

W3RT & Three Rivers

W3RT vision and purpose



Our purpose

... to build networks, partnerships, alliances and activities that help our community achieve prosperity, wellbeing, togetherness and resilience

Our vision

... a thriving community in which people are prosperous, informed, connected and take responsibility for the wellbeing of themselves and others

Our values

Partnership - communities and organisations gain most when people work together to achieve shared goals

Accountability - community and public services are best provided by voluntary organisations accountable to the communities they serve

Voluntarism - a strong and diverse voluntary sector is a distinctive and necessary feature of a successful democratic society

Engagement - people should be actively involved in shaping the community in which they live and the services that they use

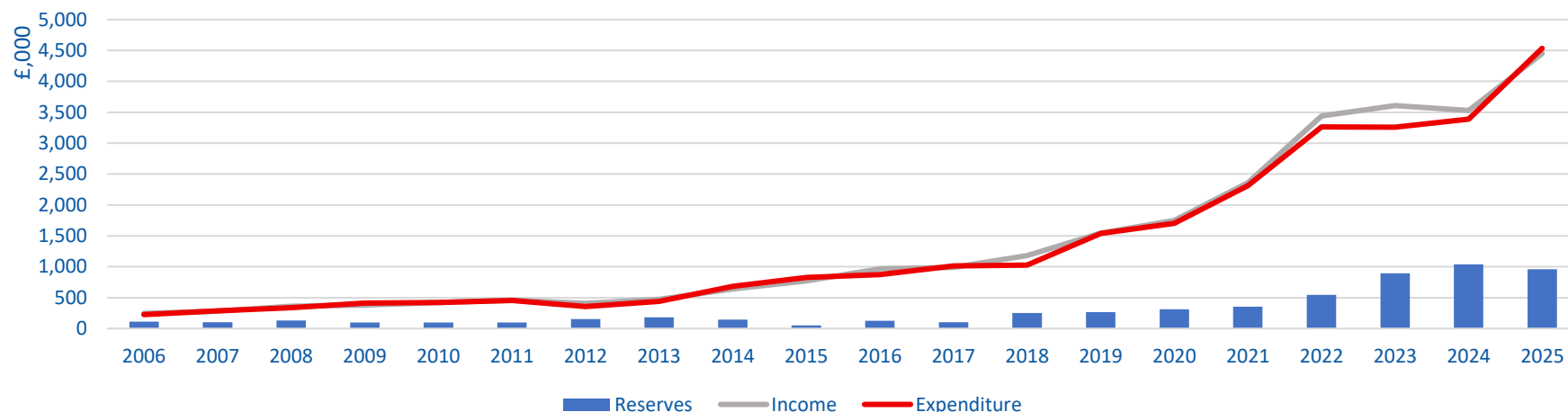
W3RT history and finances



- 1974 (Re?) Founded as Watford CVS
- 2000 Incorporated as limited company / charity
- 2002 CVS Three Rivers established
- 2013 CVS Three Rivers closed
- 2014 Watford CVS becomes W3RT
- 2021 TRDC first fund W3RT
- 2023 W3RT becomes a CIO / Merger w Chamber
- 2024 Merger w ASCEND



W3RT Financial History



W3RT impact summary (2024)



Community Helps Herts (CHH) continue to work closely with CHH CVS via monthly meetings to discuss key volunteering issues, co-ordinate countywide volunteering campaigns and on wider volunteering events.

