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Support for community & voluntary groups



Survey of charities and community groups

April 2020

What we have found

There has been an explosion of volunteers and community spirit across Cambridgeshire as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. Across the county people are coming together to help others in their community by collecting prescriptions, by doing shopping and by donating to foodbanks.

Yet at the same time many of the 2775 registered charities and the countless established community groups and associations in Cambridgeshire have also stepped up to help. We surveyed some of these to find out how they were coping in times of raising demand and falling income. What we found are thousands of staff, volunteers and trustees raising to the challenge to find new ways to support people in these difficult times.

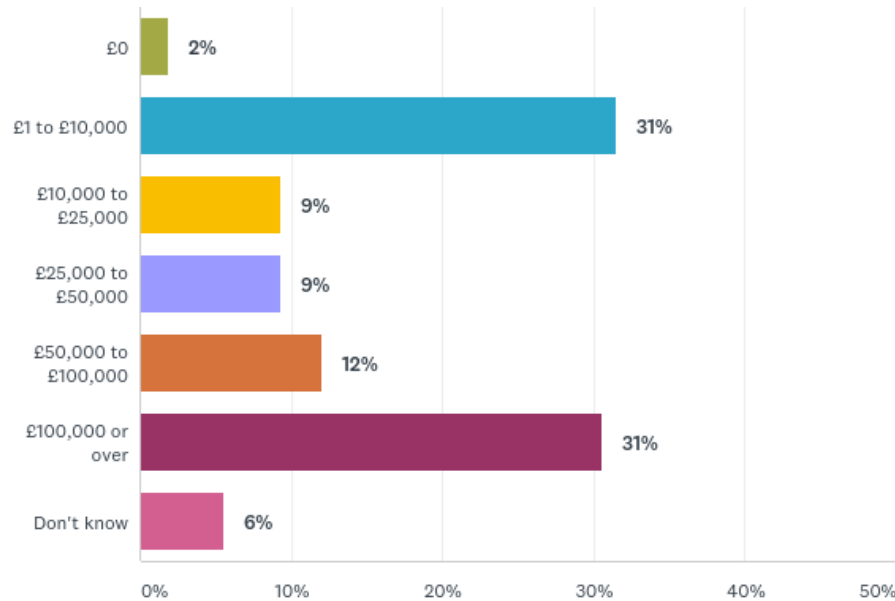
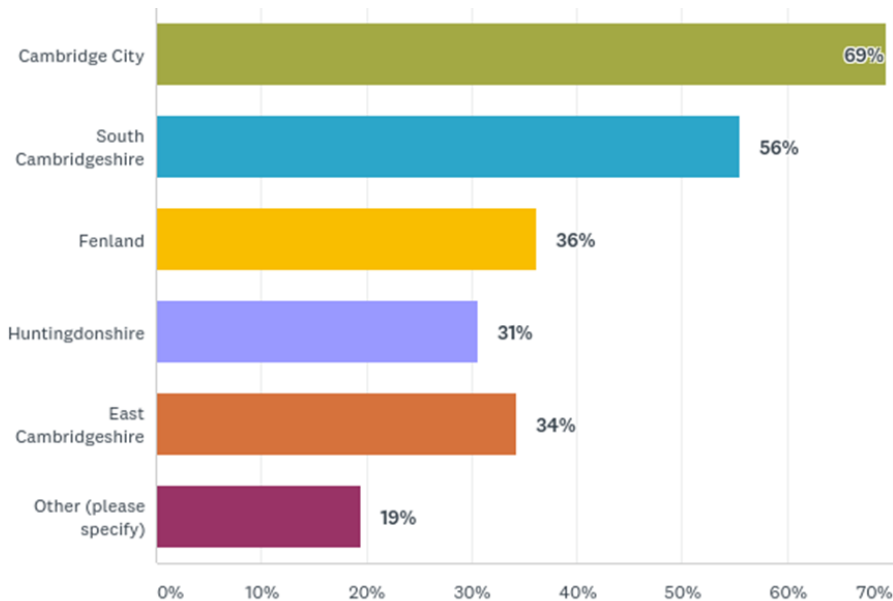
What we also found was that many groups have serious concerns about their finances as they face a loss of income from fundraising, events and sales. We also found groups that have longer term concerns about the future and their ability to help people and communities recover once lockdown is relaxed.

