develop and coordinate a community response to support people arriving from Ukraine. A 'Welcome to Bassetlaw' booklet was produced by BCVS with support from the Bassetlaw Place Based Partnership and wider VCSE sector and was translated into 3 languages, to ensure that guests had all the information they needed to settle in Bassetlaw. This was shared widely across the country with many districts tailoring it for use elsewhere.

Our full and detailed Ukraine Response web page can be found here:

<https://www.bcv.org.uk/ukraineresponse>



English



Russian



Ukrainian





Relationships with partner organisations have been strengthened through formation of a new fortnightly marketing and communications meeting including leads from Bassetlaw CCG, Bassetlaw District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw Hospital.

Facilitation of a free monthly column with the Worksop Guardian was established to showcase the range of support BCVS and the VCSE sector provides.

Press coverage in February and March included the launch of the BCVS led Anti-Racist Alliance and International Women’s Day coverage.

Work started in March on the BCVS rebrand for Bassetlaw CVS and Bolsover CVS which was designed to reflect the new BCVS strategy and values.

We are very pleased with the result which was launched in early 22/23 and is now visible across all our channels and content including regularly published articles and case studies to demonstrate the difference we make.

**Worksop Guardian International Women’s Day feature - March 2022:**

 Worksop Guardian

Nine inspirational women from Bassetlaw celebrated on International Women's Day - from dedicated volunteers to amazing mothers

... women from Bassetlaw celebrated on International Women's Day - from ... She said: "The whole team at BCVS works extremely hard to ensure..."

9 Mar 2022



 **BCVS Weekly Bulletin - 24th December**

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 **BCVS Bulletin - Job Vacancy**

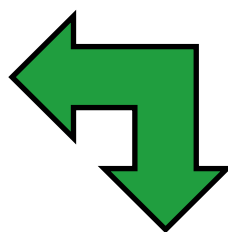
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 **BCVS Bulletin - BCVS Newsflash - State of the Sector Survey 2021**

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With thanks to BCVS Trustee Greg Hardman for his support and guidance throughout the rebrand process.



# Anti-Racism Alliance Launch



Launch web page: <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/antiracism>

In March 2022 we joined with twenty charities across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire to form the Anti-Racism Alliance.

Led by Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service (BCVS), Community Action Derby (CAD) and Voluntary Action Doncaster (VAD) the Anti Racism Alliance, made of Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure organisations,.

We will support our wider membership of over 6000 organisations to go beyond a zero tolerance approach to racism and to commit to positive action to become and remain proactive anti-racist organisations.

BCVS, CAD and VAD have also been active members of the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) National Anti-Racist Working group which has developed a set of Anti Racist principles and call to actions, which are outlined on the dedicated web page. Anyone interested in joining the alliance can also sign up via a form on this page.

A press-release was also created which was featured in the Worksop Guardian and Doncaster Free Press.







## Social Prescribing, Community Responders and Dementia Advisor

The Social Prescribing Team grew during this year to include additional Social Prescribers in Retford and Villages and Larwood and Bawtry Primary Care Networks. The existing Social Prescriber in Bassetlaw Hospital Emergency Department, was also joined by a new colleague in Hospital Discharge.

A new Dementia Advisor role launched in April 2021, supported by Nottinghamshire County Council, working to provide specific support to Bassetlaw residents. The service supported 278 patients and carers over the 12 months it was funded for and also supported the set-up of 6 new dementia groups and worked in partnership to enable a post-covid relaunch of 5 others.

All but one of the team have now completed or are in the process of completing their Social Prescribing Certificate Level 3 qualification, and 3 are in the final stages of a level 7 Women in Leadership course funded through Nottingham Trent University and European Social Fund. The team also took part in the Green Social Prescribing training run by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust as part of the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw ICS Green Social Prescribing pilot.

<b>Total number of patients supported by Social Prescribing Link Workers during 2021/22 (all employed by BCVS)</b>	<b>2,991</b>
• Primary Care Network Link Workers 4.4 FTE	<b>1,654</b>
• Bassetlaw Hospital Link Workers (ED and Discharge) 1.7 FTE	<b>283</b>
• BCVS-based Link Worker/North Notts Support Partnership 1FTE	<b>376</b>
• Dementia Advisor (patients and carers) 1FTE	<b>278</b>
<b>Onward referrals / prescriptions</b>	<b>3,462</b>
<b>VCSE organisations/groups providing support from referrals</b>	<b>109</b>





Of the patients who scored the support received from the Link Workers, 100% of patients gave the support offered **5 out of 5.**

The service has been brilliant, I can't fault it. Everyone has been so nice. Thank you for everything.

