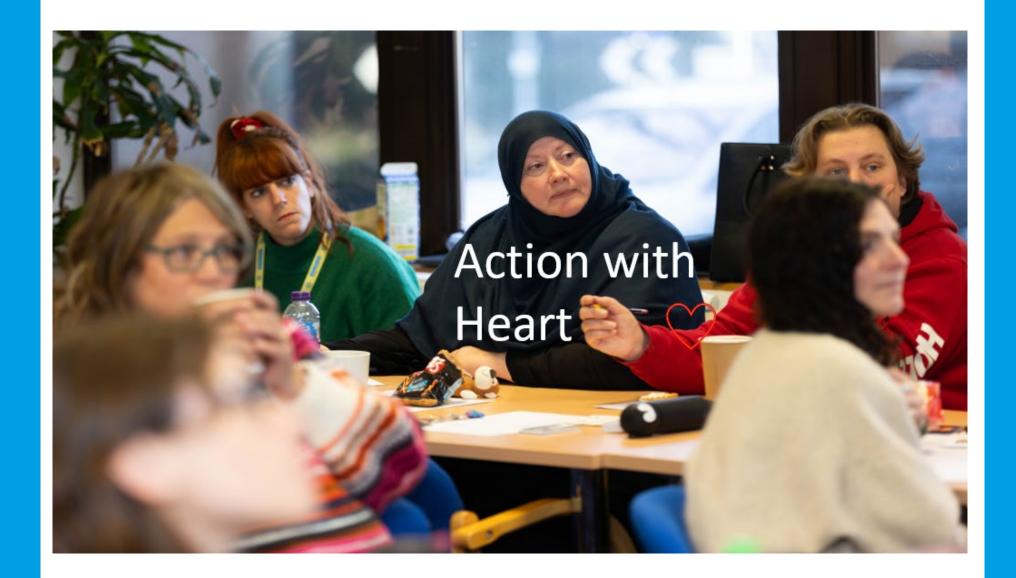


VCS in Dorset

- Annual contribution of volunteers/trustees across Dorset £700m per year
- Value of volunteering £640 £950m per year
- 2300 registered charities & 4600 community groups in Dorset.

Community Action Network

- Serve and champion Dorset's voluntary and community sector
- 800+members
- Led by a Board of Trustees that provide accountability to the sector.





Strengthen VCS organisations to deliver high-quality services sustainably



Increase volunteer engagement and positive impact



Enhance collaboration and influence to improve community wellbeing



Promote equity, diversity and inclusion



Strengthen VCS infrastructure through member-led leadership



Sustain a strong successful charity







In 2024

- 55 new groups supported
- 400 groups accessed advice and support
- 390 groups attended training/webinars
- 98% would recommend CAN
- Supported 700+ people to volunteer
- Engagement with the sector and wider community
- 300+ groups attend CAN networks
- Advocacy and sector representation

OUR WORK

BCP Council projects include:

- Early Help Partnership
- Ethnically Diverse Communities
- Trusted Reviewers
- Wellbeing Collaborative

County-wide:

Access Wellbeing

Access to Community Support Services





STATE OF THE SECTOR REPORT

Primary services

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Advice and information
- Community services

Ma in beneficiaries

- Older people
- Disabled people
- People experiencing mental health issues

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Challenges

- Recruitment and retention of staff & volunteers
- Higher demand some seeing 50% increase
- Relationships with public sector organisations could be better
- Challenging financial landscape increase in demand, decrease in funding.

Gaps in service provision

- Social isolation
- Mental Health support
- Accessible transport





Recommendations

- Enhance funding flexibility and stability
- Focus on financial resilience
- Address staffing and volunteer challenges
- Strengthen relationships across the system
- Innovate and adapt services
- Target key service gaps
- Collaborate and share best practices.









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