



Working for the Voluntary and Community sector



Annual Report

2007 – 2008

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Forum Voices and Representatives
of the voluntary and community sector**

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Chair's Report

Over the past year the Forum has gradually moved back to a position of strength in representing the voluntary sector in Reading following a lull when the chair and a number of long-standing Committee members stood down last year.

A committed and dedicated Forum Committee have worked hard to manage the Forum's business over the months since our last AGM, with the help of Anne Laing, Partnership Manager at Reading Voluntary Action, who has provided first class support to the Forum during a busy time when she has faced many other demands on her time. The Committee organised a very informative and well attended Forum event in early March at which voluntary sector organisations had the opportunity to give their views on Reading's draft Sustainable Community Strategy.

The most exciting development for the Forum over the past year has been our success in earning a half a million pound grant for the 'Stronger Together' project to develop the capacity of the voluntary sector in Reading over the next three years. The project formally commenced in April 2008 and brings together the Forum, Reading Voluntary Action, and the forums which represent special interests within the voluntary sector locally, and is already bringing increased co-operation and communication between Stronger Together consortium members.

Later this year the Reading 2020 Local Strategic Partnership will be restructuring into a smaller partnership with fewer places reserved for voluntary sector representatives. In order to meet this challenge, the Forum has led the way in setting up arrangements for electing cross-sector representatives to the partnership at our AGM, and has established channels for communication and liaison between the wide range of interests within the sector which need to be represented on the Partnership through the Stronger Together consortium.

The Forum has also played a role in helping to establish the Greater Reading Environment Network – a new alliance of green groups in the area which plays a welcome role in bringing together a number of organisations which have until now been under-represented in the voluntary sector's formal work in Reading.

Chair's report cont'd

Priorities for the year ahead will be to increase and develop the membership of the Forum still further, especially among neighbourhood-level and community based groups, and to add to the numbers on the Forum Committee, which has been kept afloat by a dedicated but small group of long-standing members for several years now.

During the year we said goodbye to Richard Usher and Michael Beaven, our Secretary and Treasurer. Many thanks are due to Richard and Michael for their sterling work over many years on behalf of the Forum. We thank Paul Harper for his input in recent months and welcome Anna Fowler as the new Co-ordinator for the Forum, working as part of the Stronger Together team.

Peter Burt, Chair of The Forum 2007/8



The Forum Committee (10 places)

The committee plans and oversees the work of the Forum

The Partnership Development Manager at Reading Voluntary Action and the Forum Coordinator support the Committee.

Chair: Peter Burt, Credit Union Study Group – Chair from Sept 2007

Treasurer: Michael Beaven, RESOURCE – stood down 31st March 2008

Secretary: Richard Usher, VC Reading, stood down 8th November 2008

Vic Hills, Reading Chair of RCVYS

Steve Masters, Berks Older People's Lesbian & Gay Forum (BOLGAF)

Cecily Mwaniki – Utulivu Women's Group

Liz Nyawade , Sahara & Sakoma

Mikko Summala, Thames Valley Churches Homeless Support

Malcolm Stone, RFTRA – with effect from 27th March 2008

Partnership Development Manager's Report

This year has finally seen the success of the Big Lottery Fund grant application for the Stronger Together programme. The approval in January 2008 enabled the recruitment of the Stronger Together staff team to commence; four new posts will serve The Forum, The Faith Forum, Sakoma and Reading Children & Voluntary Youth Service (RCVYS) and include a Reading 2020 (LSP) Development Worker. The team moved into new offices in London Street in April and provides an accessible base to all the forums links.

Earlier in November 2007, at the Reading 2020 Annual Meeting, 55 groups from the voluntary and community sector exhibited their services as part of 'Partnership in Practice' Event. This was hugely popular with over 200 participants and demonstrated to statutory partners and service managers the breadth of services available at grassroots and the ability of the sector to work together for the benefit of Reading residents.

Working closely with RCVYS Forum Voices, Laura and Ben, the Locality Working Event brought into focus how important this issue will be for the sector in future partnership working. The Children Action Teams now building in each of the 4 Reading areas will become key for sector representation and partnership links.

The Sustainable Communities Strategy and Local Area Agreements have been significant elements of partnership work culminating in a consultation event 'Priorities for a Sustainable Community' as part of the Forum programme at which some key issues for the sector emerged, particularly around procurement.

