

# 50 Years of Community Action Derby

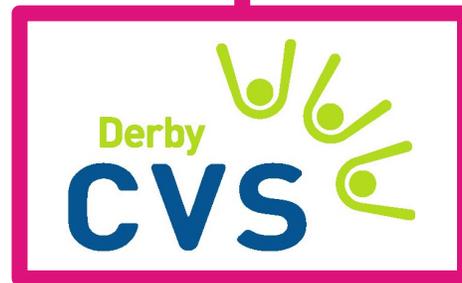
Enhancing life in Derby through voluntary action from  
1975 – 2025!

**1975**

**Community Action Derby started operating as Derby Council for Voluntary Service in 1975**

**Over the years, our name has changed...**

**1995**



**2009**



**and we've moved around the city...**



**but some of the faces are still the same...**

**Then**



**Now**



**and at the heart of it all, one thing  
has never changed - our purpose:**

**Enhancing life in Derby  
through voluntary action**

# **Our core functions always underpin our work:**

**1 Capacity Building**

**2 Volunteering**

**3 Partnerships & Collaborations**

**4 Leadership & Advocacy**

# Capacity Building

**Over the years we have supported many local voluntary organisations and community groups to start up and thrive...**



# Amo Raju, CEO of Disability Direct from 1994 – 2024



# Derby Community Lottery

- ✓ CA launched the Derby Community Lottery at our AGM last year
- ✓ Players of the lottery have the option of choosing directly where their money goes, with 60% of proceeds going to good causes.
- ✓ In the first year, over 100 good causes have signed up and over 21,000 tickets have been sold, raising over £12k for local good causes.



# Volunteering

**As the Volunteer Centre for Derby, we have helped countless people from across the city who want to volunteer, as well as supporting volunteer-involving organisations...**



# The Millennium Volunteers project

NEWS

## IT'S PARTY TIME

Hundreds of youngsters danced until dawn at a party last night that was held to thank them for giving up 50,000 hours of their time to help others.

Derby Volunteer Bureau, which runs Millennium Volunteers Derby, held the party at The Spot to celebrate the achievements of 430 volunteers aged 16 to 24. Reporter **Jenny Goodwin** spoke to some of the volunteers and to the scheme's organisers about their work in the community.

### Bureau says 'thank you'

**YOUNGSTERS** who dedicate their spare time to helping others were making the most of some time off last night.

For they are all members of Millennium Volunteers Derby - a group run by Derby Volunteer Bureau, based in The Spot, which had organised last night's party as a thank you for the youngsters' volunteer work.

Millennium Volunteers is a UK-wide initiative run by the Government to encourage youngsters aged between 16 and 24 to carry out voluntary work in the community.

Since it was launched two-and-a-half years ago, Derby volunteers have contributed 50,000 hours to helping others in the community.

If the 430 volunteers, all aged between 16 and 24, had been paid the minimum wage, this effort would be worth more than £200,000.

Last night was a chance for 200 of the volunteers to get together to enjoy a variety of entertainments, which included video games, a disco and a mechanical ball ride.

Natasha Golding (23), Millennium Volunteers organiser, who has been with the organisation since its launch, said: "The volunteers are dedicated and work hard."

"Tonight is a chance to get them together and say thank you."

Members of Millennium Volunteers are involved in all sorts of work, including coaching children, befriending older people and helping in drama projects.

The Mayor of Derby, Councillor Janet Till, attended the party.

She said: "The fact that the youngsters are having fun, have formed friendships and show understanding to others, as well as having optimism for what is to come, represents everything I stand for."

"I am very proud of all their hard work."

The Derby programme began with the

help of a £150,000 grant from the Millennium Volunteers scheme.

Volunteers are paid travelling expenses and added expenses where required.

Miss Golding said: "The scheme allows people to get involved in their community and give something back."

"And it allows them to increase their own self confidence at the same time."

Volunteers receive certificates for giving up 100 hours of their spare time and 200 hours in a year, after which they finish the scheme.

Derby Volunteer Bureau has secured further funding from the Government for another two years, and it hopes to offer more support to volunteers with special needs, including disabled people and people with learning disabilities.

It is not yet known how much the funding will be.

Naveest Oberdi (23), of Derby, began volunteering four years ago through Millennium Volunteers at Umbrella and is now a family resource worker for Derby City Council.

She said: "Volunteering certainly helped me get my job. I enjoyed volunteering, taking children who don't always get a holiday away for a weekend."

"It was through the work with Umbrella and Derbyshire Friendship Group, working with children with special needs, that got me interested in working with social services."

"If I had not have had that experience behind me, it would have been a real struggle to get where I am today."

Miss Oberdi received her 200 hours certificate in August last year.

She said: "I still volunteer when I can, it's just so rewarding. I stopped receiving help from the volunteers scheme but I still continue to help out."

