

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #52

### Community buildings guidance & #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

If you are involved in the running of a community centre, village hall or another multi-use facility, the communal nature of these places make them particularly vulnerable to the spread of coronavirus. Have a look at the recent Government advice below and how Community Impact Bucks can help you.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVICE ON MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITIES

On Tuesday (30th June) the Government published its [advice on the safe use of multi-purpose facilities](#). Essential for anyone who manages community facilities, it signposts to the relevant guidance on a range of different activities that can take place in these spaces, in line with the government's roadmap to ease the existing measures to tackle COVID-19.

As the Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire, we advise, train and keep management committees up-to-date with the latest developments affecting community buildings through our [Community Buildings Service](#). We are working with our umbrella organisation, ACRE, to update an information pack providing reopening advice to community buildings and village halls. Subscribers to our Community Buildings Service will automatically receive these updates.

#### FREE PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID ONLINE COURSE

Public Health England has launched an updated Psychological First Aid (PFA) digital training module which is aimed at all frontline and essential workers and volunteers. The course aims to increase awareness and confidence to provide psychosocial support to people affected by COVID-19. The 90 minute course is free and can be completed in three sessions. No previous qualifications are required. For more information, click [here](#).

#### #FUNDALERTS

New funds are opened up regularly; to keep up-to-date with the latest announcements and for support on all aspects of funding, visit our [COVID-19 Funding webpages](#) and read our [top ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#).

New funds include:

- **Funds for Bucks organisations supporting local communities:** the Rothschild Foundation COVID-19 Support Fund is offering grants of between £5,000 – £50,000 to smaller organisations (turnover of under £1m) which provide a service to local residents who have been adversely affected by the pandemic, and to organisations which have experienced increased demand for their service to help them continue to support local communities. Priority will be given to organisations with services addressing mental health, social isolation and financial hardship, including homelessness. The fund closes in December 2020; for more information, go to the [Rothschild Foundation](#).
- **Funding for projects improving the lives of children in poverty:** Frugi's Happy Childhood Fund provides grants to small grass roots charities in UK communities that are supporting children living in poverty with particular focus on the three pillars of hunger, shelter and nature. Application deadline is 8 July 2020; for more information, visit [Frugi](#).

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