

Annual Review 2025-2026

Report from the Chair

It never gets any easier.

I have been involved in the voluntary sector for over 50 years and every year has had difficulties and challenges, however, the last year has been an extremely challenging one for Cumbria CVS.

The funding pressures which are being felt across the voluntary sector in general have been significant for the organisation. Sadly, due to those pressures we were forced to reduce our core team. This was a difficult decision to make as we value our hard-working staff team greatly. By taking that decision, as difficult as it was, we are in a much more secure position, allowing us to move forwards and continue to support VCFSE organisations across Cumbria.

We now have a much smaller development team largely funded through specific projects. The continued dedication the whole team shows in supporting the sector gives me great confidence for the future. See the CEO report to learn about the very many valuable projects we are supporting.

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The trustees continue to support the staff and members with all their endeavors, and I am delighted to welcome our new trustees – Philippa, Marc, and Catherine, who have brought varied and much appreciated experience to the board.

Sheila Gregory
Chair of Trustees
Cumbria CVS



CEO's Report

As Sheila has explained in her Chair's report, 2025/26 has been a challenging year, but it's also been a year when we've made steady progress to consolidate our core offer to the local voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector.

Cumbria CVS membership continues to increase (and is now well over 600 members), and our membership offer has been strengthened. If you've not yet checked out the membership area of our website, and the self-paced learning that's available there, please take the time to do so – it's a great resource, particularly for staff, volunteers and trustees who are new to their role.

We've developed our new strategy, up to 2030, based around our core areas of work: supporting VCFSE organisations to **develop**, **connecting** organisations to each other, and giving the VCFSE sector a **voice** in local decisions.

It often feels like the only constant is change! This year, we've seen the creation of Cumbria Combined Authority, and have started work, through the newly launched Cumbria Third Sector Leaders Forum, to develop a VCFSE Manifesto ahead of the Mayoral elections in May 2027.

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We've also seen big changes announced for the NHS, with the NHS 10 year plan proposing some big shifts, and a focus on Neighbourhood Health which has the potential to mean far closer working with local VCFSE organisations – but at the same time, dramatic cuts to Integrated Care Board staffing have meant it's sometimes been hard to maintain the relationships that are essential for effective collaboration.

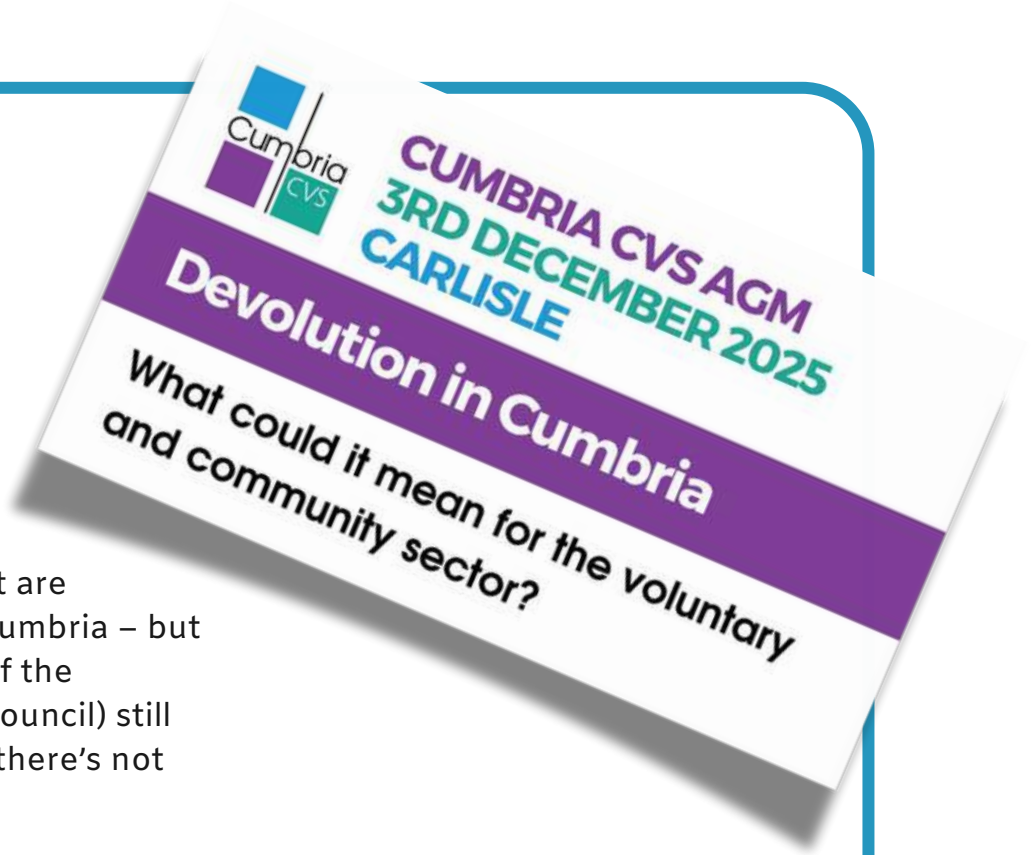
But some things are just too good to change! We've continued to organise some of the events that are always popular, including our Funding Fairs, and our network meetings (including the Action for Health network).

As usual, there's far too much to mention in my introduction – so to find out the rest, including lots of fantastic project work, you'll just have to read the full report... and so a huge thank you to Peter, our Communications Manager, for making it so easy to read!

Carolyn Otley
Chief Executive
Cumbria CVS



Cumbria CVS AGM 2025: Devolution and the VCFSE ask



Our December AGM in Carlisle saw guest speakers guide attendees through what devolution looks like for Cumbria. We heard that it opens-up new opportunities for funding, and for influence, that are only open to Mayoral Combined Authorities.

