

Rother Voluntary Action

RVA operates in Rother District in East Sussex. We are passionate about our community and its well being. We work with a wide range of partners in order to bring change and improvement for and with the people and community of Rother. We work to highlight the needs and wishes of our community against a backdrop of environmental awareness and social accountability.

We do this by working with the backbone of our communities - the volunteers and voluntary groups that run and support our sports clubs, our play groups, our day centres, our youth clubs; groups supporting carers and people with illness; people looking for a fresh start in life; people conserving and protecting our heritage and environment; people looking to make a difference. And to making sure everyone's voice is heard and listened to.

By helping people, communities and groups achieve their aims and objectives we aim to make life better for everyone in Rother



Working with Communities

strengthens **communities**

supports **voluntary** groups

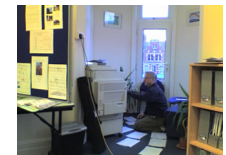
delivers community **services**

is community **owned and led**

Working with Voluntary Groups



RVA works in partnership with a variety of organisations. It is absolutely true to say with them we make a real and lasting positive impact. Whether this is working with the County Council to deliver services for under fives, the District Council to help local communities get active, the NHS to help people lead healthier lives, or AmicusHorizon to offer better services and opportunities to their residents we will work with partners and communities to identify what needs to happen and then again making it so.



More about RVA

As both a Council for Voluntary Service and a Development Trust, RVA works to both support voluntary and community groups based and working in Rother and where appropriate directly deliver community services.

RVA's own existence was the result of the effort of local volunteers. These volunteers from 3 organisations in Rye, Battle and Bexhill recognised the need to share resources and pool ideas and agreed to merge their organisations to provide a better service through the whole of Rother. This process was a result of a wide ranging consultation with voluntary groups, funders and other stakeholders. In April 2006 RVA became operational with a full Board of Directors, a chief officer and 5 staff members. RVA's Board of Directors is elected by the member organisations at our Annual General Meeting. In 2008 RVA became a Development Trust.

Where do we work and what do we do?

RVA interacts with large numbers of people and organisations across Rother. These range from the smallest community group, and village action group to large public sector bodies. At the last count there were over 500 community groups in Rother. RVA works in a number of different ways ranging from representation of community sector viewpoints, researching needs and helping shape policy and strategy, to the facilitation of partnerships, leadership of community projects and advocacy for better services.



Community Chef in Action

We also help support local groups directly through advice and information, in areas such as their funding, constitution appropriate legal structures, business planning and various "hands on" skills such as first aid training or committee skills training.



RVA is a member of the National Association of Voluntary Community Action and a member of the Development Trust Association



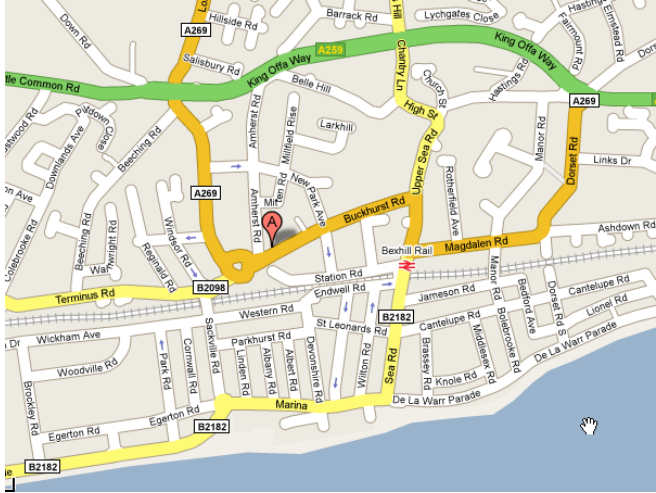
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Rother Voluntary Action

working in the community
 helping people
 helping groups
 help themselves

empower

build

grow



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