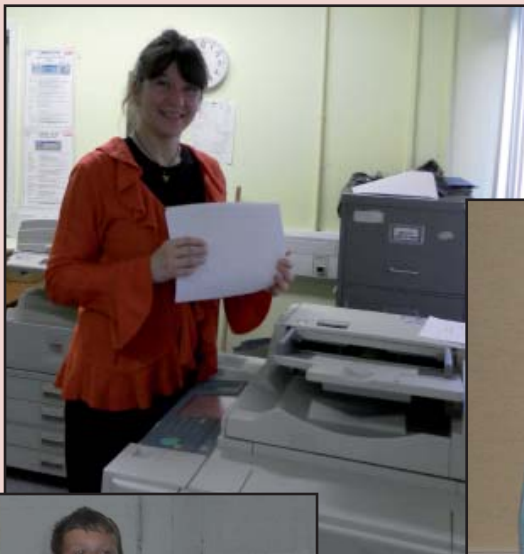




# BEXLEY VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011



# BVSC Executive Committee

BVSC is managed by an Executive Committee whose members are directors of the company and trustees of the charity. They are responsible for the overall management of the organisation, determining policy and ensuring that it is implemented by the staff through the Chief Executive.

## President

The Mayor of Bexley, Cllr Val Clark

## Directors/Trustees 2010/11

Chair: Mrs B Clayton (to January 2011)

Acting Chair: Mrs L Whitby (from January 2011)

Vice Chair: Mr H E Smith

Mrs L Whitby (to Jan 2011)

Mr D E A Lonergan (from March 2011)

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Mr P Coulter

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Mr G S Dhesi

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Mrs F S Rashid

Mrs B Seeley

Mr D Batson (Age Concern, Bexley)

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Cllr K Perrior

Cllr D Hurt

Citizens Advice Bureau:

Ms B Minhas

## BVSC Staff Team

Chief Executive

PA to Chief Executive

ChangeUp Co-ordinator

Central Administration and Information

Administration Manager

Administrative Assistant

Office Assistant

Book-keeper

## Volunteer Centre

Centre Manager

Volunteer Support Worker

Administrative Support

Volunteering Drop-In Co-ordinator

Drop-In Administrative Assistant

Database Administrator

## Development Team

Development Manager

Community Accountant

Team Secretary

Small Groups Development Officer

Small Groups Administrator

Community Leadership Legacy

Programme Co-ordinator

## Partnership Team

Partnership Manager (Health & Social Care)

Administrative Support

Children, Youth & Families Partnership Officer

Administrative Support

Janet Smith

Kim Rabe

Elizabeth Cutajar

Pam Sloan

Sharon Allen

Jeannette Oldfield/

Tammi Baker

Carol Wilkinson

Lynne Regan

Sharon Williams

Janet Phelps

Melanie Shepherd

Janet Walker (to Jan 2011)

Steven Hiser

Olwyn Sinclair

Geoff Morgan

Kim Rabe

Carol Britnell

Tracy Pettey

Katarzyna Zagrodniczek

(from August 2010 to March 2011)

Julie Bristow

Janet Phelps

(to September 2010)

Tom Strannix

Melanie Shepherd

## BVSC Volunteers

With many thanks to all our volunteers

**Office volunteers:** Jean Ball Joanne Barnet Pat Coe Maureen Duhan Joy Field Marilyn Grieveson Elaine Rafter Joyce Ramsey Magda Torok Doris Wakefield Ann Whatson Karen Smith

**Volunteer Centre volunteers:** Frances Browne Vanessa Craig Mark Funnell Frances Owen Beverley Treece Carlee Batt Hayley Small Lesley Snashfold Lauren Reeves

**The Friday Volunteers' Group:** Maureen Pitcher Eileen Evans Carol Jeavons Winnie Higgins Sharon Carter Ruth Field

## CHAIR'S FOREWARD

We were all saddened at the loss of Brenda Clayton, our Chair, in January after a long illness. Brenda had been involved with BVSC for over 30 years as a volunteer, member of staff and then as Chair and she brought to the role a wealth of experience about both BVSC and the Voluntary Sector. She will be greatly missed.

