

the ECHO

The newsletter of The Volunteer Centre
Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire

The Volunteer Centre

SAVE OUR SECTOR

What will voluntary sector cuts mean
to you?

Services that provide lunches, day centres, befriending,
BME, and charity support, and more are at risk

Have your say on the 17th July



Chesterfield Football Club,
Sheffield Rd, Chesterfield,
S41 8NZ

10:00am - 12:00pm
July 17 2024
Free parking & lunch included

Please sign this petition and be one of the 800 people to help support and save our vital voluntary and community services.

Derbyshire County Council is proposing cuts to discretionary funding. This means that key local charities and community organisations which support

the health and wellbeing of residents are in danger of closure.

At risk are services supporting mental health provision, befriending and lunch clubs, day centres, funding for community groups and important support for charities.

Thousands of people who live life with poor physical and mental health, learning difficulties, loneliness and isolation will be left without vital support. Particularly affected will be older people, marginalised communities and the most vulnerable in our society.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action are asking the Council to debate in full any proposed cuts to discretionary funding and consider the significant impact to communities if services are reduced.

Please sign the petition to voice your concern for the lives of our neighbours.

SIGN THE PETITION

We think it is important that a discussion takes place regarding the catastrophic affects to our communities and services if these cuts happen.

If this petition receives **800 signatures** this should mean:

- The council will have to debate about the decision to cut funding
- Refer the petition to the relevant Cabinet Member or Full Council for consideration

The VCSE are part of the solution, not the problem.

To learn more about the proposed cuts please visit <https://dva.org.uk/voluntary-sector-cuts/>

Coming Soon To A Theatre Near You!

The Voluntary Sector Awards



Our Voluntary Sector Awards are coming up this October, please send your nomination through using the link on our website (below).

[Nominations – Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Volunteer Centre \(chesterfieldvc.online\)](https://chesterfieldvc.online)

Get your nominations in now.

Full Length and Fabulous
The VSA 2024 brings a night of Glamour



Get your nominations in now

<https://chesterfieldvc.online/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/The-Voluntary-Sector-Awards-2024.docx> or email info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk – recognising the hard work of volunteers and employees



Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WEST BARS, CHESTERFIELD

<https://chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/>

Yes

Do you enjoy helping people?



Are you a good listener?



Are you free on Wednesdays 11:30 -
2:15pm?



Why not find out more about this
volunteering role at our Compass
foodbank centre?

We would love to hear from you:
info@chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk
or apply online





Volunteer

with Derbyshire Mind!

We are currently seeking friendly Community Volunteers to help deliver our local MindSpace group at Queens Park on alternate Thursday Mornings:

'Community Volunteer (MindSpace Walk Leader)'

The main purpose of the Walk Leader role is to help us provide relaxed and friendly local walks in Derby, particularly for adults experiencing low mental wellbeing, by:

- leading a warm, friendly and non-judgemental group
- initiating a relaxed walk around the local park alongside another fellow MindSpace volunteer
- supporting group attendees by being a good listener and a generally a friendly person to chat with!

The group will run on Thursday mornings at 10.30am, fortnightly, at Queens Park in Chesterfield.

See Role Description for more information:

www.derbyshiremind.org.uk/volunteer/

For more information:

Community Services Team:

community@derbyshiremind.org.uk

www.derbyshiremind.org.uk

Derbyshire Mind is a registered charity – No. 1041116



CDC

Community Development Chesterfield



COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

SUMMER GALA

SUNDAY, AT CDC COSY HUB
JULY 28 S40 2SW

10AM - 4PM

FREE ENTRY

Events

Tombola, Refreshments, Glitter Tattoos, Games and more!

Please contact us if you'd like a stall

Info@cdchesterfield.com

For more information:

<https://www.cdchesterfield.com>

 Chesterfield Churches
Housing Association Limited

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email manager@chesterfieldchurcheshousingassociation.org.uk
www.chesterfieldchurcheshousingassociation.org.uk

JOB DESCRIPTION

POST TITLE: Association Secretary

Part-time post which requires attendance at evening meetings. No fixed hours. Up to around 300 hrs a year. Homeworking. Reports to the Chair of the Board.

