

# WASHINGTON VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) NETWORK

## Who are we...

### Bryan Beverley

(Community & Volunteer Development Officer)

Bryan is a qualified youth and community worker with over 30 years experience of community development. Before joining the Washington Trust he worked within local government in a range of senior posts which had a close relationship with the voluntary and community sector. Bryan is employed as the Washington Trust Community & Volunteer Development Officer. In this role he provides community and volunteer development support to a range of small community organisations operating within Washington.

### Jacqui Reeves

(Services Manager, Washington Mind)

Jacqui has worked in mental health services for over 30 years. The team at Washington Mind are committed to challenging the discrimination associated with mental health problems and to helping everyone who needs mental health care to get the right support, at the right time.

Jacqui is passionate about the vital role the voluntary sector plays in helping those most in need and believes strongly that we, along with our partners and indeed the whole community, are stronger together.



The three area reps for the Washington Area are (left to right) Bryan, Jacqui and John

### John Rostron –

(Advisor to WMC Trust)

John has worked for the Council for 25 years, the last 7 years were spent working in community development and the Washington Area. John now supports the Trustees at the Millennium Centre and volunteers with both Washington Trust and Biddick Academy. John believes in ensuring the Voluntary and Community Sector and the people of Washington have a voice; and that it is heard. John feels services and activities should meet the needs of residents and be the best they can be, and that partnership working is the only way to ensure that Washington receives the services it needs, "We already have some good relationships established amongst the groups in Washington and its now about how we develop them to make sure the sector remains strong and meets the needs of the local communities as there will continue to be tough times ahead, especially for the most vulnerable and needy."

## HOW TO CONTACT US...

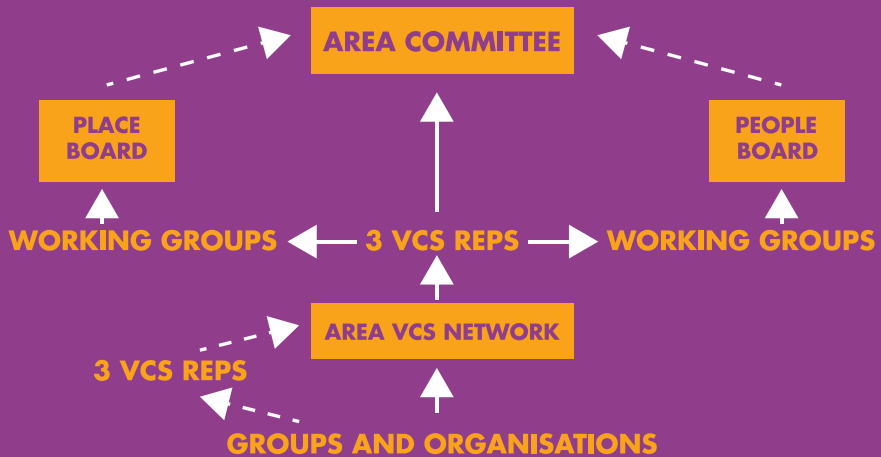
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# ABOUT THE NETWORK...

The Washington Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network is a fantastic resource for any local voluntary or community group in Washington. The Network offers you and your group the opportunity to:

- Develop your work and organisation or group.
- Find out about the latest funding opportunities and local community developments from the Council and other partners.
- Work with other local groups to build partnership opportunities and support for your work.
- Promote the work you are doing to the Council and other organisations in the area.
- Raise issues and the challenges you face in the local community and be part of finding solutions.

## Where does the Network fit in the local structure...



## How can you get involved...

**There are lots of ways to get involved in the Network:**

- You can attend one of the regular local meetings to network and promote your work
- Receive email bulletins keeping you up to date on the latest opportunities and developments
- Speak to one of the 3 local Washington VCS Reps for support and guidance

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