



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

With minimal COVID restrictions now in place, many organisations are now reviewing ways of working and workplace safety – read the advice for Trustees and Chairs from the Association of Chairs below. You will also find vaccination advice for care home volunteers, information on free home COVID testing kits for local communities, as well as adult safeguarding advice from Buckinghamshire Council.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



New ways of working

The pandemic changed our ways of working almost overnight but, with the remaining COVID restrictions now lifted, organisations now need to consider how to proceed going forward. The Association of Chairs has published an article, [Essential advice on returning to the office](#), which provides useful information including cleaning routines to hybrid-working arrangements. Cambridge CCVS has also [published a blog](#) highlighting five questions trustees should be thinking about when discussing on hybrid working.

Financial resilience webinar

The Association of Chairs is hosting a webinar on 29th September 2021 (6–7pm) which will be looking at the role Chairs can play in helping organisations to rebuild their finances following the pandemic. For more information and to book, visit [The Association of Chairs](#).

Fundraising with corporate partners post pandemic

Amber Consulting for Fundraisers is hosting a free webinar with Jane Montague on 23rd September (11am) to discuss and make sense of Commercial Participator Agreements. For more information and to book, visit [Amber Consulting](#).

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



COVID-19 vaccinations required for people volunteering in care homes

From 11th November 2021, anyone working or volunteering in a care home will need to be fully vaccinated against coronavirus (COVID-19), unless exempt. For more information about requirements and exceptions read the [government guidance here](#).

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



Free home COVID testing kits for communities most at risk

Can you help distribute free home testing kits to help keep our communities safe? Buckinghamshire Council's COVID-19 Rapid Testing service can deliver the test kits and provide your staff/volunteers with further information to share with people and families you support.

Along with vaccination, regular testing continues to be one of the best ways of keeping our communities safe, especially as 1 in 3 positive cases report having no symptoms at all. The

mobile outreach programme is already working with food banks, places of worship, as well as several community and youth groups across Bucks and they are looking for opportunities to further engage communities who may have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. If you can help, get in touch: kate.mulhearn@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

See Something, Say Something, Do Something

Adult Abuse is a difficult and important topic; it is not just children who might be at risk from exploitation or abuse. Abuse of adults can take a number of forms: physical or financial abuse or exploitation, neglect or mental and psychological abuse – and it can happen to anyone over the age of 18. Would you know what to do if you had a concern for someone's wellbeing? Find out more information by visiting the [Buckinghamshire Council website](#).

Help Bucks residents get their views heard

POhWER helps people who find it difficult to express their views or get the support they need. In Buckinghamshire they are working with Buckinghamshire Council to design a new service to help people communicate with others so they can be involved in processes, discussions and decisions. They want to hear from people who need help get their views heard and from anyone who works with people who need this sort of support. By completing this [short survey](#) you will help them to work out what type of situations people need our help with the most.

#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 [Funding pages](#), including [Current Funding Opportunities](#). New funds are highlighted below:

- **Grants to help new, innovative visual arts projects:**
The Elephant Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects. It supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants of up to £5,000 may be considered. The next deadline for applications is 10th October 2021; for more information, visit [The Elephant Trust](#).
- **Funding to help those at disadvantage in society:**
Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation is offering grants of between £250 - £1,000 to cover the costs involved in directly supporting those in need including those with disabilities, affected by homelessness, or with serious health issues. The Foundation accepts applications from UK registered charities with a turnover of less than £1 million per year. The next deadline for applications is 4th October 2021; for more information visit [Leeds Building Society](#).
- **Funding to support Thames Valley community groups:** The Community Fund is intended to support voluntary and community groups that help to prevent crime and keep communities safe. Organisations from across Thames Valley can apply for either a micro grant (under £1,000), or larger grant (over £5,000) for projects that support one of the PCC's 'Police and Criminal Justice Plan' priorities. The closing date for this round of applications is 3rd October (11.59pm); for more information about the fund and the funding priorities, visit the [Police and Crime Commissioner Thames Valley website](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Young people's survey - Aylesbury

Do you know someone aged between 11 and 24 who would like to help the Aylesbury Community Board and local partners to understand the views of young people? They could be in with the chance of winning a pair of AirPods, an iPad and membership to the Cloudy Foundation Enterprise Academy. They will need to complete a short survey with their views about what it is like to be a young person in Aylesbury. The survey can be found by visiting [Cloudy Foundation](#).

Job Vacancy

High Wycombe Shopmobility require a part-time Assistant Manager to join their team. The role involves assisting in overseeing the day-to-day operation of the service and ensures the successful and continued management and development of Shopmobility. Read the full job description on our [Vacancies & Opportunities webpage](#).

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