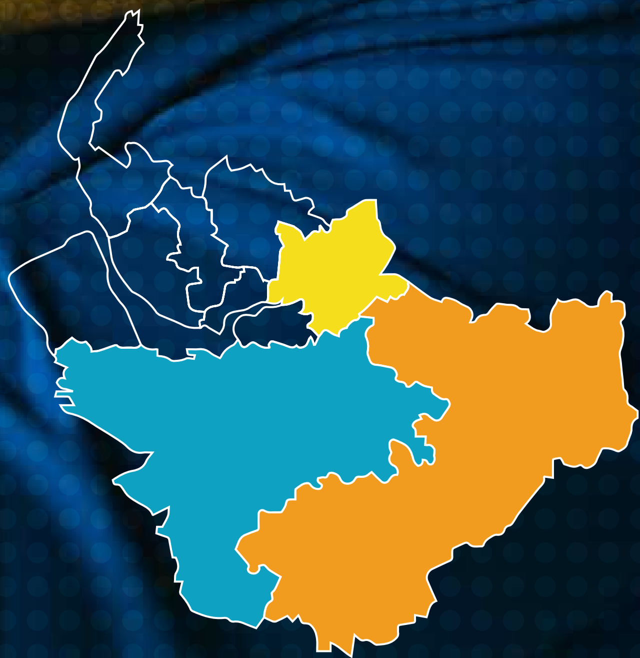
CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE

State of the Sector report

CHESHIRE

Summary Review 2023



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Cheshire Summary

Size and scope of the VCFSE sector in Cheshire

Number to registered charities	2,408	30%
Community Interest Companies (CICs)	312	4%
Companies Limited by Guarantee (CLGs)	1,615	20%
Registered Societies	99	1%
Community Sports Clubs	99	1%
Below the radar groups (BTR)	3,458	43%
Total	**8081**	

Size of workforce

Number of paid staff	14,565
Number of volunteers (once a month minimum)	135,582
Number of regular volunteers	55,828
Volunteer hours per week	180,883

Value of workforce

Value of paid staff	£347.9 million per year
Value of volunteering	£102.5 million per year
Total	**£450.4 million per year**

Economic contribution of the VCFSE sector in Cheshire

£416.2 million GVA per year

Summary of Cheshire Survey Responses

- **154** groups in Cheshire responded to the survey
- The majority of surveyed groups were registered charities **(51%)** with **10%** of groups reporting as unincorporated associations (below the radar). This is skewed in comparison to the total number of organisations in the sub-region as detailed above.
- **62%** of groups are over **10** years old, with only **5%** of groups reporting that their organisation was formed in the last 12 months.
- Groups are more likely to be working at either a whole local authority **(32%),** or local neighbourhood **(32%)** level.
- **68%** of surveyed groups are micro-small sized organisations earning less than **£100k** a per year.
- **28%** of groups main activities fall under wellbeing, health and social care as the most common area of work with **11%** operating across Cheshire.

This executive summary report should be read in tandem with the wider Cheshire and Merseyside State of the Sector report to help the reader relate findings to wider regional and national trends where it may be of interest to do so. Additionally, important data caveats are contained within the regional report to be aware of when interpreting these findings.

- In terms of beneficiaries, **25%** of groups report supporting "everyone" followed by children and young people (**11%**) and older people (**10%**).
- The most common source of funding for organisations is through fundraising and donations (**25%**) followed by charging for goods and services (**21%**), local authority grants (**13%**) and charitable trusts/foundations (**13%**).
- Of groups that employed paid staff, **42%** of these staff were full-time and **52%** were part-time.
- **81%** of organisations in Cheshire with paid staff pay the Real Living Wage or above.
- **97%** of organisations utilise volunteers with **87%** of these organisations reporting that volunteers are essential for the running of their organisation.
- The most popular priority for Cheshire groups over the next **12 months** is sourcing funding opportunities (**16%**) followed by recruiting and retaining volunteers (**13%**) and organisational planning and strategy (**10%**).

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