Since taking over as Acting Chair my first duty was not a pleasant one which involved making savings at BVSC as a result of a reduction in our funding. This had followed a period of uncertainty and we now have some stability for the coming year. I was delighted that our bid to the City Bridge Trust was successful and that we can continue our excellent Volunteer Drop-In Service. This service helps us to provide groups with the volunteers they need and also assists people who are unemployed to gain skills which can help them to find paid employment.

I am also excited that we are in the process of setting up a new befriending scheme in the borough, a service that has been much needed for some time.

I would like to thank the Mayor of Bexley Councillor Val Clark, who has been our president this year and has taken a great interest in the voluntary sector and BVSC. I would also like to thank all our funders including the London Borough of Bexley and Bexley Care Trust.

I would also like to thank all our trustees who have served BVSC so well and given me support in my role as Acting Chair. Finally I would like to thank Janet Smith our Chief Executive and our team of dedicated staff and volunteers who have enabled us to provide our services and support the local voluntary sector.

Linda Whitby, Acting Chair

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTRODUCTION

This has been a year of uncertainty for BVSC and the voluntary sector in Bexley. Cuts in government spending and reduced local authority budgets are having a significant impact on the voluntary sector across the country. With some councils cutting arbitrarily we welcomed the London Borough of Bexley's approach to engage in an ongoing dialogue with the Sector. BVSC has received reduced funding from the Council and we have also lost our ChangeUp funding as this programme has now ended. As a result we have had to reduce staff hours and services but we are continuing to explore new funding opportunities. We have also been developing a new website as this will be an important communication tool in the years to come.

The arrival of a new government in May brought an increase in the pace of change. There have been some surprises such as the new health reforms which will see GPs take control of health budgets. We are pleased that our Partnership funded projects have been extended for a further year but we will need to promote the value and benefit that these projects provide to Bexley residents, to GPs in order to secure funding in the future. The Big Society agenda has also brought new challenges. There will more opportunities for voluntary groups to take over statutory services and we have already started to support groups to do this.

Our Volunteer Centre has continued to be very busy with 18 - 25 year olds being the largest age group attending our Volunteer Drop-In, many of whom are looking to improve their skills to find paid employment. We were delighted that our bid to the City Bridge Trust to continue the Drop-In for a further two years was successful.

The death of Brenda Clayton was a great loss. Brenda was an inspirational and supportive Chair and I will miss her wise counsel. I am very pleased that Linda Whitby was prepared to step into the breach. Linda like Brenda has had many years experience of the voluntary sector and BVSC. This year Harry Smith stood down as Chair of the Voluntary Forum. He also had a fundamental understanding of the voluntary sector and was always there with his support. His humour always gave meetings a cheerful feeling whatever the topic. I wish him well for the future. Alison Baker has been a very active Vice Chair of the Forum and I look forward to working with her as the new Chair in the coming year.

Janet Smith, Chief Executive

## INFORMATION AND NETWORKING

### Providing Information and Resources

*including our bi-monthly newsletter Spotlight and our Community Help Directory*

During the last year we have continued to provide information on local voluntary services, volunteering, funding opportunities and local and national initiatives to voluntary groups, volunteers, professionals working in the field and members of the public. We did this through:

6 editions of our bi-monthly newsletter Spotlight  
our website [www.bvsc.co.uk](http://www.bvsc.co.uk)  
regular e-bulletins  
a range of fact sheets  
our Information Desk which responded to 183 information enquiries  
our Community Help Directory which is available on our website

Due to the savings we need to find we are making changes to the way we disseminate our information. We have been developing a new website as we see this as an important communication tool for the future. We are continuing to produce our popular directory of local services and this is on our website, however we will no longer be distributing printed copies as they very quickly become out of date. Groups wishing to have a paper copy can request one from us at a small cost. We will be endeavouring to reduce the number of pages in our Spotlight newsletter but we hope to do this by changing our layouts and font sizes rather than by losing important information. We will be increasing the number of e-bulletins so that groups receive the most up-to-date news.

We have also continued to provide groups with a fast printing service with our Friday Volunteers group offering collating and envelope filling.

### Bringing the Voluntary and Community Sector Together

*by providing a range of forums to enable groups to network, discuss the issues that affect them and form partnerships*

BVSC organises a range of networks and forums to enable groups to come together, receive information and take collective decisions on issues that affect them. This February Harry Smith stood down as Chairman of the Voluntary Forum after 15 years in the role. A special presentation was made to Harry to mark the occasion.