We were reminded that it's about ensuring that decisions that are currently made in London will move towards being made in Cumbria – but not about going back to Cumbria County Council, with both of the Unitaries (Cumberland Council & Westmorland and Furness Council) still existing, and continuing to do what they're currently doing – there's not going to be a sudden return to county-wide services.

Looking at what the VCFSE sector might want from devolution, attendees split into groups to gather some early thoughts, around some of the key responsibilities of a Combined Authority. The AGM was followed-up with further sessions to start to develop a VCFSE Manifesto for Cumbria.



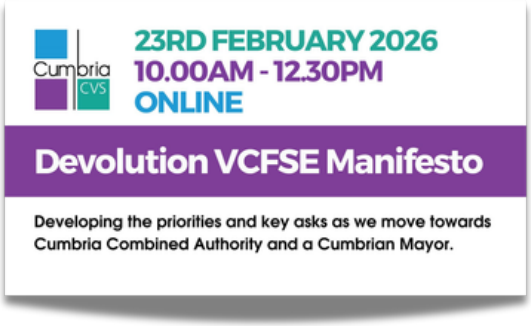
KEY STRANDS OF CUMBRIA CVS

How our key strands of activity are funded

We receive core funding from both Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council to support all of our key strands of activity. During the period covered by this report we have:

- Been involved in development of community power for Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness councils
- Produced a monthly e-bulletin and funding update
- Hosted sessions on Devolution in Cumbria through our lead role in Cumbria Third Sector Leaders Forum
- Hosted Prevent Training
- Worked closely with senior public sector staff and been active members of strategic partnerships









DEVELOP

To help them operate and become stable, we support organisations with:

- business planning
- governance
- funding
- effective volunteer management



VOLUNTEERING

Fostering a culture where volunteers and communities can grow by supporting and promoting volunteering through a dedicated hub for Cumbria



VOICE

We amplify the sector's voice by:

- gathering insight
- supporting influence
- advocating for its interests
- shaping policy with decision-makers



CONNECT

We connect organisations by:

- facilitating networking
- enabling partnerships
- signposting to the right services and opportunities

DEVELOP

Helping the sector to develop

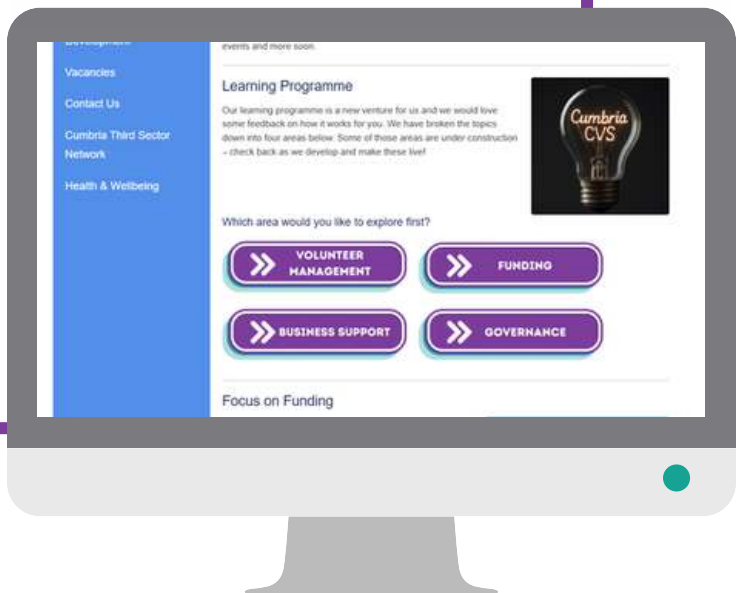
Supporting individual voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector organisations to develop is a key part of the work of Cumbria CVS.

This support comes in many forms; advice on how to set up a new organisation, help developing a business plan and identifying potential funding sources, and support around volunteer recruitment and management. It's also common for us to be asked to support when things get difficult, including helping to resolve tricky governance issues.

Over this year, we've strengthened our training offer, with a range of courses covering the basics of running a VCFSE organisation. The self-paced learning is available in the members' area of our website – if you've not yet seen it, do take a look, it's a great resource both for new organisations, and new staff and volunteers within well-established organisations.

As core funding becomes tighter, our development work is increasingly funded though specific projects, and the following sections highlight some of the fantastic things they've achieved over the last year.





This Is Us supports Westmorland & Furness

We continued delivering support across Westmorland and Furness, building on learning from Phase 1 of the programme to further strengthen our offer. We provided one-to-one support, advice, training, networking and events focused on funding, governance, volunteering and business planning.

We developed and delivered our Core Learning Programme, including volunteer management, governance, funding and business planning, while strengthening relationships with both existing and new groups. Targeted support was provided to smaller VCFSE organisations, helping build skills and confidence. We also delivered specialist training on topics including safeguarding, social impact and first aid.

108
volunteering opportunities created and promoted

113
groups supported

"The support has been paced at what the business needed. In the beginning I thought I was approaching just for funding help. But I realised this is a whole kind of support really in itself."