Thank you for all your help, I feel much more supported now than I did previously.

Thank you for the information and for all your help, I really appreciate it.

Client is very happy with the keysafe being arranged and that it allowed his package of care to start.

I have been told I will be getting attendance allowance - this is a big help, thank you.

Thank you ever so much for your help and for staying in touch, I really appreciate it.

Thank you for sorting my blue badge and for calling, it is nice to have someone to talk to. You've been lovely. You haven't been pushy - gave me space, listened and just suggested rather than pushing things on me.



# Volunteering

Recruitment and support for volunteers for Larwood PCN and Retford PCN continued throughout this year and COVID-19 Marshal volunteers supported clinics in Worksop and Retford.

237 clinics were supported, where volunteers worked to cover 1844 time slots which equated to 5,861 hours of their time.



**Covid Marshal volunteers receiving chocolate gifts on the 1 year anniversary of the Covid clinics.**

Throughout the year 152 volunteers were supported, 32 new volunteers were placed, 93 volunteers were supported online and 27 volunteers were supported face to face.

26 organisations were supported with volunteer recruitment and retention and 4 Bassetlaw Volunteer Forums were facilitated.

Our BCVS Bassetlaw Volunteer Coordinator, Annie Parry, has remained visible and accessible, whilst taking measures to ensure COVID-19 safety, with attendance at any available public events such as Recruiting Talent, Freshers Week and What's Next events across Bassetlaw to promote volunteering and volunteer vacancies across Bassetlaw.



## Volunteer Thank You Event 2021

A big thank you to all the Volunteers who have contributed so much to our communities this year.





HEALTH & WELLBEING  
 SUSTAINABILITY  
 INCLUSION  
 DIVERSITY  
 EQUALITY

35 VOLUNTEERS  
 118 PEOPLE HELPED TO  
 ACCESS VCS SUPPORT  
 3 NEW GROUPS  
 DEVELOPED  
 86 MEMBER  
 ORGANISATIONS  
 145 NEWSLETTERS  
 PRODUCED  
 37 STRATEGIC  
 MEETINGS  
 ATTENDED  
 10 EVENTS & MEETINGS  
 FACILITATED  
 998  
 SOCIAL  
 MEDIA  
 POSTS

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## Bolsover

During this year, organisations were provided with support on 74 occasions that included help with funding searches and applications, support and information on legal structures, governance and business planning. BCVS continued to promote networking and information sharing through delivery of 9 events over the year which included Bolsover Community Voice Forums, Volunteering Forums and Social Connectedness Network Meetings.

145 E- Bulletins were produced and distributed across sector organisations, partners and to individuals.

BCVS continued to lead the We are Undefeatable Pilot Project. A project which supports individuals with long term health conditions live a more active lifestyle. The project has a variety of partners including Derbyshire County Council, NHS, BCVS and voluntary sector organisations and is a great example of cross sector working and co-production.

The BCVS Volunteering lead, also worked safely throughout the pandemic to ensure promotion of volunteering across Bolsover throughout the year.

BCVS continued as the service provider for the DCC Home from Hospital provision for the district. Home from Hospital offers a 6-week support service for people who have been discharged from hospital or are in danger of being admitted to hospital. This is non-medical support, and services provided includes collection of groceries and prescriptions and telephone befriending.

During this year, BCVS have been present at regular outreach sessions in the district where we have worked in partnership with Bolsover District Council's Community Champions to promote Covid vaccination take up and share wider health messages out into the heart of the local population.

The POV (Point of View) project will also further our connections and presence in Bolsover as the first cross-district project that includes partners from Bassetlaw, Bolsover and South Yorkshire.

# Bolsover



## West Lea, Clowne

BCVS enabled community development to take place at the West Lea area in Clowne. We worked to encourage and support residents to pull together to form a community group, to be able to work with all agencies to make improvements to the area.

Below is a photo of the first residents' meeting at West Lea with County and District Councillors, residents and a BDC Officer in July 2021. Bolsover District Council kindly loaned us the Gazebo.



