



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

June 2026



Volunteer's Week

It was **National Volunteers** week the first week in June, and **Caroline – the volunteer co-ordinator for BPRCVS** – teamed up with **Lisa Ross from LACVS** to **celebrate** our volunteers and voluntary involving organisations in **Burnley, Pendle, and Rossendale.**

There was a **Volunteer Recruitment Fair** in partnership with **BPRCVS** and **Colne Youth Action Group** on the 3rd of June with sixteen organisations and seventy-three individuals in attendance. It was a brilliant event with lots of sign-ups including two for **Newground Together.**

HELLO!

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

The start of **June** was all about saying **thank you** to our **volunteers** in volunteer week, and we ended the month with the **hottest Coffee, Cake and Collaboration** on record. We hope you **enjoyed** the **sun** and didn't get too **hot!**





CYAG Volunteer Recruitment Event 3rd June 2026



On Thursday 4th June **BPRCVS** hosted the **DWP** for a sign-up event for the **Work Experience scheme** that has been adapted for **VCFSE organisations**. Fifteen organisations have so far signed up to the scheme with 6 pending.

STRUGGLING TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS?

The DWP have a Volunteer Work Placement Scheme which could help your VCFSE organisation

The DWP are setting up volunteer work placements which can be flexible to your needs in the VCFSE sector in your area of Lancashire.

Supported by LCC and your LACVS LOCAL team, we can help you to find your perfect volunteer whilst getting support through the DWP for volunteer expenses and in developing this into a long term volunteer opportunity, whilst helping your community into employment.



For more Information contact LACVS
lisa.ross@bprcvs.co.uk

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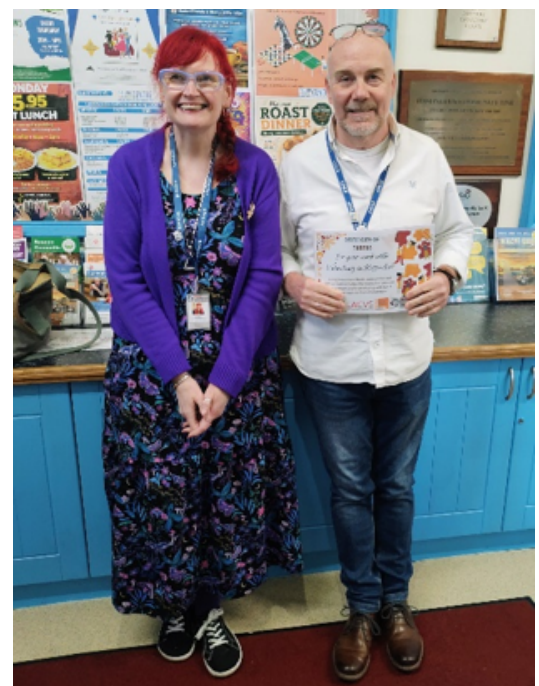
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Additionally, as part of **BPRCVS**' commitment to this new DWP VCFSE scheme, Caroline attended a drop-in session at **Nelson Jobcentre plus**. She met with **eight** DWP clients who hope to start **volunteering** soon.

Finally on Friday 6th June Lisa and Caroline visited four organisations in **Rossendale** to say **thank you** for their **great community projects**. We wish we could have visited **everyone** in the **community** but were restricted by time. We know there are dozens of **wonderful organisations** doing **fantastic work** in the community. **Thank you for all your hard work.**



Lisa Ross on The Whitaker (as taken from the latest LACUS report)

“The Whitaker Rossendale showcase great volunteering and how there is added value in the most unexpected places. We can see how the strategy principles can be put into place around volunteering through another case study. Helping people to engage in their community with the goal of employment does not need to be formalised, sometimes it can add value to the funded project.

The Whitaker has slowly grown their volunteer project over the years and have been supported by their local infrastructure organisation [BPRCVS] to help promote their volunteering offer, support and funded volunteer training opportunities and help with making their volunteering offer first class. They've also had funding support from Arts Council England and National Lottery Heritage Fund, allowing them to guarantee public transport travel costs for their volunteers. This has been integral to their offer due to the rural area they are situated in, and they agree that volunteers should never be out of pocket for their volunteering.

The Museum and Art Gallery have many different roles, and their volunteers are integral to the day to day running of things. They work in front of house roles at the front desk, shop and room stewarding and are the first faces visitors are greeted by. Other volunteers work tirelessly behind the scenes when the museum is closed keeping the building and garden areas safe and looking beautiful. Being able to offer this as a resource for the area, educating residents and the community is integral to the work they do.

‘Being able to access volunteers through the online brokerage services BPRCVS offer is of great value to us.’