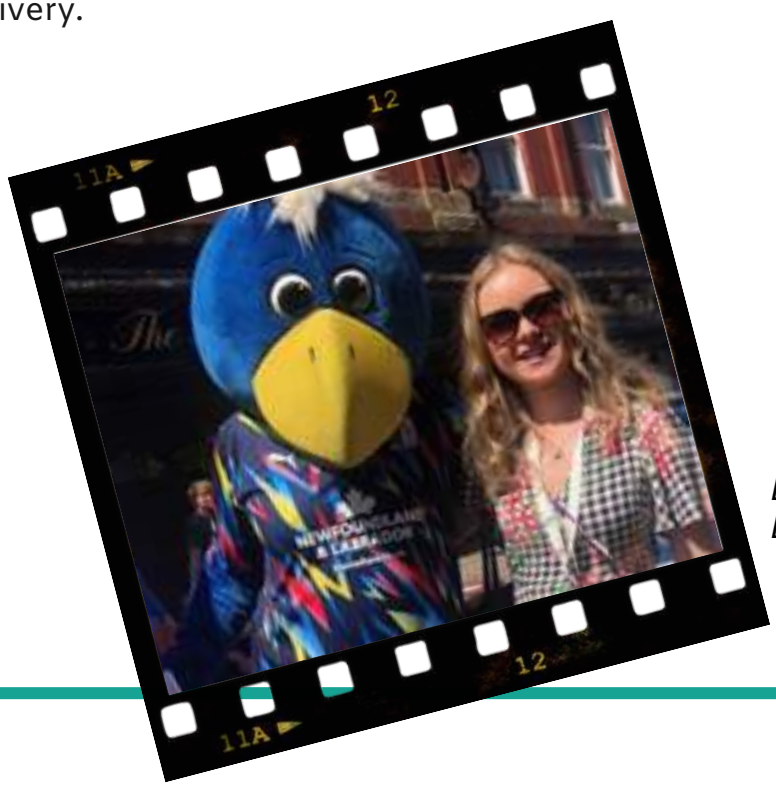
Susan Morris,
Art Making Difference

Supporting South Lakes and Furness

Through Ørsted-funded support, we worked with charities, voluntary organisations, and community groups to improve their environmental sustainability and resilience.

Support included developing environmental policies and action plans, delivering workshops, providing tailored one-to-one advice, and identifying funding opportunities. Help was provided to organisations to strengthen their environmental commitments, reduce their environmental impact, and embed sustainable practices into their operations and project delivery.

Working with a range of organisations, including Woodland Wellbeing CIC, Walney Community Trust, and Ormsgill Stronger Together, we supported the development of projects that created lasting environmental and community benefits.



Development Officer Emily supported Barrow Bluebirds to update their policies.

"Working with you on our environmental policy was a really positive experience. You provided clear examples of what other organisations were doing which helped spark new ideas and shape our own approach. Your feedback on our draft policy was also extremely helpful as you highlighted important areas we had missed and guided us in strengthening the final version.

Overall, your support made the process much easier and more effective, and we are really pleased with the outcome."

Jo Day, Operations Manager and Project Producer (Heritage), Signal Film & Media

Supporting South Copeland

This was the third year of our GDF funded South Copeland Development Officer support. This project supported VCFSE organisations from Thwaites through to Drigg with funding applications, governance, business planning, training, and recruiting trustees and volunteers.

Some achievements during the year include:

- £288,000 funding for a new roof for Millom Palladium
- Funding to update audio visual equipment for The Browfoot Rooms in Ulpha
- £60,000 funding for the BEAT route active travel way project
- Business Planning with Millom Heritage and Arts Centre
- A volunteer fair with 12 voluntary organisations attending

5
trustees recruited for organisations

£584,828
funding secured for VCFSE organisations in South Copeland

£1million+
funding secured over 3 years of the project

"MAOS have tried several times to secure funding to replace the roof of the Palladium. Using Cumbria CVS we were able to negotiate the minefield of the application process. We would have struggled without their support."

Diane,
Millom Amateur Operatic Society

"Just to tell you that Friends of Millom Station got £250 from Millom Council - a great help for us!"

Dorothy Williams,
Friends of Millom Railway Station

Supporting Mid Copeland

The Supporting Mid-Copeland Project began in April 2025 to strengthen the capacity, resilience, and sustainability of third-sector organisations across the GDF Mid Copeland area (Gosforth, Seascale, Beckermet, Calderbridge, Haile, Thornhill, Nethertown and Braystones).

Through a locally based Development Officer, tailored support was provided to community groups on governance, volunteer recruitment and training, policies and procedures, business planning and funding strategies.

18
groups supported

Providing a Bedrock of learning in West Cumbria

Bedrock Basics Project works to support non-profit organisations and community groups delivering services in west Cumbria.

The project is part of the Transforming West Cumbria Programme, made possible through funding and support from Sellafield Limited's multiplied SiX programme and Cumbria Community Foundation. Thanks to this funding all our support and services are delivered free to groups.

We delivered one-to-one support and group training to develop the capacity, capabilities and sustainability of non-profit organisations, in key areas including:

- Funding
- Volunteering
- Digital skills and social media
- Governance and organisational development

We've worked with supply chain organisations to deliver their training (for example, on manual handling) to local VCFSE organisations.

BEDROCK
TRANSFORMING WEST CUMBRIA
Funded by Sellafield Ltd

184
groups and organisations supported (75 for the first time)

100+
individuals from 84 organisations took part in group training

100+
organisations received 1:1 support

"Excellent delivery and great information and advice. I now have a greater awareness of phishing scams and we will implement a Business Continuity Plan. GDPR information was very useful."

Participant on GDPR and Cyber Security Training

CONNECT

Volunteering and the Volunteer portal

We continued to develop and promote our volunteering portal which allows organisations needing volunteers to self-register and promote their own opportunities.

Anyone interested in volunteering can also sign-up and search for, and register their interest in, local volunteering opportunities. The portal can be found here: https://volunteering.cumbriacvs.org.uk

We then provide additional support to volunteers if they need further information on local opportunities.

