

# Voice of the Voluntary and Community Sector



# Voice of the VCS

Working together to ensure the voice of the sector works cohesively and consistently together



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## Roles:



Responsible for the delivery of the Wiltshire VCS Assembly and working to ensure representation of the sector



Responsible for the delivery of Wiltshire Voluntary Sector Forum Network feeding into the Wiltshire VCS Assembly

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## Key Consideration:

How do we bring together the variety of 'voices' from a range of VCS consultations and ensure that it is consistent and representative of the overall VCS?

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How?

GROW and WIC will work closely in partnership to ensure that the mechanisms and structures in place are joined together across Wiltshire.

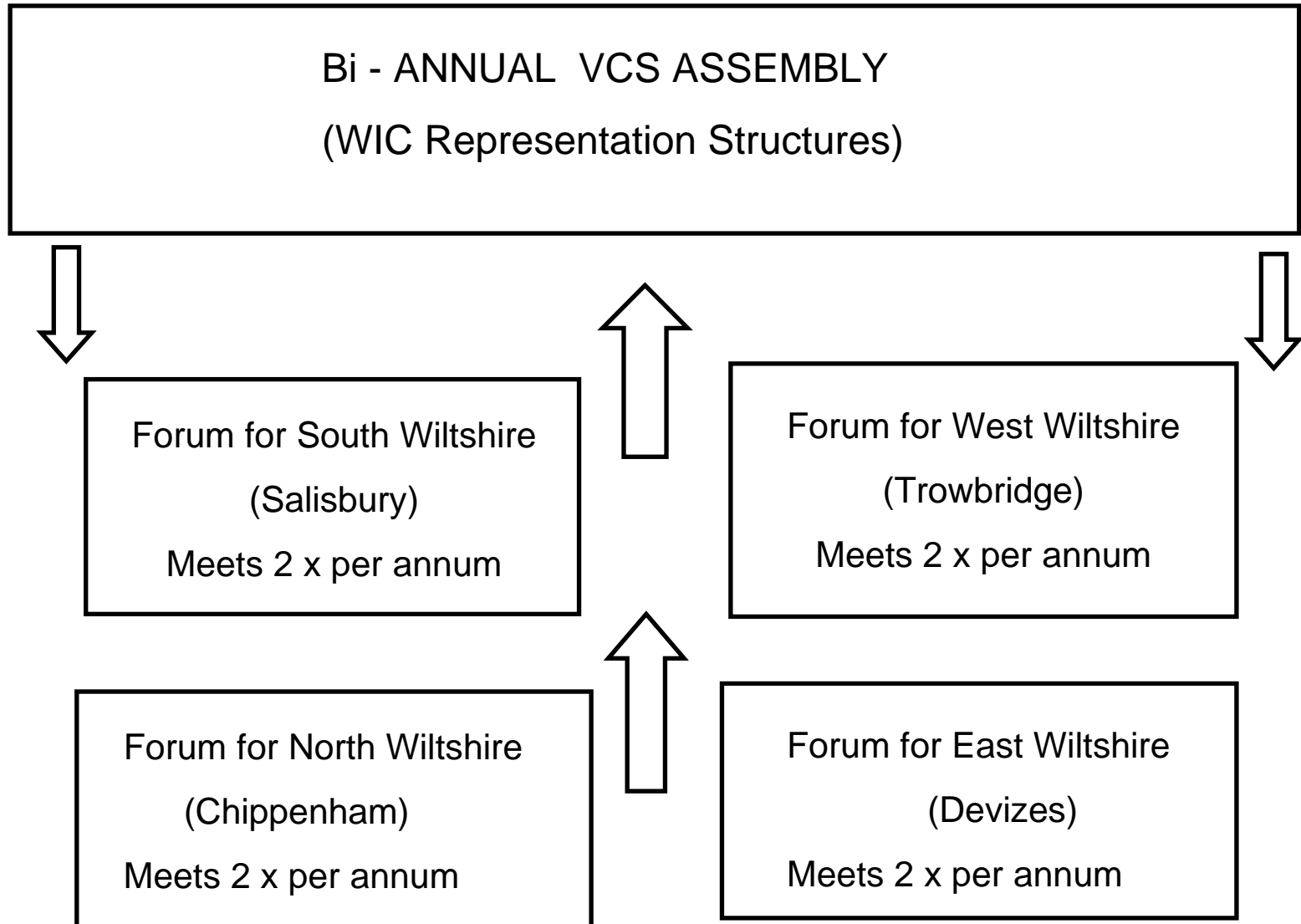
WIC delivering the Assembly and GROW the VSF Network

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# What Will It Look Like?



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- Network of 4 x Voluntary Sector Forums
- Meeting in North, South, East and West Wiltshire
- Supported by GROW
- Webpage for the Network on GROW Website



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## Four Fora:

- 'Core' Agenda shared across the Network
- Plus Local Agenda for your area specific issues
- Formal networking time
- Independent Chair for each Local Forum



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## Four Fora:

- Formal Terms of Reference
- Membership – open to all Voluntary and Community Groups operating in Wiltshire – in line with GROW and with WIC
- If you work across more than one area in Wiltshire you can attend meetings in those areas (eg South + East)



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## VCS Assembly:

- Open to all within the VCS
- Engagement with key partners
- Provide a chance to network
- Access peer support
- Discuss priorities for the sector

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Bringing together the Links:

- Communities of Interest
- Thematic partnerships – VCS representation
- The COMPACT Board
- New Government Priorities
- Regional Voice – Strategic Partnership
- **AND the Four Fora in partnership with GROW**

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## Partnerships:

Working together to establish common issues, good practice and in turn acting upon and providing representation and voice for the VCS



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## HOW?

Regular meetings between workers

WIC Board Members – WIC attendance at Fora -  
Comparing intelligence – mapping monitoring –  
CT & CD Network establishing a central place  
for information processes for representation

COMPACT Board

Consistent information



# VCS Assembly 2011

Spring – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011

Autumn – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011

# Wiltshire Voluntary Sector Forum Network

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Devizes
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Salisbury
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 – Trowbridge
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Chippenham

10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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