‘We take on volunteers from all backgrounds, and love to see how people have things in common no matter their differing backgrounds. One of our newest and oldest volunteers, Dave has made friends with some of our refugee volunteers from Afghanistan and Syria. When they work on the front desk together, Dave takes the time to practice their English-speaking skills with them and has even bought an Arabic to English phonics book that he works through with them. They bring him in food and have slowly become good friends. It is incredible to see the connections that volunteers of all ages and from all walks of life make from sitting on the front desk and working shifts together.’

The Museum knows that this seems like a small example of people looking after each other but also see on a larger scale how this will improve the chances of refugee volunteers getting through ESOL, developing their skills to get a job and become a functional part of their community. In enabling more people into work, in an area of deprivation and low employment, adds value to their volunteering offering. Great volunteering has a wider remit than just the task in hand, and this case study demonstrates this perfectly. In being able to communicate more effectively, this has knock-ons for health outcomes, and integration.

The Whitaker works closely with their infrastructure organisation and engages with their local VCFSE monthly forum to enable them to keep connected to their wider community. They understand the importance of looking after their volunteers and in so doing, supporting the wider community.”

CANCER AWARENESS Champions

Cancer Awareness Champions provide **basic** guidance and signposting about the **early signs and symptoms of cancer** within their **communities** or **workplaces**. This is **not a clinical role**—Champions do not diagnose cancer.

Instead, they are equipped with **accurate information and knowledge** to help raise **awareness**, encourage early **detection**, and **ultimately** help **reduce cancer-related deaths**.

Champions are expected to **complete a short weekly online** form summarising their activities from the previous week.

For those interested, there are workshops available to support and prepare individuals for the role. Participation in these sessions carries no obligation.

**BECOME A
CANCER AWARENESS
Champion**

The Lancashire and South Cumbria Cancer Alliance
and BPRCVS are looking for **Cancer Awareness
Champions**.

To promote early diagnosis, share information and
reduce stigmas. Cancer Awareness Champions can
empower their communities and work places.

Contact the CAC team at BPRCVS:
kim.procter@bprcv.co.uk
rebecca.nolan@bprcv.co.uk
caroline.littleworth@bprcv.co.uk

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We are pleased to announce that we are hosting an **information event** about the **Cancer Awareness Champion** role, please see the flyer below.

CANCER AWARENESS *Champion* **INFO EVENT**

Are you interested in finding out more about
Cancer Awareness Champions?

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW



**SCAN THE QR CODE
OR VISIT**

forms.cloud.microsoft/e/iyNRvbRDKA

28th July 1.30 - 2.30
CVS Centre

OR Contact the CAC team at BPRCVS:
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June Coffee, Cake and Colaboration

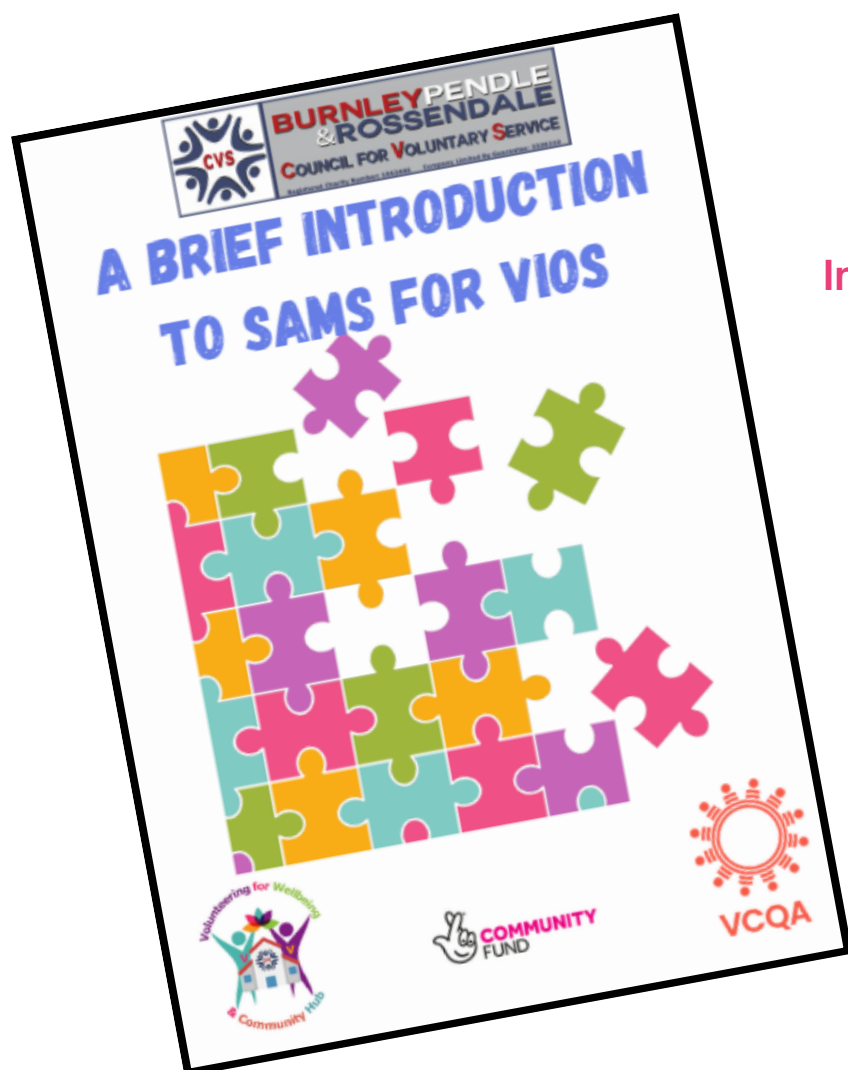
The June **Coffee, Cake and Collaboration** session brought together local voluntary, community and faith groups for a **catch-up**, despite the exceptionally hot weather. It was a **great opportunity** to **celebrate achievements**, **share updates** and talk about what **support** organisations might need in the **future**.

