

# SUCCESS STORY



*“We would definitely recommend anyone to go to Community Impact Bucks. They have been fantastic in giving us guidance and support. The funding we have received would not have happened without the suggestions made by CIB. Our Club is thoroughly enjoyed by members from different areas as far as Oxford and is going from strength to strength.”*

*Cathy, ADCMC*

## Community Impact Bucks

### Support to Groups Service & Aylesbury Deaf Coffee Morning Club

#### About Aylesbury Deaf Coffee Morning Club

ADCMC's aim is for deaf and hearing impaired people to meet up for mutual support, relaxation and chats. It is mainly for retired, unemployed and people who are socially isolated. It meets on **alternate Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm** at the Aylesbury Methodist Community Centre.

#### How has Community Impact Bucks helped?

“We came to CIB for advice in order to organise ourselves more efficiently and secure the future of the club, ensuring that we could still continue if key personnel were no longer around. Sara suggested that we apply for funding from the Bucks Community Foundation and the Masonic Centenary Fund which were both successful and have allowed us to continue using the rooms at Aylesbury Methodist Church.

We have also set up a committee and a membership subscription which is helping to keep the coffee mornings going and reduces the costs of outings and Christmas lunch. We have had three talks: from the Stroke Association, one about dementia; and one on fire safety which the members have very much enjoyed. Everyone is happy with the way we are taking things forward and confidence in the group has risen. The members have opportunities now to contribute to the running of the Club and the Committee is working well, with recent elections allowing three more members to join. Responsibility is now more equally shared amongst the supporters.

The Club celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 21<sup>st</sup> April with a buffet and we are now planning our programme for 2015/16 with the knowledge that the Club is going from strength to strength thanks to the support and advice we received from CIB. We will certainly use CIB again and we would highly recommend other community groups to use CIB's expertise and knowledge”.

**Cathy McGuinness**  
Aylesbury Deaf Coffee Morning Club  
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