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- 38 questionnaire responses from Rural West,
- All from Christian faith groups, achieving 26% the overall response rate
- 95% of those responding have their own build and 47% have rooms which can be hired to community groups & agencies
- Just over third (14 centres) have spare room capacity
  - 77% are disabled friendly and 61% have dedicated parking places

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In the future respondents would like to hire their facilities to groups working with: -

- Children/youth activities, elderly (5)
- Parent services, Education/training/employment (8)
- Race / Asylum issues or drug/alcohol (9/10)
- Community involvement, Health & fitness, Mental health (6/7)
- Personal finance, domestic violence, learning difficulties (11)

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- 13 faith groups would like to make contact with other communities working on similar activities within the local area
- 7 would also like to link with the wider Cheshire West and Chester area

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- Strategic priorities
  - **Children & Young People 29**  
**activities including:** youth groups, uniformed organisations, toddlers, play groups and dance group
  - **Adult health & well being 12**  
**activities:** including keep fit, coffee mornings and fellowship group

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- **Jobs, enterprise and culture (8):** e.g. Painting and drawing, dancing and singing groups
- **Safer and stronger communities & Environmental sustainability (2),** community workers, good companions, gardening groups
- Overall there were over 60 different initiatives/ activities being provided by faith groups in Rural West

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- **Economic Impact**
- Over **17,500** voluntary hours are provided by fait community to support 60+ activities/ initiatives
- At the Oct 10 minimum wage of £5.93 this equate to over **£83,000** (80% of vol hours)
- Taking 20% of time at twice minimum wage for trustees and management groups this equates to over **£41,000**
- **Overall nearly £125,000 is contributed into the Rural West economy**

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- Involvement with schools
  - o 56 governors
  - o 37 taking assemblies'
  - o 69 teachers
  - o 73 assisting in schools

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- Training needs
  - o Funding workshops (4)
  - o Youth training, child protection (3)
  - o First aid (2)
  - o Health & safety (1)