

September/October 2012 Edition

Andrea Hobbs, Chief Officer, says goodbye

Dear Members and colleagues across Ryedale!

As some of you will know I will have left my post as Chief Officer here at RVA by the time you read this edition of our newsletter. It is with great sadness that I am moving on from Ryedale as I have so enjoyed my time here and really felt I was putting down roots close to my home town of Pocklington. However, life has a habit of moving me on and presented me with the challenge of the post as Chief Executive at Hambleton & Richmondshire Carers Centre. The opportunity to work in front line service delivery again was too exciting to miss and the move takes me closer to other personal ties.



My memories of Ryedale will be happy ones and I have loved working with the many groups I have come into contact with – and will miss colleagues who I have got to know over the last 4 years! I have made more close friends in Ryedale than anywhere else I have lived. This says something about people who live in this part of the world: generous of spirit, welcoming, friendly and tolerant of an outsider coming in with new ideas!!

I am proud with some of the achievements we have made: creating a website that provides downloadable information; developing the VCS Forum that Maggie Farey runs for us under the Rural Voice banner; the Health & Social Care Forum which has opened the door to direct dialogue for the sector with our new clinical commissioners; providing RVA with an outcomes based delivery model and a business plan; working with our local GPs to get the Ryedale GP pilot underway; expanding and developing the volunteer centre.

The RVA staff team are a credit to our Trustee Board and have been the best team I have worked with in my time as a manager. I'm sure I will be back to Ryedale at some point and hope to catch up with some of you at events.

Best wishes,

Andrea Hobbs

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RVA Annual Review and Annual Accounts

The Annual Review 2011-2012 and Audited Accounts for Ryedale Voluntary Action are now available to view on our website:

www.ryedaleva.org.uk

New CRB Identity Checking Guidelines



Are you ready?

From the 1 September 2012, all identity checks for CRB applications should be conducted using the new guidance.

The latest version of the guidance can be downloaded from the homepage of the Home Office Website in the 'Latest from the CRB' section at www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crb (or from www.gov.uk after 4 October). The guidelines also introduce three routes which need to be pursued in order (route 2 requires using an external validation service).

There are a reduced number of documents that are acceptable, meaning more people may struggle to produce suitable identification. Organisations need to familiarise themselves with the new process and ensure they can validate ID as required.

New government website launched

On the 4 October, the Business Link and Directgov websites closed down to make way for a new government website called

www.gov.uk

The development of the new www.gov.uk website follows a review of government digital services, which was commissioned by the Minister for the Cabinet Office and undertaken by the government's Digital Champion, Martha Lane Fox. Her report recommended that all government online content should be moved to a single website to allow the public access to all government information and transactional digital services from one web address.

It is intended that services are organised by purpose rather than around departmental structures. Eventually, all central government organisations will be expected to move their website information onto GOV.UK.

Alzheimer's Society, Scarborough Whitby & Ryedale new singing group

From Wednesday 10 October 2012, Singing for the Brain will be held at 1.30pm - 3pm at the Salvation Army Building, Wood Street in Norton. People with Dementia and their carers are invited to go along.

The group will be led by Dementia Support Worker, Irene Jervis, and will meet fortnightly.

If you would like to join the group or know more about it please telephone 01723 500958

Joint the fun, Having a good time is mandatory, having a good singing voice is optional. So give it a try!

Training

North Yorkshire & York Forum Training & Events Calendar

The latest edition of the Training and Events Calendar is now available for download from www.nyyforum.org.uk

Tyro Training in Scarborough

Tyro Training have a varied schedule of courses due to take place in Scarborough over the next couple of months, these include:

CIEH L3 Award in Risk Assessment	12 th & 13 th November
CIEH L2 Award in Health & Safety	14 th November or 10 th December
ILM L2 Introduction to Leadership & Team Skills	15 th , 22 nd & 29 th November
CIEH L2 Award in Food Safety	15 th November or 11 th December
Mental Health Awareness	22 nd November
Driver CPC	24 th November or 12 th December
HSE First Aid at Work	26 th , 27 th & 28 th November
Infection Control	29 th November
Basic First Aid	30 th November
HSE Emergency First Aid at Work	6 th December
CIEH Principles of COSHH	13 th December (am)
CIEH Principles of Manual Handling	13 th December (pm)

For further information and a course outline on any of the above courses please telephone 01723 588072 or visit www.tyrotraining.co.uk

Finding new trustees

The Charity Commission has updated "[Finding new trustees - What charities need to know](#)".