Carly Reeves (15), a student at Merril College, joined the scheme in September this year.

She said: "I am really enjoying doing a few hours a week through school, learning first aid skills. I know it's going to be useful for me and I know I will learn lots."



● **HAVING FUN:** Volunteers (from left) Sheenam Oberdi (19), Naveest Oberdi (23) and Carly Reeves (15). (02-2073-19)

NEWS

## FOR VOLUNTEERS

● **THANK YOU PARTY:** Just some of the volunteers who attended last night's party. (02-2073-20)



● **WORKSHOP:** Adam Browne.

### VOLUNTEERING AND LEARNING AT THE SAME TIME

**ADAM** Browne (21), of Alvaston, is a jeweller by day but spends his spare time treading the boards with Derby Youth Theatre Workshop through the Millennium Volunteers scheme.

Adam has been working with the workshop, based at Noel Baker Community School, in Bracknell Drive, Alvaston, for four years and has received his 200-hour certificate.

Adam, who works for H L Browns, in Victoria Street, Derby, said: "The

Millennium Volunteer scheme recognised that I was doing voluntary work with the workshop.

"The funding we get from the scheme helps towards costumes and other things we need."

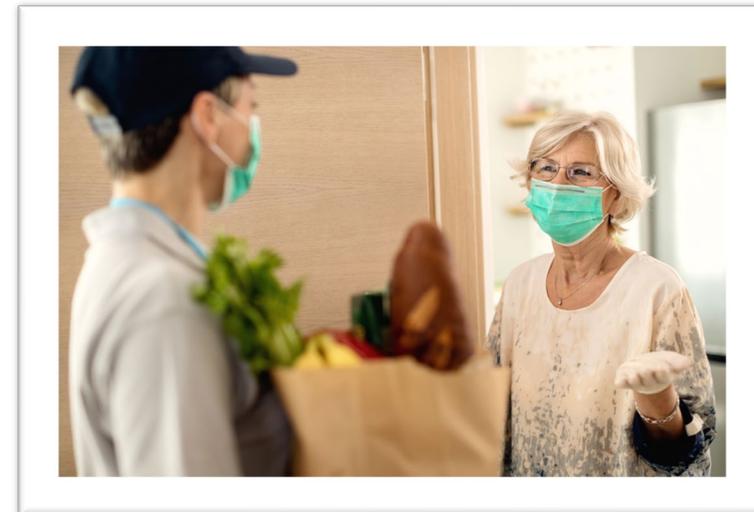
"Over the years, I have learnt a lot from all the people who have joined the group and today I carry on learning from everyone."

"I help out teaching younger members but I still learn lots from them too."

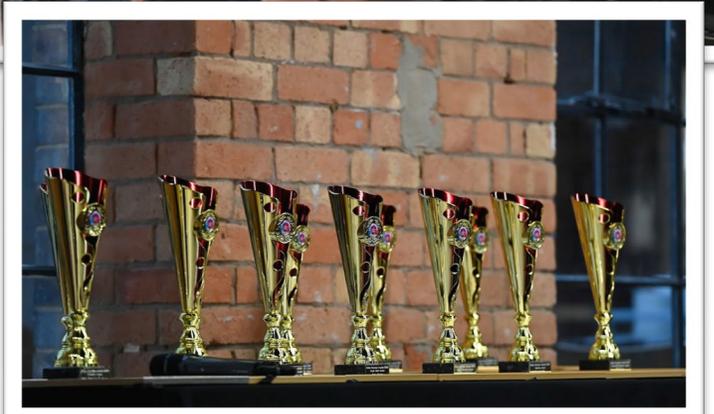


Millennium Volunteers

# Good Neighbours



# Derby Voluntary Sector Awards



# Partnerships & Collaborations

**In response to the COVID-19 pandemic we were part of the partnership that created the Derby Community Hub**

**let's do the  
right thing  
for Derby**



# Cost of Living Crisis

**SUPPORTING  
YOU WITH THE  
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# Leadership & Advocacy

**One of Community Action's key roles is to advocate for the voluntary sector, and we do this by sitting on a range of strategic boards and steering groups, including with:**

