

Change at the top at CVS !

As some will know our CVS Chief Executive, Kevin Skingsley took voluntary redundancy earlier this year and stepped down with effect from the end of May 2011. Kevin had been with the CVS since it started 9 years ago and oversaw its development from a newborn organisation in temporary rented accommodation, to a flourishing and pioneering CVS in its own premises in Whaley Bridge. Kevin's farewell article is inside this edition.

Nigel Caldwell has stepped up to run the CVS as General Manager, and continues to manage the Development Programme. Nigel's association with the CVS goes back to the time when he was Chair of the steering group that formed High Peak and Derbyshire Dales CVS.

These are difficult times with public expenditure cuts and most of us will know some casualties – either in group's losing funding or individuals losing work.

Here at CVS we have been fortunate to retain statutory funding for this year, and are grateful that High Peak Borough Council protected the voluntary sector, however we anticipate next year could be another tough round and there may well be cuts in the voluntary sector's budget.

As a snapshot of how important our Voluntary Sector is to the communities in Derbyshire the recent Sheffield Hallam University research gives some telling figures.

There are :

- ◆ 4,936 voluntary and community groups;
- ◆ with an estimated total income of £340 million per year;
- ◆ with approximately 17,000 paid staff, equating to about 10,000 people in full time equivalent employees;
- ◆ Estimated 106,000 volunteers who provide 218,000 hours of their own time per week.

That's some contribution! If you would like further information, please contact Nigel on nigel@highpeakcvs.org.uk or tel 01663 736423.



A fond Farewell from our former CEO Kevin Skingsley

Thanks for the journey

Thank you to everyone who managed to get along to my leaving do on the 9th June at Furness Vale Social Club. It was a magical day and I wanted to give a flavour of the speech I made that afternoon.

“What a journey we embarked on from the initial 5 posts funded by the Big Lottery and a quality board to where we are today.

We have created some magic in those nearly 9 years and it will be exactly 9 years tomorrow since I started at High Peak CVS with the pink marigolds and filling the skip with chrome from Fenton’s in New Mills. One of my highlights is the building we created on Bingswood Trading Estate, I was talking with staff the other day and many of them did not remember the rabbit warren it was when we first moved in.

I am proud that we were the first CVS in the country to gain a loan from the Charity Bank and I remember being at a National Conference when the Minister for the 3rd Sector Ed Milliband visited the Charity Bank stall and the first conversation was about High Peak CVS.

We should be rightly proud of our building, its levels of accessibility which are a statement of our commitment to Disabled People; when I showed people around I would always proudly show our fully accessible wizzo toilet.

There’s never been a boring moment and I am pleased that we created a go for it attitude, we employed 18 people at our height and we have been highly innovative. Developing partnership projects, the ProHelp project made and continues to make a significant impact. When it was operating it had the best results in the East Midlands and the East Midlands area was second only to London. The Arts Development Post was an excellent step forward with funding from the Arts Council who had only once before invested in a CVS and the innovation of having a joint project with resourcing from High Peak Borough Council.



Of course there have been many challenges; as a staff team we have not always been united and making Digital Umbrella staff redundant and then selling the nationally recognised Social Enterprise was both necessary and painful.

I have also found myself in some strange positions like acting as the Regional ICT Champion in the East Midlands whilst we were awaiting confirmation of funding. I used to gauge the age of computers by the depth of the screen such was my ICT knowledge.

I am passionate about what we have achieved and it has been great to look at how we can demonstrate the impact of what we do and how we make a difference. It’s been marvellous to hear the stories of the magnificent work that the groups undertake and many of the Small Groups Special Events have been very moving.

Obviously our achievements at High Peak CVS have been very much a team effort and I give my heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed; the highly motivated staff team, the excellent Board and most of all to you the groups. It’s been a lot of fun a lot of the time.

Kevin Skingsley

CVS Training Courses

The popular training courses we run for VCS groups are ceasing over the summer holidays, and will be resuming in September. Listed below are courses for the remainder of the year.

Courses can be booked by telephoning the office 01663 735350; emailing

Louise@highpeakcvs.org.uk; or by booking online (and for further information)

www.highpeakcvs.org.uk/training/events.asp.

28 th September	Is your organisation ready for commissioning?
5 th October	Mental Health Awareness
6 th October	Making the most of Marketing
18 th October	Grants for the Arts
15 th November	Role of the Secretary in a VCS group
23 rd January 2012	Food Hygiene
7 th February	Annual Reports and AGM's
7 th March	What every Chair should know!

