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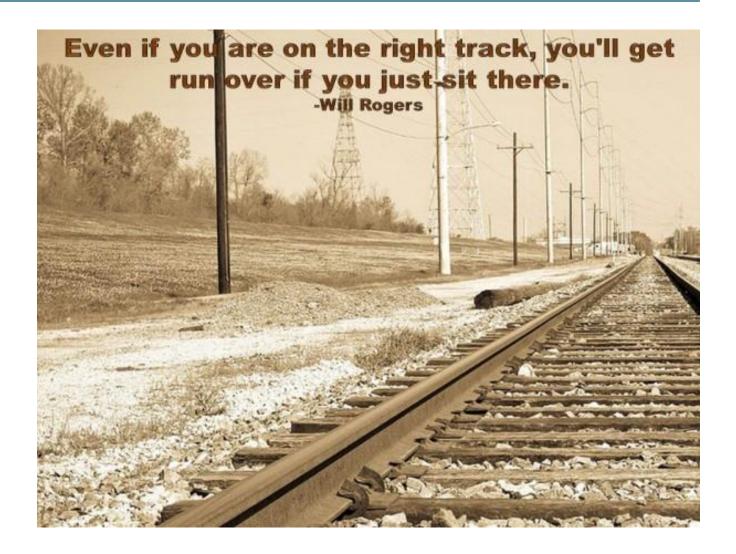
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## Our vision

- People in the Harrogate District live active and fulfilling lives and make a positive contribution to local community life
   Our mission
- To support our communities, charities and volunteers to make the Harrogate District a great place in which to live and work

## What does the local sector need?

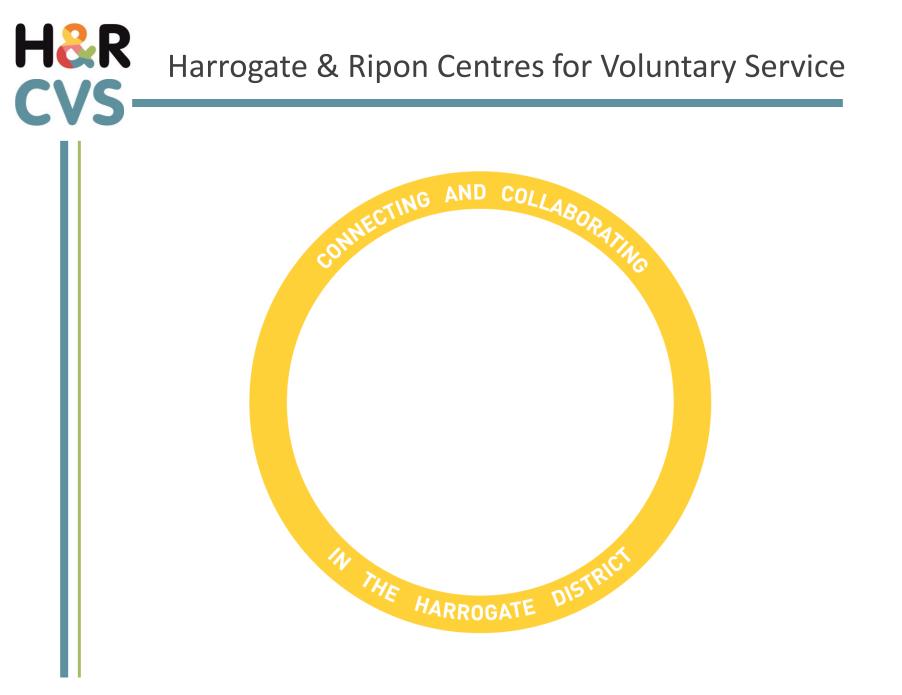
- Volunteers all types, including trustees
- Money not just for projects or new things
- Peer support via easy (local) access to training, hosted meetings & events
- Visibility & a voice the sector matters!
- Signposting to tailored/specific support
- Understanding ("a helpful chat")



## A local VCS pipeline of support which flows efficiently ...

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# Connecting and collaborating to benefit the local VCS

• Our customers

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- Our members
- Two Ridings CF
- Wider VCS Harrogate District & N Yorks
- Harrogate BC
- Ripon City Council
- Other Parish Councils

- Public Services
  Leadership Board
- NHS (local & regional)
- NYCC (various depts)
- Community First Yorkshire
- Leeds City Region
- Donors, funders & sponsors

## H&R CVS

#### Harrogate & Ripon Centres for Voluntary Service

"Where to Turn" Provision of local voluntary & community sector information services Online directories: • Community Information

 Volunteering opportunities

Marketing & promotion of the VCS

Newsletters & bulletins

Digital communications

## Information & Communications

- Weekly info bulletins (to 900 contacts)
- Specialist bulletins
- Seasonal newsletters (to 1100 contacts)
- HARCVS web site (28,000 views per month)
- Active on Twitter (3700) & Facebook (364)
- Quarterly Introduction Sessions
- Reception at Harrogate Community House



## **Online Directories**

#### Where to Turn

Long established community directory for the Harrogate District 630 organisations, 60 local events

#### **Volunteering Directory**

Unique directory of 330 local volunteering opportunities.

#### Usage & support

Groups can set up an account and upload information & opportunities.

Monitored, moderated & locally promoted.



Support for Local Community Fundraising THE LOCAL FUND THE LOCAL LOTTO Signposting Research Evidence of need (Vital Signs)





- Partnership project with HBC and Two Ridings Community Foundation, launched January 2018, £40k to 21 orgs July
- Targeted at local needs, accessible to local charitable organisations in the District.
- Underpinned by evidence of need & research (Vital Signs)
- THE LOCAL LOTTO launched in July, supporting good causes & THE LOCAL FUND (£40k in Year 1 ...?)



Harrogate Community House

Forums & networks

**Events** 

Training

Championing the role of the voluntary & community sector

Championing & celebrating volunteering

Press & media liaison Support for Local Community & Social Action

### Local voluntary action

- Local workshops & training for the VCS
- Social media surgeries
- Local forums & networks
- Promoting and celebrating volunteering
- The Harrogate District Volunteering Oscars
- Strong links with local media & businesses
- Harrogate Community House since 29/9/18

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Helping people stay safe & well at home supported by volunteers

Voluntary Car Driver Services

Help at Home

Prevention & wellbeing

Befriending

Social activities



## Supporting older or vulnerable people to live independently across the Harrogate District



#### Our Voluntary Car Driver Services



*"I love being picked up from my home to go on outings of my choice. The drivers are so courteous and polite."* 

#### Help at Home





- Trimming back, lawn mowing, hedge cutting
- Painting & decorating
- Basic DIY tasks
- Everyday tasks such as curtain hanging, defrosting fridges etc.
- One-offs to enable fresh starts

"It's a rare thing to find someone you can trust nowadays."



- Safer, more accessible, reducing the risk of falls
- Increased confidence living at home
- Crime reduction
- More pleasant place to live

#### **"Prevention" Partners**



## Befriending



# Information, Advice and Signposting:

New for 2019:

"Here to Help" sessions, 8 per month

Times and venues to be decided shortly



### **Social Activities**

Also continuing: monthly "Oaks and Acorns" and Craft Group, where all participants share skills and knowledge, whether aged 4 or 84!





## H&R CVS

#### Harrogate & Ripon Centres for Voluntary Service



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# 3 feedback questions

- What is HARCVS doing now that helps you?
- What is HARCVS doing at the moment which hinders you?
- What should HARCVS be doing in three years' time (2021?)

## H&R CVS

#### Harrogate & Ripon Centres for Voluntary Service



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