



**BURNLEY PENDLE
& ROSSENDALE**
COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

March 2026



*Welcome to your monthly update from
the volunteer hub, part of the
Development Team here at BPRCVS!*

hello

Where did March go? It came and went so quickly that the hub team didn't manage to get this newsletter out in time! There seems to be a hint of spring in the air - aside from those wintry showers and cold winds - but the daffodils and tulips are out, its time to get hopeful that warmer weather is on the horizon.

Upcoming Behaviour Change Training

We are **pleased** to let you know about two more opportunities to attend the **Behaviour Change Workshop** with Andrew Levy from Edge Hill university. This time we are running the course in Nelson and Haslingden - to give more of you the chance to benefit from this learning experience.

“Designed to support community volunteers, this coaching lifestyle behaviour change workshop uses motivational communication. Its primary purpose is to equip individuals working with the community with the knowledge and practical skills needed to encourage and support healthier lifestyle choices for the people they work with.”

When? **Tuesday 5th May**, 10-12 @ Pendle Yes Hub (39-41 Scotland Rd, Nelson, BB9 7UT)

OR **Thursday 14th May** 10-12 @ Haslingden Community Link (Bury Road, Haslingden, BB4 5PG)

To book your place, email thehub@bprcv.co.uk

Mini report on hub activities –

The hub team has been very busy this month again. **Kim** met with 37 volunteers for their **initial meeting** to help them start their volunteer journey, with 20 referrals made to organisations registered on 'get volunteering'.

Visits

Caroline visited **Pendleside Hospice** and the **Footy Zone**, to understand more about their volunteer needs and how we at the **volunteer hub and the development team at BPRCVS** can help them achieve their goals.

Rawtenstall drop-in

On March 16th the volunteer hub held their monthly drop in at Rawtenstall JCP. Attendees had been referred by their work coaches. Caroline helped to suggest volunteering opportunities.

Listening event

On the 26th March **Caroline and Heather (from the development team)** attended a listening event with **Inclusive North** at Gannow community centre to talk about the setting up of a new grant fund aimed at the Black and Racially Minoritised (BRM) communities. It was really interesting and informative event. Caroline learnt a lot about funding that she didn't know before and it was interesting to hear about experiences of navigating the funding streams.

Springfield together event

Caroline attended a wonderful Wellbeing Stakeholder event at **Springfield Community Primary School** in Burnley on Friday 27th March. The event was well attended by parents and families who were interested in finding out about what our community has to offer.



We hope that everyone who celebrates Eid had a wonderful celebration in March, wishing you joy and peace!

Happy Easter



Easter arrives next week—may it bring peace, hope, and happiness to everyone who observes it

CCC round up

Another successful **Coffee, Cake and Collaboration event** was held in Rossendale this time – thank you to all those who attended.

The aim of the meetup was to **encourage collaboration between different groups and organisations**, it was great to groups making links with each other.

At the event **each group celebrated their wins for the past month**, taking time to look at what we are doing well is a brilliant exercise – too often when we are working hard it is easy to forget the good things we make happen. For example, **The White Horse Project** is pleased to tell us that their project has been growing, especially as this has happened organically with young people telling each other about it and bringing their friends along.

For our second exercise we looked at **“what would you do?” volunteer scenarios**, this helped us think about how we treat volunteers and the special needs that volunteers present.

We received some great feedback from those of you who attended. **You told us that you enjoyed the chance to connect with other volunteer involving organisations in the area.** We also enjoyed some excellent lemon drizzle cake. Watch this space for your invite to our next CCC. **Next stop - Pendle! If you have a room that we can hire in Pendle, please let us know.**

Next event – Where should we discuss? Have your say

Please provide us with feedback

We want to have discussions at the CCC that are relevant and meet your needs – please complete the following MS Form What should we discuss at our next Coffee, Cake and Collaboration? – Fill in form to offer you suggestions for topics

Your Help is needed

We are also asking a favour CVS also needs to demonstrate their worth to funders and we need your help to do this.

Please complete this form Wellbeing Measure (ONS4) : First quarterly check in (Volunteering Hub) – Fill in form

You will be really helping us out with our funding bids. We can't continue without funding, just as your organisation can't – thank you.



