

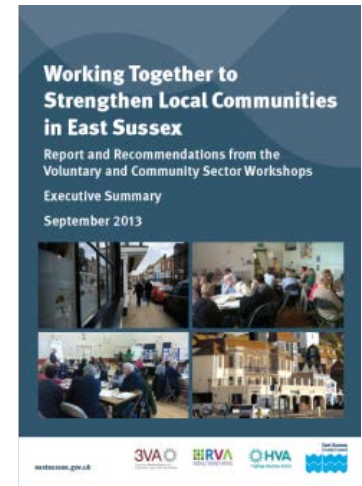
# Community Strength-based Approaches for Care, Support & Well-being

## Building Stronger Bridges

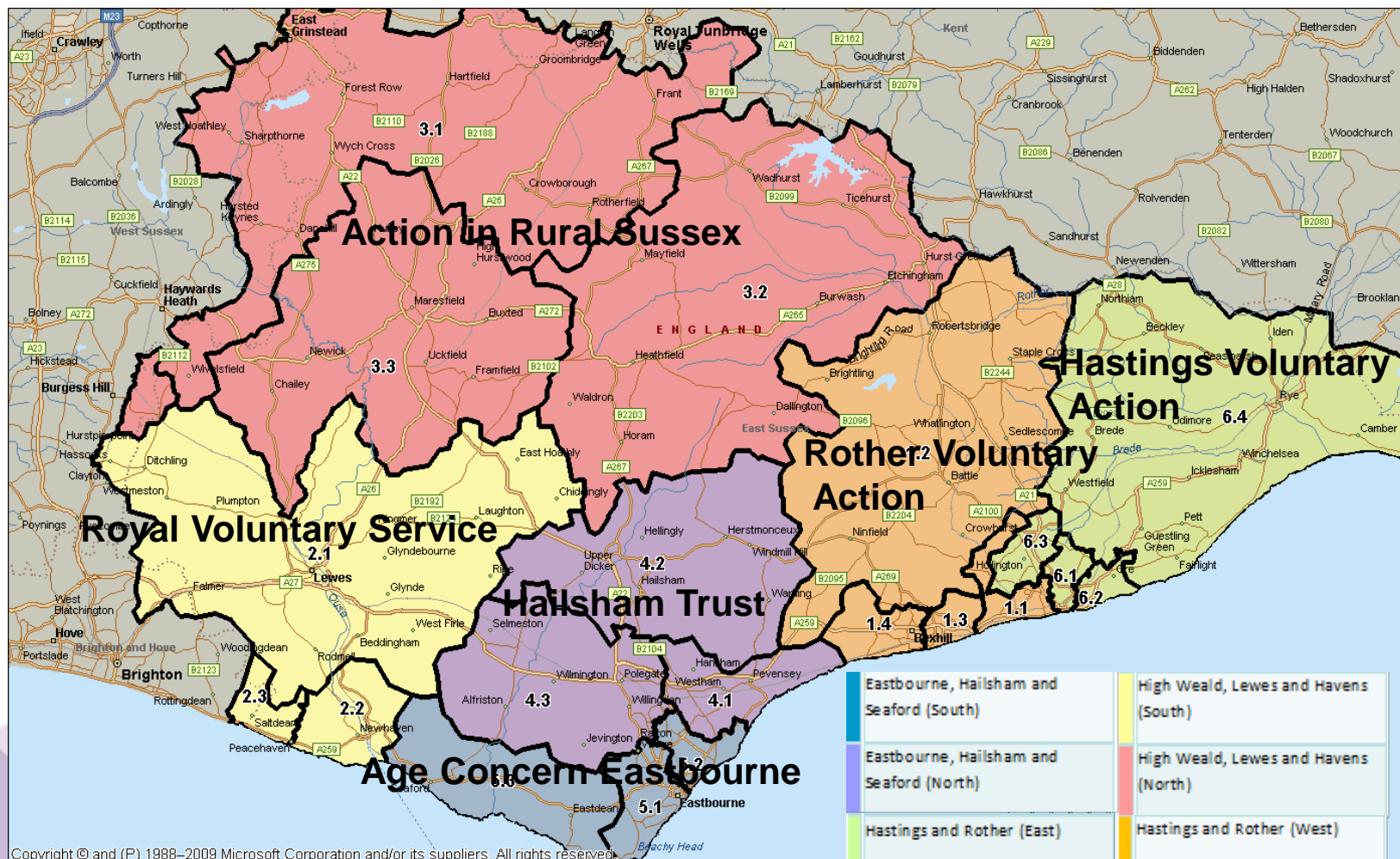
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# Background & Context

