

Social Enterprise Case Study

Stoneywood Community Projects CIC

Stoneywood Care Services discovered CVS Falkirk and their range of services through the Community Care and Health Forum (CCHF).

A private company specialising in residential care and person-centred support services, Stoneywood was looking to build work experience opportunities into their client care plans, as part of their commitment to proactive support.

They realised that the best way to do this would be to do it themselves, in order to suit their clients' needs. However, they were unsure as to how to do so.

While attending a CCHF meeting, Stoneywood representatives learned about the range of services offered by CVS Falkirk, including support to social enterprises.

With CVS Falkirk's help, Stoneywood learned more about the options available to them, and how they could offer the work experience that suited their clients.

As a result, they created the Stoneywood Community Projects CIC. The project provides maintenance and landscaping services to the community, while helping its clients develop new practical skills and experiences.

"CVS Falkirk have always been very helpful," says Robert Ramsay, Work Project Manager for the Community Projects. "We worked with them a lot on setting up as a CIC, including with our business planning and development."

Stoneywood have continued to work with CVS Falkirk, in particular their Development Officer for Social Enterprises. "We're getting support with funding applications, which is great."

The Community Projects hope to expand their operations with a new development, offering new and different opportunities for their clients, and have worked closely with CVS Falkirk when applying for various funding options in order to do so.

They have also taken part in social enterprise training, which CVS Falkirk organised with the Helix Social Enterprise Initiative partners, which was both informative and enjoyable. Robert further applauds CVS Falkirk's signposting abilities, calling the team "a great source of information".

"They're like a one-stop shop," Robert says. "If I have a question, and the person I'm speaking to or the rest of the team don't know the answer, they know someone who will."

"We've been more than satisfied with the services and support CVS Falkirk have given us – we wouldn't change a thing."