ARTS & Creative Industries

Just a reminder that Nigel is focussing on support to develop local festivals, creative industries and encouraging young people's participation in the arts.

If you are involved in a local **festival, carnival or welldressing** we have a similar network for you. To get added to the list for either of these please contact Nigel on nigel@highpeakcvs.org.uk or phone 01663 736423. Don't forget there is plenty of help from the online Festival toolkit on www.artsderbyshire.org.uk.

Meeting Rooms for hire in Whaley Bridge

High Peak CVS has a fully accessible training room for hire; equipped with a hearing loop, digital projector, interactive whiteboard and TV/DVD; it is suitable for up to 18 seats in a theatre seating style, a 16 seat board room style, or horseshoe style. Prices for members groups are £15 per hour in the daytime increasing to £20 per hour for evening hire.

Also available is a small meeting room suitable for 3 – 4 people priced at £10 per hour.

Different rates apply for non members / statutory sector.



Training Room



Small Meeting Room

Offices for short term let

We are also seeking tenants / organisations to occupy two offices on a short / long term basis, at very reasonable rates.

Please contact gina@highpeakcvs.org.uk or call 01663 736424 for further information.

High Peak CVS AGM and Celebrating People Award

This years AGM will be held on Thursday 20th October at New Mills Town Hall.

In 2009, High Peak CVS introduced a new annual award, the 'Celebrating People Award' in honour of its second Chairperson, Chris Woodcock, who made a significant contribution to local groups within the High Peak including High Peak CVS.

The award offers local groups the opportunity to raise their profile and gain recognition for the work they do. Our key assessment criteria will be around acknowledging your achievements and progress. Examples of the types of changes we are looking for maybe around revitalising your group, attracting new members, developing a new project and/or making a significant impact in your local community. This years winning group will receive the Award, a framed certificate and a cash donation.



Peter Aldred, Gamesley Villa FC accepting the Celebrating People Award, 2010

You can apply on behalf of your group, you can be nominated by or nominate another group. A small panel will make the decision.

Last years winners were Gamesley Villa Football Club, for significant contributions to the local community. Due to the high standard of applications last year, a runners up award was presented to Buxton's Wednesday Luncheon Club for senior citizens.

If you would like to apply, please download an application form from www.highpeakcvs.org.uk or contact Gina@highpeakcvs.org.uk; 01663 736424. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday 7th October.



Kathleen Wharton, Buxton Luncheon Club accepting runners up prize, 2010

Made simple guides

Produced jointly by Sayer Vincent and the Charity Finance Directors' Group; their made simple guides are designed to provide accessible information about technical subjects to you - the busy professional! There are currently 19 guides in the series, all available to download.

Recently updated guides include Employee & volunteer taxation, Trading issues and Tax effective giving. Visit www.sayervincent.co.uk.

High Peak CVS KnowledgeBank Guides

are also available to download from www.highpeakcvs.org.uk and cover topics such as starting a new group; writing constitutions; funding applications—good practice; setting your budgets; running an event; employing staff; policy development and many more!



Low Carbon Living for Communities

The Centre for Sustainable Energy has produced a suite of resources including films, a resource pack, and a website to support communities and groups that are 'planning for low carbon living', mainly around energy use. PlanLoCal is at <http://www.planlocal.org.uk>

Source ACRE Headlines

Tips for planning your organisational Development

Workforce and governance development—often referred to as 'organisational development' form the bedrock of any voluntary and community organisation.

In 2007, the UK Workforce Hub and Governance Hub published a guide on how to cost your organisational development. It's full of great advice to help you plan, budget and fund-raise in these key areas. The guide is free to download from

http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/Publications/Publications_Catalogue/Trustee_and_Governance/Fundng_costing_Worforce_Governance_development_VCOs_PDF.pdf.

19th September 2011 International Talk Like A PIRATE Day

Invented by two clever men in the USA who proclaimed on this day everyone should talk like a pirate

New Public Sector Equality Duty 'Quick-Start' Guide

The Government's Equalities Office has published a "quick-start" (pdf 320 KB) to the Public Sector Equality Duty. This details the obligations that Public Sector organisations have to promote equality issues.

At only nine pages, it really is "quick-start" compared to other typical guidance documents. The guide can be accessed from <http://tinyurl.com/6gtrzrv>



And a guide to Health Questions & Disability

Since the introduction of the Equality Act in October 2010, there has been confusion about what health related questions may or may not be asked at interview. In addition to the guide publicised above, there is also a short guide on what you need to know about the ban on asking health and disability related questions during recruitment.

