

Dear Members, Friends, and Colleagues,

As many of you know, after five incredible years, I will be stepping down as CEO of High Peak CVS in June 2024.

During my time here, I have been so fortunate to work alongside a dedicated and passionate group of people that truly have the needs of the community at the heart of what they do.

To our members, thank you for your unwavering trust and support. It has been a privilege to see firsthand the incredible work you do and, at High Peak CVS, play a part in enabling you to deliver essential help and guidance to people across the High Peak and beyond.

I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together during my time. Looking back over an unprecedented COVID pandemic in which the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector truly showed its value and delivered an essential role in caring for some of the most vulnerable people within our society. More recently the huge impact of the cost-of-living crisis, not only on the people you support but on our own organisations, families and friends which has affected us all but your dedication and commitment to making a real difference has not gone unnoticed.

To our exceptional staff and volunteers, your hard work and commitment are the backbone of this organisation. I am deeply grateful for your talent, resilience, and the positive atmosphere you create.

During the last 5 years, we have seen our membership levels increase year on year and I would like to thank every single member that has supported us during this time as well as our amazing Community Development team that have worked tirelessly to offer the advice and guidance needed for every HPCVS member.

Our Social Prescribing service has been born and grown to what it is today, a thriving service that works cross sector to support people with their health, wellbeing, and social needs alongside our NHS colleagues.

Our Bereavement service that started as a small pilot in Glossop but, due to the impact of the service is now a High Peak wide group support service that is unique to any other area but has become a vital place of safety and support for those that are dealing with grief and loss.

In addition, the numerous other projects that have been delivered over the years and continue to be delivered in line with our organisation values with the sole aim of supporting our local communities.

I would also want to mention our board of trustees whose guidance and strategic vision have been invaluable to our growth. You've played a crucial role in the success of High Peak CVS, and I would like to thank you all for your commitment and support during my time.

None of this would have been possible without our staff, trustees, volunteers, members and partners and it will be something that I will always be proud to have been a part of.

Volunteers and staff across this sector are essential to the health and wellbeing of our communities and I have been proud to witness this first hand over the past few years.

I'm delighted that High Peak CVS is in a strong position for continued success, and I have no doubt that the future is bright. The recruitment for my successor will begin imminently and If anyone is interested in learning more about the role please do not hesitate to contact me for an informal chat. It's an organisation I have been proud to serve, and I would wholeheartedly recommend to anyone that asks.

Thank you again for everything you have done and continue to do. I will always cherish the memories and friendships I've made here.

Kind Regards

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB', followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that tapers to a point on the right.

James Bromley
Chief Executive Officer
High Peak CVS