This guidance answers some of the more common questions charities ask about how to recruit, select, appoint and induct trustees.

It also sets out a framework for the recruitment process.

Visit www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Publications/cc30 to read or download the full guidance.

Events

Meet the Funder

An event voluntary and community groups cannot afford to miss!

Sponsored by McClarrons Insurance



Voluntary and community groups in the Ryedale and Scarborough borough area are urged to attend the Meet the Funder event on

**Wednesday 21st November, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm
at the Malton and Norton Rugby Club.**

Meet the Funder, a free of charge full day event is organised by Ryedale Voluntary Action and will provide an opportunity for groups to talk to funders, including the Big Lottery face to face, gain advice and information, find out what grants are available to them and meet other local groups. A funding surgery will also run throughout the day and a buffet lunch will be provided from midday.

There is no need to book a place – voluntary and community groups are encouraged to simply turn up on the day!

For further information on the event please contact our Funding Advisor Sarah Lally-Marley on 01653 600120 or email sarahlm@rva-cvs.org.uk

Safeguarding Adults Conference for all agencies supporting vulnerable people in North Yorkshire.

In summary the conference details are:

'I know that the person giving me care and support will treat me with dignity and respect'. Government White Paper: Caring for our future: reforming care and support, Chapter 6. July 2012.

Date **29th November 2012**
Venue: **The Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate**
Time: **0930 to 1300 (registration from 0930)**

The conference includes a range of speakers, including Dr David Sheard, from Dementia Care Matters, and also a range of workshop activities. Full details are outlined on the flyers available to download from www.nyyforum.org.uk Target audience is managers and team leaders who will be in a position to take new information back to their organisation to share with others.

To request the opportunity to attend the conference, please complete the 'expression of interest' booking form available to download from our website link above and email/post to the contact provided on the form.

For any queries regarding the conference please contact the Training and Learning support office: E-Mail: trainingandlearning@northyorks.gov.uk Tel: 01609 535714

Local Focus

RURAL AWARDS 2012

This year's Ryedale Rural Awards, organised by RVA with the support of Rural Action Yorkshire, were a great success and finalists enjoyed an awards evening at Cropton Village Hall with entertainment from local author Andy Seed.

The awards are in their second year now and were introduced as a means of recognising and celebrating the work of those unsung heroes in our rural communities that strive to improve and enhance the lives of those living in rural areas.

This year's winners were:

Village Hall of the Year - Wilton Village Hall

Rural Community Group of the Year – Hovingham Action Group

Volunteer of the Year – Angus Alexander (Ryedale Special Families)

Rural Youth Community Sports Club – Heslerton Junior Football Club

Rural Community Project for Older People – Ryedale Carers Support

Rural Community Project of the Year – Wass Arts Project

Special Award - Mike Sellers (Farm Crisis Network)



Mike Sellers from Farm Crisis Network receiving the Special Award from Heather Pettiford

We would like to thank our sponsors; the Gazette & Herald, HPE Print, McClarrons Insurance, Rural Action Yorkshire, Rural Voice and Ryedale District Council for their continued support with the awards.

Change- N-Yorkshire Reference Group

Change-N-Yorkshire Reference Group is a user-led group set up in 2008 in the Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale areas, to be a voice for disabled people in the strategic development of services for disabled people in North Yorkshire and provide an effective, direct and representative voice for disabled people.

The next meeting of the Reference Group is at 11.30am on Thursday 22nd November at Ryedale Community House, Wentworth Street, Malton. There will be a FREE Buffet and a guest speaker from North Yorkshire County Council will give a talk on Autism.

For further information please contact:

Tracey at Scarborough Disablement Action Group – scardag@onyxnet.co.uk

Funding

Applications welcome for money made available by the Why should They? campaign

Money made by criminals from crime is to be made available to local good causes by North Yorkshire Police who has launched its Why Should they? Campaign.

The Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) allows the police to take money and assets from criminals such as drug dealers, fraudsters and thieves if they have gained them through criminal activity.

In the last two financial years, North Yorkshire Police's Financial Investigation unit seized more than £2.3 million from criminals under POCA. Some of this is returned to North Yorkshire Police and other criminal justice partners, and some of it will help communities through the Why Should They? Campaign.

