



## BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

For August we are sharing updates about our new VCSE service, new funds, the Bucks BAME Network 1st Birthday celebration, jobs, and learning opportunities.



### Does your charity or voluntary group need help to thrive and grow?

Our new VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) Support Service offers free assistance to those making a difference in Buckinghamshire. The service is delivered by Community Impact Bucks and funded by Buckinghamshire Council.

The service can offer free help with all aspects of running a charity or voluntary group including starting up, leadership, funding, and volunteer recruitment and management, with priority given to those with income of less than £100,000. Tailored support ensures each organisation can get the help that they need.

#### To get help:

**Step 1:** Fill out the referral form - Request support.

**Step 2:** Our team will be in touch to offer advice and talk through options for support

**Step 3:** For additional needs a support plan can be made

You can call or email us for a chat: 0300 111 1250 / [info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk)

## RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



### Is your charity on the path to recovery?

Pro Bono Economics has published their latest charity tracker survey which aims to uncover how your charity is feeling about lockdown lifting and how things have changed for your beneficiaries.

Do the findings resonate with you? To complete this survey please click [here](#).

### New Zoom app feature lets UK charities fundraise within the platform using Pledge

[Zoom](#) has added a donation function to its platform for registered UK charities. This donation button is part of a new initiative by Zoom, enabling third parties to embed apps within Zoom meetings. One of the apps listed is Pledge, and on its website is a [short video on how to enable](#) the function or access additional support.

### Business Rates: What should charities be concerned about?

Charity Finance Group has put together a helpful guide on what charities should be concerned with regarding business rates, specifically around Material Change in Circumstance appeals and a consultation on more frequent revaluations Fundamental Review of Business Rates. [Click here for details](#).

## #FUNDALERTS



### Buckinghamshire Council Support Grant Funding

Community groups and organisations **assisting people in need with food and essential supplies** can receive a Bucks Council Support Grant. Funding is for activity delivered anywhere in Bucks between 21<sup>st</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021. Info / how to apply, contact Gill [gill.harding@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:gill.harding@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or Hannah [hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.tomlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### Heart of Bucks General Fund

Grants up to £5,000 for charitable, voluntary and community groups addressing need within Buckinghamshire. *Expression of Interest Deadline: Midday 25th August. For more information visit [Heart of Bucks](#)*

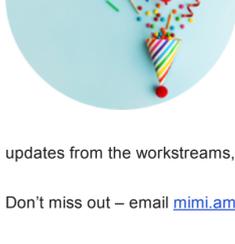
### National Lottery Community Fund (England)

Funding from £300 to £10,000 to improve community cohesion, provide services for vulnerable people and to stabilise finances where there has been challenge as a result of the pandemic. Small, medium and micro charities are particularly invited to apply. For more information visit the [National Lottery Community Fund](#).

### Co-op Community Fridge Fund

Grants of up to £4,000 to support groups to establish a new Community Fridge, joining a network of 250 established community fridges across the country. A community fridge is a space where people can share surplus food, including donations from local food businesses, producers, households and gardens. *Applications close at 9am on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021.* For more information visit the [Hubbub website](#).

## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



### Bucks BAME Network 1st Birthday celebration

The Bucks Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic Network is holding a short event to celebrate their 1st birthday, with presentations on how to access funding for BAME organisations from Buckinghamshire Council's Community Boards, Heart of Bucks and a call to arms from Oasis Partnership. There will also be updates from the workstreams, which have been extremely busy over this last year!

Don't miss out – email [mimi.amersham@gmail.com](mailto:mimi.amersham@gmail.com) to register for the event.

### Bus Strategy and Service Improvement survey - Closes 3 Sep 2021

Buckinghamshire Council is undertaking a survey with both bus users and the wider community to determine which measures for improving bus services to prioritise. [Read more](#).

Please take the [survey](#) to ensure that your priorities are reflected in the BSIP when this is published in October 2021.

### Eden Project Virtual Community Camp is now open for applications

People from across the UK can now apply to take part in a Community Camp delivered by educational and environmental charity The Eden Project in partnership with the National Lottery.

The Community Camp brings people who care about community together virtually, to share, connect and learn from each other's recent experiences and to build confidence to take small steps to do good things where they live. Community Camp runs over two days with the aim that participants will grow confidence, friendship and support that remains long after the camp has ended. It is a completely free experience, thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund and will take place on the 1st & 2nd October 2021.

For more information [click here](#) or to apply [click here](#).

## LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



### Chilterns MS Centre awarded £4k for Wellbeing Programme

Thanks to the Aylesbury Town Council the Chilterns MS Centre wellbeing programme has been given a boost of £4000. This has enabled more counselling, nutrition and occupational therapy for local people with [#MultipleSclerosis](#). [Read the article](#) or Facebook [post](#)

### Burnham Youth Club Job Vacancy

If you are an enthusiastic person who loves working with young people, Burnham Youth Club is looking for a Lead Youth Worker to run the club. The role is part-time, 5-6 hours per week, £12-£14 per hour dependent on experience. For more information including a full job description, application form or to arrange an informal visit please contact [burnhamyouthclub@yahoo.com](mailto:burnhamyouthclub@yahoo.com)

## EVENTS



### The Tour de Vale Returns in 2021 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

The Tour de Vale is an annual charity bike ride that's been taking place since 2003, and is organised by Aylesbury based charity WheelPower.

After the 2020 event was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic WheelPower are looking forward to welcoming cyclists of all ages and abilities back to the Birthplace of the Paralympic Movement. Once again there will be three routes to choose from, that all start and finish on the famous track at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Free places for hand cyclists and children under 16 but must be accompanied by an adult. **Sign up for the 2021 MKFM Tour de Vale please visit [www.tourdevale.com](http://www.tourdevale.com).**

### FREE Adult Learning courses and workshops starting in September

Buckinghamshire Adult Learning is offering free or low cost learning opportunities for adults 19 years or over who meet UK residency requirements. NEW digital drop-in sessions give people the opportunity to use PCs and wifi, with one to one support if required.

Courses offer a range of subjects to improve employability skills or develop personal skills and professional knowledge. They are available to charities and groups, as well as to your clients.

Find out more: [Community Outreach - Buckinghamshire Adult Learning \(adultlearningbc.ac.uk\)](#) or [Distance Online Learning \(adultlearningbc.ac.uk\)](#). If you have clients that would be interested, then please contact Angela Cato ([angela.cato@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:angela.cato@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)) who will contact them to book an assessment and check for any learner support needs.

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