

Appendix 3 – North Hertfordshire Centre for Voluntary Service Limited

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	CG-257			
Name of Organisation	North Hertfordshire Centre for Voluntary Service Ltd			
Organisation Type	Registered Charity			
Ward	Arbury, Baldock East, Baldock West, Weston and Sandon			
Project Type	A Volunteer Fair in Baldock Town Centre to support the North Herts Year of Volunteering.			
Green option considered?	N/A			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	N/A			
Previous financial support within six years	Funding agreements from NHC: 21/22 - 20,800 22/23 - £21,216 23/24 - £26,640 (which includes a one off extra £5k for a volunteer conference) 24/25 - £22,073 25/26 - £22,514 NHPF October 2024 - £14,622			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,000	Total project cost	£1,000	
Officer Summary,				
<p>North Hertfordshire Centre for Voluntary Services Ltd (NHCVS) are the only local infrastructure organisation supporting and connecting the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector across our area.</p> <p>Volunteers are one of the quiet forces that make Baldock work, often unseen, but out there in all weathers, 365 days a year, and deeply relied upon. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, VCFSE groups report that volunteering has become harder to sustain and grow, even as demand for their services continues to rise. This reflects a national trend.</p> <p>Therefore, NHCVS are seeking funding towards their Baldock Volunteer Fair in Baldock Town Centre in May or June 2026, which will form part of their 'Year of Volunteering Campaign'.</p> <p>NHCVS are leading the Year of Volunteering Campaign, which will be a 12-month programme running from April 2026 to April 2027, with strategic partners Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and North Hertfordshire Council. This is not a recruitment drive, it is a coordinated, district-wide programme to make volunteering more accessible, flexible and sustainable.</p> <p>Working alongside local groups, the programme will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and help reshape volunteering roles to better reflect how people live now 				

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation

- Encourage volunteering among under-represented groups, including young people, older people, men, disabled people, families, those from minority backgrounds and new arrivals to Hitchin
- Promote the personal benefits of volunteering, including improved wellbeing, confidence, gaining new skills and social connection

The funds will be used for:

- Venue hire £150
- 3 x 10ft by 3ft street banners £120
- 3 x Pull up roller banners £180
- Flyers and posters £200
- Staff costs £350

In summary, a relatively small investment enables a coordinated, high-visibility intervention that supports multiple organisations simultaneously, building long-term volunteering capacity and contributing to a more resilient community in Baldock.

NHCVS are also applying for £1,500 from the Hitchin Forum and £1,000 from Royston Forum to run similar events in Hitchin and Royston.