We believe that local charities and community groups will be vital to aid in recovery. They really are #NeverMoreNeeded

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Where groups work and their income

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What groups are doing falls into four main areas

Covid emergency response

“Providing support for the local volunteers through the Mutual Aid group. Running Food Hub. Linking with the local schools, Doctors surgery, local business and organisations to support the most vulnerable”

Have cancelled any face to face work but offering other forms of support.

“We have moved all of our services to remote delivery and are offering 1-1 support to LGBTQ+ young people by phone/text/email/video call, and weekly online groups by video call. We have also been distributing relevant books and DVDs to young people by post. We have been investigating how we can move our training delivery online.”

Closed most services but still keeping in touch with people.

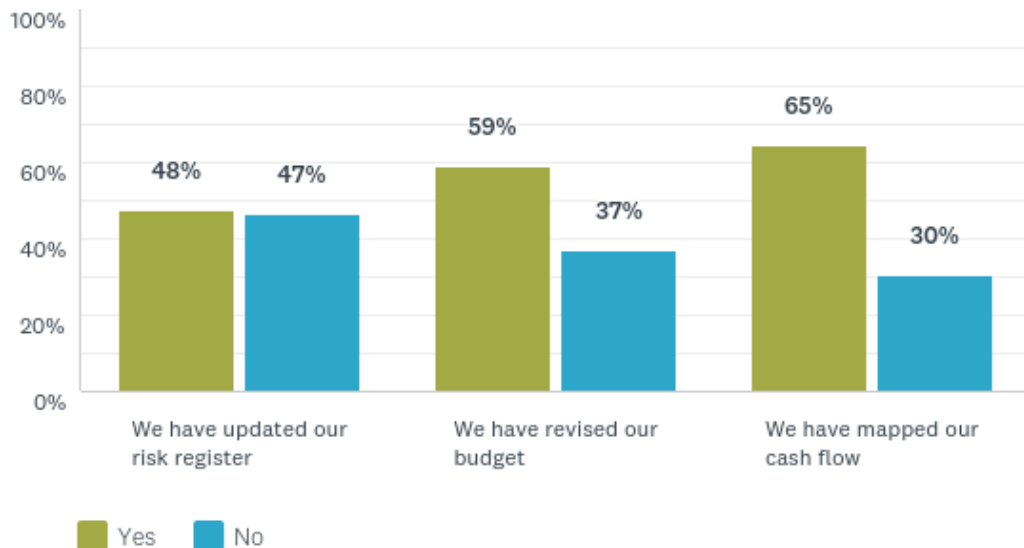
“Our normal sessions are closed but we are keeping in touch with families via our Facebook page, Messenger and some Zoom sessions. We have also loaned toys/activities to some of the more vulnerable families who we are keeping a more regular contact with and supporting where necessary.”