An election for a new chair was held in April 2011 and Alison Baker was elected to the position with Ian Lindon as Vice Chair.



*Harry Smith,  
who retired as Chairperson of the Voluntary Forum in February*

It was decided this year to end the Trustee Network. Attendance had not been high and it was felt that with the other network opportunities on offer it was possible for members to still receive support.

Many of our networks have continued to meet regularly but some such as the Chief Officers Network now have fewer meetings but more email contact. This enables busy chief officers to receive the most up-to-date information in a way which makes best use of their time.

Our full range of networks are as follows:

- **Voluntary Forum** for any group in the borough to join and send 2 voting representatives
- **Health and Adult Social Care Network** for groups in membership of the Voluntary Forum who work with in the field of Health and Social Care
- **Children and Young People's VCS Network** for groups working with children, young people and families
- **Chief Officers Group** for chief officers of staffed groups.
- **Small Groups Network** for representatives of small groups in the Borough

### **Working in Partnership**

*for the benefit of the residents of Bexley*

#### **Local Partnerships**

The voluntary sector has continued to be represented on key local partnerships including the Local Strategic Partnership. Over the last three years partners have been working to Government targets which if achieved would result in reward funding. Five local groups participated in this process and all have achieved the targets they were set. This has resulted in the voluntary sector receiving a share of the reward funding for the first time.

#### **Compact Steering Group**

It has been a busy year for the Compact Working Group as they have worked to update and refresh the Bexley Compact. Members of the Voluntary Forum were consulted on what they would like to see included in the new document and then these views were taken forward by our voluntary sector representatives to consult with statutory colleagues at the Compact Working Group. Following discussions, a new draft Compact was drawn up and this was presented to the Voluntary Forum in October where it was agreed. The new document was then adopted by all parties at the Local Strategic Partnership. For the first time the document includes a dispute resolution procedure and so if there are any concerns around the implementation of the Compact these can be addressed.

#### **Grants Review Working Group**

The Government's Comprehensive Spending Review which took place last autumn made it clear that local authorities would need to make significant savings in the next few years. The London Borough of Bexley held a meeting with funded groups to outline the approach it would be taking across the Council. A small working group was then formed so that in-depth discussions could take place between the voluntary sector and the Council. The Group not only discussed the Council's funding but also followed the progress of London Council's decision to repatriate a substantial part of its funding back to the local boroughs.

By February, Council commissioners had drawn up a list of savings they intended to make from voluntary groups and each individual group was consulted on how this would affect them. Whilst losing funding is never easy, the openness and transparency with which the discussions took place made the voluntary sector feel part of the process and not just at the mercy of it. Children's services have been the last area to be considered and a new commissioning process has been launched.

#### **ChangeUp**

2011 has seen the end of ChangeUp with the Government deciding not to continue funding the programme after April. ChangeUp began in 2005 and its aim was to increase the strength of the voluntary sector by increasing the capacity of infrastructure organisations at a local, sub regional, regional and national level.

In Bexley, with the assistance of ChangeUp Co-ordinator Liz Cutajah, the project was able to map the voluntary and community groups in the borough and over 1200 were identified. We were able to identify groups who were not a member of BVSC or another local umbrella organisation such as the Arts Council or Bexley Council for Equality and Diversity, and target them with information on the support available to them locally. We also encouraged them to join the Voluntary Forum.

A number of consultation exercises were carried out which resulted in new projects such as the Volunteer Drop-In Service and the Commissioning Project. It also enabled us to develop resources and organise events that met the needs of groups including a trustee recruitment event and a series of factsheets.

Liz had also begun work on the accommodation needs of Bexley's voluntary sector and this will continue into 2011/2012. She will be sending groups a survey to find out their accommodation needs, and liaising with the London Borough of Bexley to see if there are solutions for groups by working together.

## PARTNERSHIP TEAM

### **Working in the field of health and social care**

*to assist the Sector to shape local policies, and develop new services in the field of health and social care and improve services for children and young people*

#### **Partnership Team**

The last year has seen changes in the way health and social care is delivered, continue, providing challenges for the voluntary Sector. Julie Bristow, our Partnership Manager (Health and Social Care) and Tom Strannix, Children's, Youth and Families Development Officer, have supported local groups through these changes. They have been assisted by Administrative Assistants Melanie Shepherd, and Janet Phelps (until September 2010). Although there are funding challenges some new opportunities are also presenting themselves. The Department for Education released the green paper on Special Educational Needs provision, with numerous references to greater involvement by the voluntary sector in the assessment and delivery of services.