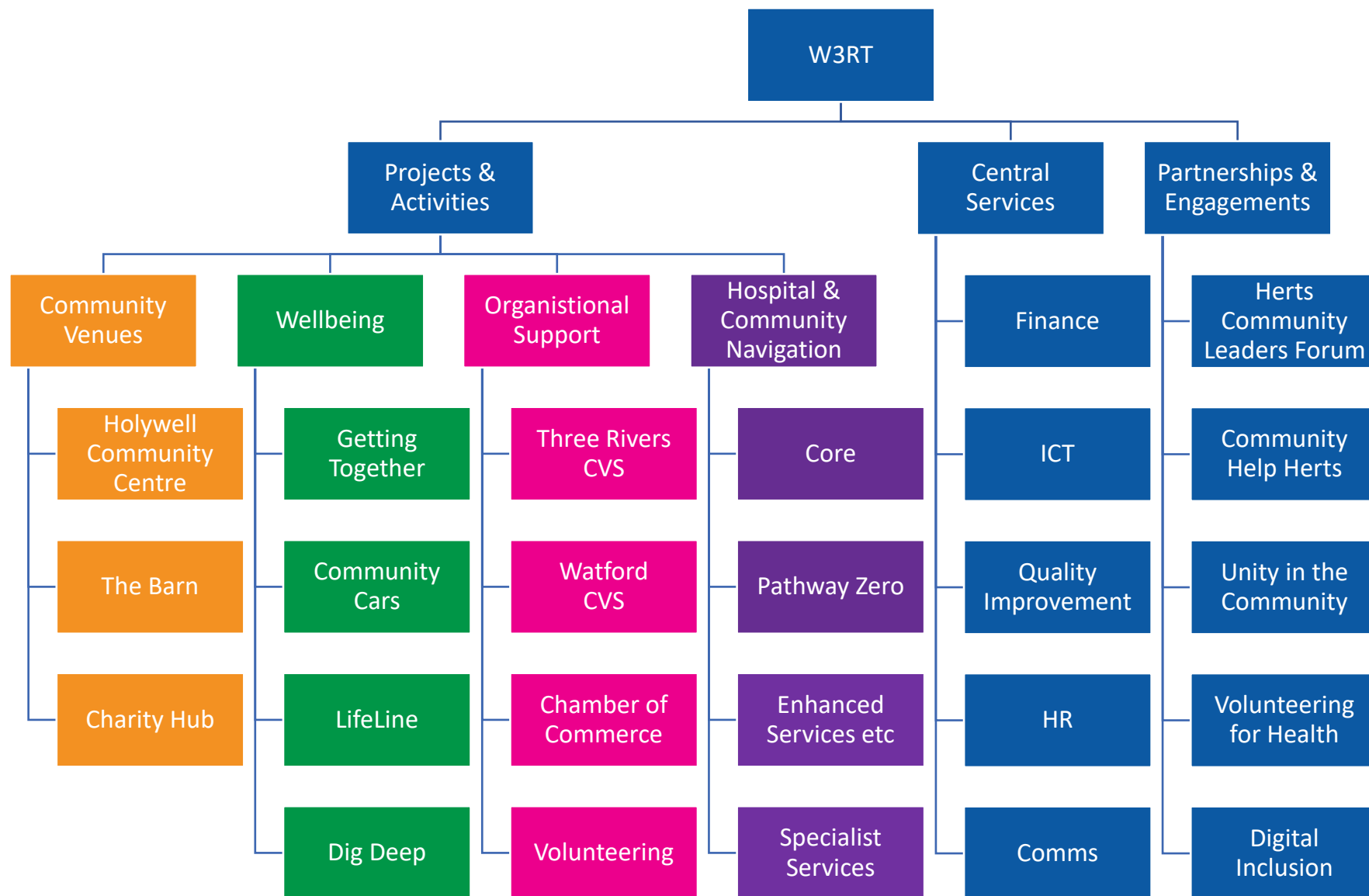
Lord Lieutenant Charity Hub (LLCH) W3RT has successfully supported Lord Lieutenant in launching the LLCH on 15th December 2023 at Warner Studios. W3RT CVS Team manage the Hub and currently 30 desks are occupied.

Three Rivers Connected Communities W3RT CVS worked in partnership with Watford Chamber of Commerce to provide an opportunity for local VCSFE organisations and businesses to network. This event continues to bring together our local communities

Unity in the Community On the 29th September 2024, W3RT CVS and partners hosted Unity in the Community, a free community event at the Grove Hotel in Watford where 25 charities and voluntary orgs met members of the public.