Peter's Joke Corner



“Why do Swedish battleships have bar codes on them? So they can Scandinavian.”

Top marks for this Peter!

Think you can do better? Send us your joke to thehub@bprcv.co.uk

Upcoming training

We still have available spots on our upcoming training happening at the Yorkshire Street CVS centre in Burnley. Please get in touch if you are interested.



AN INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING FREE COURSE



Distinguish who constitutes as a vulnerable adult.
Demonstrate an understanding of how to act upon a safeguarding concern.

Examine the different types of abuse and how these may come to light.
Assess the risk when volunteering and prepare strategies for keeping yourself safe.

Summarise what kind of information you will have access to and how to keep it safe.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL HEALTH FREE COURSE



Define what is meant by Mental Health & Wellbeing

List the different types of common mental health conditions and the treatment options available

Explore the types of support available for individuals with mental health conditions

State the principles of well-being to look after own mental health and to support others

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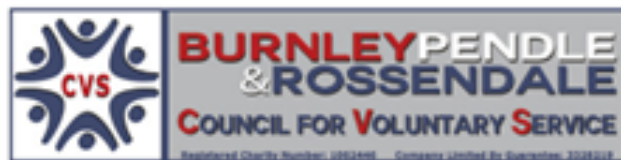


Visit /sign up for 'Get Volunteering'

Check out 'Get Volunteering' if you haven't already -
bprcvs.getvolunteering.co.uk

If you run a group, 'Get Volunteering' is the one-stop-shop to help with recruitment of volunteers for your organisation

If you are an individual looking to volunteer 'Get Volunteering' is the place to register for support in your volunteering and to browse volunteering opportunities.



Get Volunteering!

Create your profile now by visiting
bprcvs.getvolunteering.co.uk

Or scan the QR
code now



Lottery



**A COMPLETELY
FREE WAY TO RAISE
UNRESTRICTED
FUNDS**



Paid Directly

All money generated is paid directly into your bank account every month.

Why Register?

Any local community group, voluntary organisation, faith group, sports club, school, PTA, etc. can register as a good cause on our lottery website. Players can choose to support you, and you earn **50p** of every **£1** ticket sold supporting your cause.

50%

Reporting

You'll receive email updates weekly, but you can also log in and view ticket and supporter data in real time.



How Much Does It Cost?

FREE!

Absolutely nothing, ever! All set-up and ongoing admin is completely free of any costs!

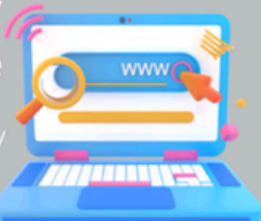


Marketing Support

You'll get regular marketing materials to promote your lottery. We'll also provide regular offers and non-cash prizes to help boost ticket sales

You Get Your Own Website

Fill in a simple form and get your own customisable lottery website shown on our lottery website allowing players to find and support you.



Replace Subs

Groups and organisations can even use their lottery tickets in place of collecting subs - no more cash handling. Service users buy lottery tickets and you can track sales through your website's backend.



Anyone Can Support You

Clients, members, beneficiaries, friends, family and members of the public can support you. Even your own staff, trustees and volunteers can buy tickets too!



LOTTERY

Small Target, Big Win

If you can sell 50 tickets a week, you'll earn £1,300 every year in unrestricted funding. You can set targets too to encourage support



Unrestricted Funding

Spend what your good cause generates on whatever you like, whenever you like!



Donated Winnings

Players of other similar lotteries have donated their winnings to the good causes they support, so you could earn even more unrestricted funds.



www.helpinghandslottery.co.uk

The site is live and open for good cause registrations. Visit the website or scan the QR code. If you'd like to discuss the lottery please get in touch on 01282 433740 or email info@bprcvcs.co.uk





HOW TO PLAY & WHY PLAYING THIS LOTTERY SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES



£25,000

Match all 6 numbers
to win

How To Play

Simply visit our lottery website, create an account and you're good to go. Tickets are only available online. Once set up, click 'Play' and then select the good cause you wish to support and purchase your ticket(s).



Other Prizes

£2,000 - Match 5 numbers

£250 - Match 4 numbers

£25 - Match 3 numbers

3 Extra Tickets - Match 2 numbers



£1

How Much Does It Cost?

