



What's Different...

- Capital only
- £150,000 (only)
- Award by end March 2025
- A developmental approach, supported by the MCVS, but ultimately with an application process to ensure due diligence and transparency
- The over-arching rationale for this funding is building the presence and capacity of organisations working in localities and working to tackle and address local community needs.



MansfieldCVS

Annual Report 24/25

Chair of the Board - Lady Veronica Cooper



Another busy year for the whole team at MCVS, another rollercoaster of highs and lows. The number of team members has decreased with staff leaving to move into another field of work.

We appointed a new CEO in March 2024, Ashley Penty-Williams who is unfortunately currently off sick. Thanks however, to the continued hard work and dedication of Stephen Cooper, our interim acting CEO and his in-house team, this has not impacted negatively on our ability to help and support our local communities.

Thanks to their hard work, the charity is in a healthy position and our standing within the community is second to none. The staff team have worked incredibly hard in a difficult economic climate that has not always been kind to the charitable sector, but we have maintained and developed excellent working relationships with our community partners including ABL, ATTFE, Freemasons, West Notts College and of course, Mansfield District Council with the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

At every given opportunity our small, hardworking and dedicated team, voice MCVS and the work we do. The goal for any charitable organisation is to support their local community, and we are no different in that aim. Our ultimate challenge and one we strive to achieve, is to ensure that Mansfield is a district where the voluntary sector can not only sustain itself but work for the benefit of all as a collective.

As the Chair of the Board of Trustees, I am in a privileged position which enables me to see how hard the team as a whole work. I am sure that they will continue to deliver the services our community needs and to be an effective voice which benefits all.

Finally, can I just say again – a huge thank you to the team and to my fellow trustees for their commitment to MCVS.

If anybody would be interested in becoming a trustee please do get in touch and I can assure you that you will be joining a thriving, hardworking CVS which holds the needs of our community at its heart.

Supporting our residents

Community Transport

During 2025/25 we worked with our anchor sites and social prescribers to facilitate **45** journeys to medical appointments

Investing in Communities: Bellamy and Oaktree

MCVS are deeply embedded in the Bellamy and Oaktree Estates to help reduce health inequalities in areas identified as having high levels of deprivation and poor health.

Over the last year, a lot of work has been done in order engage with the local communities, to understand the complexities of life on the estates and gain insight into their wants and needs regarding improving their health.

A slow integrated approach has been taken to become a trusted voice within the community. Assistance of the existing community volunteer groups has taken place due to the fantastic work they already do. Care has been taken not to overstep or take over and listen to the community and collate given feedback so co-production can be undertaken.

Many events and activities have taken place over the year including:

Stiffly Come Dancing

This event occurs every month on the first Tuesday of the month, with themes for special dates including VE day where people dressed up, war time bingo prizes and 1940's music and the Stiffly Come Christmas event with Christmas themed dancing and buffet.

Trowell Court Tuesdays

Running since June 2024, this continues to be a successful weekly session with a range of service providers and organisations attending each week including; Family Action, Standguide employment agency, Family Hubs and CAB. The Soup and Roll lunch is still going strong and maintaining a consistent, 15-18 regular residents each week.

Community Open Day

This was held at Oak Tree Leisure Centre and included both the communities of Bellamy and Oak tree. There were a range of organisations present as well as both voluntary groups from each estate. The community were able to come along and get involved in activities, gain information on employment, education, health and social activities.



Supporting groups and partnership working



UKSPF

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) provided three years funding between 2022 - 2025 for local investment, with all areas of the UK receiving an allocation. The primary goal of the UKSPF was to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK.

In 2024/5

Total successful for round 2 - **22 applications**

Total amount awarded - **£149,284.52**

Total successful for round 3 - **15 applications**

Total amount awarded - **£119,624.77**

Inclusive Engagement Framework

In late 2024, we came together with partners to begin work on the Inclusive Engagement Framework development. This was to pilot a new way of working which enabled community partners to safely share the insight they hear.

Butterfly Service

We have been involved in the Butterfly End of Life Service until Summer 2024, which gave support to those with an end of life diagnosis, their family and carers.

Warsop Small Steps to Feeling Great Partnership

MCVS's Lesley Watkins is chair of the Warsop Small Steps to Feeling Great Partnership

Volunteers

We have supported over **200** volunteers through email, phone calls, our website and social media.

We have actively promoted over **100** opportunities via our website and social media and currently have **54** volunteer opportunities available on our website.

Through funding from the **Mid Notts Place Based Partnership**, volunteers have accessed a range of training courses to help build skills and capacity. These include Food Safety, First Aid, Safeguarding, and Neurodiversity awareness.

The insight gained from volunteers via our **Investing in Communities** project in Bellamy and Oaktree is invaluable and is constantly being gained from conversations, events, social media posts as well as more targeted work. This feedback can range from general health and wellbeing to more specific asks and needs.

A **volunteer impact report** was devised talking to community residents who volunteer regularly in both community groups to see what they do and what they get from it. Consultation and feedback was gained from partners at the NHS at the health and wellbeing pop up.





2024/2025 Finances

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Income from				
Donation & legacies	£12,478			£87,722
Charitable activities	£14,053	£315,321		£339,403
Investment income	£2,692	£47		£2
Total income	£29,223	£315,368	£344,591	£427,127
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	(£181,721)	(£273,261)	(£454,982)	(£494,487)
Total expenditure	(£181,721)	(£273,261)	(£454,982)	(£494,487)
Net movement in funds	(£154,498)	£44,107	(£110,391)	(£163,618)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	£282,750	£124,538	£407,288	£570,906
Total funds carried forward	£128,252	£168,645	£296,897	£407,288



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