#### **Networks**

This is the first full year of the Health and Social Care Network and it has played an important role in the review of London Borough of Bexley funding for the sector. It also responded to the Supporting People consultation which outlined the move to personalisation and the ending of block contracts for this particular funding stream.

The Children & Young People's VCS Network has grown from strength to strength, with membership increasing to 120 groups, from 90 groups in the previous year. This Network along with its weekly bulletin has helped groups to adjust to these changing times, as well as collectively forming views to influence how the local public sector develops policy for children and young people.

#### **Partnership Funds**

Contracts for all voluntary sector projects funded through the Partnership Fund were due to end in March 2011. Assistant Borough Director at Bexley Care Trust, Teresa Salami-Adeti, took up post in July 2010 and one of her first tasks was to carry out a rapid review of all the partnership funded projects. It took place over two days and groups had to demonstrate how they had met the aims and objectives of their projects. The review coincided with the publication of the health white paper, Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS, which set out the newly-elected Government's long term vision for the NHS. The main focus of the white paper was to abolish primary care trusts and move to commissioning by GPs. The Care Trust therefore decided to extend most of the projects until 2012 whilst the new arrangements were put in place. It will be important in the coming year to engage with GPs and to ensure they are aware of these projects and the benefits they bring to the residents of Bexley. A new Health and Wellbeing Board has been set up and the voluntary sector hopes to be represented on this new body.

#### **Mental Health Awareness**

The East London Network (ELN) was successful in obtaining money through a Department of Work & Pensions' Health, Work and Wellbeing Grant to fund a sub-regional mental health awareness project. Its aim was to equip staff, trustees and volunteers with the knowledge and awareness to promote positive mental health in the workplace. Both Julie and Olwyn completed the training and then cascaded this learning through training courses for frontline voluntary organisations, and trustees and staff at BVSC.

#### **Children's and Young Peoples Services**

Collaboration has been a huge focus this year. Tom has supported over 20 groups in the areas of Youth Services, Early Intervention and Disabled Children Services. The National Council for Voluntary Organisation's (NCVO) Collaboration Unit, helped Tom to deliver the DCatch project assisting groups working with children with disabilities to work together to develop short break provision. This year also saw the launch of the Safe Network Standards, offering the voluntary sector a valuable quality assurance tool in terms of their safeguarding children policy and practice. Tom will be the designated Safe Network Champion for Bexley, supporting groups through the standards.

### **Developing organisational capacity**

*to help organisations to develop their skills, knowledge and organisational structures through training and one-to-one support*

The Development Team has again supported a large number of voluntary and community organisations, addressing their various development needs, such as fundraising, governance and financial and management issues.

Development Manager, Olwyn Sinclair, has worked with 53 groups on a one-to-one basis, as well as organising a programme of training and "meet the funder" events. Courses have focused on building the capacity of groups to prepare for and implement changes in their organisations occurring as a result of commissioning processes or funding cuts. They covered restructuring processes, collaborative working, employment issues and fundraising.

Support has also been given to 8 groups to achieve the Investors in People (IIP) standard for the third time, and to date 6 organisations (including BVSC), have achieved the standard. The other five are Bexley and Bromley Advocacy, Bexley Crossroads, Bexley Mencap, New Generation Church and Bexley SNAP.

### **Training courses held in 2010/11**

**were:-**

Restructuring Your Organisation  
Health and Safety at Work for Community Organisations  
Introduction to Bexley Talks Social Network  
Grassroots Grants  
"Meet the Funder" session  
Business Planning  
Time Management  
Collaborative Working  
Minute Taking  
Mental Health and Well-Being Awareness  
Legal Structures  
Recruiting and Managing Volunteers  
Funding for Womens' organisation  
Redundancy and Restructuring

Small Groups Development Officer, Carol Britnell, has worked with 49 groups this year and assisted new groups and projects to develop, with many employing staff for the first time and making successful funding applications to small grants programmes. Carol was able to access funding from local housing association London and Quadrant to provide training for volunteers from small groups to meet identified needs. Courses ranged from basic I.T. to Food Hygiene and First Aid. One hundred and twenty volunteers attended, many of whom received a recognised qualification. The Small Groups Network continued to provide mutual support for members. It met four times during the year culminating in a special "Volunteer Awards Ceremony" in April. Nominated volunteers and groups were presented with certificates by the Mayor of Bexley, Councillor Val Clark, in recognition of their effort and achievements. Members of the Network were involved in the planning and delivery of the event and provided a wonderful evening of entertainment.

