

Business Social Involvement

Businesses can demonstrate their support for their local community by becoming associate members; plus the offer of resources and promotion of volunteering to employees can be immensely valuable to groups.

Collaboration

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members of community organisations

Most things work better if we share our plans and resources. We also work in partnership with the local authorities to help develop the vision and plan for an area. It is widely recognised that local community organisations understand the needs of the people whom they help. Schools are also important hubs in our communities and so we work with them to develop new activities and links. Quite often we will devise joint projects and apply for grants together so that we make the most of our joint expertise. Importantly we openly share our resources and ideas with other CVSs; who wants to re-invent wheels?

Growing Community Spirit

Like the sunflower, being neighbourly and helping others can be bright, fun and often very colourful. The best ideas grow from the grass roots in communities but like sunflowers, often a little support is needed.



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Community Action Fareham is grateful for the grant funding it receives. This is mainly from Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council. The Primary Care Trust also contributes. The arrangement is in common with arrangements for funding this type of organisation across the country because the local authorities recognise the importance of helping community groups to work together to help themselves.

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A Short Explanation of Our Work

Working with Others



to Grow Community Spirit



Working with others

Community Action Fareham is owned by 120 of Fareham's community organisations. We are the 'one-stop-shop' for support, information, linking to local authorities, piloting new ideas and more.

Help from us

We provide groups with advice and office services such as photocopying, web-space, payroll, equipment, funding advice, CRB checks. In fact we have or will find anything that a local group needs. A subsidised training programme for volunteers, staff and committees is one of the most important aspects of our service.



Information

Community Action Fareham produces printed and e-news letters with regular items on campaigns, training, grants, council plans, changes in legislation and success stories that we can shout about. Just contact us to register for this.

Membership

All local community groups, that are volunteer led or charities, can become members of FCA; this shows that they care about working together to grow community spirit in Fareham. Members just have to share the vision and values. Members do not have to be registered charities just open and wishing to improve quality of life.

Same across the country

Community Action Fareham is one of 350 similar charities across the UK. In Hampshire they are called, generically, "Councils for Voluntary Service" or CVS. The "council" name is in the same sense as "The Arts Council". We are fortunate to have one in each local authority area. We are members of a National Association: **NAVCA** www.navca.org.uk



Each CVS enables local charities and groups to coordinate plans and activities so that they have a bigger impact together than separately. Without talking to each other they could, inadvertently, be wasting effort.

eVolve and the Web

Helping people to find groups is very important. We keep a database of local contacts and also, with permission, feed this into a Hampshire wide database of 8,000 voluntary groups called **evolve** www.e.Volve.org.uk. It is a very simple and useful way for groups to be found. We can also help groups register a domain name and create a simple website.



Volunteer Centre



Helping new volunteers to find a role in a group that interests them is a really important aspect of our work. The volunteer centre promotes volunteering and introduces new volunteers to organisations offering volunteering opportunities. We use a database that can be accessed on the web at www.do-it.org.uk

Fareham Volunteer Centre helps groups and individuals to make suitable matches.



Community Transport

Transport and access to suitable minibuses are widely recognised as the most critical matters to people who could otherwise become very isolated. We run a number of minibuses for local groups. We are always looking for new volunteer drivers!

Community Services

While the main focus of our work is to support community groups, we do run some community services for the benefit of individuals. Currently these include Dial-a-Ride, Shopmobility, Home Helps and an Advocacy Scheme for users of mental health services.