



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service has reached the milestone of placing 1000 volunteers into a variety of roles within the county, read on to find out more. We also have information on our new funding webpages as well as the latest funding opportunities.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



NEW funding pages

We know how tough raising funds can be, especially through a pandemic, which is why we have updated our website with even more information and resources to help you make the most of the opportunities available to your organisation.

For further funding advice please visit our dedicated [funding pages](#) or book a [1:1 funding and governance advice session](#) with one of our VCSE officers.

“Meet the Funder” event

If your organisation helps the community of Buckinghamshire to thrive, makes a positive change in our community and you are looking to increase your knowledge and confidence when applying for funding, our FREE *Meet the Funder* event (19th May, 3pm - 4.30pm) is not to be missed.

This session will give you a greater understanding of what it is like to work with a National Funder, in this case the [National Lottery Community Fund](#). To book, visit our [Training & Events webpage](#).

The health and social care White Paper explained

In February this year the Department of Health and Social Care published the [White Paper](#) Integration and innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all, which sets out legislative proposals for a health and care bill. It brings together proposals that build on the recommendations made by NHS England and NHS Improvement in [Integrating care: next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England](#) with additional ones relating to the Secretary of State's powers.

The Kings Fund has published an article describing the main proposals under each theme including working together and supporting integration, and gives an initial assessment of the proposals and their implications for the health and care system. To read the full article, visit [The King's Fund](#).

Third Sector Awards 2021

[The Third Sector](#) Awards provide an opportunity for voluntary organisations of all sizes, and the people who work for them, to celebrate their work and the real difference they make to society. This year Third Sector is piloting a scheme to boost the presence of small, micro, BAME-led and local charities at the Third Sector Awards. Find out more about the [Awards](#), the [categories](#), and how to [apply for free entry](#) to the Awards.

How Brexit affects the charity sector

[Charity Digital](#) has published a blog looking at the implications of Brexit on the charity sector including how it will impact areas such as data protection, campaigning, and the rights of charity staff and beneficiaries. Read the full article [here](#).

Toolbox to help creative and collaborative work

Hyper Island has created a virtual toolbox of over 100 practical tools for people who want to work more creatively & collaboratively in their team, organisation or network. Have a look at the free resource by visiting [Hyper Island](#).

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS

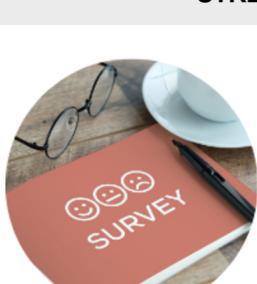


1000th volunteer mobilised by Volunteer Matching Service

We are delighted to announce that the Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service has mobilised 1,000 volunteers to a range of roles supporting local communities during the pandemic from telephone befriending roles to car park marshals at vaccination sites. For more information, you can read the full [press release](#) on our website.

If your organisation needs volunteers, find out how to submit a request for volunteers on our [Volunteering Matching Service](#) webpage. You can also get in touch for one-to-one advice on any aspect of volunteering – just email us on volunteering@communityimpactbucks.org.uk / 0300 111 1250 to book your appointment.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



How has COVID-19 affected your community building?

[Action with Communities in Rural England \(ACRE\)](#) is keen to find out how the pandemic has affected community buildings to help the organisation inform policy on future support needs and identify what financial resources are needed. This survey follows the [Village Halls Survey 2020](#) to take part in the survey before it closes on 30th April, click [here](#).

Rural mobile and broadband coverage

The government has announced a [£500 million support package](#) to boost rural mobile coverage through its Shared Rural Network. This will see investment in a network of new and existing phone masts closing not-spots and levelling up connectivity across every corner of the UK. Whilst progress is being made in tackling mobile phone coverage, what about the roll-out of superfast broadband and full-fibre broadband in rural areas? Read about this in the [Rural Services Network's blog](#) including the impacts of the digital divide for those living in rural communities.

#FUNDALERTS

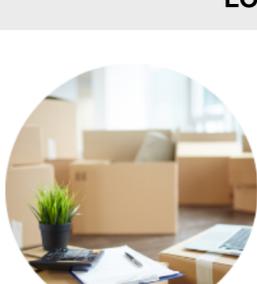


New funds are opened up regularly; to keep up-to-date with the latest announcements and for support on all aspects of funding, visit our [latest funding opportunities page](#), read our [top ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#), and information on [trusts & foundations](#).

New funds are highlighted below:

- **Funding to support communities and people most in need- update:** we mentioned the UK Community Renewal Fund in [Bucks Charity News \(18th March\)](#) – the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has since published a prospectus setting out how the fund will operate across the UK. Visit [GOV.UK](#) to read the prospectus.
- **Funding for Summer playschemes:** each year the Woodward Charitable Trust sets aside funds for summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5-16 years. Most grants are in the range of £500 to £1000. For more information and to apply before the deadline of 9th April, visit [Woodward Charitable Trust](#).
- **Funding for rural communities:** launched in 2017 to support projects in rural communities, The Calor Rural Community Fund has an £85,000 funding pot and is working with Crowdfunder to offer a platform to raise awareness of the work you're doing for your local area. With a closing date of 21 April, visit [Calor](#) to find out more and to apply.

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



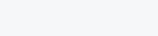
Matchmaking businesses with local charities

Read the [latest blog](#) from The Good Thing about how a Reading business has done 'A Good Thing' for an amazing Aylesbury charity working with disabled children. To find out it works and see if your organisation can be helped, visit [A Good Thing](#).

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