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Sources of support for your community group or project

It can seem lonely running a small community or voluntary project, but there are many sources of support once you know what you need. Here are a few that might have the information or guidance you need.

National organisations

Charity Commission
The Charity Commission is the government agency that manages the Charity Register and regulates charities. They issue a wide range of guidance to help charities comply with their statutory obligations.

Charity Excellence Framework
The Charity Excellence Framework offers a treasure trove of free resources to small charities including a quality standard framework.

Financial Service Authority
As well as overseeing financial services, the Financial Services Authority also manages the Mutuals Public Register of co-operatives and friendly societies.

Fundraising Regulator
The Fundraising Regulator was established to ensure ethical fundraising practices. The regulator is responsible for managing and enforcing the Code of Fundraising Practice.

His Majesty's Revenue and Customs
Among many other functions, HMRC manages the Gift Aid scheme and also maintains the register of Community Amateur Sports Clubs and other organisations recognised as charities for tax purposes.

Information Commissioner's Office
The ICO oversees the General Data Protection Regulation, regulates data governance, develops codes of practice, and offers guidance on compliance. If you hold data in any form, you need to register with the ICO.

Improving Quality
Improving Quality is a free and accessible quality assurance framework for small charities.

Locality
Locality is the national campaigning body for local community organisations.

National Council of Voluntary Organisations
The NCVO is a national membership body for charities and community organisations. They offer many useful resources and membership is free if your annual turnover is less than £50,00.

Local organisations

	Community Action Dacorum CAD is the membership support agency for charities and community organisations operating in the area covered by Dacorum Borough Council.
	Community Alliance Broxbourne & East Herts CABEH is the membership support agency for charities and community organisations operating in the areas covers by East Herts District Council and Broxbourne Borough Council.
	Community Development Agency for Herts Herts CDA is the agency fostering healthy, sustainable, connected rural communities throughout Hertfordshire. Among other services, they support village halls and community centres.
	Communities 1st Communities 1st is the membership support agency for charities and community organisations operating in St Albans, Welwyn Hatfield and Hertsmere.
	Hertfordshire Community Foundation HCF nurtures and encourages local philanthropy and manages small grant programmes for local charities.
	Herts Community Leaders Forum HCLF is an informal network of community leaders in Hertfordshire, bringing together charity CEOs, local authority commissioners, and local activists. HCLF also hosts the Hertfordshire Fundraising database.
	Herts Sports and Physical Activity Partnership HSP is the support agency for sport and physical activity across Hertfordshire - hosted by the University of Hertfordshire.
	North Herts CVS NHCVS is the membership support agency for charities and community organisations operating in the areas covered by North Herts District Council and Stevenage Borough Council. They also host the county-wide network for volunteering: Go Vol Herts.
	Watford & Three Rivers Trust W3RT is the membership support agency for charities and community organisations operating in Watford Borough and Three Rivers District.
	The Herts Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Alliance The VCFSE Alliance is a network of civil society organisations active in Hertfordshire. It is funded by the NHS and particularly feeds into NHS planning around stronger communities and improved wellbeing.