Community Action

Annual Impact Report











2025/26

Champion

Advocating for Derby's voluntary sector and influencing positive change

211

strategic and partnership meetings attended

15

awards presented at the 2025 Derby Voluntary Sector Awards

Derby Health Inequalities Partnership (DHIP)

Worked with community organisations on projects including men's sexual health and vaccinations, bringing local insights into discussions about improving health services.

Derby Diverse Carers Alliance

Delivered the most extensive engagement with carers from diverse communities undertaken in Derby to date, working with 21 community organisations.

> **"We felt very proud of our club and so pleased that your panel saw the good work that we do, thank you."**
>
> 2025 Derby Voluntary Sector Awards winner

Connect

Building partnerships that help organisations achieve more together

38

sector networking events delivered, providing opportunities for organisations to share information, build relationships and collaborate.

Derby Youth Alliance

Brought together professionals from over 120 organisations through the Children and Young People's Network. Worked with partners to coordinate support for 60 young people and their families.

New Arrivals Alliance

Recognised as an example of good practice in parliament, following praise from the British Red Cross. Established a new lived experience 'Voices' group, bringing together 13 people from 10 countries.

> **"We are not just refugees and asylum seekers with stories of hardship; we are people with experiences, ideas and solutions."**
>
> New Arrivals Alliance Voices group member

Support

Helping our sector thrive through advice, training and practical support



390

groups helped to access advice, information and support, with 79 receiving tailored one-to-one support.



1,071

people from 201 organisations attended Community Action Derby training and events.



£1.97m+

distributed through 479 grants to 118 organisations, supporting community projects and activities across the city.



Asset Network

Provided grants and ongoing support to 52 Warm Welcome Hubs across Derby, helping them offer welcoming community spaces.

76,510

Warm Welcome Hub attendances

"One man living with a disability has managed to attend the café independently and has become a regular visitor. This has got him out of the house and given him an interest."

Warm Welcome Hub provider

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Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Recruited and supported local providers to deliver holiday activities and healthy food for children across Derby.

26k+

children supported



DE23 Active

Delivered community-led physical activity sessions, helping residents in Normanton and Arboretum become more active and connected.

8.8k+

attendances across 446 sessions



Social Prescribing

Supported patients by connecting them with community activities, services and opportunities to improve their health, wellbeing and quality of life.

1,700

patients supported

Through DE23 Active's yoga sessions delivered in Urdu, women have built confidence and improved their wellbeing, including one participant experiencing postnatal depression who rediscovered her love of being active.

Volunteering

Supporting volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations

276

volunteers directly supported through the Volunteer Centre via face-to-face, telephone and email contact.

103

volunteers placed into opportunities across Derby's communities and voluntary sector.

41

local organisations directly supported to develop volunteering opportunities.

Good Neighbours Derby

Relaunched in Sept 2025, providing support to people experiencing loneliness or social isolation or needing help with everyday tasks.

55

people supported by 47 volunteers

> **"Not sure where I would have been without the Volunteer Centre, feeling so much better and great to be around people again. I love volunteering, it has given me confidence again."**
>
> Volunteer