After this initial gathering, two further meetings were held in August and September, and a constituted community group, formed. The Friends of West Lea, formally adopted their constitution at their first AGM for the group on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Limestone House, Creswell

BCVS were able to assist the Board of Trustees at Limestone House in October 2021 when the organisation needed immediate support.



Our staff were able to assist in the recruitment and induction of 3 new Trustees, support the completion of grant funding bids and help with business planning for the future.





# Bolsover

## Bolsover Lantern Parade 2021

BCVS promoted and attended the Bolsover Lantern Parade in November 2021—widely recognised as the biggest event in Bolsover each year, attracting thousands of people to the town.

BCVS press release promoting the parade can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/blp-2021-bcvs>



## The search for an office base in Bolsover

BCVS has recognised the need for a more visible presence in Bolsover itself to increase exposure, increase volunteer participation and gain more local contacts and connections as a result.

Work began in early 2022 to search for and locate a suitable property to lease.





## State of the Sector Surveys

BCVS staff put a huge amount of time into contacting and supporting over 70 VCSE groups to complete the State of the Sector surveys for Bassetlaw and Bolsover in January to March 22. We also ran focus groups with sector leaders and with less often heard groups including local GRT (Gypsy, Romanian and Traveller) communities in Bassetlaw.

The published reports can be found here : <https://bit.ly/Bassetlaw-GRT>

One of the key findings which is also reflected in national research is the reduction in regular and formal volunteering, particularly for younger volunteers under 25 and older volunteers over 65.

The BCVS SOTS reports showed that:

- Many volunteers felt vulnerable and have not returned – consequent impact on face-to-face work/sharing transport
- Many volunteers felt isolated when online was the only option
- Many volunteers have struggled with their own mental health
- Digital divide - low levels of confidence and lack of resources. Some volunteers have got tired of online engagement
- Return to work and life pressures have increased since originally volunteering in the beginning of the pandemic
- Volunteers are feeling the effects of the cost of living increases and many are returning to work to ensure energy, fuel, housing and food costs are covered
- Many organisations had to move to both managing the organisation and shifting their activities online. This included being unable to induct new volunteers online
- Less capacity from health professionals to attend health condition specific community groups. Unable to volunteer in health settings due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Link to full SOTS results: <https://www.bcv.org.uk/sotsresults>

This insight has informed BCVS strategy development and priorities for 2022 to 2025.



## Community Champions

The Community Champions work in Bassetlaw focused on engagement of minority ethnic communities due to higher levels and impact of COVID-19.

One strand of work which focused on local Eastern European communities was undertaken by Marzena Karp-Singh, where information was gathered from 169 respondents, of all genders, aged 18-64 living in Bassetlaw. The information related to COVID-19, vaccination uptake and barriers to community involvement and the voices and views were fed back into health and partners to inform local plans and raise awareness of needs and barriers.

This work has fed into new group development work and into local health campaigns to support better understanding of the barriers experienced by local Eastern European minority ethnic communities in Bassetlaw.



**Bassetlaw Health Bus**



## Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire

### Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Engagement

Another strand of the Community Champion work was delivered by RCAN, building on their extensive experience of working with local Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) and led community engagement work with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) communities in Bassetlaw between May and July 2021.

The aim of the work was to identify and feed in local attitudes and voice regarding the COVID-19 vaccination programme including better understanding and insight on:

1. General access to medical services, registration with local GPs, NHS number and/or understanding of how to book a vaccination.
2. Attitudes to and plans for engagement with the vaccination programme.
3. Specific barriers to uptake including:
  - a. An overview of physical barriers such as access to IT, literacy transportation, childcare, family circumstance and
  - b. A thematic overview of any misconceptions, anxieties or cultural beliefs preventing uptake.

The report and voices of community members involved was fed back to Bassetlaw partners with key messages and recommendations summarised as:

- Consider bespoke information materials - Recognisable key symbols to mitigate literacy challenges, culturally sensitive information, clear contact details and telephone access/ follow up as needed.
- Additional consultation and/or consistent engagement at points across the year to capture transient populations or those unable to contribute due to circumstance.