A good deal of work has been undertaken with other partners and representatives within the Social Inclusion Advisory Group which has presented its' conclusions and recommendations in a Final Report following the Pilot Project – see the SIAG section for further details.

Review of the Local Strategic Partnership structure has been another key work area, concluding with a reduction from the present 30+ to a 13 strong board with a clearer strategic decision making role. The voluntary and community sector will have 2 representatives between them, to be elected at The Forum AGM.

Many thanks to the team of Forum Voices who have represented the sector throughout the year. We would also thank the Berkshire West PCT for the joint funding of the Partnership Development Manager post, which is crucial to ensuring VCS inclusion in strategic and operational service programmes.

Anne Laing, Partnership Development Manager RVA 0118 9584849



Reading 2020

The Local Strategic Partnership

The work of the Reading 2020 Local Strategic Partnership has continued to be dominated by Reading's Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Sustainable Community Strategy over recent months.

Work on the 2007 LAA is now complete, and the focus is now on implementing and monitoring the action needed to meet the targets in the 2007 agreement. The new LAA for 2008 is currently in the process of being signed off between Reading Borough Council, the lead agency, and the Government Office for the South East (GOSE).

The new agreement is very much a compromise between central government's aspirations and those of local partners, and most members of the partnership feel that targets they would have wished to be included in the partnership have had to be omitted to allow certain government requirements to be included. One indicator which is particularly important to the voluntary sector, on creating an environment for a thriving third sector, looks unlikely to be included in the final agreement, which is a disappointment.

The consultation draft of the Sustainable Community Strategy was released early in the New Year, and soon afterwards the Forum organised a very successful workshop aimed at giving feedback on the content of the draft. We are now awaiting production of the final version of the Strategy.

The theme of the Reading 2020 Local Strategic Partnership's annual stakeholder event, which took place in November, was 'Partnership in Practice', and the event was designed to showcase the role the voluntary and community sector plays in the town. Well over 50 groups from the sector took part in the event at the Old Town Hall. Tim Clewer, the Faith Forum representative on the Partnership, gave an inspiring address about the value that volunteering adds to communities and the economy in Reading.

Over the course of the year the voluntary sector-led Social Inclusion Advisory Group undertook an investigation into social inclusion issues affecting children and young people. Some excellent work was done in genuine partnership with staff from Reading Borough Council, and the Group's report and recommendations have been well received by the Reading 2020 LSP Board and senior managers in the council.

Reading 2020 cont'd

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During the course of the year the Local Strategic Partnership decided to restructure itself into a smaller and hopefully more effective body. Negotiations over the shape of the new partnership have not always been plain sailing, as a number of organisations will lose representation on the LSP Board.

The membership of the Board in future will be: Reading Borough Council 2 seats, Police 1 seat, Universities 1 seat, Primary Care Trust 1 seat, Fire and Rescue Service 1 seat, Private Sector 2 seats, the Environment Agency 1 seat, Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership 1 seat, Voluntary and Community Sector 2 seats.

Having just two voices to represent the hundreds of organisations in our sector is a challenge which The Forum will have to meet with clear and accessible structures for communication between the sector and the two representatives. Elections for these representatives will take place at the Forum AGM.

Thanks are due to Anne Laing, who has provided impressive and invaluable support to the sector's representatives over the past year, and has also played a key role in shaping the new partnership. Joanita Lwanga commenced work as the new LSP support officer for the 'Stronger Together' consortium in April, and we very much look forward to working with her.

Peter Burt
Mike Martin

Forum representatives on Reading 2020 Local Strategic Partnership

Social Inclusion Advisory Group

Reading's Social Inclusion Advisory Group was established through Reading 2020 LSP with a mandate to ensure that there is a coherent and effective approach to implementing social inclusion policies within the delivery of Partnership programmes. Representation is drawn from statutory agencies and the VCS representatives, with specialist co-opted members.

For its first investigation, the Group opted to undertake a pilot study of limited scope into a specific area for which it would not be necessary to collect new field-based data. The Group decided to investigate issues relating to children and young people facing social exclusion, sitting at the interface between the Safer and Stronger Communities and Children and Young People's blocks of the LAA

The group's work concerning the strategy, targets and scrutiny arrangements in relation to those issues affecting children and young people led to a series of recommendations, set out in the final report. These were accepted for action through the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership.

