

# Voluntary Action Leicestershire

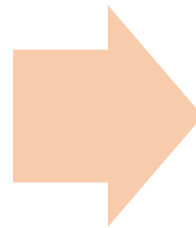
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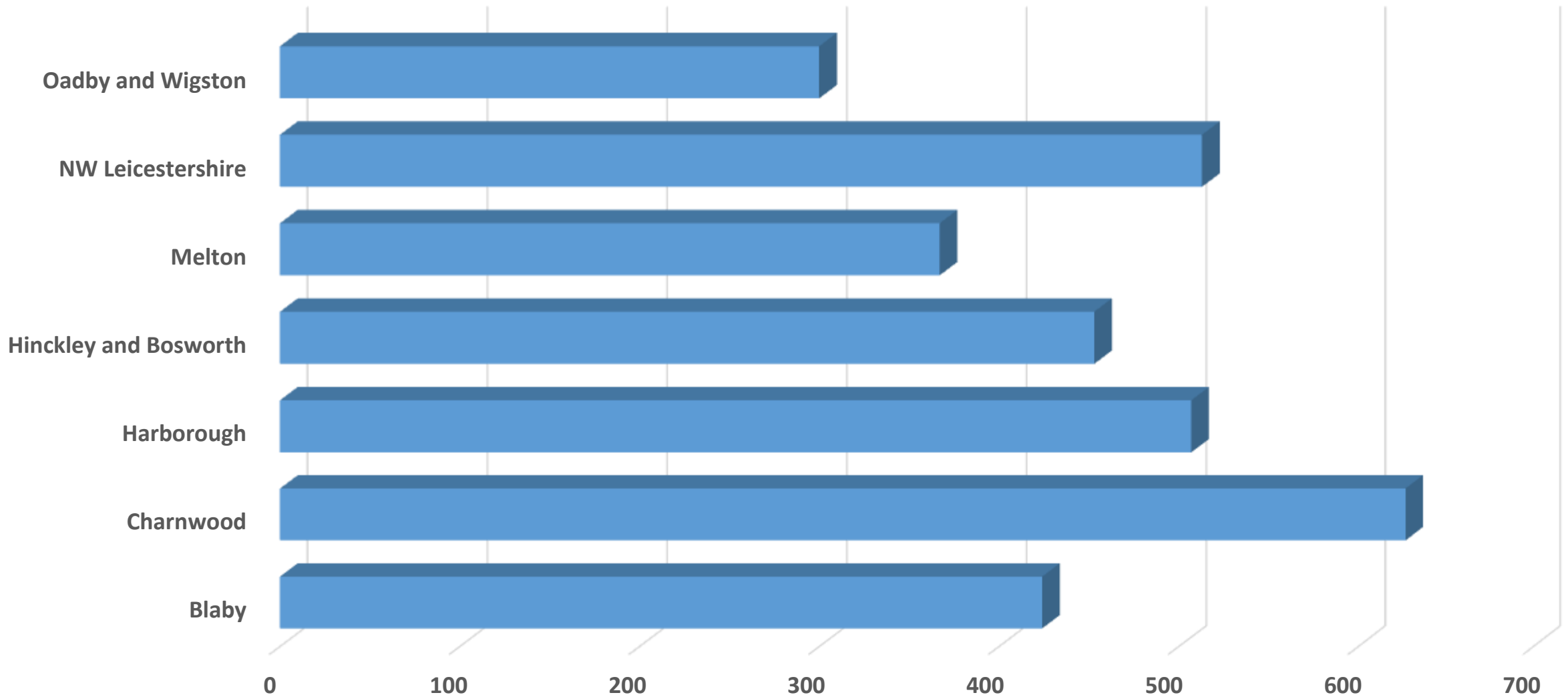
- Established in Leicester in 1965 as Council for Social Service.
- Supported the establishment of many County Community Groups
- In 2009 contracted by County Council to provide countywide support

Support for Community  
Groups



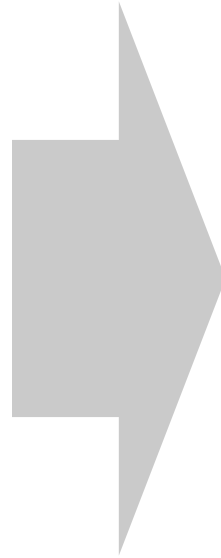
Support to volunteers and  
volunteering

# Voluntary and Community Groups in Leicestershire



# Issues faced by VAL in delivering countywide

- Staying in touch with grassroots (Local Area committees proposal)
- Becoming part of a common bond
- Districts felt deserted (even though we had District based staff)



## But

- VAL recruited many more volunteers
- Better and stronger support for VCS groups – raised the game
- Able to be more flexible with resources

# Impact on Leicestershire VCS of proposals

- 75% of VCS groups have a local focus
- Not all services should be countywide (e.g. Community Managed Libraries)
- Area Committees should seek to serve 'natural communities'
- Success helped if have ambition of improved community engagement from the outset (EY Report 2016)
- Make discussion bigger than medium term savings targets

 **VAL** Helping people change  
their lives for the better