72 organisations were supported on a one to one basis in good practice in volunteer management or around volunteering, including employer supported volunteering.

494
volunteers registered (Total now 1297)

100
new organisations registered (Total now 449)

404
new volunteering opportunities added

Website supports Furness communities

With the original partnership between multiple charities in Barrow having ended, the Furness For You website now runs as a standalone resource.

Funded by Team Barrow, the site provides a directory of community service organisations and events, including regular weekly/monthly activities, and one-off or special events.

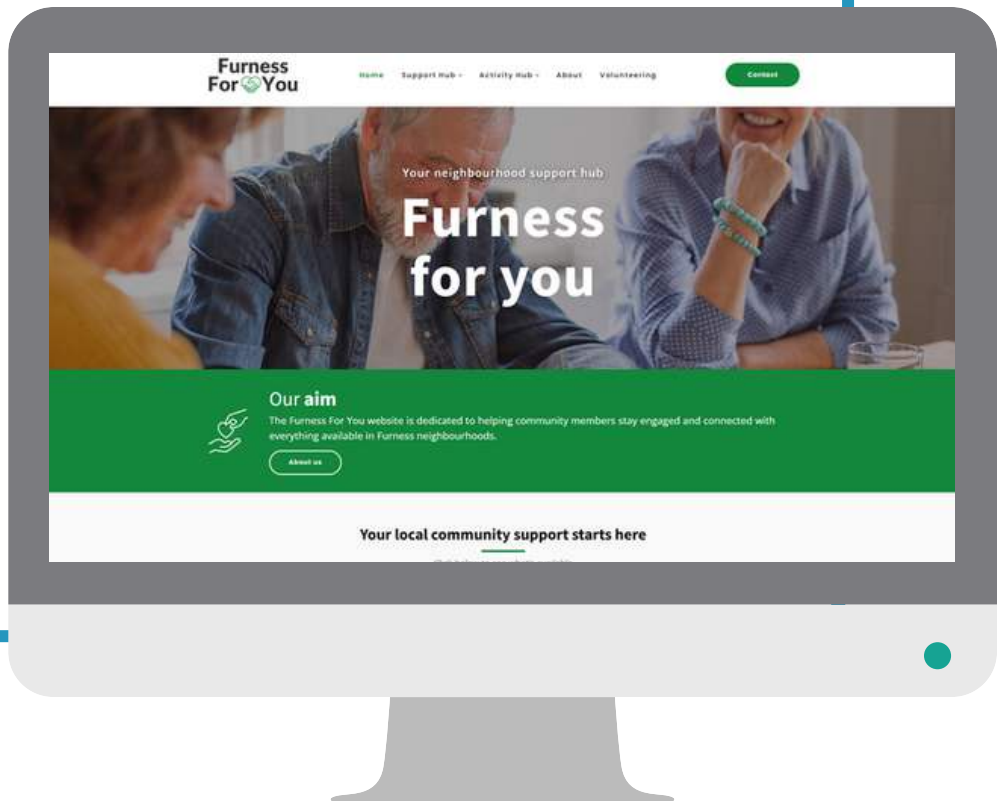
Used by the public to discover support and activities available, the site also helps statutory service providers find, and refer individuals for support to, the many VCFSE sector organisations providing valuable services across the Furness area.

Now listing more than 100 organisations, over 200 regular events, and a huge range of special events, the site offers an in-depth, one-stop, resource for the area.

Furness For You

100+
organisations listed

200+
regular events listed



Volunteer Managers Network

We hosted three network meetings to bring together Volunteer Managers in Cumbria to spread good practice and help strengthen volunteering in the county. We also delivered five workshops, meeting local organisations to help develop a Vision for Volunteering in Cumbria and support the development of the Cumbria CVS Strategy. 47 organisations attended in total.

We delivered nine training sessions as part of our new core learning training programme covering best practice, and three sessions as part of the Supercharge Your Trustee Recruitment programme to support organisations to recruit new trustees.



47
organisations attended meetings

161
organisations attended core learning sessions

"The Volunteer Manager Network meetings are a really good way of getting up to speed on the latest developments within the volunteering sector. It is also great to get the opportunity to meet other charities and organisations from a networking point of view and I have made some connections to do some partnership working.

I think to have that connection with Cumbria CVS, who can bring you together with others that might face some of the same issues and challenges, makes you feel less alone with things."

Chloe Duerdin,
Northern Fells Group

Face to face with funders

We held our annual Funding Fairs across the county in Eden (Penrith), West Cumbria (Whitehaven), South Lakes (Kendal), Carlisle and Barrow, bringing together VCFSE organisations with a wide range of local, regional and national funders. Attendees met funders face-to-face, discussed project ideas, explored grant opportunities, received fundraising advice and networked.

Funders and support organisations attending events included Cumbria Community Foundation, Arts Council England, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Francis Scott Trust, Sir John Fisher Foundation, Active Cumbria, Cumbria Youth Alliance, Action with Communities in Cumbria and local authorities.

These events helped organisations strengthen funding applications, discover new opportunities and support long-term sustainability and growth.

403

attendees at Funding Fairs during year



"Really useful and great organisations and funders. Very supportive environment. Good to chat with some funders to avoid wasting time in applications."

Attendee, Barrow Funding Fair, February 2026

Volunteering fairs and volunteer recruitment sessions

We hosted eleven volunteering fairs and recruitment events, with 103 organisations attending.

Out into the community, we attended 56 external events and gave presentations to 730 individuals to promote volunteering, local opportunities, the benefits of volunteering, and how to register on our portal. These were delivered to a wide range of organisations, including local Job Centres; The Bridge, Barrow; local colleges and schools; employers; Inspira; Westmorland and Furness Council staff.



