

AGENDA FOR ONE COMMUNITIES GROUP MEETING

To be held on Tue 23/09/2025 12:30 - 14:30 in person at North Devon Hospice.

Interim Chairs: Louise Flagg and James Lander

This is an in-person meeting. We cannot effectively accommodate hybrid meetings, if joining online you may be unable to join in any discussions/activities (venue dependent).

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Theme / General		Presenter	Time	Annex
1. Opening Business				
1.1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies <i>Please add to chat who you are/role/organisation.</i>	Chair	10	Verbal
1.2	Minutes of the previous Meeting – see OC group meeting notes 3 6 25	Chair		Annex
1.3	Matters arising (from the previous minutes)	Chair		Verbal
1.4	Actions log	Chair		Verbal
2. One Communities: Sharing successes / issues and barriers				
3.1	<i>5-mins per One Community to share (e.g. priorities, ideas, programmes, resources, funding, OC governance, OC facilitation)</i>	Chair	40	Group work
3.2	OC System requests for OND	Chair	5	Verbal
3. Opportunities and updates				
3.1	One Northern Devon - <i>Community Well-being and Inclusion Strategic Steering Group</i>	Marie Gould	5	
3.2	Expression of interest to Chair OC group - Cllr Caroline Leader (also Chair of DCC)	Cllr Caroline Leader	5	
3.3	CVS updates (NDVS / TTVS)			
3.4	District Council updates (5-mins per Council)	Adrain Avery / Bev Triggs	10	For info
3.5	Active Devon updates – incl. THIPA	Hannah Shackleton	5	For info
4. Activities / Presentations				
4.1	Ripple mapping: Capturing the change the OCs create	James Lander	40	Presentation / discussion
5. Closing Business				
5.1	Any Other Business	JL	5	Verbal
5.2	Dates of Next Meeting [in-person]: Wed 10/12/2025 12:30 - 14:30	All		Verbal

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Updates and meeting actions (in yellow)

Below are the updates shared from this weeks One Communities group. Thanks to all those who were able to attend in person - its so much nicer to be able to see you in person. **We agreed that we would continue quarterley in person and each One Community will Chair and host the meeting going forwards. One Barnstaple (Ella) has kindly offered to Chair and host our next meeting on Wed 10/12/2025 12:30 - 14:30.**

Updates as shared

3.1 One Northern Devon - *Community Well-being and Inclusion Strategic Steering Group*

Thanks for the opportunity to share an update.

As Chair of the newly merged *Community Well-being and Inclusion Strategic Steering Group*, I was pleased to provide an overview to the OC group yesterday. To confirm this group brings together a fantastic mix of strategic partners from across Northern Devon, supporting the alignment of *One Northern Devon (OND)* and *Northern Devon Futures (NDF)*. Both partnerships are about to publish a joint refreshed strategy, and our group is one of several action-focused working groups co-designing a collaborative action plan to add value across the system.

Our strategic focus includes:

- Tackling **social isolation and loneliness**, using the *community spirit level* as a model.
- Seeking **long-term sustainable funding** for community development across Northern Devon and the One Communities.
- Identifying and amplifying **hidden voices**, breaking down barriers to inclusion.
- Creating a conduit between operational insights and strategic boards, **ensuring lived experience informs decision-making**.

We're learning from the One Communities and those working hard on the ground, listening to gaps and opportunities, and shaping a joined-up response.

In terms of national context, recent research estimates that **volunteering contributed £668 million worth of hours across the UK in 2024**. We're keen to explore what this looks like for Northern Devon — both in terms of economic value and social capital — and how we can better support, recognise, and sustain this vital contribution locally.

Also, watch this space: we're awaiting news on potential funding for our *Intergenerational Digital Inclusion* work, which could further support community connectivity and reduce digital exclusion.

Let me know if you'd like any supporting documents or further detail.

Warm regards,

Marie Gould (NDVS)

3.4 North Devon District Council updates

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- Town Centre Hub, Green Lanes – reminder that there is community space available to book and meeting rooms to hire
- Local Government Reorganisation – lot of discussions currently taking place regarding proposals to be submitted to Government by 28 November 2025. North Devon Council is continuing to work with other Devon Districts on a 1/4/5 model (Plymouth, West Devon, Teignbridge, South Hams, Torbay, Torridge, Mid Devon and East Devon) and also considering options for a northern Devon model. The Government will announce the final models July/August 2026. The new authorities will come into effect May 2028.
- Funding opportunities – reminder that the North Devon Community is available and Community Councillor Grants open until January 2026 and to contact me for further information.

3.5 Active Devon updates

Great to see you yesterday and apologies we had to dip out early.

Thank you for supporting our plan to make THIPA a standing agenda item at all One Community meetings. Please let me know if you require anything further from us to make this happen.

Here are details of the free training courses open to all working within health and wellbeing:

- [Championing Movement for Health - PACC Training - Active Devon](#)
- [Championing Movement for Mental Health - PACC Training - Active Devon](#)
- [Championing Movement for Health – Children and Young People \(PACC training\) - Active Devon](#)

3.3 CVS updates (NDVS / TTVS)

North Devon Voluntary Services has funding again to support our local organisations highlight their need for volunteers by hosting another Revitalising Volunteering Event in Barnstaple in the New Year.

Over the last two years, we have had a huge response from you all in supporting this event and have outgrown the Library as a venue. Next year we are looking to hold the event in Green Lanes Shopping Centre and hope that the venue change will also get us more passing interest from our community members.

Please see the doodle poll below with some suggested dates for a week in February. I would be grateful if you could take a moment to select which date(s) you would be able to attend.

We will run the event in a similar way to previous years, where each organisation will be allocated a space to put up their banners, etc (you will need to bring your own fold-down table on the day if you require one). We will be able to make use of both squares in Green Lanes, Barnstaple, and will also run a wellbeing café, drinks and chat space inside the County Council Hub space and once again I will offer a couple of presentation options to give people a general feel of volunteering.

Due to opening times for the shopping centre we will run the event between 10am and 2.30pm and ask you to commit to staying set up during that period.

<https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/ejJ68xBe>

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Looking forward to getting a date in the diary.

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