This guide (and many others relating to the Equality Act 2010) can be downloaded at: <http://tinyurl.com/36dgn7o>

Courtesy of Community Accounting Plus

Glossop Seniors

A really vibrant and well attended social group for older people are looking for new committee members.

If you are retired or have a couple of hours a month to spare, the group would love to hear from you. Call Peter Fish 01457 762557 or Liz at the CVS 01663 736426

Does your group need help from SGP??

Don't forget we're here to help small groups in the High Peak – especially disadvantaged, marginalised and rurally isolated groups. If you know of any groups that need a little support – tell them to give us a try. Ring Liz at 01663 736426 or email lizsgp@highpeakcvs.org.uk

THE BIG S

- Brain Injury Group Support

This is a new self help group for anyone who has suffered a brain injury who would like to meet with others. Also welcoming family members and carers or anybody affected by brain injury. The group meet to have a cup of tea and get to know each other, they also host relevant speakers for learning more about brain injury, its effects and ways to manage. They are also planning to have trips out.

"Recovery can be a long process but I believe nothing is impossible especially not when surrounded by supportive people."

Gareth Stanton—Group Founder.
Meeting every Friday from 11am—2pm
Central Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Glossop. If you would like to join or need more information call **07597 543671** email thebigproject@live.co.uk

Bright Choice is a fantastic new social group for adults with learning difficulties.

Meeting on a Saturday in Buxton there's a pool table, darts, TV, computer games, arts and crafts, chatter and friendship.

Pictured are some of the members and volunteers with their new X-Box. There's also plans for trips out and other activities. This group has received funding from NDVA and the Bingham Trust. Come along, make some new friends and get involved.



Bright Choice Social Group

Volunteers are all experienced support staff. To find out more just come along or email brightchoice87@yahoo.co.uk. They are also on facebook. Meeting Saturdays from 11am—2pm at Buxton Working Men's Club, Lightwood Road.



Whaley Bridge Rose Queen Carnival

The 2011 Carnival organised by the Whaley Bridge Rose Queen Festival Committee proved to be another successful event, although not as financially successful as last year probably due to the cut backs everyone is having to make. Following securing a small grant from the Derbyshire Arts Council, it was possible to provide FREE interactive entertainment for all ages, this was possible through information seen on an e-mail from High Peak CVS who gave great assistance in helping to fill in the not so easy forms to be sent with the bid. We then held activities such as Circus Skills, Face Painting, Mask Making, Instrument Making from Scrap Materials and Bunting from waste fabrics which will be used at next years Carnival.

The Grapevine charity in Buxton are looking to recruit new trustees and in particular people with finance or management experience.

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to be part of a local organisation working for better mental health in the High Peak, please contact Julie or Jane on **01298 72283**

Your Community Space!

These pages are an opportunity for you to promote your group or advertise your events for **FREE!**

Please email gina@highpeakcvs.org.uk, or call 01663 736424 Please submit articles to gina@highpeakcvs.org.uk or call 01663 36424



Ever thought about trying Tai Chi to improve your health and well being ?

Pictured here are some of the members of a new group meeting on a Thursday afternoon in Buxton.

Tai Chi Relax is a well being class aimed at adults who might be a bit daunted by other Tai Chi classes. They aim to be especially welcoming to people with any mental or physical health issues or those who suffer from social anxiety or low confidence.

Busy applying for grant funding, the group seek to keep the costs low and the class accessible to all.

Please call Liz at the CVS if you wish to join or for more information; **01663 736426**

Picture supplied by Richard Steeples—committee member.

21st September 2011

International Day of Peace

Time for Tai Chi ?



Free web promotion on Visit Peak District

Get your product, place or event in front of hundreds of thousands of people a month for free!

One of the features of our new website is the ability to add information on events, accommodation, attractions and so on. These records are searched hundreds of thousands of times during the course of any month. We are adding a side bar of 'Not to Miss' activities for the month.

To submit something to our 'Not to Miss' section you need to send an email and make sure that your subject title says NOT TO MISS and then the month, eg: "NOT TO MISS JULY". Your "not to miss" message can be up to 18 words including the title. Also supply us with a link (any web page) that people can click to for more information - You need to supply the full link including the http bit.

Please note – if you do not follow this simple procedure your message will not be picked up and just can't be considered.

