



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The winners of the first Buckinghamshire Women in Charity Awards were announced earlier this week on International Women's Day – you can read their inspirational stories on our [News page](#). Find out too how Carers Bucks is working with Buckinghamshire Council to identify unpaid carers to be vaccinated, how to register for free psychological first aid training, and the latest funding opportunities.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Vaccinating carers across Buckinghamshire

Carers are currently being vaccinated as part of Group 6 in the [priority list](#) for COVID-19 vaccinations; this also includes unpaid carers who are eligible for carer's allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is clinically extremely vulnerable as per the [JCVI Cohort Definitions](#). Individuals are invited for vaccination through several routes: if their GP has a record of them being an unpaid carer, they will be contacted by their GP directly; and if they receive Carers Allowance or are eligible to receive it, they will receive a letter from the NHS asking them to book through the National Booking System.

[Buckinghamshire Council](#) is working with [Carers Bucks](#) to identify unpaid carers who may be eligible for priority vaccination but may not fall within the above vaccination routes or are unknown to either Carers Bucks or the Council. Approximately 11,000 unpaid carers are already registered with Carers Bucks. They will be sending out emails or letters to all those under 70 years of age to ask permission to share their information with the NHS so vaccine invitation letters can be sent.

If your organisation works with carers, we recommend sharing this information with them and asking them to [register](#) with Carers Bucks to ensure that they get invited for a vaccine as soon as possible.

PHE launches new Psychological First Aid training

[Public Health England \(PHE\)](#) has developed online training for those supporting children and young people affected by COVID-19. The course covers how to provide practical and emotional support to children and young people affected by emergencies or crisis situations.

The training is aimed at all frontline workers such as teachers, health and social workers, charity and community volunteers and anyone who cares for or is regularly in contact with children and young people up to 25 years of age. It is free and takes about 3 hours to complete. For more information, visit [Future Learn](#).

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



Updated resources on volunteering

NCVO has refreshed its [coronavirus practical advice pages](#) to reflect the very latest information. Updates include

- A revised section on [planning for the easing of lockdown](#) (with the government's new roadmap)
- Updates on [cyber security](#) and [data protection](#) during COVID-19 (in line with the ICO's guidance on data protection issues and vaccinations)
- Updates on [coronavirus testing and volunteers](#) in the 'involving volunteers' section
- Rules around [self-isolating due to international travel](#) in the 'working with staff' section.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



Access all Areas 2021

The Virtual Health and Well-Being event on Wednesday 31st March (10.30am) aims to bring organisations across Buckinghamshire together to help address the health inequalities people with learning disabilities or autism can face.

To register a place, [click here](#).

Taking part in Census Day/ 21st March 2021

The census provides a vital snapshot of communities, ensuring that funds are invested in services needed in Buckinghamshire. This year census day falls on Sunday 21st March and we recommend encouraging your beneficiaries to take part: all households should have received a letter explaining how to complete the form online though paper forms are also available on request from Buckinghamshire Council.

Buckinghamshire Council is also providing a range of census support, information, and advice to residents, including a Buckinghamshire Archives podcast and an LGBTQ+ event with focused discussion on the new optional questions on sexual orientation and gender identification. This event will be recorded and made available on the [Bucks County Museum website](#). More information and support on completing the census can also be found on [Buckinghamshire Council's website](#).

#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 are highlighted below:

- [Sport England](#) has provided [Leap](#) with extra funding to distribute to community organisations which support sport and physical opportunities for priority groups such as lower socio-economic groups, BAME communities, people with disabilities and people with long term conditions. An online Q&A session on Tuesday 16th March (7.30-8.30pm) will provide key details about the funding; to register for a place at the Q&A, [click here](#). For more detail on the Moving our Community Fund, visit [Leap](#).
- **Funding for small charities and community groups:** 2000 grants of £500 are available to charitable organisations delivering a range of projects that fit one or more of the following themes: improving mental wellbeing, enabling community participation in the arts, preventing or reducing the impact of poverty, supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality, improving biodiversity and green spaces, enabling participation in physical activity, responding to the climate emergency and promoting sustainability, increasing community access to outdoor space. For more information, visit [Localgiving](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Family Rescue Pack

[Seerah Today](#) has launched a new initiative collecting essential items from local people and creating Family Rescue Parcels which could include children's clothes, sized ladies clothes, a kitchen starter pack, toiletries and stationery/toys for children. If this is of interest to your service users, Seerah Today can be contacted on contact@seerahtoday.org for parcel requests.

Interim Trustees for a new food-focused charity in Buckinghamshire

[Buckinghamshire Food Partnership](#) is a new initiative for better food for Buckinghamshire and is seeking three to six interim Trustees, including a Chair for approximately 1 year. Trustees are sought with relevant professional experience, particularly in chairing / change management, finance, HR / legal, and fundraising. Some knowledge and experience of food issues in Buckinghamshire would be beneficial, but not essential. Expressions of interest should be sent to Tejal tejal@sustainweb.org by Monday 22nd March (9am); for more information, visit [Sustain](#) or get in touch with Tejal to arrange an informal chat.

Vacancy at Hills Café - support with getting the word out!

Hills Café, the not-for-profit community café in Micklefield, is currently recruiting for a Cook and Kitchen Manager to work with the staff and volunteers to ensure the successful operation of the café including food and drink preparation, housekeeping and delivering excellent customer service. Applicants need to send a CV and covering letter to hello@hillscafe.co.uk by Friday 19th March 2021 (1pm).

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