



Alliance updates



Colligo Labs

State of the Sector research in East Sussex

Last chance to complete the State of the Sector research [survey](#) which closes on 15th August! The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

Our favour to ask of you is to share the link with one other person before it closes. We have received valuable feedback so far and are excited to hear from as many people as possible.

Alliance updates

The **East Sussex VCSE Alliance** plays a central role in shaping local service design, influencing policy, and strengthening the voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) sector. This [summary](#) captures high-level activities and outcomes during April to June of this year.

UOK will be hosting a webinar for World Suicide Prevention Day in collaboration with our partners [Rethink Mental Illness](#) and [Grassroots Suicide Prevention](#).



Title: Staying Safe Together: A Spotlight on Communities and Practical Resources
Date: 10th September
Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

The session will bring together expert speakers and lived experience voices to share practical tools, fresh perspectives, and a vision for collective care.

Please register via the [link](#) and do share with your networks if possible. The full agenda will be added soon.

Wider VCSE sector and networks: news and updates

East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is asking organisations to help spread the word about Adult Social Care and ensure everyone has the information they need to access support.

Order the updated posters and leaflets [here](#).

Want to learn more about adult social care?

What is adult social care?

Will I pay for care?

Is there support for carers?

Read our information leaflets at eastsussex.gov.uk/leaflets

LIQA quality mark for [Rother Voluntary Action](#) (RVA)



Following an intense assessment of evidence, RVA has achieved a Local Infrastructure Quality Accreditation (LIQA) from NAVCA – the national membership body for local infrastructure organisations.

RVA was awarded the accreditation after providing evidence of the quality of our offer and our impact in supporting local voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs) across Rother. An independent body reviewed the evidence against a set of criteria based around NAVCA's four functions of infrastructure: leadership and advocacy; partnerships and collaborations; capacity building; and volunteering and awarded us the quality mark for the next three years.

The accreditation is a recognition of how they deliver each of these functions to a high standard and their commitment to collaborative working with the VCSE sector across Rother.

The LIQA is a respected quality mark that provides confidence to local communities, VCSEs and local strategic partners, funders and commissioners.



[Healthwatch East Sussex](#)

Independent advocacy supports people to have their voices heard, make informed choices and participate in decisions about their health and social care.



Independent advocacy services are free, confidential, and impartial.

We often hear that independent advocacy can be confusing to navigate. It can be tricky to understand when you or someone you care for may benefit from this support.

Healthwatch East Sussex has published two new articles designed to clarify services in the county. Read them [here](#) on our website.

Listening Tour Event

Pebsham Community Hub
25th September 2025, 10am – 12:30pm

We will be holding our next listening tour event in partnership with RVA on the 25th September. We want to hear from organisations working in Rother and local people about health and care services in the area, the factors that impact health, and what can be done to improve things. Further information and the link to sign up can be found [here](#).