We can only choose ten a month – and you need to send through your idea by the 20th of each month if you would like it considered for the following month. You can suggest an attraction, a place, an event, a festival, even a shop....Send your submissions to david.thornton@visitpeakdistrict.com

12th August 2011

International Youth Day
Draws attention to youth issues via concerts, workshops, cultural events, rallies and meetings

Derbyshire Carers Events for Carers

Derbyshire Carers have organised two Relaxation and Therapy days to take place in August in the Erewash area as follows:-

Tuesday 2nd August: Long Eaton Health Centre, Midland Street, Long Eaton, NG10 1NY. 10.00am — 4.00pm. Refreshments & Light Lunch will be available

Wednesday 3rd August: Ilkeston Community Hospital, Heanor Road, Ilkeston Derbyshire DE7 8LN. From 1.00pm — 5.00pm Refreshments & Light Lunch will be available

If you know of a carer who would like to join them, please contact Kye Bell on 01773 743355. or email michaela@derbyshirecarers.co.uk

Resource for developing local play provision

A new website from Play England provides information, advice and resources for individuals and organisations who are developing play provision in their local neighbourhood. Playful Communities is at <http://www.playfulcommunities.org.uk>.



QUEEN'S JUBILEE DAY 2012

The Government have confirmed that Tuesday 5th June, 2012, will be the extra Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In addition the late May Bank Holiday is being moved to Monday 4th June, to create a long 4 day weekend break.

13th August 2011

International Left Handers Day!
Raising awareness of the challenges caused by living in a right handed world!



Training courses from Skild, NAVCA

The Skild learning programme for 2011-12 lists courses up to March 2012; visit www.navca.org.uk. All the courses are designed for development workers, community organisers and community development workers who give practical support to local voluntary organisations and community groups. NAVCA run their core programme in a number of regional centres. If the locations listed are not convenient, they can offer courses locally.

For more information on local delivery see page 2 of the brochure or contact them on 0114 278 6636 or email skild@navca.org.uk

Two new CRB guides

- 'An applicant's guide to completing the CRB application form' at www.direct.gov.uk/en/employment/startinganewjob provides general rules for applicants, from how to record current and previous names and address history through to returning the completed form to the Countersignatory. The 'Countersignatory's guide to completing the CRB application form' at www.businesslink.gov.uk is designed for the organisations that countersign the application. This guide supports the applicant's guidance and provides general rules about checking an applicant's identity, the level of check to apply for and checking and signing the form. This guidance is designed to reduce common errors.



Get Going - Live!

All Day Driving Experience for Young Disabled People

Get Going – Live! is a unique event for young people with disabilities who want to find out more about learning to drive and acquiring their first vehicle. It's also a great event for families with disabled children as well as people returning to driving after becoming disabled – at any age!

The event takes place on Saturday 13 August at The Launch Pad, Donington Park, DE74 2RP from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

There will be an opportunity to:

- Test drive a range of adapted cars.
- Experience all-terrain mobility vehicles.
- Enjoy the thrill of accessible 4x4, skid cars and much more!
- See how far you can go on our all-ability climbing wall.
- Get advice and information from mobility experts.

A limited number of **free** stand spaces will be available at the event for relevant organisations, in the fully accessible Launch Pad venue. If you would like to find out more about taking part and possibly having a stand at this event, or for any other enquiries email Sally Roe: sally@getgoingnow.org.

Get Going – Live is an event run in partnership by two registered charities, Mobility Choice and Disabled Motoring UK.

.....Funding news.....funding news.....

WREN Grant Fund

The WREN Small grant (which match funds projects up to £15,000) and main grant fund (£15-50,000) is available to projects located within a 10 mile radius of a wren landfill site. Therefore even though their website does not specially list Derbyshire as eligible, there are parts of the High Peak which do fit this criterion.

The Small Grant Scheme is designed to assist applicants looking for funding on small projects that can make a real difference to their local communities. The large grant fund is not so prescribed but best to talk to grant operators directly if your project is within the eligible area.

The grant can fund and further information can be accessed from the website www.wren.org.uk

The True Colours Trust

The True Colours Trust provides grants to small, UK based organisations to carry out projects that provide help to disabled children and their families on a daily basis. The trust has a small grants programme open to applications at any time, that provides grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off projects and delivery programmes for children, their siblings and families. The trustees are particularly keen to support:

Hydrotherapy pools, Multi sensory rooms, Mini buses, Young carers projects, Sibling projects, Bereavement support.

For more information visit the True Colours Trust website or call 0207 410 0330.

