

Background

Wear Valley Action Group was formerly known as Wear Valley Customer Panel and seeks views from tenants on housing services. When the housing associations in County Durham amalgamated the group were tasked with finding their own funding or else the group would have to disperse. The group has fifteen trustees and regularly run events for residents on issues affecting them e.g. cyber crime and fraud They also carry out consultations to find out what activities and events residents would like to see locally and organise subsidised trips.



Support from DCA

DCA have supported the action group by producing an appropriate constitution for them which has allowed them to submit funding applications to County Durham Community Foundation and Awards for All. This funding will allow them to continue their work in gathering residents' views, providing community events, providing subsidised transport for meetings and trips and volunteer expenses. DCA has provided support with the funding applications and they attended a funding fair organised by DCA at which they spoke to some other potential funders.



"We have found DCA's support very helpful and would have given up without it."

Lesley Mellis,
Volunteer