Connecting Three Rivers Fund opened in Sept 2024 with a closing date ^{31st} Oct 2024, there were applications made from 15 local organisations. The LSP board met mid Dec and agreed funding to 4 local organisations totalling £4603.77

Overview of projects and activities



The Lord-Lieutenant's Charity Hub



- Hosted by Warner Brothers Studios
- Supported by Warner Brothers and their supply chain – and W3RT!
- 32 desks plus meeting rooms
- Current partners include:
 - Bridge the Gap
 - Electric Umbrella
 - Former Players Club
 - Forever Young People
 - Goods for Good
 - Home-Start
 - Keech
 - Say It With A Smile
 - Sunnyside Rural Trust
 - Mediation Herts
 - Steve Sinnott Foundation
 - Mental Health and Tax Wellbeing



- Community Cars:
 - Nearly 2,000 journeys pa (c40% for TRDC residents)
- Getting Together:
 - Seven social clubs (four in Three Rivers)
 - Nearly 200 members (c45% from TRDC residents)
- Digital Inclusion:
 - 104 people supported (27 from Three Rivers)
- Befriending: 22 individuals matched (16 from Three Rivers)
- Volunteers: 73 W3RT volunteers (14 from Three Rivers)
- LifeLine (South Oxhey):
 - Eight regular activities with 93 participants (and 42 volunteers)
 - 117 used IAG service
- Dig Deep:
 - 8 corporate volunteering days involving 208 volunteers
 - Chipper, generator and shed donated
 - Tree maintenance work in hand
 - Site being cleared, new water pipes laid

Organisational support



Three Rivers CVS

- Monthly newsletter to 2,234 addresses
- W3RT Directory: 990 local groups
- c360 instances of support pa
- Regular events
- Annual conferences: fundraising, volunteering, CVS
- Applications for Volunteering: 255 pa

Chamber of Commerce

- Nearly 300 member organisations
- 52 networking events such as Croxley Connect
- 2,623 attendances annually

	Herts	SW Herts
Charities	4,704	552
CICs	452	32
CASCs	175	24
Societies	120	17

Herts Hospital and Community Navigation Service

- Hosted by W3RT in partnership with Age UK Herts, British Red Cross, Carers in Herts, Dacorum, Herts Hearing Advisory Service and Watford Community Housing
- 15,400 referrals in 2024-25 (2,186 from Watford and Three Rivers Locality) and 28,947 issues supported

Project Data		
HCNS	11671	75.8%
Pathway 0	2189	14.2%
Macmillan	826	5.4%
Ukraine	334	2.2%
Sensory Project	151	1.0%
Armed Forces Project	92	0.6%
Pre-hab	74	0.5%
Waiting Well	51	0.3%
Winter Fuel Support	10	0.1%
Virtual Ward	2	0.0%
Total	15400	100.0%

Locality Data		
HCNS-NHerts & Stev	3529	22.9%
HCNS-Dacorum	2868	18.6%
HCNS-Watford & 3Rivers	2185	14.2%
HCNS-WelHat & LLV	1877	12.2%
HCNS-Hertsmere	1873	12.2%
HCNS-St Albans	1584	10.3%
HCNS-Stort & ULV	1439	9.3%
Out Of County	44	0.3%
Unknown	1	0.0%
Total	15400	100.0%

Issues Supported		
Hospital Discharge Support	7964	28%
Support at home	7320	25%
Debt, Finance and Benefits	4328	15%
Social Isolation	3272	11%
Housing	1762	6%
Mental Health	1194	4%
GP Services	1185	4%
Carers Support	1164	4%
Falls Prevention	505	2%
Education and Employment	253	1%
Total	28947	100%

What next?



Challenges ahead for W3RT (and TRDC?):

- Financial pressures on statutory budgets
- Financial pressures on W3RT: staffing reorganisation
- Local Government Reorganisation and challenge of new Unitary Authorities
- Need to keep a focus on “real” communities
- Need for genuine alliance with independent voluntary organisations
- Likely realignment within voluntary sector
- New ICB
- W3RT CEO leaving at the end of 2025: recruitment starting soon