The Elephant Trust

The Elephant Trust offers grants to artists and institutions for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK. The trust's aim is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds.

The trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is being given to artists and small organisations and galleries who would submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. Arts festivals are not supported. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2000. The next deadline is 10 October 2011. Visit www.elephanttrust.org.uk.

Peter Cruddas Foundation

If you're a registered charity that helps disadvantaged young people into pathways towards education, training or employment you can apply to this foundation.

Current funding streams are:

Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disaffected people into education, training or employment.

Crime diversion schemes.

Work experience/skills projects for young people.

For further information visit the Peter Cruddas Foundation website or call 0203 003 8360.

The Charity Employees Benevolent Fund.

The CEBF exists to assist and relieve UK residents in need, who are or have been in paid employment with a UK charity, and their widows, partners and dependent children.

Web: www.cebf.org.uk Tel: 020 7415 7004

.....Local funding news.....local funding news.....

Derbyshire County Council Community Action Grants

DCC are offering grants up to £1000 to charities, VCS groups, sports clubs and Social Enterprises for projects that improve life in their community. The deadline is December 2011.

Groups must be formally constituted which means you must have a bank account with two signatories, a governing document / list of governing members and a set of rules.

Examples for funding are fairs, festivals, sports events/equipment, events for teenagers, arts or history project and many more.

Please visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/cag or call 08456 058 for an application pack.

Small Arts Grants

Also offered by DCC, this grant funding of up to £1000 is applicable to any organisation doing arts work in Derbyshire that fit into these priorities:

- ◆ Developing new audiences and participants
- ◆ Supporting arts work with disabled people
- ◆ Arts in rural areas
- ◆ Supporting the creative economy

Not eligible are:

- ◆ Individuals
- ◆ Organisations already in receipt of funding from DCC
- ◆ Previous recipients in the last 10 years of the Small Arts Grant
- ◆ Any work in schools, nurseries, pre schools that is in school time or supports the curriculum

Deadlines for applications are 26th September and 19th December 2011.

Please visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/grants



The Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health

Promoting Independence

The Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health have been successful in securing funding from Derbyshire County NHS to provide 'one to one' support in the High Peak for people with or recovering from mental ill health. Should you or someone you know feel they would benefit from this service and would like more information please contact the Federation **01629 733915**.

The Federation have also been asked to host the funding for Mental Health 'self-help groups' in the area. Funding up to £500 per group can be applied for. Existing and new groups can also access trained mental health support workers to assist with setting up new groups or working through issues with group members.

For application forms or further detail please contact Steve Walker on the Federation number above.

Seeking other funding?.....

Try the NCVO searchable database of funders at

www.fundingcentral.org.uk

It's FREE to use

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Freemasons of Derbyshire Grassroots Fund

Are awarding grants up to a maximum of £1000 to support community life and tackle disadvantage across Derbyshire by supporting community and voluntary groups and charities; in particular, promoting the advancement of health and well being, prevent or relieve poverty, support the most vulnerable in our communities such as children and young people, the elderly and isolated or individuals with mental health problems or disabilities; or enhancing the quality of life for people living in our local communities.

Visit

www.derbyshirecommunityfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-a-grant/availablegrants and click on the High Peak area of the map for more information about this and other grants

Nationwide Small Grants Programme



The Nationwide Small Grants Programme is currently open to support registered charities offering financial and/or housing related support to survivors of domestic abuse or older people. Grants are from £500 to £5,000.

The funding aims to tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK and aims to address housing issues and homelessness among vulnerable groups across the UK.

For more information visit the www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk or call 01793 655113.

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Sport England

Sport England have launched their £10 million Protecting Playing Fields fund, part of the Places People Play mass participation legacy. The new fund will see hundreds of sports playing fields across the country protected and improved. Five £2 million funding rounds will run over the next three years, investing between £20,000 and £50,000 to help:

- Bring disused playing fields back into use.
- Improve the condition of pitches.
- Buy new playing field land.
- Buy existing playing field land where there is a known threat.

For further information on applying visit www.sportengland.org or call 08458 508508

8th—11th September 2011

**Free Heritage Open days
Celebrates England's architecture and
culture by allowing visitors free access
to interesting properties**

The ACT Foundation

Provides grants for charities that enhance the quality of life for people in need, especially those focused on mentally and/or physically disabled people. There are

no minimum or maximum grant amounts and funding can be used for building modifications, equipment such as mobility aids and financial assistance for things like short-term respite breaks. Visit www.theactfoundation.co.uk or call 01753 750900.

