



Motion to Amend PCVS's Membership Offer

PCVS AGM: 6th November 2025

Background:

To ensure that our membership offer remains relevant, inclusive, and aligned with the charity's strategic aims, the Board of Trustees has, following a period of engagement with members, undertaken a review of the current PCVS Membership Offer. The review identified opportunities to increase engagement, provide clearer and improved benefits to members, and simplify the administrative process.

Motion:

That the charity adopt the revised membership offer as set out below, to take effect from 30th November 2025.

Proposed changes include:

1. **Membership Benefits:** Update the Membership Offer to clarify and increase benefits to members (pls see outline services and support information below)
2. **Membership Categories:** Update the current membership categories to include associate members and supporters
3. **Membership Fees:** Implement a scaled annual fee structure from 1st April 2026 (pls see costs shown in the following table)
4. **Sign up and Renewal Process:** Simplify membership sign up and renewal by introducing a dedicated portal for members with an automated system
5. **Transitional Arrangements:** All existing members will be supported to transition to the new structure without loss of membership rights during the transition period – 30/11/2025 – 31/03/2026

Rationale:

These changes are intended to strengthen the relationship between the charity and its members, encourage wider participation, and ensure that membership reflects the value and purpose of the organisation.

Support and Services for Member Organisations

Below is an outline of the services and support that will form the updated PCVS Membership Offer:

Advice & Support

- Access practical, tailored advice and support on all aspects of starting, running, developing and sustaining your group, project or organisation.

Training

- Free places on our comprehensive training and support programme including courses and workshops covering all aspects of running your organisation in a safe, inclusive and sustainable way.

- Discounted or at cost places on any charged for events.

Networking & Events

- Regular events that will enable members to network, share good practice and hear about opportunities that will support your organisation.

Communication & Promotion

- Receive regular newsletters, funding updates, e-bulletins and blogs with updates about latest opportunities.
- Use PCVS newsletters, website and Go-VIP volunteering platform to highlight your activity and promote successes to a wide range of partners and stakeholders.

Funding & Fundraising

- Help and advice to successfully fundraise for your organisation including support with; how to get ready to fundraise, how to find the right funding, writing a strong application, measuring impact, preparing a budget and evaluating your work.
- Regular funding opportunities and funding information updates.

Volunteering Service

- Volunteer Support Centre and dedicated volunteer (Go-VIP) platform to help your organisation find the volunteer support you need.
- A dedicated group for managers of volunteers to come together and network, share experiences and skills in a supportive environment.

Volunteer/Partner Matching

- Support for matching local businesses with voluntary groups, offering to share skills, expertise, and other types of support.

Partnership building

- Supportive opportunities to develop partnerships with other local groups and wider stakeholders.

Representation & Advocacy

- PCVS attends a wide range of stakeholder groups and boards, ensuring that the voluntary sector is valued and recognised for the work they do and that their voice is heard.

Organisational Support

- Discounted and/or free use of meeting room at PCVS.
- Payroll managed service providing practical support for your organisation payroll needs.

Support for charity leaders

- A dedicated group for leaders to come together to ask questions, share experiences and gain skills in a supportive space.

Trustee Support

- Trustees network for new and existing charity board members as well as support with recruitment and training.

Digital Inclusion Support

- A Digital Inclusion network alongside a delivery project that supports the growth and development of digital inclusion within charities and voluntary groups.

Resources

- Access and support to source and use a vast range of resources, templates, sample policies and other material to support your organisational development.

PCVS Membership Costs 2026

It is proposed that member organisations pay a scaled annual fee which will support the costs of administration for members accessing the Membership Offer

Organisation Size	Organisation Annual Income	Membership Annual Fees
New	New organisation – Year 1	£0
Micro	£10k and below	£0
Small	£10-50k	£45
Med	£50-250k	£90
Large	£250-999k	£120
Big	£1 million and above	£180