"Being able to access Cumbria CVS training, and hosting the Keswick Volunteering Fair in Partnership at Keswick Museum, has really increased my confidence to be able to recruit, support and manage our volunteers."

Laura Caygill-Lowery,
Volunteer Coordinator, Keswick Museum

"What I learned when I went to the in-person Volunteer Information Session was a lot about volunteering and local volunteering opportunities. I wouldn't have known all about this by just sitting and googling, the team at CVS had all the information to hand which was ideal."

Beatrice Sowden,
Volunteer with Age UK North Cumbria through Cumbria CVS

56
external events/ presentations to
730
individuals

Volunteering for Health

We continue to be part of the Volunteering for Health Partnership for Lancashire and South Cumbria, which is now in it's second year of the three-year Volunteering for Health programme.

The programme is part of NHS England's response to the NHS Volunteering Taskforce, which concluded that more can be done nationally and locally to maximise the benefits of volunteers and volunteering in the NHS, as a vital resource in delivering health and social care nationally and locally, whilst strengthening volunteering infrastructure.

A partnership board of key stakeholders continues to meet, supporting the development of a strategic approach to enable and embed volunteering for all volunteer-involving health and care organisations at a place-based level. In the autumn of 2025, three Vision for Volunteering workshops were delivered for South Cumbria with 32 people attending.

The key findings from the research can be found here: https://cumbriacvs.org.uk/projects/volunteering-for-health/

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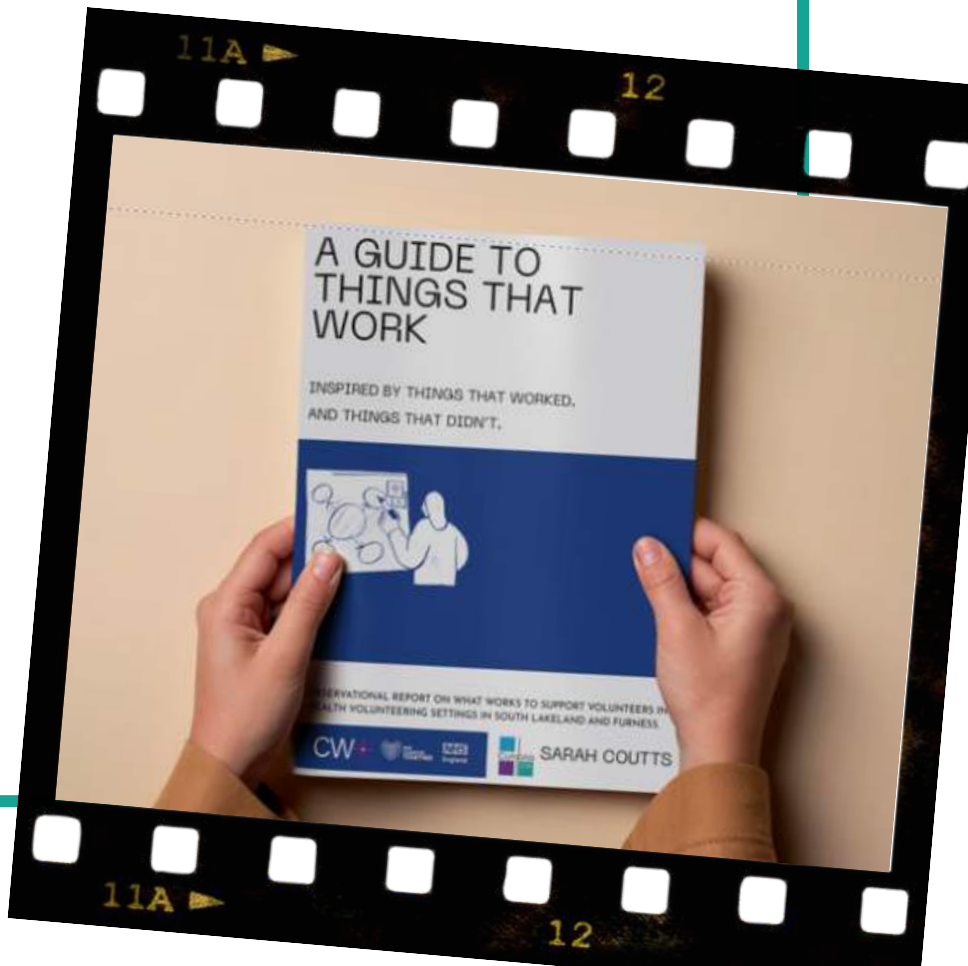
Vision for Volunteering workshops held



Third Sector Referral Coordinator team

The Team comprises of four coordinators, a Data Management Administrator, and a senior Third Sector Referral Coordinator, all of whom are employed by Cumbria CVS and have honorary contracts with North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Trust.

They support Integrated Care Community (ICC) staff within all ICCs across North Cumbria and acute/community hospital staff to understand the Third Sector and encourage these staff to make appropriate referrals to the Team on behalf of individuals who would benefit from additional, non-clinical support from the variety of Third Sector services available.

927
inbound referrals received during 2025/2026

1189
referrals/signposts made to third sector orgs for additional support



"The Third Sector Referral Co-ordinator team offer an incredibly vital and responsive service to stroke patients and their families/carers."