- The Building Stronger Bridges (BSB) project emerged from a series of community workshops organised across the County in June 2013
- BSB aims to foster the right conditions for bonds and friendships to occur between people in order to strengthen community networks
- In March 2014, 5 partner organisations commissioned to work across 6 areas to establish local Good Neighbour Schemes (GNS) where gaps were identified, or help us build stronger relationships where groups already existed
- Care Act 2014...



# Partners...



# What is a Good Neighbour Scheme

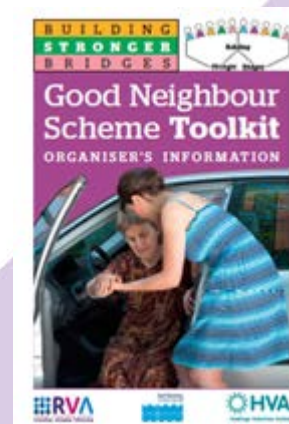
- A GNS involves members of the community on a voluntary basis
- Schemes or groups can offer some or all of the following to frail elderly and isolated disabled people:



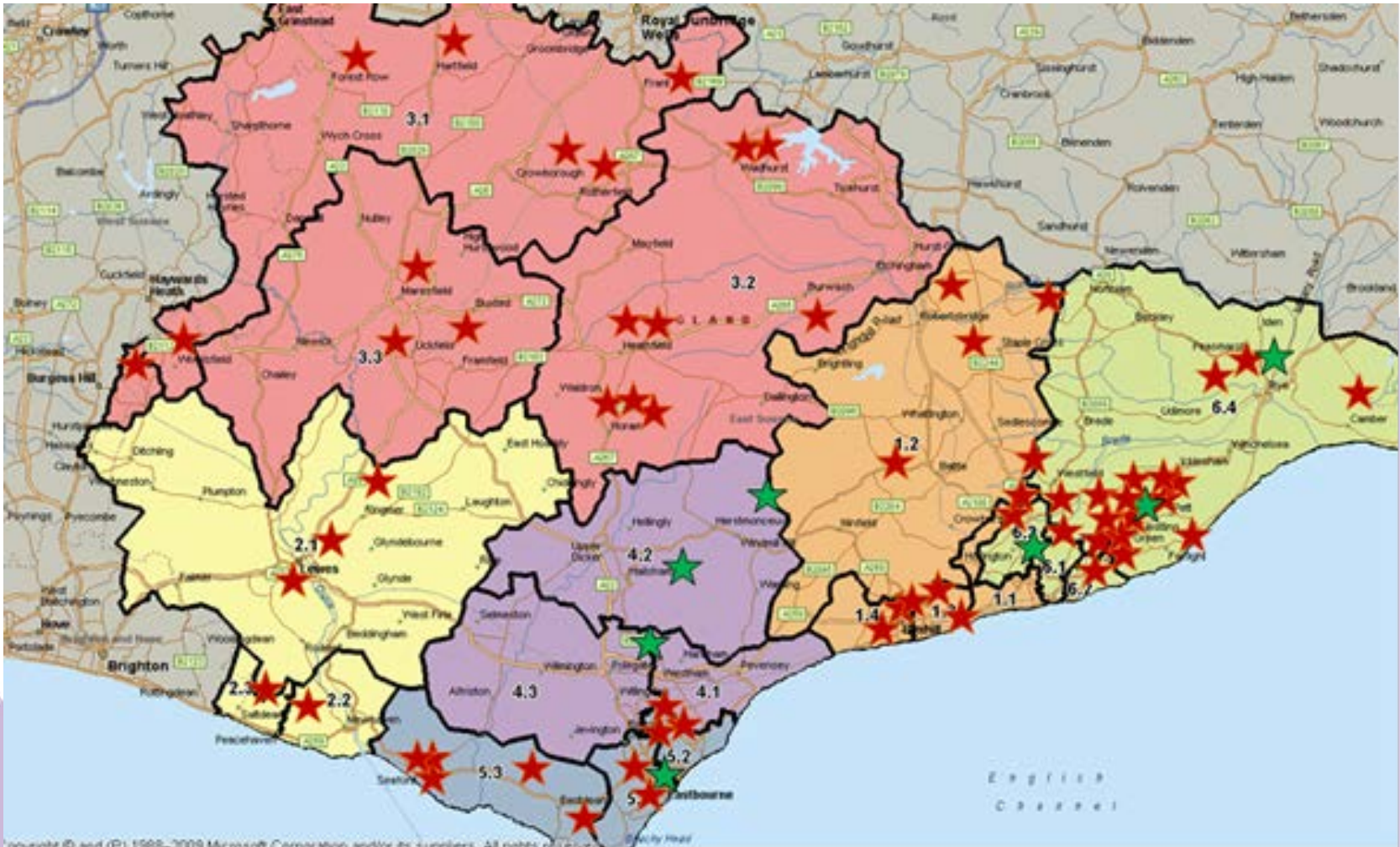
- Information, advice and signposting about who can help and where to go
- Someone to look out for them and check on them occasionally e.g. during episodes of bad weather or just generally to see if everything is all right
- Social contact and something to do during the day
- One-off practical help with odd jobs around the house and garden
- More regular support with things like shopping and meals, including ordering online shopping

