



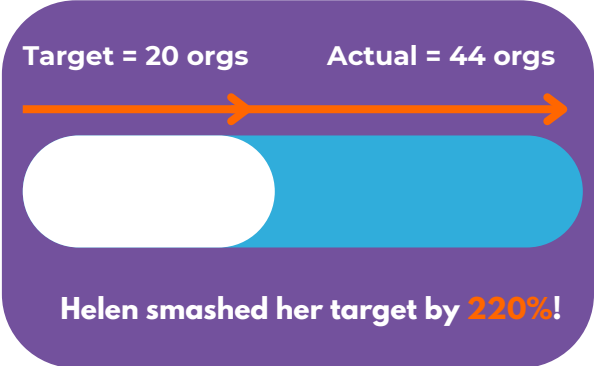
Group development in Broxtowe

Over the past year, Helena Oparinde – NCVS Sector Growth Coordinator – and the wider NCVS team delivered two major UKSPF-funded initiatives to strengthen Broxtowe’s voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector: one focused on hands-on organisational support, the other on targeted training.

Capability and capacity building

Helen supported local groups with practical, tailored advice to help them grow and thrive. Here’s what was included:

- Personalised 1-2-1 support
- Guidance on governance – roles, responsibilities, and decision making
- Help with compliance – meeting legal and regulatory requirements
- Support with funding strategy – reviewing plans and grant scheme eligibility
- Advice on legal structures – including setup, restructuring, and conversions
- Tailored follow-up report – with clear, practical recommendations
- Support to put recommendations into practice – such as reviewing draft policies or action plans



Training

The training strand of the programme offered high-quality, fully funded development opportunities for VCSE organisations in Broxtowe.

- Fully funded sessions on:
 - Governance
 - Health and safety
 - Volunteer engagement
- Bespoke events delivered in partnership with:
 - Rural Community Action Network
 - Wilder Nottinghamshire
- Online ‘Meet the Funder’ event with Lloyds Bank Foundation



“Thanks again for your help, it’s been lovely working with you.”

“Your support has been vital and we are very grateful for it!”

“It’s made it a lot clearer... a very complicated subject, but hopefully we’ll get to the best solution.”

Participants reported

- Much greater understanding
- Would change their working practices and apply what they learned
- Definitely use the materials provided

It has been a wonderful project getting to know some fantastic people who are committed to providing life changing services for the communities of Broxtowe borough. And starting to take them on a journey to help improve their governance and sustainability during a difficult period for the sector.

Helen, Group Support Coordinator (Broxtowe)



These programmes sparked real momentum for Broxtowe’s VCSE sector – strengthening skills, building confidence, and removing barriers to growth. The response shows there’s both appetite and need for continued support across the Broxtowe and beyond.