

Councils for Voluntary Service

In a nutshell . . .

- **CVS** bring together local voluntary and community groups to promote and develop the effectiveness of local voluntary action.
- **CVS** operate at the heart of their local communities, and on average bring together over 200 local groups.
- **CVS** provide a wide range of services, information, advice, support and training.
- **CVS** assist in the development of new groups, identify new needs and develop initiatives for meeting them.
- **CVS** partnerships can involve key local organisations: unitary, district and county councils, health authorities, training and enterprise councils and local businesses.
- **CVS** act as channels for local groups to voice their opinions on local and national issues and policy.
- **CVS** provide this support in a special way and with particular values, working with people, groups and communities in a flexible, open way and challenging inequality.