



Evidence Base

Shropshire's



Voluntary and Community Sector

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Size & Scale of the Sector

1,184

Registered Voluntary organisations in Shropshire

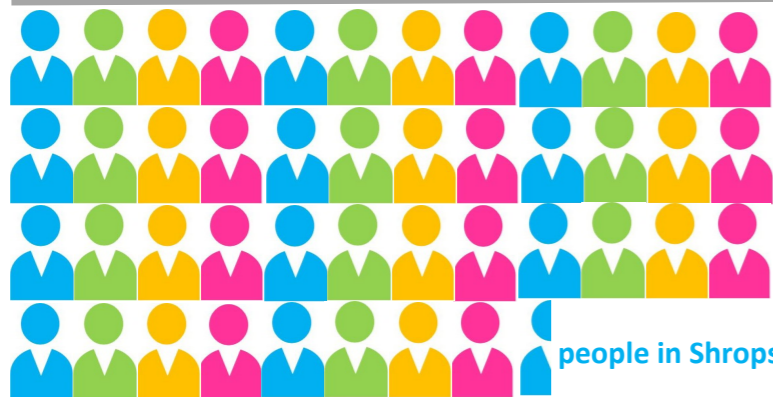
Shropshire's VCS organisations make up...

8.9%

of all organisations in the West Midlands

60%

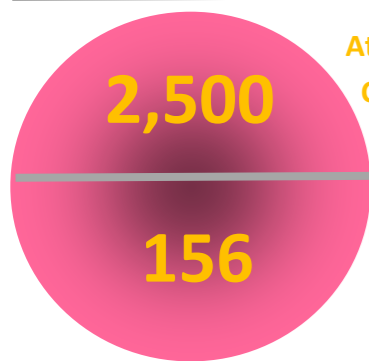
of the "general public" in Shropshire benefit from services provided by county-based VCS organisations



221,909

people in Shropshire volunteer at least once a year

The Voluntary sector still remains an area of growth within the UK.



2,500

At a national level the Charity Commission registers 2,500 organisations every year.

156

New charities that registered with the Charity Commission in 2012.



1,127

Small, informal community groups operate in Shropshire.

Between 2008 and 2010 the estimated number of registered voluntary organisations in Shropshire decreased by 13.5%. If this trend continues, levels of need could increase, leaving more individuals and families without the support they require.

The VCSCA

325  Members

75  Public Sector Contacts

- 16** Forums of Interest...
- Mental Health Forum
 - Children and Young People's Summit
 - Community Based Transport
 - Criminal Justice Forum
 - County Sports Partnership
 - Green Shropshire Exchange
 - Health and Social Care Forum
 - Heritage Forum
 - Housing Support Forum
 - Visual Arts Forum
 - Shropshire Older People's Assembly
 - Information, Advice, Advocacy and Guidance Forum
 - Pan Disability Forum
 - Shropshire Infrastructure Partnership
 - Training Provider's Consortium
 - Partners for Social Enterprise

A rough estimate of the value of time provided by the VCS to support partnership working with the public sector is:
£241,560 p.a.



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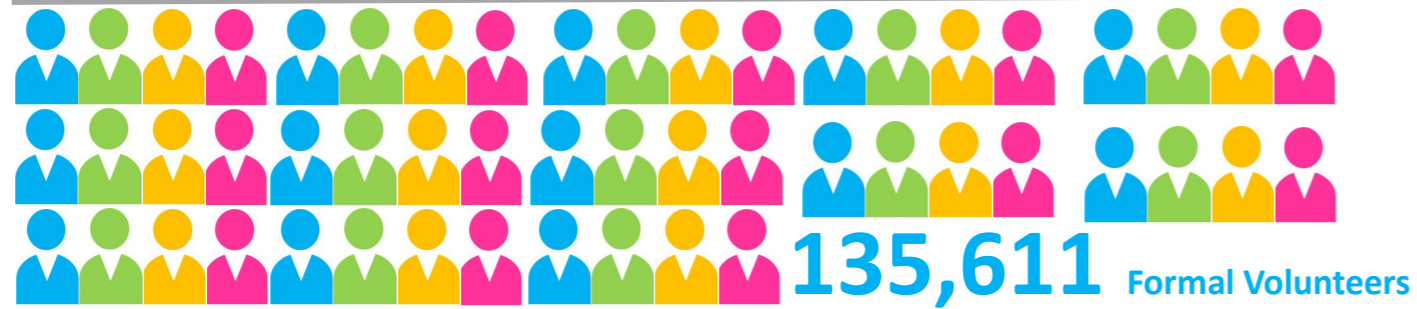


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Volunteering and its contribution



Approx. **191,088** people living in Shropshire informally volunteer.