In addition the Group made some more general recommendations concerning its role and remit: which were approved by the LSP at their April 2008 meeting

- Membership of the Social Inclusion Advisory Group should be formalised and developed further, by establishing a standing membership that includes a senior management representative from Reading Borough Council and / or the Berkshire West Primary Care Trust. The Group's terms of reference should also be reviewed to ensure they match the future role of the Group.
- The Group should take a disciplined project management approach to its work and the use of the Equalities Impact Assessment methodology by the Group should be investigated further. Consideration should be given to developing a joint programme of work using this approach with practitioners from Reading Borough Council and other statutory partners.
- The Social Inclusion Advisory Group should continue to work as an independent body reporting to the Local Strategic Partnership, but with closer links to other delivery partnerships relevant to the Group's work.

SIAG cont'd

- The Chair of the Reading 2020 Local Strategic Partnership should personally endorse the Group's work programme and request service directors and managers to co-operate with the Group's work.

Special thanks are due to Tim Clewer for his Chairmanship of the group through a very challenging period and to Peter Burt for drawing up the final report of the pilot, not forgetting the individual voluntary and community sector group representatives who played their part throughout.

Anne Laing, Partnership Development Manager 0118 958 4849



Healthier Reading Partnership

Early in the year the Partnership reviewed its Terms of Reference as a thematic partnership with ultimate responsibility to the Local Strategic Partnership for Partnership agreed services.

One of the partnership's key roles is as an advisory group in development of policies and strategies which provide a partnership framework for those services; highlighted this year were:

- Alcohol Misuse Reduction Policy & Action Plan. The problem of alcohol misuse is highlighted in a number of partnerships and is one of the key social issues affecting health and wellbeing.
- Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) – the Healthier Communities & Older People block
- Local Area Agreements - including health issues identified within the SCS.
- Local Involvement Networks
- The Ageing Well Strategy

The Ageing Well Strategy has been developed through the online survey 'Older People's Priorities Consultation'. This has enabled the gathering of key information from individuals on local needs. Through analysis of the information it is hoped to develop a more holistic view on how to enable a greater number of older people to live more active and independent lives.

The Partnership meets quarterly and will be greatly strengthened by the election of the voluntary and community sector representative voice.

Anne Laing, Partnership Development Manager, 0118 9584849



Forum Voices Representatives Team 2007-8

Reading 2020 (Local Strategic Partnership)

2 Places

The overarching 'partnership of partnerships' bringing together the senior decision makers from the private, statutory and voluntary sectors in Reading to agree the Sustainable Community Strategy for the Borough.

Mike Martin, Reading Voluntary Action

Peter Burt, Credit Union Study Group

Social Inclusion Advisory Group

1 Place

A scrutiny sub-group reporting to the Local Strategic Partnership on Implementation of social inclusion of services within the Community Strategy.

Tim Clewer, The Mustard Tree Foundation

Compact Steering Group

10 Places

(includes 2 from black & minority ethnic groups, 2 from community groups with income of less than £5000 p.a. and 1 from RCVYS).

Compact is the formal liaison between Reading Borough Council and the voluntary and community sector. The group comprises Council Officers and Councillors and representatives from the local NHS Trusts.

Mike Martin, Reading Voluntary Action*

Vic Hills, RCVYS

Richard Usher, Volunteer Centre Reading to November 2007

Bianca Gallipoli, Berks Association for Children & Young People

Peter Burt, Chair of The Forum*

5 Vacancies

**Manager of RVA and Chair of the Forum each has an automatic seat*

Connect Reading

2 Places

Exploring opportunities for collaboration between the corporate and voluntary sectors.

Richard Usher, Reading Voluntary Action to November 2007

Karen Morton, Coeliac UK - Berkshire

Drugs & Alcohol Action Team

1 Place

Partners from NHS, Reading Borough Council, Probation, the Police and the voluntary sector to plan and implement substance abuse strategy for Reading.

Mark Thomas, Reading YMCA (to April 2008)

Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

1 Place

Planning & implementing services in Reading for people with learning disabilities

Vacant

Healthier Reading Partnership

1 Place

The main partnership body with senior officers from Reading Borough Council and local NHS agencies overseeing strategy for health & social care partnership work in Reading.