People shared a wide range of recent **successes**, including **recruiting** new volunteers, **hosting Volunteers' Week activities** and **community events**, **improving governance**, **securing funding**, working more closely with **partner organisations** and **developing** their **teams**.

Rebecca Nolan gave updates on several **BPRCVS** projects. These included the **refreshed Cancer Awareness Champion project**, mentioned above. She also spoke about plans for a **new training programme for volunteers and volunteer managers**, developed using feedback from the **Learning and Growth Assessment**, as well as the **Community Influencers** group, which helps make sure BPRCVS services and processes reflect the **needs** of **local volunteers** and **organisations**.

The main discussion focused on the **Self-Assessment Manual (SAMs)**, a voluntary tool designed to help **organisations** look at what's working **well**, identify areas they could **strengthen** and plan their **next steps**. While everyone could see the **benefits of self-assessment**—such as recognising **good practice**, **spotting gaps** and **supporting improvement**—there were also concerns about the time and capacity needed to complete it. **Participants** felt the tool would be most **helpful** if organisations could choose the sections most **relevant** to them and access support from BPRCVS throughout the process.

Overall, the session prompted lots of **useful conversation**, **practical ideas** and **positive feedback** about how BPRCVS can continue **supporting local groups**, **volunteers** and **community organisations**. Attendees were encouraged to share the **Learning and Growth Assessment**, and to get involved with the **Community Influencers group**.



For your copy of “**A Brief Introduction to SAMs for VIOs**” please contact groupsupport@bprcv.co.uk



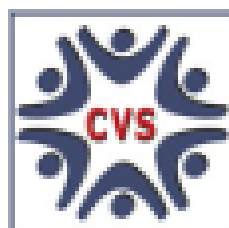


As part of our **commitment** to supporting VIOs, BPRCVS want to create a **training suite** aimed at volunteers and volunteer managers. We want to know what it is that volunteers and volunteer managers want for their **training and development** so that we can **co-produce training opportunities** that work for you.

Rebecca has developed a '**Learning and Growth Assessment**' to help BPRCVS understand the **training and learning needs of volunteers**.

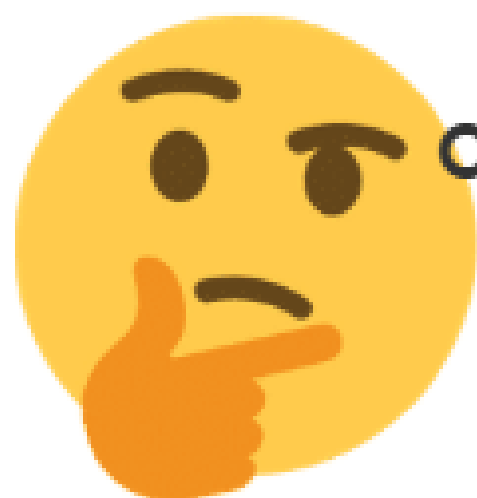
Here is the link: forms.cloud.microsoft/e/URuNwBshu7

Please, please, share with all your **volunteers** and **volunteer leaders/ managers**. The responses generated will help us to compile a **suite of training that is reflective of what you want**, which we hope to launch in September.



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**Are you a Volunteer,
Community Group Lead,
Volunteer Manager,
Board Member
or Trustee?**

BPRCVS wants to support you in your learning and development. Knowing the skills training and resources you need to thrive will enable us to focus on sourcing and bringing those opportunities to you

Help us shape future learning and development programmes by taking our quick VCSFE Learning and Growth Assessment questionnaire.

**forms.cloud.microsoft/e/URuNwBshu7
or email rebecca.nolan@bprcvsv.co.uk**





It is **essential** for BPRCVS to **reflect the needs of our local groups and organisations**. In order to achieve this, we need to work **collaboratively** with the community to access our processes and ways of working.