# Progress Report:

- To date, **71** potential GNSs have been identified across the County – **38** are brand new and **33** are existing groups that may diversify
- Partners have been working to establish stronger links with existing community based support groups that previously ASC&H may not have had a relationship with, and promote growth of new GNSs where there are gaps
- All partners have developed toolkits for sharing with community members and groups, and ASC&H is providing training (e.g. Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults) where this is requested by the volunteers



# Potential GNS schemes

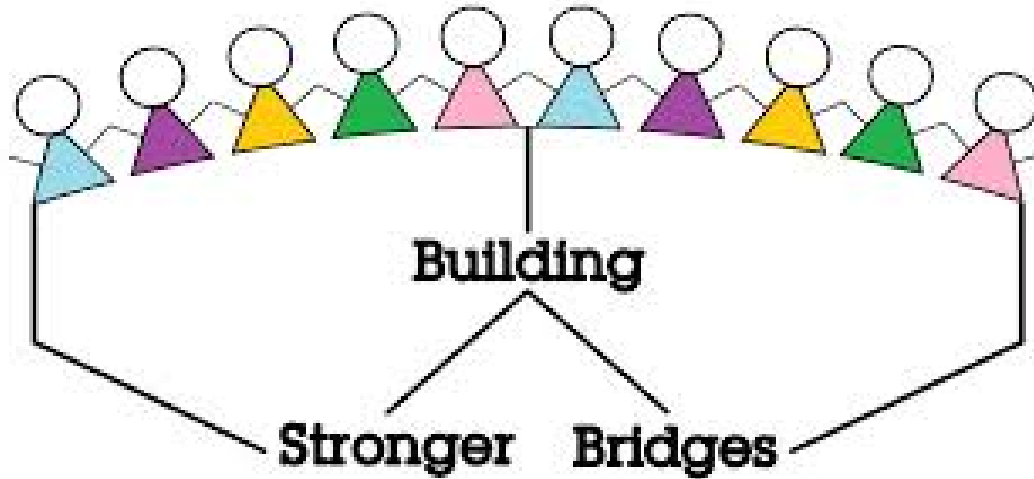


Key: ★ Potential GNSs identified   ★ GNSs operational and taking universal enquiries

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<https://prezi.com/dmcqdzinrusy/building-stronger-bridges/>

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# Next Steps

- Continue to understand what support we can offer to community groups to enable them to feel comfortable in taking ASC&H enquires
- Continue to build bridges between ASC&H operational teams and community resources and GNSs
- Understand the core training offer for community groups in discussion with our BSB partners
- Project evaluation to understand the value of this type of work to ASC&H
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