In the past two years 28 local causes have received a total of £49,000. This year a total of £25,000 is available.

Until October 31 this year, non-profit making organisations, charities, volunteer and community groups whose work makes a positive contribution to reducing crime or antisocial behaviour can apply for up to £3,000 from the fund.

North Yorkshire Reward Fund Available grant: Up to £5,000

Who can apply: Voluntary and community groups and small registered charities.

Projects which help communities to meet the priorities contained within the North Yorkshire Community Plan at the time that the grant is made. These are:

- Protecting and supporting vulnerable people
- Supporting economic growth and employment
- Enabling stronger local communities
- Applications will only be accepted from groups, organisations and projects that benefit the local authority area of North Yorkshire and its residents.
- Groups must have been in existence for a minimum of 12 months
- Groups must have an annual income of less than £50,000
- Priority will be given to projects for work that:
- Address needs arising from the current economic situation
- Develop the ability of local communities to meet local needs and be sustainable beyond the period of grant funding

Closing Date for full applications: 30th November 2012

For further information go to <http://www.tworidingscommunityfoundation.org.uk>

To contact the Funding Advisor:

Sarah Lally-Marley Telephone: 01653 600120 Email: sarahlm@rva-cvs.org.uk
www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk



VCS Services

New website for community run venues

A new website has been launched to help bring together and share information about community run venues across North Yorkshire.

To find the perfect place to hold a special family celebration, business meeting with modern facilities, even a wedding reception, visit:

www.yorkshirevenues.org.uk

The website has been created by the Lottery-funded North Yorkshire Rural Voice project and is a partnership of Ryedale Voluntary Action, Seachange, Rural Action Yorkshire, Ripon Council for Voluntary Service, Richmond Council for Voluntary Service, Northallerton and District Voluntary Services Association, Craven Council for Voluntary Service and the York Racial Equality Network.



All the venues on the website are able to add their details and can update content to suit their needs. They can add plenty of information to market the venue, including full facilities lists and photos. The website aims to enable a venue to increase their customer base and give people more options on where to hold community events or family parties.

If you are a Community Venue in North Yorkshire that would like to be added to the website, contact Rural Action Yorkshire on 0845 313 0270, email : sarah.robinson@ruralyorkshire.org.uk

Malton Community Interest Company is pleased to sponsor this newsletter

Applications for donations from Malton CIC are welcome from community organisations in the town. Please contact us for further information.

The Malton Amenity Community Interest Company is a business which takes some assets and income from the Fitzwilliam Estate, as well as funds from other sources, to apply them exclusively for the benefit of the community in Malton, Norton and the surrounding area.

The CIC is not set up for private gain and if it makes a surplus, every penny will be ploughed back into projects which benefit and promote the town.

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VCS Services

20 Years Service for RVA

In August this year Barbara Murray, Finance Officer, completed 20 years service for Ryedale Voluntary Action. During that time Barbara has witnessed many changes and seen Ryedale Voluntary Action grow into what it is today. Barbara commented:



"I can't believe 20 years has passed since I joined Ryedale Voluntary Action. Four of us were squashed into a little office in Princess Road. We then moved to larger offices in Malton Market Place for a short time before moving into the purpose built Community House in 1994. There have been lots of staff changes and I have made many friends and worked with dedicated, caring people. There have also been lots of laughs along the way! Many worthwhile projects have been developed and some have gone on to independence. A huge amount of good work has been done in the community. As always the future is uncertain, but I hope RVA continues to thrive, help and represent the people of Ryedale and surrounding area for a very long time!"

VCS Directory

A free searchable listing of voluntary and community organisations working throughout North Yorkshire and York is available online.

The VCS Directory can be searched by area and services on offer.

Is your organisation listed?

There is no charge to include your organisation in the Directory. Simply complete the form at www.vcsdirectory.org.uk

Useful Websites

www.ryedaleva.org.uk An online resource providing voluntary and community support.

www.nyyforum.org.uk Registered charity formed and run by voluntary and community organisations in York and North Yorkshire to promote, develop and support new and existing forms of voluntary and community action; and to ensure that their views and interests are well represented.

www.vcsdirectory.org.uk A free searchable listing of voluntary and community organisations working throughout North Yorkshire and York

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