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

1. To undertake such duties as are relevant to a Secretary of a small Registered Provider of social housing and a not for profit Community Benefit Society, to give advice to the Association to ensure that its affairs are effectively and efficiently managed in accordance with statutory, regulatory and policy requirements.
2. As a member of the Management Team, to contribute to the overall management of the Association and Harehill Court.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To advise the Association and the Board on relevant matters relating to compliance with its rules, statutory and regulatory obligations.
2. To keep the records required relating to Association members.
3. To arrange, service and attend meetings relating to the Association including those with outside bodies.
4. To co-ordinate and assist in the compilation and circulation of the Annual Report and ensure completion of the relevant statutory and regulatory returns.
5. To arrange the AGM in line with the Association's Rules.
6. To produce any necessary self assessments: Code of governance, Consumer standards, Housing Ombudsman Complaint code etc
7. To maintain the Association's risk register.
8. To review policies as and when necessary.
9. To deal in a timely manner with non-operational correspondence etc. appertaining to the Association's affairs.
10. To support the Manager / advise on personnel issues and prepare all necessary employment documentation for Association employees.
11. To maintain the Association's website via an external organisation.
12. To act as an authorised officer for online banking and other documents.
13. To provide emergency cover for the Finance Manager.

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INFORMATION

1. Chesterfield Churches Housing Association Ltd is an exempt charity and registered social landlord. It currently has 31 members (shareholders) a number of which form the Board.
2. It owns and manages Harehill Court, a sheltered housing complex comprising 33 self contained flats for the frail elderly with a Resident Manager. It provides accommodation and services, including a mid-day meal every day of the year, for up to 38 tenants.
3. CCHA is a member of the National Housing Federation and the Secretary is expected to keep up to date with regulatory changes by attending relevant meetings/online sessions as appropriate.
4. The Board meets about 6 times a year in the evening
5. A PC running Microsoft Office and BT internet services is operated at Harehill Court. However, it is expected that the postholder would work at home on his/her own PC.
6. The Association employs 1 full-time and 9 part-time staff and has a turnover of approx. £300,000 pa.
7. Current salary £3,800 pa (£156 tax free to cover homeworking).

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential	Desirable
A good standard of general education and IT skills	Knowledge of the social housing sector particularly the regulatory environment
Experience of minute taking	Knowledge of risk assessment
Background in regulated sector/business eg education, housing, NHS etc	Knowledge of HR processes
Experience of working with the voluntary sector, preferably at Board level	
Experience of working for a small organisation	
Flexibility and willingness to actively contribute to the work of the Association	
Willingness to undertake any training necessary to the role	

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Games Morning



9.30am to 11.30am

(sessions start 11 June 2024)

**on Tuesdays at
Rumbles Coffee Lounge**

Based in the Bret Club, Clay Cross, S45 9NW.

**A FREE session for everyone
to attend. Pop down to meet
new people, play some
games and have some fun!**

**Coffee &
Cake offer
available
for £5**

For more information, contact:

Hayley Bramley, Walking Into Communities Development Officer,

Tel: **01246 217435** or **07971 654854**.

Email: **Hayley.Bramley@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk**



North East
Derbyshire
District Council
12835

Games Group



Chesterfield has been selected by the Government as one of 55 towns to receive almost £20 million worth of funding (2024 to 2034) to invest in local people's priorities.

This is an opportunity for you to influence how that money is spent!

Hi

I am delighted to let you know that I have been invited to sit on the Chesterfield Town Board and am looking forward to ensuring the needs and interests of our vibrant and resourceful voluntary and community sector are well represented.

As you may be aware, the Board will have responsibility for the allocation of significant funds for our town over the next few years and this is your chance to provide your own views about the priorities for the Board's work. I do urge you to complete the survey – the more of you who do the better the picture we get to steer our decisions. Here is a link to the survey for your convenience.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Chesterfieldonlinesurvey>

Thank you, in advance, for your contribution to this exciting new opportunity.

Jacqui