Vacant

RVA's Partnership Development Manager sits on this group in an officer role

Reading Declaration Group

2 Places

The development of the Reading 2020 Community Cohesion framework.

Linda Clifford-Hayes with effect from April 2008

Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

**2 Places + 1 Place
on the Executive**

Planning & implementation of services in Reading for children & young people

Laura Collard, RCVYS Exec & Children's Information Centre

Karen Ross, RCVYS Exec & Relate Berkshire

Ben Cross, RCVYS Development Worker

The Board supports sub-groups to which RCVYS groups provide representation.

0-6 - Laura Collard & Ruth Fleming

7-13 - Mary Jacobs

14+ - Karen Ross & Lorraine Bloor

Safety - Tim Clewer

Health - Mary Jacobs



Could you be a Forum Voice?

The Forum is at the heart of the Voluntary and Community Sectors' representation & influence in Reading. It aims to strengthen the voice of voluntary and community groups & to promote the effectiveness of the sector to play a strategic role.

**Call Anna Fowler to discuss being a Representative.
Tel. 0118 958 4849**

or email: anna@volaction.demon.co.uk

Compact Steering Group

Reading Compact has continued to be a significant forum in 2007/08 for addressing the relationship between Reading Borough Council (RBC), the Berkshire West Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the local voluntary and community sector. The following issues have been dealt with in meetings:

- Commissioning and procurement of services by local statutory agencies and the need for contracting processes to be more “sector friendly” and for voluntary organisations to be more skilled at engaging with such processes. This is a challenging agenda, driven by central Government. The jury is still out as to whether local organisations can benefit since many of the other pressures on commissioning bodies favour large scale contracts and national organisations with the resources to pursue competitive tendering.
- A complaint by a voluntary organisation about its treatment by a directorate of RBC. The Compact only looks at the broader issues which complaints may bring to light that concern the principles of the Compact (e.g. good practice in consultation). In this case it was established that the matter was going through an RBC complaints process and it was resolved not to go into it any further until that journey had been completed and the outcome was known.
- Grant aid support from RBC and the PCT. The Council was supported by representatives who acknowledged that a substantial programme of support totalling around £3 million had been sustained for 2008/09 in spite of considerable financial constraints. Also discussed was the PCT’s review of major grants, the role of grant liaison officers and the process by which grants are awarded. There is plenty of room for improvement in this respect.
- The Compact also backed a proposal to work towards the establishment of a Community Groups Resource Centre for the whole of Reading as a result of which a proposal was taken to the full Council Meeting of RBC, which endorsed the proposal. Much work will have to be done to turn this possibility into a reality.

Reading Voluntary Action and RBC are pooling resources to promote the Compact more widely and produce a well designed leaflet to this end.

Mike Martin, Director, Reading Voluntary Action

CYPSP (Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership) Executive and Board

This year your representatives have been:

Laura Johnson Collard RCVYS Exec & Director of Children's Information Centre
Karen Ross RCVYS Exec & Chief Executive of Relate
Ben Cross – RCVYS Development Worker

The CYPSP spent part of 2007 developing into the Children's Trust for Reading. The Children's Trust remains a partnership of representatives from organisations who deliver services to Children and Young People. Senior managers and council officers meet bi-monthly to ensure that the Children and Young people's plan for Reading is helping services to set and meet local priorities. The Logic Model priorities are a user friendly way to link services to service users and have been used in Reading to develop a common service delivery structure for outcomes based work at the community level. This year the partnership has also been instrumental in setting the framework for Locality Working and the development of locality-based Children's Action Teams (CATs).

The CYPSP has now completed its transition into a Children's Trust. The structure of these is now more involved with several long-term commissioning groups, a small selection of short-term commissioning groups, and the formation of a Joint Commissioning Group which will oversee all common commissioning for Reading-wide projects. The voluntary sector should have at least one representative on each of these working groups. The representatives are selected through RCVYS, which also elects representatives to CYPSP. The development of Locality Working through the CATs will generate ongoing review of the working group structure.

Major developments this year:

Children and Young People's Plan

Many of you will have been consulted for the REFRESH of the Plan. Your contributions ensure that the voluntary, community and faith sector is involved in decisions around priorities. The plan represents mutually agreed priorities for organisations providing services for Children and Young People.

CYPSP cont'd.

