

Supporting and Empowering Gloucestershire's Communities for over 100 years

GRCC is an independent charity working countywide within Gloucestershire's communities to inspire, enable, and deliver community action. By doing this we help to create thriving, sustainable places for local people to live and work in. Please call or email us for more information or help.



Community Development

- **VCS Organisations & Volunteering** - Support for recruitment, retention and best practice volunteer management. Help with VCS governance and organisational development - policies, funding, consultation, digital, and much more. VCS networks in each district, and the Cotswold and Cheltenham 'Know Your Patch' networks.
- **Parish and Town Councils** - Support for projects, funding, business planning, climate change, planning, road safety, digital inclusion, wellbeing, and more. Support for community shops, community pubs, and new Community Asset Transfer projects.
- **Community-Led Planning** - Developing 'Green' Parish Plans with communities, CIL and S106 agreements and budget decisions, Neighbourhood Development Plans and Community Design Statements.
- **Flooding and Community Resilience** - Support with Emergency Planning and building Community Resilience to address climate and other events. Recruitment, training and managing flood warden schemes.
- **Village Halls and Community Buildings** - Support with every aspect of effective running and development of community buildings. GRCC facilitates the regular Village and Community Buildings Network meetings.

Rural Affordable Housing

- **Gloucestershire Rural Housing Partnership** - GRCC coordinates this partnership of local authorities and housing associations working together to establish Housing Need and enable the supply of Rural Affordable Housing in Gloucestershire.
- **Housing Needs Surveys** - GRCC conducts, analyses and reports on these to enhance the supply of Rural Affordable Housing in Gloucestershire for GRHP and other clients.
- **Affordable Housing Manager & Rural Housing Enabler** - Working with partners to initiate new Rural Affordable Housing projects.
- **Community-Led Housing** - Supporting community groups to start, site, fund, design, and build their own affordable housing locally.





Digital Equity

- **DAISI (Digital, Accessibility, Inclusion, Support, and Innovation) Project** - Through GRCC's cross-sector DAISI partnership we support and innovate for Gloucestershire's digitally excluded.
- **Countywide Support** - Providing IT equipment, mobile data and training through our Data Bank, Technology Bank, 1:1 support, and workshops.
- **Key projects** - Cotswold and Cheltenham Digital Hubs Lead, RUSTIK (European research project), Tewkesbury's Digi and Tech Navigator, North Cotswolds' Digi and Tech Social Prescribing Link Worker, and constant generation of new projects to reduce digital exclusion in Gloucestershire.

Health and Wellbeing

- **Gloucestershire Community Autism Support and Advice (CASA)** - 1:1 support for autistic adults with an autism diagnosis, including help with workplace Reasonable Adjustments. Regular drop-in sessions across the county, peer support, and other resources which are also open to adults investigating or seeking diagnosis, and family and friends of autistic adults.
- **Virtual Wards** - A pilot project to support patients with their rehabilitation following discharge from hospital, increasing and maintaining their independence through digital and technology solutions.
- **Annual Physical Health Checks** - Working in partnership with GP surgeries to support individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) to access their free Annual Physical Health Checks.
- **Social Prescribing Link Workers** - Based in the North Cotswolds, providing non-clinical support to the patient with all aspects of wellbeing, including Long-Term Health Conditions, mental health, loneliness and isolation, debt and finance.



Bespoke Consultancy

- **Research, Analysis, and Community Engagement** - Designing, conducting, and analysing surveys using specialist survey software. Facilitating meetings, workshops, and community consultations, all designed to meet individual needs.