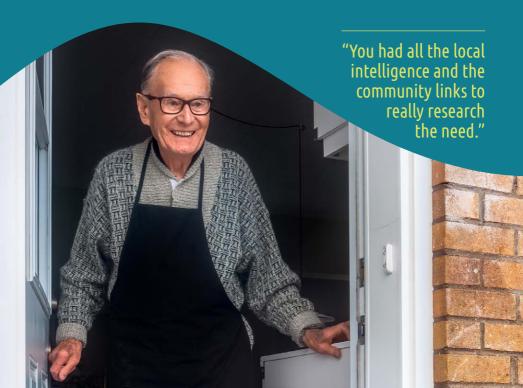


# High Peak CVS Membership

**Empowering our Community** 



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#### Who are we?

High Peak Community and Voluntary Support (CVS) supports community groups, charities and other voluntary organisations across the High Peak to deliver projects which enrich local communities and provide essential services where there is often a desperate need.

We were set up in 2002 by a small group of individuals who believed in the power of social good and today has grown to become a valued resource for over 400 voluntary sector groups across the whole of the High Peak.

We offer advice, guidance, training and support to our members, as well as connecting them to peer support and other expertise that will help them to work more effectively. We work with statutory bodies including Local and District Councils and Health Authorities across the district to ensure that the value of the voluntary sector is recognised and the needs of our members are considered in their strategic decision making.

Our members help improve the quality of life of people affected by a range of issues, including disability, health conditions, mental ill-health, bereavement, social isolation and so much more.

For more information about our organisation you can visit our website at: <a href="http://highpeakcvs.org.uk/">http://highpeakcvs.org.uk/</a>

# Why become a member of High Peak CVS?



Our aim is to support, encourage and promote community and voluntary sustainability across the district. We do this by providing your charity, organisation, voluntary or community group with all the necessary advice and support you require to reach its full potential.

Whether it's supporting you with setting up a committee, accessing funding or taking part in training and network opportunities, our membership offers a fully accessible range of services and guidance that is available exclusively to our members.

"We are so grateful to High Peak CVS for the support they provided. They helped us identify legal resolutions to issues related to HR, SLAs, constitutions etc"

#### Who can become a Full Member or supporter of High Peak CVS?

Full Membership is open to all voluntary and community organisations working within the High Peak including:

- Unincorporated small community groups
- Incorporated not-for-profits
- Registered charities
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations
- Charitable Community Benefit Society
- Community Interest Companies

Businesses and individuals who share our commitment to empowering local communities can join us as a Corporate Partner or supporter. Please visit our website at www.highpeakcvs.org.uk or email us at: hello@highpeakcvs.org.uk to find out more.

# What does a Full Member Receive?

"CVS really helped me to take my vision, develop it and then to actualise it"

#### **Group Development Support**

Our Development Team, with assistance of our wider expert team, will be available to advise and support your organisation in a variety of ways, including (but not exclusively):

- Access to 'members only' resources on our website comprising guidance documents and useful templates to support the effective running of your organisation
- Advice on identifying the need for your group and defining your objectives
- Guidance and training to help you write your constitution and governing document
- Help defining the roles and responsibilities of committee members
- Training, advice and mentoring on running effective meetings

#### **Funding Advice and Guidance**

Our team can help you identify and access various grants and other funding streams, as well as provide expert advice on the application process:

- Help identifying relevant funding
- Advice on Bids and Tenders
- Guidance of how to write a strong application / tender proposal

### Guidance on effective management

- Advice and support on setting up a new group, governance structures, policies and procedures, business planning\*, project management and charity registration\*.
- Introductions to other members to share knowledge, resources and best practice
- Opportunities to advertise paid job vacancies on the High Peak CVS website
- Promote your organisation and services via our regular e-newsletter, small group project newsletter and social media accounts

"HPCVS helped me to raise £25,000 to renovate 3rd Glossop Scout Hut. Their staff read through a lottery funding bid and helped me to make improvements to it so that the bid was successful"



- All training, events, equipment hire and additional services at a discounted rate
- Receive regular e-newsletter containing local news and funding alerts
- Support with press releases to share your news and achievements
- Opportunities to link with our Corporate Partners to access discounts on services, training, volunteers and much more
- Opportunity to attend and vote at our Annual AGM to help direct our service (1 vote per group)

#### **Additional Services:**

We can also offer extra services to our members that may incur an additional cost (e.g. completing a funding application). All these will be available at a discounted rate for members. Please contact us for more details.



### Full membership – Minimum £10 Annual payment.

Note: membership costs go directly back into our work within the community and allows us to offer comprehensive and dedicated support to those that need it.

Free Membership – our free membership is open to any individual, group or organisation and comprises::

- Maximum 30 minute telephone advice and guidance around group development or funding
- Subscription to our e-newsletter and other news updates
- Invited to our annual AGM (non-voter)

If you would like to become a member of High Peak CVS you can register online here: www.highpeakcvs.org.uk/members

If you require a paper application please get in touch with us at: hello@highpeakcvs.org.uk or call us on

Tel: 01663 735350

"Every single question we asked and every request for support, CVS were there for us. What we have managed to create together is a really good rapport with our group, our cause and the CVS, we have confidence that you're there for us"



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