



Erewash Voluntary Action CVS is a Charity, a Company Limited by Guarantee created in 1998 – this means that any profit we make is used only for the benefit of our local community.

We are commonly known as Erewash CVS. Our role as a CVS is to provide help, support, advice, information to around 450 voluntary and community groups in Erewash. Help ranges from helping a group become established as a community group, registered charity, community interest company, Industrial Provident Society etc. - to assisting them to close down. In between those extremes we supply lots of information about grant funding, fundraising, good governance, training opportunities or available volunteers. The role of the CVS is to act as a voice for our many local groups and we do this locally, at county, regional and local level. So we contributed to the county Anti Poverty strategy, Food banks debate, Climate Change Charter, HS2 Health Impact Assessment, Long Eaton Town Summit - to name a few.

We are a key partner in the Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group Vanguard project by providing a voice for the voluntary sector. We have run four community conferences and host several networks for Wellbeing Erewash.

Our Volunteer Centre has been operating for 33 years and Linda Brown who promotes volunteering, recruits people and organises volunteering has been with us over 30 years. Everyone working for EVA with the exception of the new Chief Executive Stella Scott and Catriona Paterson our Development worker lives in Erewash. Most of the 900 volunteers we support also live locally but we do recruit from outside the borough if people approach us. Our Volunteers provide a wide range of support services including weekly shopping for up to 100 people, befriending about 50 people, regular tea dance and games group and a social car scheme. We are always looking for volunteers and can find some activity for most.

We operate from and run the Volunteer Centre on Granville Ave. Long Eaton NG10 4HD.

Training is one of a number of activities from which we raise funds. The VCI Passport Scheme is free training for volunteers it includes Health and Safety and First Aid as well as person centred working and equality and diversity.

An important income comes from hiring out our lovely premises – a former Day Centre for disabled people. Many groups and public sector organisations use the Centre and it can be open 7 days a week. Our largest room will seat 100 people – our smallest 3.

A number of organisations share space with us including one supporting people experiencing domestic abuse and Relate who can help with relationship issues. We actively support Long Eaton Chamber of Trade providing meeting space and the Treasurer/Membership Officer.

We are grateful for significant sums of money from Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group and Derbyshire County Council. It does not cover all our costs so we are planning how we will operate should that funding be further reduced.

Check out our webpage <http://www.erewashvoluntaryaction.org.uk/> follow us on Facebook, phone us on 0115 946 6740 or call in.

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