

Community Buildings

At Salford CVS we recognise that it can be challenging managing a community building. We know that to make the most of a community building you need a broad range of skills and knowledge.

We aim to offer a good quality range of resources to support you in managing your building:

- **GMVSS Community Building Factsheet**
- Health and Safety Tool Kit – available from CVS Development Team, Tel 0161 787 7795
- **GMVSS Marketing Factsheet**
- We also offer a regular training programme and one to one advice. To find out more go to: <http://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/salford-cvs-services>

Community Asset Transfers

As a community organisation you might have a great deal of knowledge about the community buildings in your area which are seen as valuable to the local community. You may be aware of a building owed by the local authority or by another similar public body that as an organisation you may aspire to own or manage. This might be possible under what is called a Community Asset Transfer (CAT).

What is a CAT?

“Community Asset transfer (CAT) refers to the shift in management and/or ownership of buildings or land usually from public bodies (most commonly local authorities) to communities (usually to local community and voluntary sector groups). A community asset transfer can be either on freehold or, more commonly, leasehold term.”
(Community Matters)

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If your organisation is considering embarking on a Community Asset Transfer then Salford CVS can support you in the process. Salford CVS can put you touch with other groups in Salford who have successfully gone through the process or who are currently embarked on a Community Asset Transfer. We can also sign post you to key officers within Salford City Council.

There are also two organisations providing web sites that can be useful as a starting point for exploring a Community Asset Transfer:

- Community Matters - [Community Matters Homepage](#)
- Locality - [Locality Homepage](#)

Community Right to Bid

The Community Right to Bid gives community groups a fairer chance to prepare and bid to buy community buildings and facilities that are important to them. This could include their:

- village shop
- pub
- community centre
- children's centre
- allotment
- library

The right covers private as well as public assets.

Local authorities are required to keep a list of all of these 'assets of community value'. If an owner of a listed asset wants to sell it they have to notify the local authority. The local authority then, in turn, has to notify any interested parties.

If local groups are interested in buying the asset they have 6 months to prepare a bid to buy it before the asset can be sold.

The Community Right to Bid came into effect on 21 September 2012. There is more information about the Community Right to Bid on the [My Community Rights website](#), run by Locality.

(Information from GOV UK)



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Salford's Assets of Community Value

Salford City Council's list of 'assets of community value' is available at:

http://www.salford.gov.uk/d/d/Community_asset_value_List.xls



For further information, guidance and support, please visit
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