

Supporting older people in the community

objective set last year	progress
<p>Expand the activities at 40 lunch clubs, converting them into social centres.</p>	<p>Exceeded</p> <p>Over the past year we have developed a total of 139 social centres in the UK. Most have been expanded from pre-existing lunch clubs.</p> <p>For example, in Bath we brought together two separate clubs to develop the WRVS Bath Weston Social Centre, which now offers more activities. We have submitted a bid for funding to refurbish the building and develop the centre so we can add more activities in future.</p>
<p>Complete the development of three community centres and begin developing four other sites.</p>	<p>Met</p> <p>Refurbishment of community centres in Banbury, Oxfordshire; Pickering, North Yorkshire and Stourbridge, West Midlands completed.</p> <p>Banbury's Cornhill Centre now provides a range of activities with 1,700 older people taking part every month, the Carlisle Centre in Stourbridge has visits from more than 800 older people a month, while Pickering's Hungate Centre is used by around 1,000 older people every month.</p> <p>We also refurbished our community centre in Eastbourne, East Sussex and relocated our centre in Crawley, West Sussex.</p> <p>We began work to secure external funding to develop our social centres in Maidenhead, Berkshire; Lancing, Sussex and Benfleet, Essex into refurbished and fully-fledged community centres offering more activities to older people in those communities.</p>