A **working group** was set up last year of local community representatives (**Community Influencers**). In 2025 the group looked at the way that funding applications are processed through BPRCVS, and many of their suggestions were implemented for this year's funding.

This year the group will be considering BPRCVS **reporting procedures** and a **Self-Assessment Manual** that has been developed.

We need your voice to make our policies reflective of what you need. If you are interested in being part of the **working group**, please email Rebecca – Rebecca.nolan@bprcv.co.uk

Rebecca also wanted to share that she has also taken on the role of **Social Connector** in the latter half of the week. Rebecca will still be working with groups Monday to Wednesday morning and then individuals Wednesday afternoon to Friday. If you or someone you know would like some support from one of our **Social Connectors**, please do refer them in or send them this link to self-refer: aideforms.co.uk/bprcv-social-prescribing-referral-form

Coffee, Cake and Collaboration



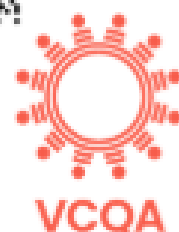
Do you support a local volunteering involving organisation? Come along to our 'Coffee, Cake and Collaboration' on Tuesday 4th August for coffee, cake and the opportunity to meet like minded people.



Register Here



or Email thehub@bprcvs.co.uk

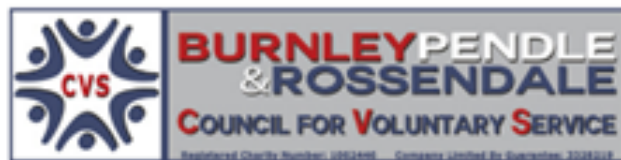


Visit /sign up for 'Get Volunteering'

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.



FREE! How Much Does It Cost?

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@bprcv.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.





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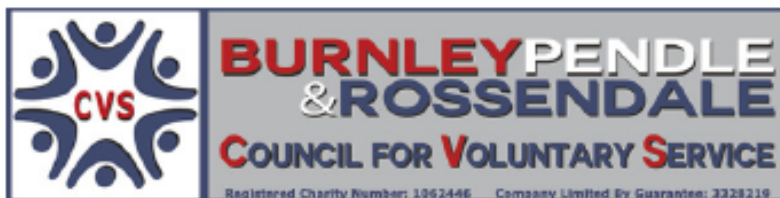
Help people in your community who can't access public transport to get out & about

Choose days & times that suit you best

Volunteer drivers use their own cars with all expenses reimbursed

Scan the QR code or visit
<https://bprcvs.getvolunteering.co.uk/>
and search for Communicars





Telephone Befriending Volunteer Vacancy

Working with and supporting the social connecting team based within BPRCVS!

The Role involves providing support to people who are identified through The Social Connecting Service, Helping to build their confidence & then link 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.



Help to make someone's day!

Whether you can spare a little time each week or want to gain valuable experience supporting others, your time could mean the world to someone.

Scan the QR Code and find out more! :



Volunteer Meals on Wheels Driver or Administration

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In response to the recent COVID pandemic, Pendleside Hospice created a meals on wheels welfare service which proved so valuable to the local people it is now an essential part of our community support.

THE ROLE OF A MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER

Your responsibilities will involve collecting meals from the Hospice and delivering in the local community on the round specified. Whilst you are at each address, you will also carry out a basic welfare check. The time commitment is from 11.30am until approximately 1pm each day; and you can cover as little as one day or several. You will be reimbursed for the mileage you cover during your round. The administration role would be a shift from 11am-2pm one day per week (including weekends)

THE PERFECT PERSON WILL ...

-  Be friendly, open and enjoy working with people
-  Have a flexible "can do" attitude
-  Have a caring nature
-  Enjoy driving



There are many benefits to volunteering including building new friendships, attending social events, gaining work experience, providing much needed support, and of course contributing to an amazing cause! Volunteering is rewarding, enjoyable and a worthwhile way to spend your free time.

For more information contact:

Natalie O'Neill, Volunteer Coordinator
01282 440159
volunteering@pendleside.org.uk

Volunteer Patient Transport Driver/ Driver's Mate

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THE ROLE OF A PATIENT TRANSPORT DRIVER

Supporting our Health, Wellbeing & Rehabilitation team, you will collect Service Users who require transport to the hospice, drop them off, and then return to collect them to take them home again. You would be required to use your own car and mileage expenses will be reimbursed. We also have a hospice minibus for multiple patient transport that you could be trained to use if interested in this. Areas we cover include Barnoldswick, Earby, Nelson, Colne, Burnley and Padiham. We also have 'Driver's Mate' roles available to support our Minibus drivers.

The session times that patients attend at the Hospice are from 10am until 12pm and 1.30pm until 3.30pm each day. You could commit to a morning, afternoon or both once per week, or volunteer on an ad hoc basis when available, it is entirely up to you!

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