



Pembrokeshire
voluntary sector almanac
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key facts and figures

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The voluntary sector in Pembrokeshire

The publication of this first Voluntary Sector Almanac for Pembrokeshire is an important step forward in raising greater awareness about the sector, its scope and contribution to the life of the county. Such knowledge can inform policy makers, assist in planning, help in the monitoring of the sector and put the sector into perspective within the context of Pembrokeshire, Wales and the UK.

The sector is constantly evolving, however, and it is therefore proposed to revise and update the Almanac on an annual basis as a way of tracking these changes. Future editions will utilise a new database that is currently being developed which, with the collaboration of the sector, will help us to build an increasingly sophisticated picture of the contribution made by the voluntary sector to the social and economic well being of Pembrokeshire.

Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) welcomes constructive feedback on this first edition, and would be particularly keen to hear about what you would like to see included in future editions.

Researching the sector

PAVS holds and updates information about voluntary and community groups operating in the county. Currently 613 voluntary organisations are included on the PAVS database which has been used as the starting point for the information published for the first time in the form of an almanac.

In the first quarter of 2003 the Association carried out research to begin to build a more detailed picture of the make up and contribution of the sector. All organisations on the main database were contacted by post and asked to respond by returning a completed form which was designed to collect additional information that had not been included on the existing database. One hundred and eighty-six completed forms were returned and this information has been used as a representative sample to extrapolate key facts and figures about the potential make-up and contribution of the sector in Pembrokeshire.

In addition, two further pieces of research were carried out in late summer 2003 focussing on volunteering. The analysis of the results from this research will feed into later editions of the full almanac, the current full version of which can be accessed from the PAVS website at www.pavs.org.uk or on request from the PAVS office.

Employment and volunteering

It is estimated that the sector provides employment for 1549 people in Pembrokeshire with 45% of these jobs being full time. Over 5,600 people are involved as trustees of voluntary organisations and a further 13,743 people volunteer performing a wide range of duties in varied settings.

Volunteers and trustees contribute an average of three hours per week, which if valued against current notional rates of £13.85 for management time and £7.75 for project worker time, would be the equivalent of over £28 million per year or well over £0.5 million every week.

These figures do not take into account 'informal volunteering', (assisting neighbours and communities outside of formal organisations), a tradition which is particularly strong in Welsh speaking communities in the North of the county, or the huge contribution of those involved as informal carers. It is difficult to value this, although it has been estimated that informal volunteering runs at a rate of between two and three times that of formal volunteering. This would suggest a value for the overall contribution made by volunteers in Pembrokeshire somewhere in the region of £84 million per year.

The National perspective

The voluntary sector mobilises the energies of more people than any other part of civil society in Wales. It consists of a broad range of people, organisations, and communities who act independently of the state, for the public benefit, and not for private financial gain. It includes voluntary organisations, community groups, volunteers, self-help groups, community co-operatives and enterprises, and faith organisations. It is active every minute of every day in every community in Wales, and it makes a significant contribution to every aspect of the economic, cultural, social and environmental life of Wales. The sector involves over 30,000 organisations, nearly 23,000 employees and 1.12m volunteers. It has an annual income of £630m and together, its income and the value of volunteer time are the equivalent of 8.7% of GDP in Wales. Of the total number of voluntary organisations in Wales, 773 are National and a further 1266 operate regionally, providing both services and expertise which can be drawn on by communities across Pembrokeshire.

£2,066,748
of Objective 1
funding, excluding
match funding, has
been drawn into the
county by voluntary and
community organisations
since the programme began
representing a total
project value of over
£4 million

£2.9
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A brief profile of the sector in Pembrokeshire

- 81% are local organisations, located in and operating within Pembrokeshire
- 12% are regional mostly operating in West Wales
- 7% are national covering all of Wales
- 58% are registered charities
- 16% are Companies Ltd by guarantee

Types of organisations

- 33% are involved with sport or recreation
- 12% provide advice and information services
- 11% are involved in managing community buildings
- 10% are concerned with disability
- 8% have an interest in heritage and or the arts
- 7% work with young people
- 7% have an interest in the environment, animal welfare or housing
- 12% other

Income

- 17% of organisations have an income under £1000
- 33% between £1,000 and £10,000
- 16% between £10,000 and £100,000
- 11% between £100,000 and £250,000
- 5% have an income of more than £250,000
- 18% unknown

Applying these figures to the sector as a whole in Pembrokeshire, would suggest an annual income of more than £27 million or £236.57 per head of population on an annual basis

