



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As restrictions continue to ease, guidance on the safe operation of community facilities, reopening of charity shops and volunteering have been published – read on to find out more. We also have information on navigating funding possibilities during the pandemic, including legacy giving, as well as the latest funding opportunities.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Securing funding during COVID-19

Is your charity or social enterprise trying to identify funding possibilities during the pandemic? [Good Finance UK](#), in partnership with [Big Society Capital](#), has published a [new guide](#) which pulls together key advice and information to help charitable organisations navigate the changing funding landscape.

Charitable bequests could hit record levels in 2021

A recent article published by [Civil Society News](#) has predicted that charity legacy bequests will reach a record high in 2021 – potentially around 35% higher than in 2020 ([read full article here.](#))

If your organisation would like support on how to make the most of legacy donations as a source of income, visit our [In Memory and Legacy Giving webpage](#) or book a 1:2:1 advice session by visiting our [Training & Events page](#).

Free legal & governance advice – limited number of appointments available

Do you have questions regarding a lease, or maybe you need to make changes to a constitution or legal structure? If you need support on a legal or governance issue, book a free 1:2:1 with IBB Law to get tailored advice from a charity law expert. To book a place on 14th May 2021, visit our [Training & Events page](#).

Webinar to support reopening of charity shops

[Lloyds Bank Foundation](#), in partnership with the [Charity Retail Consultancy](#), has produced a [webinar](#), Reopening charity shops – how to support and communicate with your team, to help charity shops work through the practicalities of opening and ensure shop teams can deliver the measure required.

How to do a risk assessment

If your not-for-profit organisation is looking for guidance on how to ensure its activities are run safely, [Zurich](#) has a [5-step guide on how to do a risk assessment](#) to help you manage risks associated with COVID-19, as well as conventional work and service-related risks.

New look for Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website

[Buckinghamshire Family Information Service \(BFIS\) website and directory](#) has been re-launched; if you work with children and families, you can create a free account to list your activities and services on the directory. It also sets out the support available locally for children and young people aged 0-24 with SEND (see the [SEND Local Offer](#)) - to watch the short video explaining the SEND Local Offer, visit [YouTube](#).

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer Managers' Network – next week

Our next Volunteer Managers' Network meet up is now fully booked but you can join the waiting list in case of any cancellations; if you would like to be part of the discussion on volunteering as restrictions ease and hear our guest speaker Vron Corben, Chair of [Winslow Big Society Group](#), share her experiences and insights of running a successful community group, register via our [Training & Events page](#).

New volunteering guide from DCMS

Department for Culture, Media and Society (DCMS) has published a new guide which highlights how people can volunteer safely during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. To read the full Volunteering during coronavirus guide visit [GOV.UK](#) and for an overview of the Government's guidelines, read NAVCA's summary [here](#).

If your organisation needs additional support with its volunteering programme, you can book a free [1:2:1 advice session](#) and find online resources on our [volunteering pages](#).

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



COVID-19: updated guidance for the community buildings

The Government has updated its guidance on how to safely use multi-purpose community facilities such as village halls and community buildings. Read the [latest guidance on GOV.UK](#) and download a series of [COVID-19 restriction posters](#) to display within community buildings.

If you are part of a management team running a community building and would like more support, visit our [Community Buildings webpage](#) to find out how we can help you and where you will find the latest announcement on the reopening of village halls from Action with Communities in Rural England's (ACRE).

#FUNDALERTS



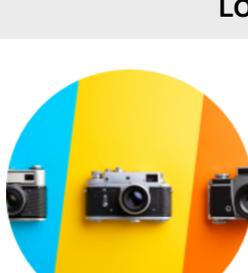
#FUNDALERTS

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](#), and read our online resources on [trusts & foundations](#) as well as [ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#).

New funds are highlighted below:

- **Funding to support Black, Asian and ethnic minority communities:** Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales opened its Racial Equity funding for small and local charities that are led by and that support Black, Asian, and ethnic minority communities. Two-year unrestricted grants of £50,000 alongside development support available. For more information visit [Lloyds Bank Foundation](#).
- **Funding to support people to overcome complex social issues:** small and local charities in England and Wales that help people overcome complex social issues can now apply for two-year unrestricted grants of £50,000 from Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales. For more information visit [Lloyds Bank Foundation](#).
- **Funding for small charities and groups including schools:** Magic Little Grants is offering up to £500 for small charities and community groups delivering a range of projects including community participation, reducing the impact of poverty and improving mental well-being. Funding is now open and will run until 31st October 2021; for more information visit [Local Giving](#).
- **Funding for groups raising awareness of illegal money lending:** the 2021 Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund is now open for applications for grants of up to £5,000 to groups raising awareness of the issues around illegal money lending. For more information visit [Stop Loan Sharks](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



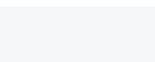
LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT

[Youth Concern](#) has launched its #nosmileselfie competition to raise awareness of Youth Concern's new photography drop-in (open from June 2021), and to recognise that young people are going through hard times. Entrants are invited to take a selfie where they are deliberately not smiling for a chance to win a GoPro Hero9 camera. The competition is open to 13–25-year-olds living in Aylesbury Vale and closes on 30th April 2021 (5pm). For more information visit [Youth Concern's website](#).

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