110,954 of those people informally volunteer regularly (at least once a month).

Every hour worked by Shropshire's volunteers contributes just under **£1.8** million to the local economy.

Formal volunteering refers to people who volunteer with official groups, clubs or organisations
Informal volunteering refers to people who give unpaid help to other people, usually friends or neighbours.



Research shows that 1 in 5 volunteers go on to find paid work

The economic contribution of the VCS

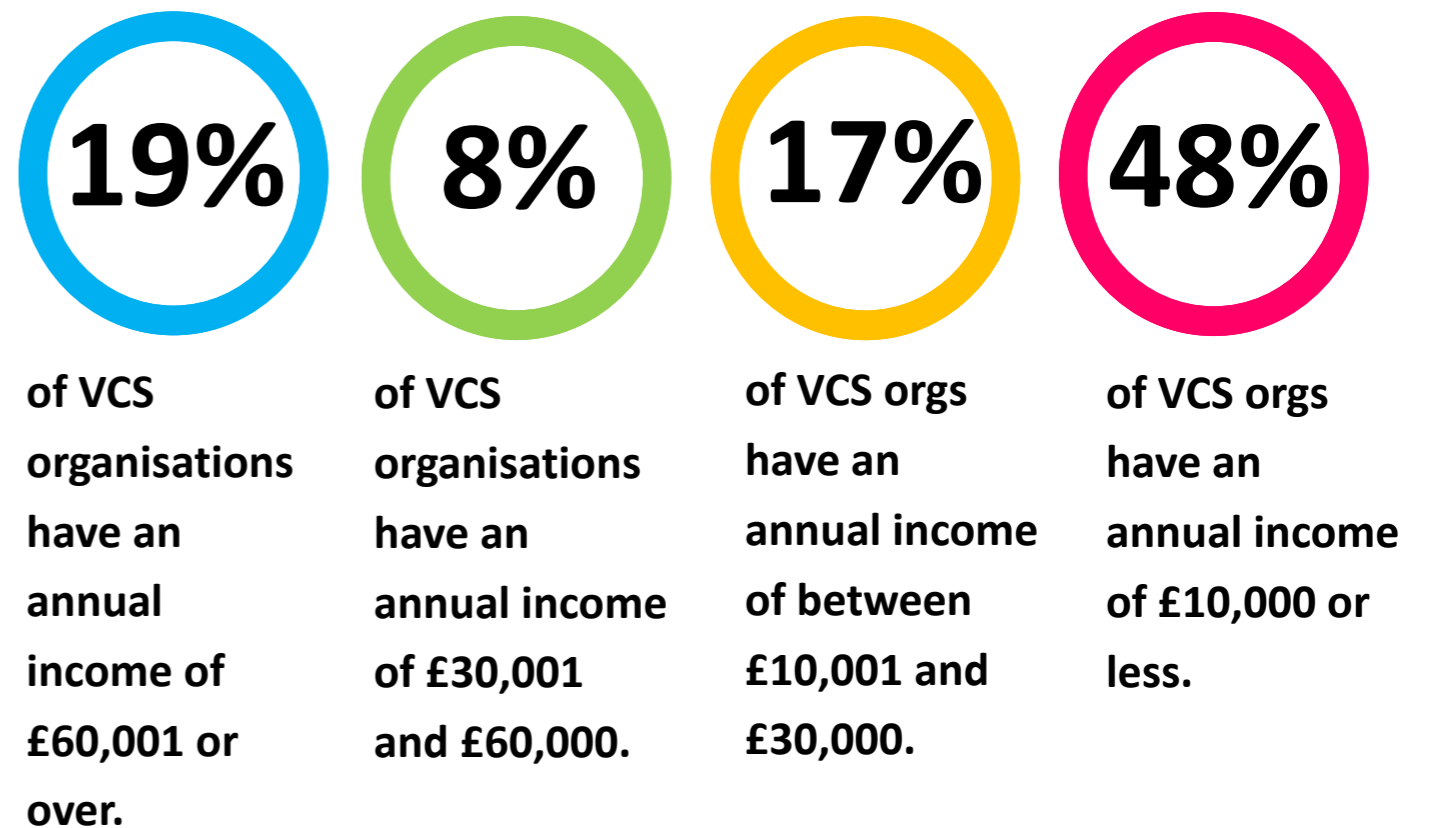
The voluntary sector contributes...

£11.1 billion

To UK gross value added (equivalent to 0.8% of the whole of the UK GVA)

Total UK income for the VCS was **£38.3 billion** in 2010/11
(The income of the private sector was £1.7 billion)

In Shropshire...