Case Manager, North Cumbria Community Stroke Discharge & Support Team

More Steps Forward for mental health

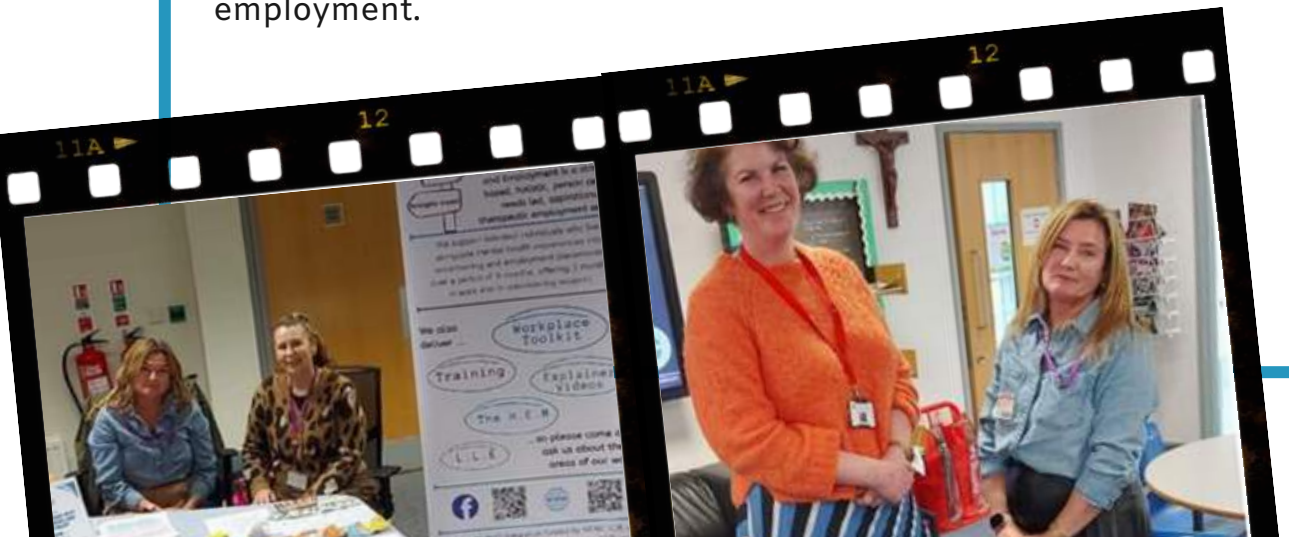
Step Forward into Volunteering and Employment supports people with severe and enduring mental health experiences to move into volunteering or work placements. Hosted by Cumbria CVS and funded by NENC ICB, the service provides person-centred, strengths-based support tailored to individual aspirations and needs.

We help people overcome barriers to work and volunteering by identifying suitable opportunities, promoting workplace wellbeing, and encouraging inclusive practices such as flexibility and reasonable adjustments. We also provide mental health awareness and workplace wellbeing training for organisations.

By building confidence, skills and independence, we support people to secure and sustain meaningful placements. Volunteering remains a valuable pathway, helping individuals gain experience, confidence and connections that can lead to employment.

38
referrals

Resulting in
33
individuals:
Volunteering (17)
Employment (9)
Education and training (4)
Employment retention (3)



"Thanks again for the meeting the other day, my lady was buzzing afterwards and couldn't believe how supportive and invested you and the service are!"

C. Dawson, Occupational Therapist,
North Cumbria Locality Care Group,
Community Treatment Team

Health and Care connections

Our Health Partnerships Team supports two of the sector's key health and care networks, ensuring members receive timely, relevant information about services and developments across Cumbria and the wider region.

Cumbria Action for Health welcomed more than 20 guest speakers covering topics including safeguarding, digital exclusion, poverty proofing, Future Proof services and health inequalities, including a workshop exploring the experiences of people affected by cancer.

Cumbria Mental Health Provider Forum hosted more than 15 guest speakers, with sessions covering the Hope Haven mental health hub, adult autism research, debt and mental health, service updates and the Cumbria Mental Health Leaders Award research project.

Both networks also received regular updates on WorkWell and Connect to Work, programmes supporting people with health conditions to find and remain in employment.

In addition to network meetings, we delivered 28 events, workshops and engagement sessions that supported learning, co-production, partnership working and project development. Topics included a Beginner's Guide to the Cumbria Observatory, co-production sessions on Cumberland Council's Mental Health Strategy and the North Cumbria ICB Frailty Strategy, and discussions focused on supporting people during winter.

6
Action for Health meetings (4 online and 2 in-person)

6
Mental Health Provider Forum meetings (5 online and 1 in-person)

733
individuals from 350+ different organisations attended our events

24
Health & Wellbeing Bulletins sent

850+
members of Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum networks

A key part of our work is identifying and sharing information that matters to Cumbria's health and care sector. By reviewing hundreds of documents, newsletters, bulletins and policy updates, we provide clear, accessible summaries that save organisations valuable time and help them stay informed.

During the year, we helped organisations understand major developments including the NHS 10-Year Plan, Neighbourhood Health, ICB restructures, and the WorkWell and Connect to Work programmes. We also kept members updated on important sector leadership changes and opportunities to engage with partners across the system.

We work with hundreds of people across Cumbria's voluntary sector and health and care system, as well as colleagues from the North East and North Cumbria and Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS regions.

During the year, we provided in-depth support on more than 300 occasions to over 140 organisations. This included helping individuals and organisations understand how the health and care system works, developing cross-sector partnerships, strengthening relationships with statutory partners, and improving connections across the third sector.

By bringing organisations together, we help increase collaboration, reduce duplication and improve services for local communities. We also support statutory partners to better understand the role and value of the third sector, creating more opportunities for partnership working in health and care delivery.