Closed

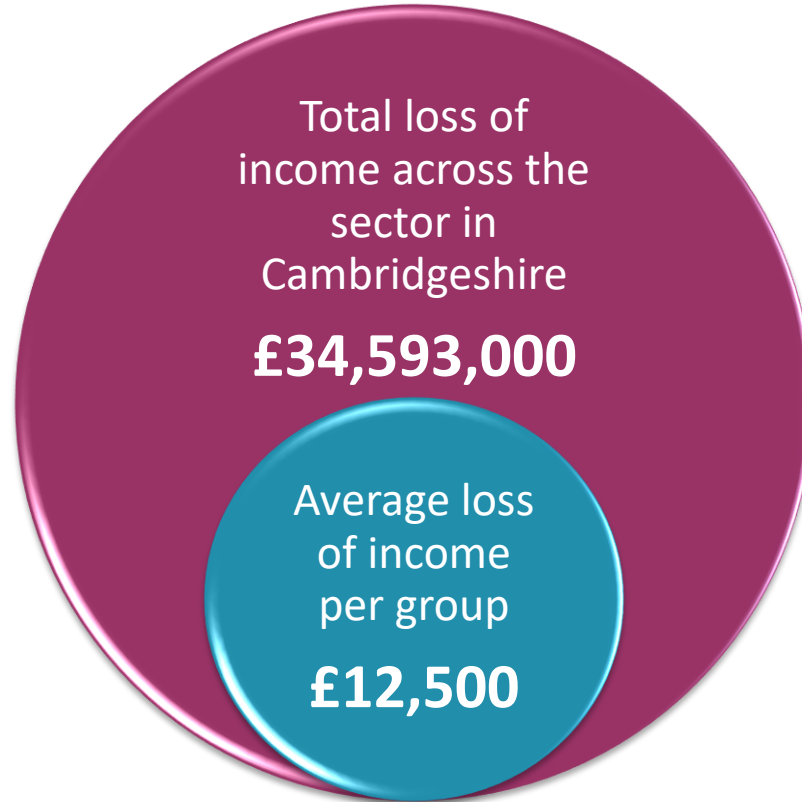
“Our small staff group of six are furloughed. The site is closed to co-workers, volunteers, staff and customers.”

Have you taken action to plan your finances?

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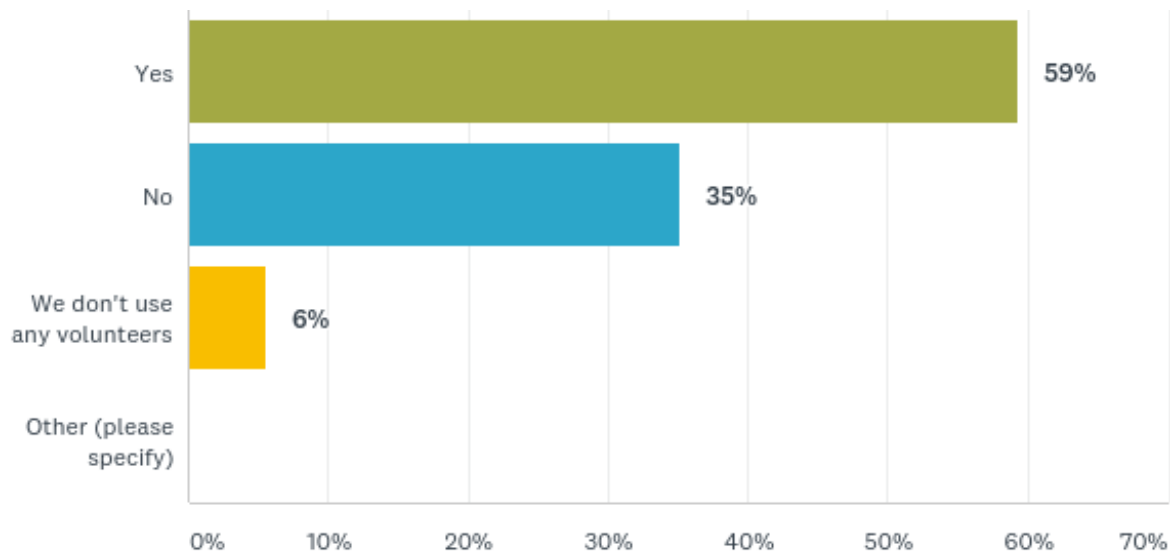
How much funding will your organisation lose due to Covid-19?