- ◆ Expansion of engagement to include the largely, statistically under-represented, GRT communities living in 'bricks and mortar' accommodation.
- ◆ Strengthen the consistency of demographic information, culturally sensitive, recording mechanisms to capture relevant data across key services.
- ◆ Partnership forums/ liaison groups across sector for the dissemination of good practice, improvement of local knowledge and a collective, consistent approach to GRT engagement.
- ◆ Awareness training for key professionals and service providers, promoting a broader understanding of the vulnerabilities faced by this minority group and improved effective engagement.
- ◆ Scoping work regarding accessibility in relation to IT to illuminate specific barriers to engagement and how these impact on individuals and the wider community.





## Asset Development - Willow Garden

BCVS support for Willow Garden to develop this year has been one example of asset development with very positive outcomes for all. The work spanned Social Prescribing, Volunteering and VCSE Group Support resulting in a beautiful accessible community garden at the heart of Manton which can now be used by residents and patients supported by Social Prescribing Link Workers.

Young people from the National Citizen Service scheme, local college students and a group of people with Learning Disabilities have all taken part in volunteering activities to improve and develop the site whilst undertaking outdoor physical activity and learning new skills for the benefit of the community.

In Spring 2022, BCVS staff ran an open week on the site where family engagement activities took place and the local community were invited to access the Garden and see the results of all the hard work to date.



## Tackling Loneliness Collaborative

BCVS was successful in receiving funding from Nottinghamshire County Council for a two year post to employ and host the Tackling Loneliness Collaborative Lead for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Kirsty Veitch-Sorsby was appointed and commenced employment at the end of January 2022.

The Tackling Loneliness Collaborative (TLC) is a partnership-based group committed to tackling loneliness in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

The TLC involves representatives from Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Bassetlaw CVS, Nottingham City Council, and a diverse group of representatives from organisations, roles, and services from the voluntary and community sector.

The TLC aims to map and support local services tackling loneliness and gain an understanding of loneliness needs within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, with the ultimate aim of communicating needs and influencing decision-making regarding future loneliness reduction strategies.

As part of the wider funding package from Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham Trent University were commissioned on behalf of the TLC to undertake a piece of research to support understanding of loneliness within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

The report was published in Summer 2022 and the results will form the basis of the workplan for the TLC during 2022/2023.

You can view the Tackling Loneliness Collaborative Nottingham & Nottinghamshire research findings and web page here: <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/tlcnn>



## Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network (BFIN)

In December 2021, BCVS was successful in receiving funding from Nottinghamshire County Council to employ a Food Insecurity Coordinator for Bassetlaw and establish and coordinate the Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network.

Stephanie Henry was appointed as BFIN Coordinator and started work in February 2022. With a dedicated Coordinator in place, work was scaled up significantly to support groups to connect, share good practice and intelligence and become more sustainable. The role enables sharing of practice across Nottinghamshire districts with other Coordinators to maximise impact. Following establishment of the Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network (BFIN), its inaugural meeting took place in March 2022, with 9 organisations in attendance.

It has since gone from strength to strength and is now made up of a 136 members which are made up from a total of 114 organisations of various sizes and people who are all passionate about tackling food insecurity within Bassetlaw. The members work together to ensure there is adequate provision in Bassetlaw for people affected by food insecurity and is supporting development of sustainable food systems and food hubs which will be the focus of much work in 22/23.

You can view the BFIN web page here: <https://www.bcvs.org.uk/bfin>







# Digital and Health Literacy

## (part of Community Responders Contract)

Throughout the year, BCVS continued to work with Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group to facilitate collaboration with the Community and Voluntary sector and support the sector to maximise wellbeing support and health outcomes for their service users.

To this end, BCVS developed a pilot programme to add value to digital and health literacy work already taking place across Bassetlaw. BCVS divided this work into four lots to enable local VCSE partners to plug gaps in provision and pilot new volunteering activity. BCVS was responsible for project coordination, central reporting and evaluation. Priority for support was given to individuals identified via Social Prescribers, Primary Care Networks and VCSE organisations as needing additional support in relation to digital confidence or competence.

Each of the four partner organisations had a particular area of focus, with volunteers providing the direct support to individuals:

Centre Place, Worksop (focus on young people aged 18-25: to encourage use of NHS app/approved apps, rather than social media/unapproved apps). Support was provided at the Centre Place base.



Bassetlaw Action Centre, Retford (focus on Retford/Retford Rural areas of Bassetlaw).

Support was provided at both Bassetlaw Action Centre's Retford office base and home visits.





### **Oasis Community Centre, Worksop**

(main focus on Kilton, Town Centre and Manton areas of Worksop, but support provided for any individuals living in Worksop).