Participation and Engagement

This continues to be a priority for the CYPSP. The Participation Toolkit is easy to use and can help to ensure that we are engaging with children, young people and their families.

Information Sharing

CAF (Common Assessment Framework) – Many organisations have sent staff on CAF training, approximately 15% of those trained came from the voluntary, faith and community sector.

ContactPoint – This used to be the Information Sharing Index. This is still being developed both nationally and locally by a cross-Berkshire team. The index will support professionals by providing basic information about which services Children and Young People might be receiving, so that the most appropriate support can be given to a family without duplicating referrals.

Logic Modelling

The Logic Modelling process has looked at developing a set of priorities for the delivery and commissioning of services in Reading in the future. These are:

- *Children and Young People who are happy coping with change and challenge*
- *Children and Young People who are enthusiastic and skilled learners*
- *Children and Young People who value themselves and others*

You are likely to see these quoted frequently in documents related to children and young people.

Please remember that Karen, Laura and Ben are your representatives and that they can better represent you if they have feedback from you. These representatives attend RCVYS meetings and Forum meetings, they are also available by e-mail or phone. RCVYS is the best place to go for current information. Your input into the Change for Children agenda is important.

Laura Collard, RCVYS representative, Director Children's Information Centre

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Ben Cross – RCVYS Development Worker

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RCVYS (Reading Children and Voluntary Youth Service)

Karen Ross – Chief Exec – Relate, RCVYS Exec Member & Forum Voice
Ben Cross – RCVYS Development Worker

RCVYS seeks to inform, support, advise, and represent Voluntary, Community and Faith (VCF) organisations that work with children and young people across the wider Reading area through an elected Executive comprising seven members and elected representatives to the CYPSP – now the Reading Children’s Trust. It also provides elected representatives (acting as Forum Voices) on a wide range of Children’s Trust committees and project groups. Through RCVYS groups feed into the Children and Young People’s agenda and process and information and feedback is relayed to them.

RCVYS have also been involved in the following key areas over the last year:

- Promoting and supporting the Youth Opportunities Fund/Youth Capital Fund amongst VCF groups, contributing to 57% of successful applications coming from VCF groups and organisations, and being awarded over 67% of the available funds. This work was recognised as an example of good practice in the SEYP and GOSE good practice document that was recently published.
- Improving our marketing and image to the wider community with a common identity and brand across all our stationery, business cards, leaflets, display boards, newsletters and website (www.rcvys.org.uk).
- Under the Children’s Workforce Development agenda, RCVYS has been key in developing greater opportunities for VCF groups to access statutory training courses at discounted rates, as well as engaging in the process of creating of a set of common core induction standards. We were also successful in a bid to the Children’s Workforce Development Council under their Workforce Strategy Partners’ Programme for £60k over 3 years. This has led to a relaunching and promotion of the RCVYS Training Bursary to help VCF groups apply for funding to cover the cost of training.
- Working to identify opportunities for youth volunteering through being a consortium member of the National Youth Volunteering Programme for Reading and West Berkshire, run by BACYP through their Vinolved Team.
- Working with the Extended Schools team to provide further opportunities for VCF groups to engage in the Extended Schools programme.
- RCVYS was involved in the support and allocation procedure of PAYP funding for the coming year.
- RCVYS is a key partner in the development of the Youth Offer 2008 under the Publicising Positive Activities project.
- RCVYS is a member of the mYPlace project group looking at developing a world-class youth facility here in Reading.

For more information contact Ben Cross on 07872 958501 or ben@rcvys.org.uk



Connect Reading

Connect Reading is a partnership between the business, public and voluntary sectors that works to create a better quality of life for all in greater Reading and provides information and facilitates community involvement opportunities for businesses. Karen Morton and Richard Usher have been the Forum representatives on Connect Reading. This is a different set up from most partnerships in that Connect Reading is a charitable company, so they are actually trustees of the organisation.

This year the team challenges have been particularly successful. This is a where a team of people from a local business take a day to undertake work of community benefit. For example:

- Novatel painted the canteen at Reading Girls School
- BG Group and Yell helped with Oxford Road Community Garden
- Oracle Corporation worked at Caversham Court Gardens
- Lombard worked at Southcote primary school, youth and community centre and children's centre
- Babcock Infrastructure Services did decorating at Albert Road Centre for the elderly

Connect Reading also runs quarterly forums bringing together the sectors to consider issues of mutual interest. There could be a greater presence from the local VCS than we have seen over the year. Even topics that may not appear to be immediately relevant to the sector often contain lots of useful information. If you want to know what's going on – make the forums a priority! This year we saw:

October 2007 - Sustainable Supply Chains, with speakers from Forum for the Future, Catalyst Housing Association, and Choose the Alternative (a small local business).