It's only £1 per ticket!



How Do I Know If I've Won?

Lucky winners get notified by email. The email has a link to click to take you to your account to claim your winnings.

60p Of Every Ticket Supports Causes

50p goes to the good cause you've chosen to support, and a further 10p goes to other good causes in Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale.



Win Other Prizes Too!

Every month we also run a super draw too where you have the chance of winning some fantastic prizes.



What Happens To The Rest?

The remaining 40p goes to towards the prizes, running costs and VAT.



How Many Causes Can I Support?

As many as you like! For example, you could support 1 cause with £10's worth of tickets (the cause would get £5), or 10 causes with £1's worth of tickets (each cause would get 50p).

When Is The Draw?

Our lottery draws are weekly on Saturday evenings at 8pm.



Regular Support

You can support every month via Direct Debit. We also offer one-off debit card payment options of either 1, 3, 6 or 12 months.



www.helpinghandslottery.co.uk

Tickets will be available from 18th November 2025. The first draw takes place on 6th December 2025. Visit the website or scan the QR code to play Helping Hands Lottery.



Volunteer Vacancies at BPRCVS



RECEPTION VOLUNTEER VACANCY

Duties include:

- Processing visitors, dealing with enquiries and telephone calls
- Administrative tasks: emails, typing, filing, laminating, copying
- Preparation and tidying of meeting rooms
- Minimum of 1 x 4 hour session per week



All expenses reimbursed
Volunteer learning passport
Ongoing training available
Gain valuable experience
Make a difference in your community

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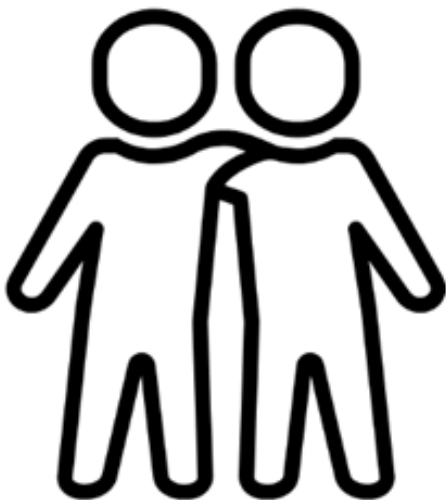
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BEFRIENDING VOLUNTEER VACANCY



WORKING WITH AND SUPPORTING THE SOCIAL CONNECTING TEAM BASED WITHIN BPRCVS. THE ROLE INCLUDES PROVIDING SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE IDENTIFIED THROUGH TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING SERVICE, LINKING THEM TO ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE VCF TO ADDRESS THEIR NON-MEDICAL NEEDS.



ALL SUPPORT IS PERSON-CENTRED AND VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE MATCHED WITH A CLIENT TO WORK TOWARDS THEIR OWN PERSONAL GOAL AND TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES INDEPENDENTLY.

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Could you be the

Cancer Awareness Champion

for your community or workplace?

The Lancashire and South Cumbria Cancer Alliance (early diagnosis team) and BPRCVS are looking to embed Cancer Awareness Champions into our communities and workplaces.

You will be trained to have conversations as a trusted member of your community around prevention, screening and promoting early diagnosis by sharing information and reducing stigma.

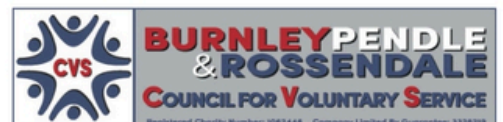
If you want to empower your community please get in touch today.

Contact Lisa or Caroline for more information:

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PROJECT SUPPORT VOLUNTEER

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We are looking for volunteers who have a great commitment to make their community thrive and have a vision to bring change.

This is a rare opportunity to be part of strategic projects which have great impact on the VCFSE sector in Lancashire



- Assist in arranging and putting on events/ meetings/ forums
- Inputting data accurately
- Researching online
- Making phone calls
- Travel (this will always be from the office with project staff – you will not be expected to work on your own)
- Helping with report writing
- Supporting the project on a day to day level

Email Lisa for a chat about this role:

Lisa.ross@bprcv.s.co.uk



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