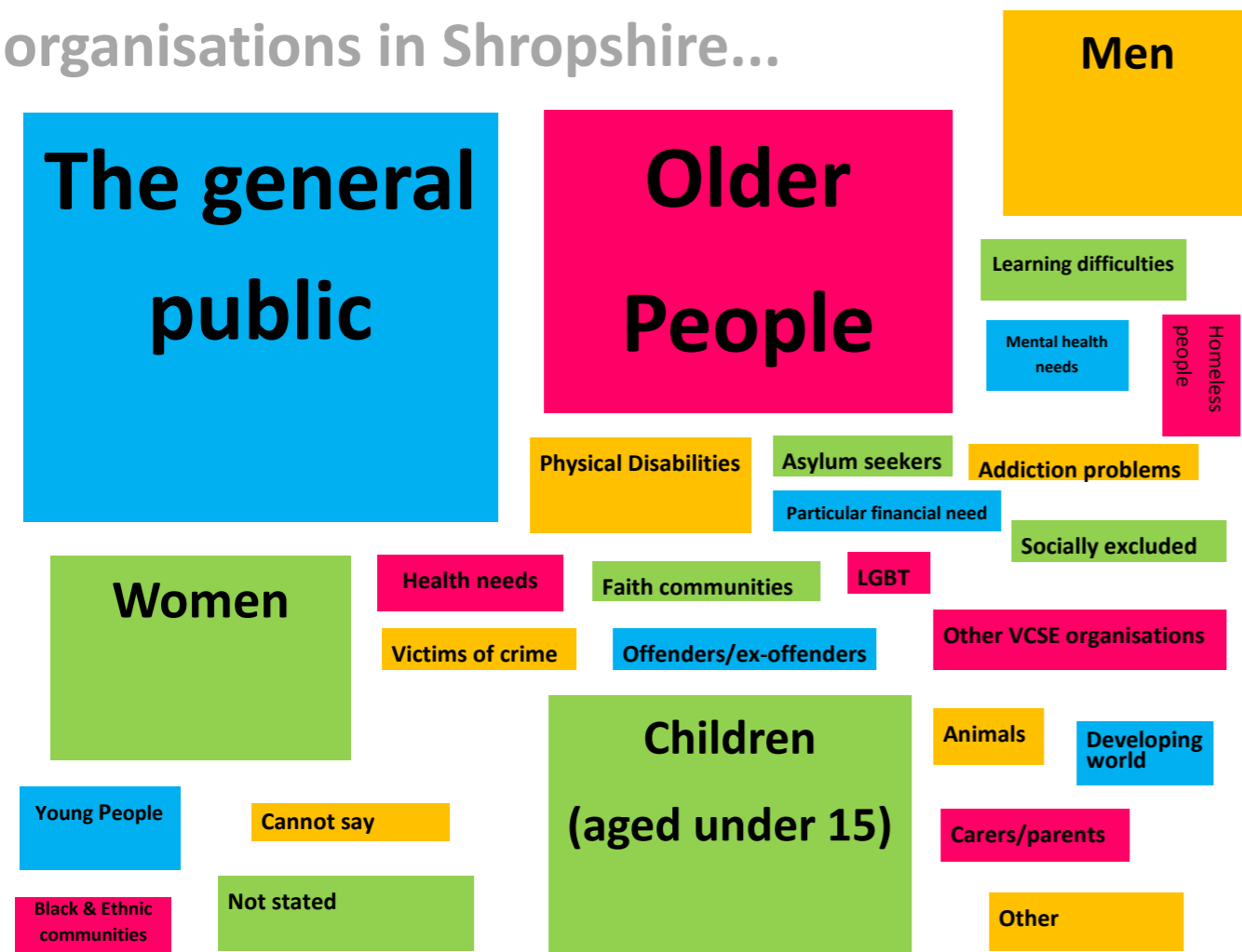
VCS service and activity

In 2010... **53%** of registered VCS organisations indicated that they work in a way that fits the model of a social enterprise.

21% of organisations deliver activity that supports other voluntary and community groups.

30% of Shropshire's VCS Organisations work to support the Local Authority Area of Shropshire or a neighbourhood within it.

Main beneficiaries of Voluntary Sector organisations in Shropshire...



Employment and the VCS



The VCS employs **2.6%** of the UK workforce

Shropshire's VCS employs an estimated



2,920 people



A survey of 446 of Shropshire's voluntary sector organisations showed that...

22% employ between 1 and 5 FTE

2% employ between 6 and 10 FTE

2% employ between 11 and 30 FTE

3% employ 31 or more

The VCS provides a skilled workforce...

38% educated to degree level

Only **23%** in the private sector

14% educated to higher education level

Only **8%** in the private sector

National research has shown that **56%** of voluntary organisations provide both **on-the-job** and **off-the-job training**.

This could equate to **663** registered VCS organisations offering training in Shropshire.