December 2007 - Sustainability is good for business, with speakers from a range of organisations looking at the benefit of a green approach. Connect Reading has also facilitated the development of Reading Area Charities Together, which provides a way of encouraging payroll giving from local businesses to benefit local charities and continues to encourage the donations of goods to local organisations, and encourages local business people to consider becoming charity trustees by working closely with Reading Volunteer Centre.

Connect Reading cont'd.

February 2008 - Reading's future development, with speakers from Reading Borough Council, SEEDA and Reading UK CIC

There are plenty of opportunities for local voluntary organisations to benefit from the work of Connect Reading – just get in touch with your requirements. If you are not yet a member, then we recommend that you consider joining.

Connect Reading is currently putting together a new business plan, and has been doing lots of thinking about where it wants to be in 5 years time, and how best it can continue to serve Reading, its organisations and its communities.

More information from the website www.connectreading.co.uk

Karen Morton, May 2008



The Stronger Together programme is now underway and we hope that in another year you will all be familiar with our logo and will agree that the messages implicit in it are understood and felt across the wider voluntary and community sector.

Contact the Stronger Together Team in the London Street offices on 0118 958 4849

Learning Disability Partnership Board

The Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) was formed in response to the government's 'Valuing People' agenda and includes representatives of people with a Learning Disability, their carers and families and people who work to provide services to them from within the statutory and voluntary sectors.

The LDPB's purpose is to consider how to deliver the strategic aims set out in the latest government agenda 'Valuing People now' locally and monitor progress toward meeting these. It has established seven working groups, each with a specialist focus on the needs of people with Learning Disability:

- Sport and Leisure
- Ways to work
- Transition and education
- Workforce Planning
- Person centred and health action planning
- Day service modernisation
- Housing

The groups report to the broad partnership, which meets every two months, and to a core strategic group made up of representatives from each working group.

The LDPB undertook a major local consultation exercise during December '07 to March '08, in common with the rest of the country, in response to the challenges posed by the government's new agenda set out in 'Valuing People Now' – see <http://valuingpeople.gov.uk/dynamic/valuingpeople4.jsp> Whilst most people agreed with the objectives set out in the report, the key feedback was that it needed to be 'given teeth' to deliver the aims set out.

Effective Voluntary and Community Sector representation on the LDPB could play a key role in 'giving teeth' to the local implementation of this agenda but the Forum has not been represented on the LDPB during the past year.

Drawn from LDPB publicity information and web site
www.learningdisabilitiesinreading.co.uk

**Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2008**

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2008 | Total 2007 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Membership | 25 | | 25 | 290 |
| Donations | 400 | | 400 | 1,561 |
| Donations: in-kind | | 804 | 804 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 425 | 804 | 1,229 | 1,851 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Web-site development | 112 | | 112 | 1,875 |
| Fundraising consultancy | | | 0 | 3,381 |
| RVSF meetings | 237 | 1,046 | 1,283 | 1,989 |
| RVSF Representatives' training | | | 0 | 1,518 |
| Other Expenses | | 500 | 500 | 356 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 349 | 1,546 | 1,895 | 8,909 |
| Net movement in funds | 76 | -742 | -666 | -7,058 |
| Total funds b/fwd | 1,127 | 742 | 1,869 | 8,927 |
| Total funds carried forward | 1,203 | 0 | 1,203 | 1,869 |

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2008

| | 31 March 2008 | | 31 March 2007 | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Balance at bank and in hand | 1,303 | | 1,869 | |
| Current assets | 1,303 | | 1,869 | |
| Creditors | -100 | | 0 | |
| Net assets | | 1,203 | | 1,869 |
| Represented by: | | | | |
| FUNDS | | | | |
| Restricted | | 0 | | 742 |
| Unrestricted | | 1,203 | | 1,127 |
| | | 1,203 | | 1,869 |

Donations in-kind represent Forum co-ordinator staff time donated
Other expenses represents payment of the £500 held for the Environment Forum

