



## Funding Support

### Welcomers Group

Irene Woods from the Welcomers Group called us because the local church hall the group uses was in danger of closing down due to a lack of funding.

Irene's group had been using the hall free of charge for over two years for putting on activities for retired local people. The church hall, St Dunstan's in Moston, needed to start charging rent for use of the facilities in order to become self funding and prevent closure.

The Welcomers Group wanted to continue using the hall and needed to contribute a year of rent up front to make sure the hall could stay open. Irene told us that she contacted Manchester Community Central because 'none of the other places that had funded her organisation could help'.

She called the information line and was referred to a Business Improvement Coordinator who got in touch with details of two potential funders and Irene is now working on the application.

Asked if she would recommend the service Irene replied, "Yes I would, I feel very positive about it, and it's good doing it face to face rather than just having to fill in forms."