



**THRIVING  
TOGETHER**

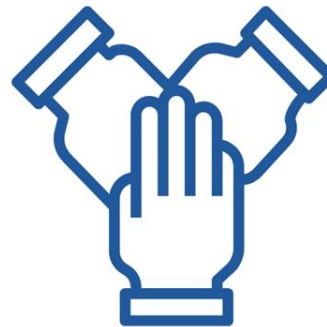
# **IMPACT REPORT**

2021 - 2023



Providing support connections in order to operate safely and legally

## The Deliverables



Actively managing relationships and the effective exchange of information



Working with Northumberland Communities Together to develop effective governance and visibility



Development of partnerships and collaborations



Twitter



Newsletter



Facebook



Events



Communications



Instagram



LinkedIn



Community Connectors



Network Leads Meeting held quarterly  
Share information, challenges and best practice  
Set agenda for VCS Liaison



**At the start of the commission,  
eight networks existed**

Blyth Valley VCS Network  
(CVA Blyth Valley)

Physical Activity Strategic  
Partnership (Rise)

North Sunderland and  
Seahouses Development Trust

North Northumberland VCS  
Network (NNVF)

Health and Wellbeing (NCVA,  
Vision Northumberland,  
Cygnus, Coping With Cancer)

Prudhoe Community  
Partnership

Ageing Well (NCC)

Employability (NCC, NCVA)



**This has now been extended to 15 with  
continued support from Thriving Together**

Connecting Culture (November Club)

Equity, Diversity and  
Inclusivity (Being Woman)

Learning Disabilities and Differences  
(Adapt)

Local Infrastructure Organisation (NCVA,  
CVA Blyth Valley, CAN)

Nourish Northumberland (CVA Blyth Valley -  
SE ) (Berwick Development Trust - North)  
(Stobhill Link - Central) (Adapt - West)

Greenspace Pioneers (Groundworks)

Women (Women's Workshop)

**Future Networks**

Inequalities Taskforce

Faith Groups

VCS Leaders

Young People

Armed Forces

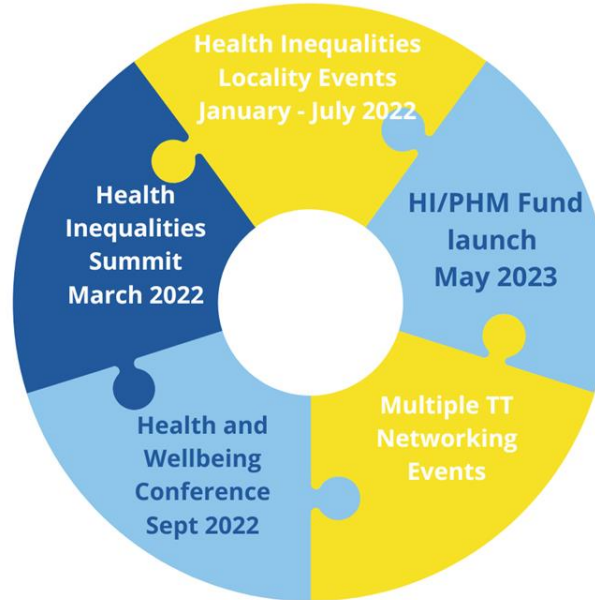


## Events

**Thriving Together acts as a catalyst for the VCSE in Northumberland, energising and showcasing the sector by sharing and developing opportunities for collaboration. In doing so, we aim to ensure that even the quietest voice is acknowledged and captured.**



To achieve this, it is essential to be visible and embedded within communities, through hosting and contributing to events.



Our Impact 2023



Health Inequalities / Public Health Management Fund



Partnership for People and Places  
Hello Hirst



Northumbria Health and Wellbeing Fund



Northern Cancer Voices

Community Food and Friendship



Turn about Pegasus

Additional funding leveraged  
£2 million



Financial support for TT networks



North of Tyne Combined Authority  
Multiply 3 Year project  
Being Woman  
Citizens Advice Northumberland  
Community Action Northumberland  
Digital Voice  
Northern Butterflies  
Northern Learning Trust



UK Shared Prosperity Fund  
Blyth Resource and Initiative Centre  
Citizens Advice Northumberland  
Community Action Northumberland  
Cygnus  
Northumberland Community and Voluntary Action  
Northern Learning Trust

## Our Impact 2023



The map shows the reach of Thriving Together and the connections that have been made across Northumberland. Engagement has also been made with county-wide organisations, which are shown in the box below.

Children North East  
Community Foundation  
Dementia Matters  
Digital Voice  
Everyturn Mental Health formerly Mental Health Concern  
LGBT+ Fed  
National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise (NICRE)  
NE First Credit Union  
NE Youth  
North of Tyne Combined Authority  
Northern Learning Trust  
Northumberland Wildlife Trust  
Northumbria University  
Sight Service  
Tyne & Wear Heritage Forum  
Vonne

## Other Stakeholders

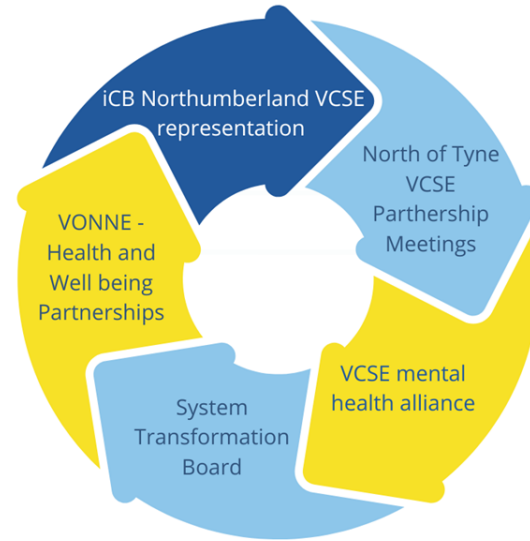
**Thriving Together energises and showcases the voluntary and community sector (VCSE) in Northumberland by acting as a catalyst and sharing opportunities for collaboration.**

This involves creating a more visible and connected VCSE by building and promoting ongoing dialogue with and on behalf of the sector.

Thriving Together helps to develop and build a culture of collaboration by investing in tone-setting, cross-sector working, storytelling, and showcasing for influence.

By doing so, we can create a more cohesive and supportive environment that empowers each voice to be heard and valued.

Thriving Together has supported the development of impactful touchpoints with stakeholders, members, and system leads. This involves taking a proactive approach to understanding the needs of each stakeholder group and tailoring our communication and engagement strategies to meet their needs. By doing so, we have built stronger relationships and achieved more significant impact in our work.







## Next Steps



Develop a VCSE Leaders network



Inequalities Action Plan / Taskforce



Hyper-local funding model



Development of the Volunteer Skills passport



## Next Steps



Continuation of the networking events.  
In addition hold a 'stakeholder showcase' event to give organisations an opportunity to present for 5-10 minutes



Expansion of the services on Frontline to encourage the use by schools, police, ambulance etc.



Revamped website with a dedicated funding page to act as a central information point for funding opportunities in Northumberland