Support was provided at Oasis Community Centre.



### **W2 Academy, Worksop**

(focus on ethnic minority communities).

Support was provided at the Westaf shop on Bridge Street.

# POV Project Launch

## “Point of View” collaborative project

BCVS is working in collaboration with Bassetlaw Action Centre, Centre Place, Inspire, Junction Arts, Mansfield CVS, Rhubarb Farm, South Yorkshire’s Community Foundation and Voluntary Action Doncaster, received £220,000 to support development of community volunteering opportunities through UK Government investment

- Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service, as lead applicant for the POV project partnership, is among over 160 organisations across arts, culture, sport, civil society, youth, and heritage sectors to benefit from the £4.6 million Volunteering Futures Fund
- Funding set to increase volunteering opportunities for young people, and people who experience barriers to accessing volunteering, over next two years

This joint venture between the nine organisations which spans across Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire, has been awarded £220,000 by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sports, delivered by Arts Council England.



Working together, the POV project partnership will facilitate and amplify the voices of young people and develop 5 test and learn pilot projects and over 100 new volunteer opportunities.

Those set to benefit most from the funding include young people and people with disabilities. Colleges, local councils, schools and health and wellbeing organisations are also among the recipients of the Fund.

Arts Council England have awarded these organisations in order to respond to demand from a wide range of beneficiaries, such as from those who may be experiencing loneliness or social isolation, to young people in the LGBTQ community, people with learning difficulties and complex needs.

You can view our POV project page here: [www.bcvs.org.uk/pov](http://www.bcvs.org.uk/pov)



## GREEN SOCIAL PRESCRIBING



in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw

Connecting with nature for a happier and healthier you

## Green Social Prescribing (South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw)



Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, we spent more time at home than ever before. For many this meant being able to explore their local area and appreciate the nature around them. For others, this led to increased anxiety and loneliness.

Spending time in and connecting with nature is shown to improve people's mood, anxiety levels and physical health.



With funding from the Government's Green Social Prescribing Fund, South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw ICS worked together with BCVS and funded groups to achieve the project aims to:

- ◆ Join up all activities, organisations and providers so we have one clear goal – to improve people's mental and physical health through green and blue social prescribing
- ◆ Improve access to green and blue space for everyone, focusing most on those most negatively affected by the pandemic - areas of social and economic deprivation, ethnic minority communities, children and young people and those who are clinically extremely vulnerable
- ◆ Further understand the benefits of green social prescribing to a person's health and wellbeing
- ◆ Support and sustain our green and blue environments and the organisations who work to preserve them and offer activities

The project encourages people to spend time to connect with nature to improve their mood, anxiety levels and physical health, to help reduce loneliness and depression. Bassetlaw VCSE organisations funded through this project were:

Rhubarb Farm, Bassetlaw Action Centre, Centre Place, Oasis Community Centre, Idle Valley Nature Reserve, Time Flies Activities, YMCA Worksop and Chesterfield Canal Trust.



## BVCS taking part in the Bassetlaw Litter Pick



Contributing to our community in all weathers - BCVS Litter pick, with Stephen Brown, Head of Corporate Services, Bassetlaw District Council.

## BCVS Accounts

Statement of Financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account) for the Year Ended 31st March 2022.

### Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service

#### known as BCVS

#### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	24,408	-	24,408	127,552
Charitable activities	3	27,547	931,203	958,750	812,228
Investment income	5	2,249	-	2,249	1,975
Total Income		<u>54,204</u>	<u>931,203</u>	<u>985,407</u>	<u>941,755</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	<u>(73,940)</u>	<u>(723,260)</u>	<u>(797,200)</u>	<u>(577,452)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(73,940)</u>	<u>(723,260)</u>	<u>(797,200)</u>	<u>(577,452)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(19,736)	207,943	188,207	364,303
Transfers between funds		<u>2,847</u>	<u>(2,847)</u>	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Net movement in funds		(16,889)	205,096	188,207	364,303
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>583,600</u>	<u>516,722</u>	<u>1,100,322</u>	<u>736,019</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u><u>566,711</u></u>	<u><u>721,818</u></u>	<u><u>1,288,529</u></u>	<u><u>1,100,322</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 19.

£188,207 Net income represents restricted funds carried over to year 2022/23.

Thank you to all our funders for supporting our work.