### **Small Grants Programmes**

#### **The William Kendall's Charity (Wax Chandlers' Company)**

We have continued to operate a small grants programme on behalf of the William Kendall's Charity. Bexley groups can apply for small grants of up to £2,000 to assist with their development, help deliver their services better or run new activities. Two funding rounds were advertised in BVSC's Newsletter Spotlight during the year, and 13 groups were assisted in making applications. Nine of these groups were successful in receiving a grant this year.

**Grassroots Grants** BVSC also partnered Capital Community Foundation to run the Grassroots Grants programme in Bexley, which has now completed its third and final year. The fund provided grants of up to £5,000 to small developing organisations with an income of no more than £30,000 per year, and is particularly aimed at hard to reach communities. We have advertised the fund locally and supported groups to make applications. Olwyn served on the local advisory panel, along with Linda Whitby and Lux Anandarajah, to assist in the decision making process, providing additional knowledge of the groups and experience of local need. Nineteen groups have been successful in receiving a grant this year.

**Bexley's Corporate Small Grants Scheme** Olwyn also worked closely with officers from the Council to assist with the allocation of funds for 2010/11 from the Corporate Small Grants Scheme. She worked on the initial appraisals with the leading grants officer and took part in the grant assessment panel which made recommendations to Members. From April 2011 the administration of this programme will be carried out by BVSC on behalf of the Council.

## Community Accountancy Project

Our Community Accountancy Project is part of ASSET (Accountancy Support in South East Thames) which is a consortium of similar projects in the four boroughs of Bexley, Greenwich, Lewisham and Southwark. The project is currently funded by London Councils which is intending to repatriate a large part of its funding back to the local councils.

During the year our Community Accountant, Geoff Morgan, provided an accountancy service on two days a week, giving advice and support to 44 groups on a range of financial issues. This advice included: advising on the layout of annual accounts, helping with the preparation of annual accounts, setting up book-keeping systems, preparing budgets and advising on various payroll and tax issues.

A number of training courses and seminars were held covering basic book-keeping, year end accounts, the financial responsibilities of management committees and how to set up and operate Gift Aid. The courses were well attended and when required, Geoff gave follow up support to groups who attended the training.

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## Running a Volunteer Centre

*to assist groups to recruit and support volunteers to provide valuable services to the community*

The Volunteer Centre, managed by Lynne Regan, has continued to receive a high number of volunteer enquires. Many people who are unemployed are volunteering and the highest number of enquires is from the 18-25 age bracket. The Centre is currently able to offer 379 different volunteering roles.

Throughout the year Lynne has received support from Steven Hiser who responds to all the website enquiries and Janet Phelps who provides administrative help.

One of the Centre's priorities has been to secure funding so that we can maintain our services and projects which help people to volunteer. Lynne was

successful in securing funding from the City Bridge Trust to continue our popular Volunteering Drop-In for a further two years. During this time we expect to see a heightened interest in volunteering as a result of the Olympic Games in 2012. We were pleased that the funding for our Volunteer Support Project was agreed for a further year.

During the year Lynne has continued to support groups with their volunteer policies and procedures and has run three courses on volunteer management.

Lynne has continued to attend regional and national events as well as chairing the national Volunteer Centre Advisory Group and serving on the Board of Volunteering England in order to influence volunteering policy nationally.

## During 2010/11 the Volunteer Centre responded to a total of 2252 enquiries

- **1783 enquiries via the "do-it" website or from telephone enquiries to the Centre**
  - **408 additional enquiries for the Drop- In Facility**
  - **61 volunteers receiving one-to-one support from the Volunteer Support Project**
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### **Volunteering Drop-In**

Our Volunteer Drop-In, funded by the City Bridge Trust, offers potential volunteers the option of 'dropping in' or pre-booking a half hour session to find out about current volunteering opportunities. They can surf the 'Do-it' website or browse information with the assistance of Drop-In Co-ordinator Melanie Shepherd or one of our volunteer advisors.