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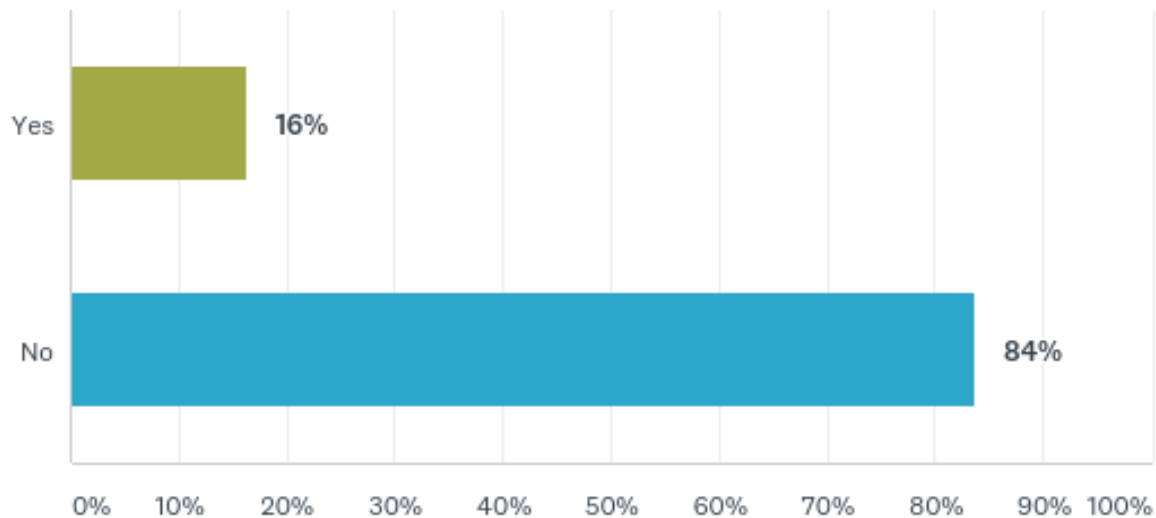
Will volunteers still be delivering services?

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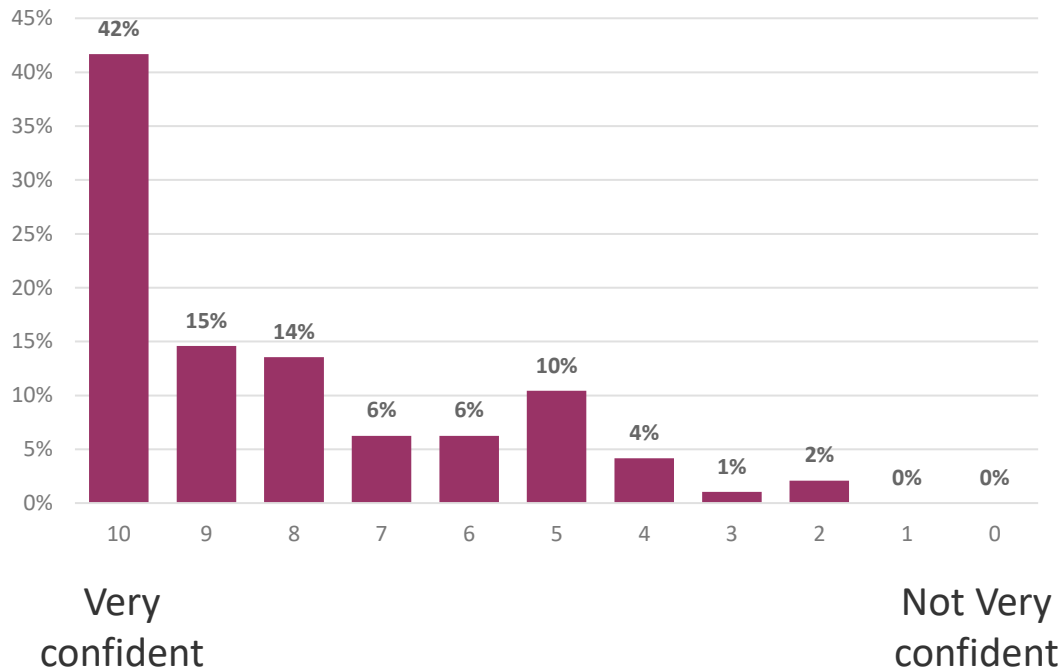
Will you need more volunteers?

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How confident are you that your organisation will survive the next 6 months?

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The main concerns identified for the future can be grouped as follows.



How you can help?

If you can think about the local charities you are aware of and how you could help by volunteering or fundraising this would make a real difference. This could be a charity that you or a family member has used. It could be a charity that is providing services in your community. It could be a charity that supports a cause close to your heart.

Small charities are there and have always been there to support local communities and the people living in them. With your help they will continue to be there to deliver much needed services.

Please find your own way to support local charities working across Cambridgeshire.

