



Members Report

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Background

One Community offers support and information to voluntary and community groups across the boroughs of Eastleigh and Fareham. Currently One Community has **186** full member organisations (see Appendix 1 for membership details), we have lost one member since the survey started on 21st June 2017. Fareham organisations can apply for associate membership.

This document reports on the work undertaken by one of our volunteers, Dave Bowring, as part of our continual update of our database of members and at the request of Eastleigh Borough Council about local community and voluntary sector organisations. Organisations change telephone contacts, expand or contract services, and our volunteer contacts all members at least once a year to check our details are up to date.

The aim was to understand how many beneficiaries our members are in contact with in their service, recognising it was not possible to establish if a beneficiary used more than one service.

Research

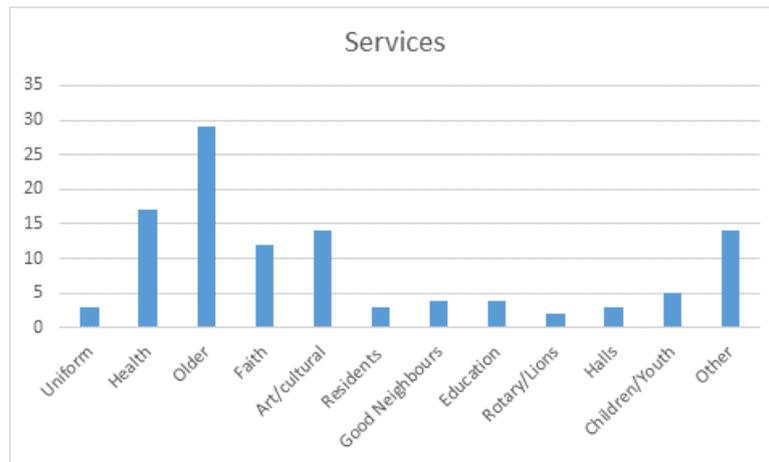
Using telephone and email our volunteer made contact with 187 members of whom he was able to get a response from 112 (60%).

The total number of beneficiaries from those groups is 22,543. The range of beneficiaries per organisation varies from 10 to 2000 (although most groups have a regular membership each week, the larger number came from organisations who have members who drop in occasionally or use the service once/twice and move on).

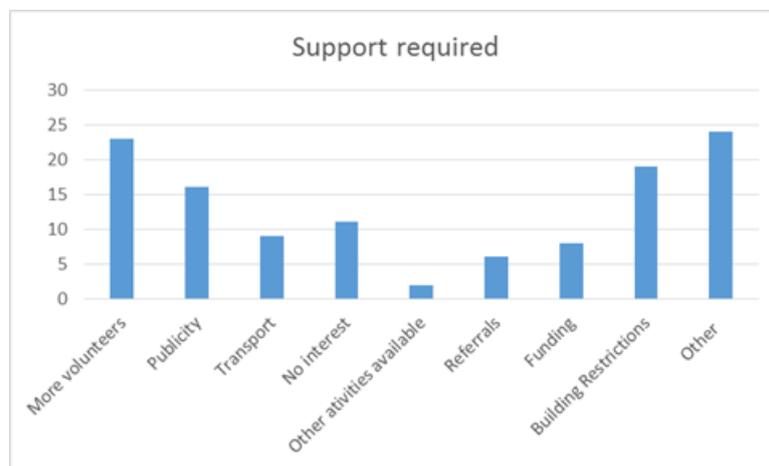
1 – 49	58
50 – 100	20
101 – 500	20
501 – 1000	10
1000 +	4
Total	112

Obviously if you used this number to represent 100% it would be in the region of 37,500 people. Please note that One Community work with over 500 voluntary and community organisations in total, many of whom are not based in the area but operate within the borough.

Services provided: groups determined their own definition, e.g. faith, however knowledge of their group suggests a better description might be 'older' or mixed i.e. variety of support available across all ages.



Reasons given regarding possible expansion and potential; It should be noted that many organisations have not thought about expanding as they rely simply on people coming to them.



However, as almost all figures have been rounded up by organisations a small increase could probably be taken by all groups, as not all people come to every session.

Actions

More Volunteers - Our Volunteer Centre staff will ensure their vacancies are on www.do-it.org (our web based service), will go into Volunteering Matters (our newsletter advertising new vacancies) at least once in the next 6 months, and will liaise with the group to promote their vacancy.

Publicity – All will be specifically invited to our Showcase event on 28th January and all will be invited to put news articles in forthcoming editions of Network. Our training team will also invite those groups to a workshop on raising their profile.

Transport - Our transport department will ensure all are aware of community transport facilities.

Referrals - Our Community Development Team will link this to awareness workshop.

Funding - Our Community Development Team will discuss individual needs.