

We are here to help all communities become more active, empowered and connected.

Any support you can give helps to make an amazing contribution to our work.

*We invite our Supporters to share our vision – asking them to consider the possibilities of a better world, to help us empower people and leave the world a bit better than when we came into it; inviting them to share our ideals and to help make what was only a thought become a reality.*

## When you give MVA your Support, you help us to...

- **Support 1,000+ local charities** and community groups to deliver sustainable services and activities that help and enrich the lives of local people.
- Work with the voluntary and community sector to help them generate an **additional £6 Million** in external income.
- Deliver community engagement and development across some of our **most marginalised communities** – empowering them to tackle issues that are important to them and develop their agency to make their own lives better. **If you can think of an under-served community in Medway and Swale, MVA are likely working with them** – including: homeless, vulnerable migrants, sex workers, addiction and recovery, LGBTQIA+, People of Global Majority, People living with mental and physical difficulties, GRT, victims of modern slavery and individuals with justice system involvement.
- Facilitate collaborative working and to provide platforms **for charities to radically transform** how they operate – future proofing their services for those that need them the most.
- Provide befriending support that can provide **a lifeline for some of the most lonely and isolated people** in Medway & Swale.
- Work alongside communities experiencing the greatest health inequalities – **providing practical information on cancer screening and earlier diagnosis** as well as empowering people to develop their own interventions through our Community Power and Self-Organisation model.



Every £1  
Gifted in a  
Will helps us  
generate £13  
for other local  
charities



“One of the most effective, relevant and current sessions I’ve ever attended. Absolutely fantastic.”

Charity participating in MVA’s VCS collaboration session



“The group helped me see a positive in a dark situation.”

Without it, he wasn’t sure how he would have coped.

Allan, Befriending service member

## Ways to Give to MVA

### ➤ EasyFundraising

You do your normal spending (no extra shopping required!) and brands donate to our charity. We work with Easyfundraising, who partner over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra, as the cost is covered by the brand – you simply need to register and select MVA as your chosen cause. You can get stated at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mva](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mva).



### ➤ Legacies

Once you have looked after your loved ones, leaving a legacy or Donating in Memory can offer you the opportunity to make a life-long connection to the place, people and services that have touched your life. To find out more visit: <https://bit.ly/3TNW2vl>.

### ➤ Gift in Memory

Giving a gift in memory is a special way to remember someone close, while supporting a cause that was close to them. Many people choose to give a gift in memory when they hear about the passing of a friend, family member or colleague, in lieu of flowers at a funeral, or on a special anniversary. To find out about making a donation to MVA in Memory of someone special to you, visit: <https://bit.ly/4kfxere>.

### ➤ Volunteer

The gift of time is valued by all the team and volunteers are vital to the work we do. Please drop us a line if volunteering with MVA is something you'd like to talk about – Call: 01634 812850 or Email: [volunteering@mva.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@mva.org.uk).

### ➤ Business Partnership

If you are a business leader, you could support MVA in a multitude of ways that could benefit local communities, your staff and customers – to find out more about partnership working with MVA, visit: <https://bit.ly/3TjAhUw>. *If you know of a potential business partner, then recommending MVA to them could also help support our cause.*

### ➤ Donate

It seems simple, but as a local charity that helps 1,000+ local charities, every donation can make a big difference. Please read on for information about how you can make payments to MVA.

### ➤ Raising Funds through Community Fundraising activities

Not only can you raise valued funds to help MVA make a difference locally, your activities can provide fun opportunities to connect with your community, friends and family. If you're looking for some inspiration for your fundraising activity, take a look at MVA's free *A-Z of Fundraising Ideas* by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3ZTfVFi>.



**All funds can be paid to MVA as follows:**

- By post. Pay any cash into your bank (please don't send it by post).

You can then write a cheque (made payable to Council for Voluntary Service (Medway) t/a Medway Voluntary Action) and send it to us at:

MVA  
The Joiners Shop  
Historic Dockyard Chatha  
Chatham  
ME4 4TZ



- By bank transfer. Talk to our Finance Team for more information about this: 01634 812850 or info@mva.org.uk.



- By PayPal to MVA. Although it might be simple, bear in mind that PayPal charge a fee, which reduces your hard-earned donation.

- To make a regular donation, our Finance Team who can talk through your options and they can be contacted on: 01634 812850 or info@mva.org.uk.

**Need help to Supporting and Giving to MVA?**  
Get in touch and we can arrange a call or meeting to support you through the process:

**01634 812850 - info@mva.org.uk**



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