During the year 140 Drop-In sessions were held and 394 volunteers attended the Drop-In which exceeded our expectation. Our research has shown again this year that more potential volunteers become active volunteers after using the Drop-In.

Drop-In sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at our offices in Brampton Road and on a Wednesday morning at the Central Library in Bexleyheath. Sessions were also being held at the Central Library on one Sunday a month however it was decided to move the sessions from last September to Erith Library. They are now held on the first Saturday of each each month as a large proportion of clients wishing to use the service live in Erith and the surrounding area.

Melanie was supported by Drop-In Administrative Assistant, Janet Walker, until the end of January 2011.

### **Volunteer Support Project**

The Volunteer Support Project assists volunteers, who without support, would not be able to access or maintain a voluntary role within the community. Volunteers may have suffered poor mental health, have a learning disability, or a particular disability such as a head injury.

Sharon Williams took over the role of Volunteer Support Project Worker in April 2010 and since then has assisted over 60 clients to find suitable volunteering roles. Once she has found a suitable placement for the volunteer she continues to provide support and guidance for up to 6 months. Regular contact is also maintained with the organisation to ensure the placement is successful. Over time many volunteers increase the amount of time they give to volunteering as their confidence builds and they learn new skills. For some, volunteering has assisted them to find paid work.

Referrals to the project have been received from a range of sources including the Community Mental Health Teams, Rethink (Bexley), Oxleas NHS Trust, Bromley Autistic Trust, Somerset Villa and the Woodlands Unit at Queen Mary's Hospital.

Organisations offering volunteering roles this year include: Age concern (Bexley) Shopmobility, Hall Place, The Red House, SENSE, the British Heart Foundation, the Red Cross, KAB (Kent Association for The Blind) and Erith and Belvedere Congregational Church. First Step Trust and Reinststate have both provided work experience placements to assist volunteers to move on to further education or paid work.



**BVSC Members**

3rd Welling Scout Group  
Age Concern (Bexley)  
Age Concern (Erith)  
All Saints Footscray & St James Northcray Churches  
Alzheimer's Society (Bexley Branch)  
Archway Project Ltd (The)  
Arthritis Care (Bexley Branch)  
Arts Council of Bexley  
Association of Bexley Charities '78  
Avante Care and Support  
Avery Hill Christian Fellowship  
BAGRA (Part of Drug & Alcohol Services for London)  
Bangladesh Welfare Association  
BASIC (Bexley Autism Support & Information Centre)  
BCU Lifeskills Centre  
Belvedere Community Centre  
Belvedere Community Forum  
Bexley & Bromley Advocacy  
Bexley & Dartford Parkinson's UK  
Bexley & Dartford Samaritans  
Bexley Accessible Transport Scheme (BATS)  
Bexley African Caribbean Community Assoc(BACCA)  
Bexley Amateur Boxing Club  
Bexley Archaeological Group  
Beley Association of Disabled People (BADP)  
Bexley Association of Turkish Speakers (BATS)  
Bexley Bangladeshi Womens Association  
Bexley Beavers Swimming Club for the Disabled  
Bexley Blind Bowling Club

Bexley Tinnitus Support Group  
Bexley Turkish Elderly Day Centre  
Bexley Unison  
Bexley United Charities  
Bexley Voice for Special Needs Children  
Bexley Women's Aid  
Bexleyheath & Crayford Waterside Women's Institute  
Bexleyheath & District Club for the Disabled  
Bexleyheath District Scouts  
Blackfen Forum  
Both Parents Forever  
Bridgin D Gap  
Bridging the Gap South East  
British Polio Fellowship (NW Kent Branch)  
Carers' Support (Bexley)  
Central Eltham Youth Project  
Christ Church Bexleyheath  
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Bexleyheath  
Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance  
Civil Service Retirement Fellowship (Bexley Borough Branch)  
Complementary Cancer Care Trust  
Cornerstone Christian Counselling Service  
Cray Meadows Community Forum  
CRIBS  
Cross Street Law Centre  
Crossness Engines Trust  
Crossroads Care Bexley  
Cruse Bereavement Care (Bexley Branch)  
Danson Youth Trust  
Diabetes UK Bexley Support Group

