



## BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Census day is this Sunday (21 March) and gives us all a chance to reflect local need – for support on completing the census, visit [Buckinghamshire Council's website](#).

Read below for details on new guides for grant-makers and trustees, advice for village halls looking to reopen, as well as the latest funding opportunities.

### RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



#### Guide on grant funders

The [Directory of Social Change \(DSC\)](#) has released its 2021/22 guide to grant-makers which aims to help charities find new funders to support their cause. The grant-funders have been chosen for their wide geographical area of operation and the breadth of their giving criteria, making them relevant to many charities. The guide costs £55.00; for more information and to purchase the guide, visit [dsc.org.uk](#).

#### 5-minute guides for charity trustees

If you are a charity trustee and would like to refresh your knowledge on your key responsibilities, The Charity Commission's [new 5-minute guides](#) are designed to help trustees provide the best possible oversight to their charity. Topics include:

- Financial oversight
- Achieving your charity's purposes
- Good decision making
- Addressing conflicts of interest
- What to file with the Commission and the support available

To help promote these guides to trustees, The Charity Commission has published a [Partner Toolkit](#). Trustees can also find further support in our [online resources for trustees](#).

#### Bucks Council Directories

If your voluntary group has previously had an activity listing on the [Buckinghamshire Family Information Service](#), there is now a [new online directory](#). Buckinghamshire Council is encouraging listed groups brought over from the old directory to log in and check their listings are up-to-date.

To check your listing, visit the [Buckinghamshire Family Information Service](#).

#### Top five tips on how to build an inclusive charity culture

This year we held our first Buckinghamshire International Women's Day event, Charities, Women and Leadership in Buckinghamshire, which explored the role and experiences of women in the voluntary sector in the county both now and in the future (8th March 2021).

Ahead of the seminar, Nicola Hannam, a consultant who provides diversity, inclusion and governance support to charities, shared her top five tips on how to build an inclusive charity culture. To read the full blog visit our [News page](#), and, if you weren't able to join us on the day or you would like a reminder of the insights and tips from our panel, read the [seminar round-up](#).

### INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



#### New research on volunteering during the pandemic

New research published by [Nottingham Trent University](#) has highlighted a change in formal volunteering during the pandemic with 40% of organisations experiencing a decrease in the amount of unpaid time contributed by volunteers since March, and only 27% reporting an increase.

If your organisation needs support with its volunteering programme, our 1:2:1 advice sessions include information on volunteer recruitment and management best practice and are tailored to your charity, community group or social enterprise. For more information and to book, visit our [Training & Events webpage](#).

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



#### Reopening advice for village halls

[ACRE](#) has issued new information to help village halls prepare for reopening. Contrary to the government's announcement on 22nd February 2021, village halls will not be able to reopen after Easter, except for a small number of permitted activities. Most will have to wait until 17th May 2021 before they can be hired out for many functions including exercise classes, coffee mornings, performances, and celebrations. Read the [full article on ACRE's website](#) and, if you are a member of a village hall committee, you can also find up-to-date information and advice on our [Community Buildings webpage](#).

#### Working with your MP: a guide for communities

Engaging your local MP and getting their support on a particular issue can be a vital resource for community groups. For useful tips, tools and resources on engaging your local MP you can download this [useful guide](#) from [Local Trust](#).

### #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:

- **Funding to support people and communities most in need:** The UK Community Renewal Fund will provide an additional £220m in funding to help local areas prepare for the launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in 2022. This Fund aims to support people and communities most in need across the UK to pilot programmes and new approaches, and will invest in skills, community and places, local business, and supporting people into employment. For more information, visit [GOV.UK](#).
- **Grants to smaller charities addressing social need:** The Hedley Foundation provides grants to smaller charities operating across the spectrum of social need. With grants ranging from £250 to £5,000 (occasionally more), the Foundation funds charities that can demonstrate quantifiable outcomes to beneficiaries. For information, visit the [Hedley Foundation](#).
- **Funding tackling impact of pandemic and racism:** The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust is keen to support work that responds to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and systemic racism. For more information and to apply, visit [The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust](#).
- **Funding into infrastructure:** The Levelling Up Fund is a £4.8 billion investment into infrastructure that improves everyday life across the UK, including regenerating town centres and high streets, upgrading local transport, and investing in cultural and heritage assets. Find out how local areas can submit bids by reading the [Levelling Up Fund prospectus](#).

### LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



#### Health & Social Care Awards

Do you know an amazing health or care worker? Nominate your hero in the Health & Social Care Awards by visiting the [Bucks Free Press](#). Closing date for nominations is 31st March 2021.

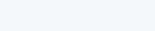
#### Job Vacancy

The [Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Service](#) is looking to recruit a BAMER Outreach Worker who will raise awareness of the issues of sexual violence among BAMER women and those who work with them, and ensure access for BAMER women to the full range of services provided by the charity. For more information and to apply visit our [Vacancy & Opportunities webpage](#).

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