"Often a barrier for extending the reach of a project is knowing who to approach in key organisations and having timely introductions to those people. That's exactly what Clare & Sarah did for our project. A next key step for Let's Get Digital, West Cumbria was to understand the health sector and to know who to approach about the impact our project could make in the sector. I'm extremely grateful for the time Clare took to understand the work we do, and to aid my networking among key new partners."

Sarah Jewell,
Digital Unite



VOICE

A new network for leaders

Cumbria Third Sector Network continues to be an important mechanism to bring together the many specialist networks that exist within the county.

Through 2025/26, we've worked with Action with Communities in Cumbria and Cumbria Youth Alliance to refresh the network's leadership structures, commissioning NAVCA to undertake a review of similar work in other areas, and to build on the best of what's happening elsewhere. As a result of that work, we established Cumbria Third Sector Leaders Forum in April 2026.

This year, the focus has been firmly on preparing for devolution, with workshops to develop the VCFSE Manifesto ahead of the Mayoral elections.



Community research to tackle health inequalities

Since December 2025, Cumbria CVS has been working in partnership with the NIHR Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) Cumberland on a two-year programme to build research-active communities across Cumberland.

We host 17 Community Co-Researchers (CCRs) who are designing and delivering research focused on tackling health inequalities. The CCRs will ensure that their insights are grounded in lived experience.

HDRCs (funded by National Institute of Health and Care Research (NIHR)) are designed to improve understanding of how local decisions affect health and health inequalities. This programme will help to embed an evidence-informed culture within Cumberland Council.

43
attendees at research groups launch event, including 9 CCRs

Number of projects in each research theme group:

2
Children cared for

4
Poverty and wider determinants

3
Mental health, neurodiversity and substance use

3
Pathways to employment and education

"Our partnership with Cumbria CVS is helping bring research closer to communities, supporting community co-researchers to shape new understanding of the factors affecting health and wellbeing."

Mike Siddall,
HDRC Research and Innovation Manager,
Cumberland Council

CROSS- CUTTING ACTIVITY

Barrow Rising

Barrow Rising is a partnership that brings together national government, Westmorland and Furness Council and BAE Systems. It's aiming to both strengthen Barrow's ability to build submarines to defend our nation, and to diversify Barrow's economy.

Our Chief Executive, Carolyn Otley, has been involved as the Sponsor for the Community and Social Impact workstream. Through that work, she's been involved in the design of the Social Impact Fund with local groups, as well as wider work around social value and designing better public services.

A highlight of the year was the groups who received funding meeting His Majesty The King during his visit to Barrow in September 2025, which was a fantastic opportunity to showcase their amazing work.

£5m

Social Impact Fund designed to improve the resilience and sustainability of Barrow's VCFSE sector, enabling organisations to deliver essential services and drive long-term, transformative change.



Supporting community resilience

Our Community Resilience Coordinator supports communities of place and interest from across Cumbria to build their resilience to flooding, severe weather, and other emergencies.

They collaborate with Local Resilience Forum colleagues (from the emergency services, Environment Agency and local councils) to ensure there's a coordinated and inclusive approach to supporting community resilience and organised a large conference for community groups in October 2025.

The role is currently funded through Cumbria's Innovative Flood Resilience (CiFR) project, and we've been heavily involved in developing a couple of significant reports this year.

The Cumbria Climate Risk Analysis, produced by Nottingham Trent University and a reference group of local partners, outlines what Cumbria's climate is likely to look like in the future, and the risks that might bring – it's available on the Cumbria Observatory website (https://www.cumbriaobservatory.org.uk/ccra/)

32

Community events held bringing together members of the public with responder organisations and other relevant partners

Every

£1

invested in societal resilience to disruption generates £35.12 of public value

Up to

49%

The amount peak river flows could increase by, leading to a higher risk and severity of flooding

Up to

28%

less summer rainfall means droughts are likely to become more frequent and severe

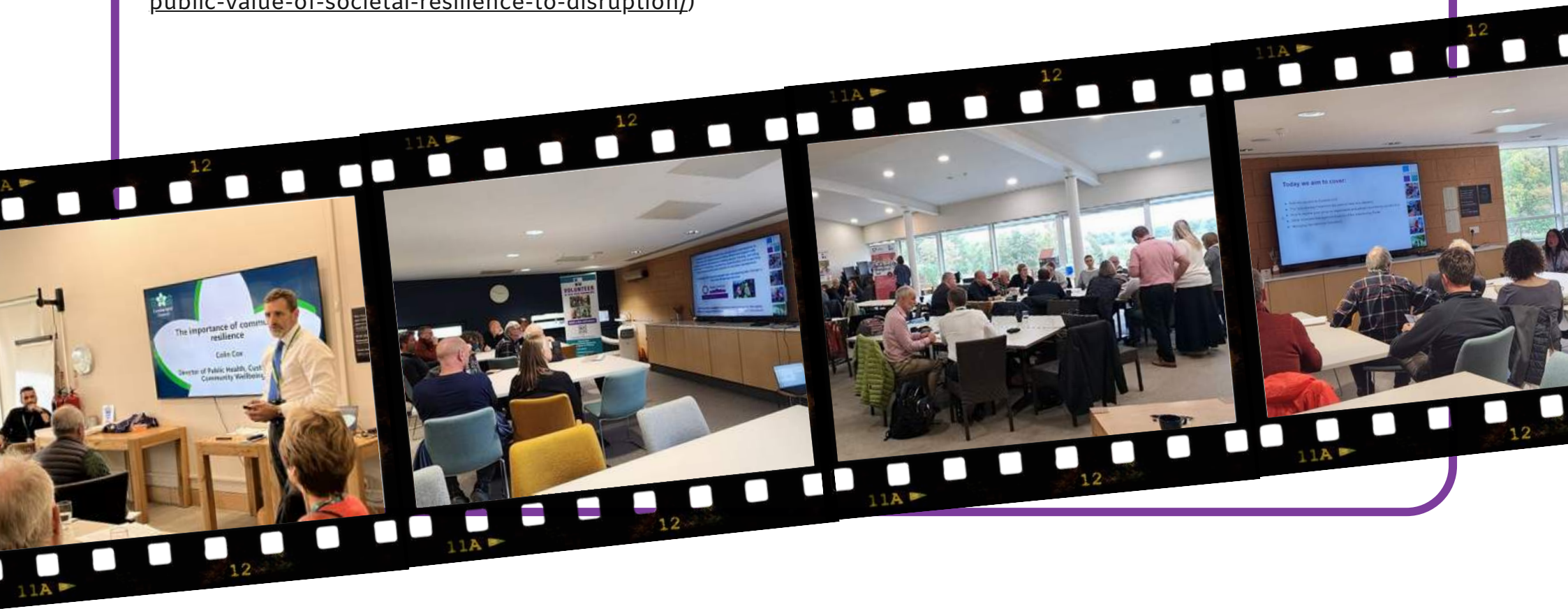
Manchester University were commissioned to lead work to put a financial value on investing in community resilience; their social return on investment approach showed that every £1 invested in societal resilience to disruption generates £35.12 of public value. (https://www.alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/research/recovery-renewal-resilience-from-covid-19/national-consortium-for-societal-resilience/assessing-the-public-value-of-societal-resilience-to-disruption/)

