



I'm Kerrie, I'm the SMBC Community Development Worker for the Shirley East & St Alphege wards.

We can support community groups/organisations and individuals who either provide, or would like to provide, groups, activities and events which are open to the community. This includes celebration events or one-off activities, such as a community picnic or fayre. Group activities could include stay and play sessions, youth clubs, •lunch clubs, community coffee mornings, hall/room hire etc.

Here are some examples of the assistance we can provide:

- Discussing any ideas individuals/groups have for community projects, activities and events and helping you to take the next steps.
- Checking out grant funding opportunities on your behalf to help towards the costs of delivering a community project or event.
- Connecting you to relevant local community groups to build relationships which are mutually beneficial.
 - Linking you up to the specialist support services of Solihull CAVA who are contracted to support the voluntary sector in Solihull. For example volunteer recruitment and management, organisational structures and governance.
- Including organisations activities on a new interactive map which informs local residents about their local neighbourhood •- My Solihull Map.
- Informing you of training opportunities and workshops e.g. Children's or _Adults safeguarding, community first aid
 - Raising awareness with local groups if you have a hall or meeting room available for hire.

If you are interested in being more involved in your community or would like to share any local knowledge or ideas, I would love to hear from you

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