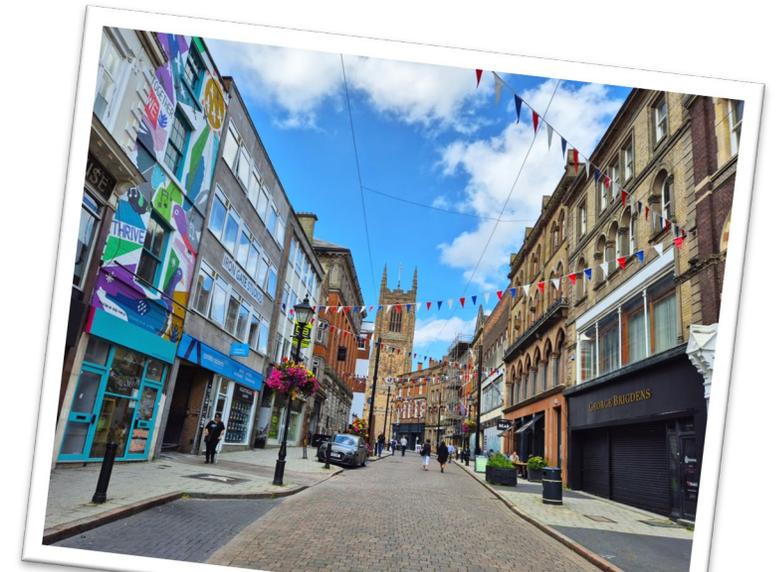
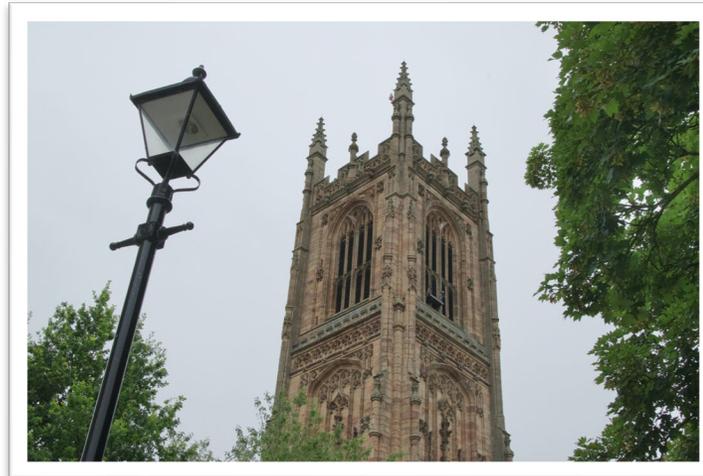
- Derby City Council
- Health System
- Derby & Derbyshire Infrastructure Alliance
- East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)



# Our Current Programmes

**Over the last 50 years, we've launched and completed countless programmes.**

**Our work has evolved, always adapting to what Derby needs most at the time.**



# DHIP (Derby Health Inequalities Partnership)

The Derby Health Inequalities Partnership (DHIP) was started in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which shone a light on inequalities in the city and on the good work and potential of communities to respond to this challenge.



# Derby Youth Alliance and Children and Young People's Network (CYPN)

The Derby City Youth Alliance is a coalition of community organisations that have come together to support young people in Derby to be safe, develop and prosper, with Community Action Derby acting as an overarching, independent body for the Alliance.



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YOUTH  
ALLIANCE**  
#THISISDERBY

# New Arrivals Alliance

Coordinated by Community Action, the New Arrivals Alliance brings together multiple agencies to support asylum seekers and resettled refugees in Derby as they settle and integrate into the community.



# Derby Diverse Carers Alliance

The Derby Diverse Carers Alliance is a partnership of carers, community groups, and local organisations led by Community Action Derby. Our goal is to ensure that all carers, especially those from different backgrounds and experiences, are heard, supported and respected.



DERBY DIVERSE CARERS  
**YOUR VOICE  
MATTERS**

# Social Prescribing

Our Social Prescribing team work across Derby North PCN & Derby South PCN, receiving referrals for patients who would like to improve their health and wellbeing.

They provide personalised care to patients, connecting them to groups, services, organisations and activities within their community to help address the social, emotional and practical needs which may impact them.

“Being referred to Social Prescribing was the best thing the GP has ever done for us”

“Thank you so much for your support... you it turned everything around for me. You were the biggest saviour”

“You have helped me build my confidence and self esteem thank you!”

# Warm Welcome Hubs

In partnership with Derby City Council and the Department for Work and Pensions, Community Action has been administering the grants for the Warm Welcome Hubs. We are supporting these organisations financially so that they may provide warm spaces to Derby city residents, along with a hot drink and a meal, and other support to help with welfare and wellbeing during the Cost of Living Crisis.

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**WARM WELCOME  
HUBS**

# Derby Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

The Derby Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) aims to provide support for families in Derby by providing free activities and meals during the Easter, summer and winter school holidays.



**SUMMER PROMISE**  
Activity and food support in Derby



**SIX IN DERBY**  
**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD IN DERBY**



# DE23 Active

DE23 Active (an Active Through Football project) is a five year programme funded by the National Lottery and supported by The Football Foundation and Sport England to help get the community of Normanton and Arboretum active.



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THURSDAY  
11TH SEPTEMBER  
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LITTLE MARLOW LONDON BIRMINGHAM  
COTTESFORD LONG BEWINGTON ASHBOURNE BINGHAM MARKET HARLBROUGH

# Here's to another 50 years!



**We have recently launched a brand-new website! For more information about all of our work, please visit:**

**[www.communityactionderby.org.uk](http://www.communityactionderby.org.uk)**