Individual Members	Representatives of the London Borough	Ex-Officio Members
Mrs L Whitby	Cllr J Slaughter	Cllr V Clark, The Mayor of Bexley
Miss J M Smith	Cllr K Perrior	Mr J P Brokenshire MP (Old Bexley & Sidcup)
Mrs M Cooper	Cllr D Hurt	Mr D Evennett MP (Bexleyheath & Crayford)
Mr B Jones		Mrs T Pearce, MP (Erith & Thamesmead)

Bexley Borough Neighbourhood Watch  
Bexley Borough Pensioners' Forum  
Bexley Borough Churches Housing Association  
Bexley Civic Society  
Bexley Community Policing Engagement Group  
Bexley Council for Equality & Diversity/BCRE  
Bexley Cycling & Road Safety Forum  
Bexley Deaf Group  
Bexley Down's Syndrome Group  
Bexley Group for Therapeutic Riding  
Bexley Moorings Project  
Bexley Primary Schools Sports Council  
Bexley Smile Club  
Bexley Snap  
Bexley Talking Newspaper

Dynamix  
Dyslexia Association of Bexley Bromley Lewisham & Greenwich  
East Wickham & Welling Scout District  
Edward Alderton Theatre  
Ellenor Lions Hospices  
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Yarnton Way  
Erith Town Forum  
Erith Veterans Club  
Family Action (Thamesmead)  
Family Matters  
First Step Trust (Bexley)  
Footscray Lions Junior Football Club  
Friends of Carlton Centre Sidcup

## BVSC MEMBERS

Friends of Footscray Meadows  
 Gateway Care Services  
 Geddes Place United Reformed Church  
 Get the Vibe  
 Good Samaria Network  
 Greater London South East Scouts  
 Greenwich & Bexley Cottage Hospice  
 Gujurati Samaj (Bexley)  
 Harbour Trust  
 HAVEN  
 Headway SE London/NW Kent Ltd  
 Hill Park Autistic Trust  
 Homestart (Bexley)  
 Howbury Friends  
 Howbury Tumblers (The)  
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 Irish Community Services  
 JMF Support for Unseen Disability  
 Kent (North) Adoption Support Group  
 Kent Association for the Blind (Bexley Branch)  
 Knights of Saint Columba (Bexleyheath Co 380)  
 Lessness & District Residents Association  
 Local Agenda 21 (Bexley)  
 Lone Parent Group  
 Lourdes & Disabled Group  
 Magpie Dance  
 MCCH Society Ltd  
 MENCAP  
 MIND in Bexley  
 MiNet

North West Kent Muslim Association  
 Orbit South Housing Association  
 Pad's Army  
 Refocus  
 Re-Instate Limited  
 Rethink, Bexley Support Scheme  
 Rotary Club of Erith (The)  
 Rotary Club of Sidcup Educational Trust (ROSET)  
 Royal Air Forces Association  
 (Bexleyheath & District Branch 271)  
 Seifullah Islamic Centre  
 Sidcup Community Group  
 Sidcup District Scouts  
 Sidcup Literary & Scientific Society  
 SILA (Sarcoidosis & Interstitial Lung  
 Assoc)  
 Slade Green Community Centre  
 Slade Green Community Forum  
 Smerdon Resource Centre P.S.A  
 South East Russian Language Society  
 St Augustine of Canterbury CE Primary School  
 St John Ambulance - 601 Cadets  
 St Lawrence Charitable Fund  
 St Mary the Virgin Church, Bexley  
 St Michael's Communiy Centre Association  
 St Michael's Residents' Association  
 Star Kiddy Club  
 Thamesmead Surfers  
 The Friends of St Paulinus Church  
 The Twilight Club

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 National Autistic Society (Bexley Branch)  
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 New Generation Church  
 New Horizons  
 Noah's Ark Soft Play  
 North Cray Residents' Association  
 North West Kent Countryside Partnership

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 Welling Alcohol Service Provision  
 Welling Town Partnership  
 Wellspring Pentecostal Church  
 Westwood & District People's Association  
 Woodlands Farm Trust (The)  
 Workers' Educational Assoc (WEA) Bexley Branch  
 Worx Project  
 WRVS  
 Youth Action and Diversity Trust

## VOLUNTEERING IN BEXLEY



Above: Volunteers' Week 2010

Right: Tom Strannix presenting Lewis Hudson with a Jack Petchey award for volunteering in the community



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