CiFR Cumbria innovative Flood Resilience

This project is funded by Defra as part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programmes which is managed by the Environment Agency. The programmes will drive innovation in flood and coastal resilience and adaptation to a changing climate.

Cumberland Council
Westmorland & Furness Council
Working for Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs
Environment Agency



A Cumbria CVS year in numbers



We have worked with and supported more than:

1,300 people, from over

1,000 organiations via

130 events, networking opportunities and training, and indirectly supported many thousands more

132,599 Website visits

141 News & blog posts

3306 Facebook followers

1395 LinkedIn followers

170 BlueSky followers



605 Cumbria CVS members

Cumbria CVS would like to thank our many key funders and partners, whose invaluable support enable us to be an effective and sustainable organisation.









































Treasurer’s Report

I am pleased to deliver a Treasurer's report as part of the annual review.

The year ended 31st March 2026 has delivered a total surplus of £218k, and has seen a small unrestricted deficit of £7k in the year and reflects the challenging economic enviroment we currently operate in. It is, however, a smaller deficit than in recent years and showing an improving trend and reflects the ongoing actions we are taking to ensure we deliver an unrestricted surplus in future years.

Over the course of the year, a number of actions have been taken to reduce our core costs and this includes giving notice on the lease of our Shaddongate office, which is oversized for our requirements and this will deliver benefits in future years.

As we move into 26/27, inflationary costs and a difficult economic background, alongside an ever more challenging funding enviroment, bring many challenges to the Charity. However, with a strong team in place and a pipeline of potential funding opportunities I am confident that we can rise to the challenge and keep the Charity moving forwards.

The auditors have confirmed our going concern status.

Charles Watt
Treasurer



Summary Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds 2026 (£)	Total Funds 2025 (£)
Total Incoming Resources	289,477	1,278,472	1,567,949	1,431,949
Total Resources Expended	296,316	1,053,352	1,349,668	1,541,945
Net Movement in Funds	**(6,839)**	**225,120**	**218,281**	**(109,996)**
Reconciliation of Funds:	0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward	311,952	612,666	924,618	1,034,614
Total Funds Carried Forward	**305,113**	**837,786**	**1,142,899**	**924,618**

Summary Of Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Fixed Assets	314,475	318,113
Debtors	51,443	97,057
Cash at bank and in hand	1,217,206	1,214,813
Creditors: due within one year	(440,225)	(705,365)
Net Assets	**1,142,899**	**924,618**
The funds of the charity:		
Total restricted funds	837,786	612,666
Total unrestricted funds	305,113	311,952
Total charity funds	**1,142,899**	**924,618**

Keeping it Green

Our Cumbria CVS Green blog has seen another year of monthly posts on a wide range of environmental topics, from our staff, but also guest contributors from Enterprising Cumbria and Futureproof Cumbria.

We've discussed funding, making your workplace greener, farming and sustainability, planetarinism, fossil fuel-free pensions, green volunteering, Great Big Green Week... and even had a poem inspired by cycling to collect surplus supermarket food!

Catch-up on all our Green Blogs here: https://cumbriacvs.org.uk/news/green-blog/ and if you would like to contribute, we'd love to hear from you.

Our carbon and climate working group have met regularly, developing our Environmental and Sustainability policy and action plan, and working towards meeting the targets we've set ourselves.

We're also delighted to have started working in partnership with VONNE, with funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, to help VCFSE organisations across Cumbria strengthen their environmental action and reduce their environmental impact.

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Green blogs published

"Biking into town to collect food waste,

It might be free but that doesn't affect the taste..."

Extract from 'Lunch Break' poem, Green blog no 17 – July 2025



Who are we?

You can find details of our staff team and Trustees on our website, along with profiles of our own amazing volunteers, whose valuable support is crucial to the delivery of our work.

We are supported by a fantastic team of 11 Digital and Admin Volunteers to help promote volunteering, local volunteering opportunities, video case studies or volunteering fairs.

Staff and volunteers: https://cumbriacvs.org.uk/about-us/staff/

Trustees: https://cumbriacvs.org.uk/about-us/directors/



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