

Building a bigger, stronger society.

Making it easier and more compelling to give back

Volunteering: 71 per cent volunteered in the last year (formally or informally).

Giving: 74 per cent gave to charities in the four weeks prior to interview.

Trust: 42 per cent think people can be trusted.

Neighbourliness: 53 per cent agree they can borrow things and exchange favours with their neighbours.

Belonging: 79 per cent have a strong sense of belonging to their neighbourhood.

Cohesion: 87 per cent say they live in an area where people from different backgrounds get on well together.

Satisfaction with local area: 84 per cent are satisfied with their local area as a place to live.

Influencing decisions: 48 per cent would like to be more involved in council decisions affecting their local area.

Source: Community Life Survey and Office for Civil Society, February 2013.

700+  **organisers**

Community Organisers

Over 700 organisers and volunteers have been trained to give communities the help they need to take control and tackle their own problems.

£600  **million**

Social Investment: Big Society Capital

The first social investment institution of its kind in the world – launched with up to £600m to build the social investment market. Over £55m of investments already committed for projects to support local communities. The UK is leading the world on Social Impact Bonds. There are now thirteen operational SIBs.

£150  **million** **local endowment**

Community First

The match funding programme to encourage local giving. We are match funding £50m in cash to create a total of £150m endowment funds (2:1 match).

New tax incentives

This Government is reforming charitable giving and has introduced new schemes for Gift Aid-style top-up payments on small cash donations, donations of pre-eminent items to the nation and a new lower rate of Inheritance Tax for estates leaving 10% to charity. These new incentives should deliver around £450 million to the charitable sector in 2015/16 and around £700 million in 2016/17.

£450  **million**

Youth United

We are supporting Youth United with £10m to establish 400 new cadets units (like the Scouts and Girl Guides), recruit 2700 adult volunteers and provide places for 10,800 young people in communities across the country.

£10  **million**

£7.9  **million**

Innovation in Giving

The fund has spent £7.9m to date to support 67 of the most innovative initiatives to encourage giving.

34,000+  **participants**

Over 34,000 National Citizen Service participants

Supporting teenagers to gain new skills and give over 700,000 volunteering hours to the community. NCS will triple in size to offer one in six the chance to take part by 2014. 93% of participants would recommend NCS to a friend.

12,000  **ATMs allow donations**

ATM Giving

People can donate to charity at the cashpoint.

£1.3  **million**

Match funding

To support charities through localgiving.com, Text Santa and Street Smart. For example the Grow Your Tenner campaign has leveraged £3 for every £1 government money spent.

300,000  **participants**

Join in

Inspired by the London 2012 Games, 300,000 people were able to participate in over 6,000 events across the UK thanks to Join In - the new Olympic volunteering legacy programme set up to keep the spirit of the Games makers alive.

500,000  **opportunities**

Social Action Fund - new volunteering opportunities

Through the Social Action Fund the Government has supported 40 charities with over £20m over the past two years so that they can recruit more volunteers. So far, over 100,000 volunteers have been recruited with half million expected by Autumn 2013.