

Outside Bodies Report
North Devon Voluntary Services
Report by Councillor Cann

NDVS Trustees of the Board meet 4 times annually. I have attended 2 of these meetings due to only taking over the role from Cllr Hunt at the end of 2023. Meetings are informative and all aspects of their finances are well documented.

Purpose - Aims and Objectives

NDVS aim is to strengthen and support the work of local organisations that represent and support the voluntary sector.

Support new groups and organisations.

Provide up to date and relevant training.

Provide funding advice.

Work with groups and individuals to develop ideas and projects.

Support volunteer recruitment.

Promote best practice in volunteer supervision/development.

Provide opportunities to group networking and form partnerships.

Build community intelligence through strong local relationships.

Advocate and speak up on behalf of the voluntary sector.

During the year 2022/23 NDVS have supported and work with many groups/organisations within the community- these include Warmer Spaces, Health and Social Care Teams, Live Well in Braunton, One Northern Devon, Warmer Homes North Devon, AONB and 361 Energy.

Amongst events organised by NDVS they once again hosted a fantastic presentation event to celebrate and recognise the work of volunteers in our community.

The Future/Other

As the NDC representative I always feel welcome and inclusive when attending the Board of Trustees meetings.

NDVS continues to support the much-needed voluntary sector and I believe the support given by this council is invaluable and I know that it is greatly appreciated by this organisation.