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Current projects:

**Publicity & Information Project**

**Restormel Community Development Project**

**North Cornwall Community Development**

**North Cornwall and Caradon Inter-link project**

**Skills for Life and Capacity Building Training Project**

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Other resources:

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- Powerpoint projector, laptop & Screen
- Facilities to send and receive faxes
- Photocopying
- Facilities for producing - letters, leaflets, posters, databases, mailing lists, spreadsheets, accounts, banners and desktop publishing.
- Comb binder - to bind reports etc.
- Flip charts
- Television/video
- Access to Email & the World Wide Web
- Overhead projector & screen
- Laminator
- Small Reference LIBRARY - books and periodicals including the Directory of Grant-Making Trusts, and the Voluntary Sector Legal Handbook.
- MEETING ROOMS for hire at ECCVS offices, available during the day.

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*Promoting a strong voluntary sector in East Cornwall*



**AGENCY INFORMATION**



## Short history of the East Cornwall CVS

The East Cornwall Council for Voluntary Service (ECCVS) was originally established in Bodmin in 1988 as Community Projects Trust SW Ltd to work in the far south west, particularly in Cornwall.

Community Projects Trust was originally a link agency of the Community Development Foundation, a Home Office funded national organisation. The agency became independent in 1991 and was established as a company limited by guarantee, charitable status was granted in 1998. Community Projects Trust was originally supported by the Community Development Foundation, the Lankelly Trust, the Gulbenkian Foundation, the John Paul Getty Trust and Cornwall County Council. In December 2004 the agency converted to the East Cornwall Council for Voluntary Service. In recent years the agency has successfully managed grants from the Big Lottery, central government, Government Office for the South West, the local authorities and various Charitable Trusts.

The Agency has undertaken an extensive range of community development work across Cornwall for the past 19 years. Our field work has included: community development work on a wide range of issues with groups in the rural areas and small towns; housing management projects; town development projects; rural strategic development work; work with the elderly and with young people; and with schools and

groups of young people to develop young people volunteering projects and peer support schemes. We have worked extensively with the local authorities and with numerous town and parish councils. We have established operating partnerships with several voluntary sector agencies.

ECCVS has developed a strong track record in working with groups in rural communities and has acquired an excellent reputation locally as being an approachable source of constructive advice and support. The agency has made several contributions to national and local organisations' interested in this type of work.

ECCVS has firmly established itself as a source of help in matters of funding, governance, community development, and training for voluntary and community groups in East Cornwall. Recently some ECCVS work has been extended Countywide, such as the 'Signpost' newsletter and governance training. Also through the Cornwall Infrastructure Partnership, ECCVS runs the North Cornwall and Caradon Inter-link development projects which is part of Inter-link Cornwall.

The staff management team of the ECCVS has extensive experience of community development, economic development and organisational issues. All field work staff have appropriate university degrees and experience.

## Our mission:

We work to increase the capabilities of local communities by identifying community issues, needs and problems and then working with local groups to develop relevant community solutions.

In accomplishing this, we promote, develop and support those voluntary and community organisations and groups which are central to community life.

## Our aim:

- To provide high quality advice, information and support to community and voluntary groups.
- To develop effective networks of communication, cooperation and partnership with and among community and voluntary groups.
- To actively participate in forums and partnerships with other voluntary, statutory and private organisations within the County, regionally and nationally in order to benefit our mission.
- To provide and facilitate valued training relevant to our mission.
- To promote community and economic regeneration.
- To assist in the development of sustainable community and voluntary sector services to meet needs and demands.