



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

7th October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Trustees' Week is fast approaching (1-5 November) and is a great way to boost your board volunteer recruitment. We will be sending out more information in the next few weeks but have some tips on how your organisation can get involved below. Also find out about a new photocard, Fair4All, which aims to make shopping easier for disabled people in the county in the Strengthening Communities section.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Trustees' Week 2021

Trustees' Week (1-5 November 2021) is an annual event to showcase the great work that trustees (board volunteers) do and highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

Taking part in this national awareness week is a good way to advertise any board volunteering roles you may have and boost your recruitment efforts. The Trustees' Week website has some useful information on how to get involved including [10 top tips for getting media coverage](#) during the week and [training and resources for trustees](#).

Last call for local conferences

Two events are coming up next week for the charity sector, giving individuals the opportunity to build their skillsets and network with peers.

The Charity Thrive Conference is being held on 14th October, both in person in Aylesbury and online. The event aims to celebrate the great work of the sector, particularly over the past 18 months, as well as to inspire and support you with practical tools to equip you for the challenges of the months ahead. For more information and to book visit [Eventbrite](#).

Charity Meetup's next networking and skill-sharing event is on 12th October (10 - 11.30am) via zoom and centres around the theme, *Sharpen Your Storytelling to Raise Funds and Awareness*. This event is open to anyone who would like ideas to help them engage stakeholders through more effective storytelling. For more information and to book visit [Eventbrite](#).

Raise your organisation's profile via the Buckinghamshire Online Directory

The [Buckinghamshire Online Directory](#) has recently gone live with some new features for residents and providers. Community groups and organisations can add their activities and services to the directory by creating an account. Providers will also be able to access their listings and make updates. If you haven't already, you can create an account [here](#).

Gift Aid Awareness Day/ 7th October 2021

Today (Thursday 7 October 2021) is Gift Aid Awareness Day, Charity Finance Group's campaign to reduce the amount of unclaimed and mis-claimed funds. They aim to simplify the Gift Aid process for volunteers and donors, encouraging those who donate to #tickthebox and help ensure that every pound goes as far as possible for charities all over the UK.

To find out how to get involved in the ongoing campaign, visit [CFG](#). You can also find an introduction to Gift Aid as a source of income for your organisation on our [Gift Aid webpage](#) or book in for a [free support session](#) for more tailored advice.

World Mental Health Day/ 10th October 2021

2020 highlighted many inequalities – from race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, to those living with mental health conditions. To highlight this, the theme for this year's World Mental Health Day (10th October 2021) is "Mental Health in an Unequal World".

Find out how to take part in raising awareness of mental health by visiting the [Mental Health Foundation](#) and, if your organisation manages volunteers, you could share the series of [training videos](#) supporting volunteers' wellbeing which were produced by Buckinghamshire Mind, in partnership with us, earlier this year:

- Looking after your own mental wellbeing as a volunteer
- Setting boundaries as a volunteer
- Supporting someone else's mental wellbeing as a volunteer

Parents in Sport Week

This week sees another awareness week, Parents in Sport (4-10 October 2021), which gives parents the information and tools they need to be part of the bigger safeguarding picture in sport. There are resources for sports clubs including a [campaign pack](#), and new resources for parents including:

- a [new animation](#) for parents on what abuse might look like in sport and how to get help.
- a short, [interactive e-learning course](#) for parents on how to keep children safe.
- a new look [parents' hub](#) on the CPSU website, which parents can use as a one-stop-shop for safeguarding information.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



New Fair4All Card scheme

A new photocard is being issued for disabled people in Buckinghamshire to make shopping easier and help shops understand how to help their disabled customers. Unlike other schemes like the sunflower lanyard, the [Fair4All Card](#) which was developed by local charity [Bucks Disability Service \(BuDS\)](#), will be issued only to people who have produced evidence that they meet the legal tests of disability and are legally entitled to adjustments and exemptions to help them.

The Fair4All Card also lists the ways that shops and supermarket staff can best help the card holder as a disabled shopper.

Women's Social Circle - launched September 2021

The Healthy Living Centre's *BAME Women's Social Circles* launched in September across Aylesbury, Chesham, and High Wycombe. These social groups are a safe and fun space for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) women to come together, enjoy each other's company, learn new skills and showcase their own hobbies and interests. For more information, visit [The Healthy Living Centre](#).

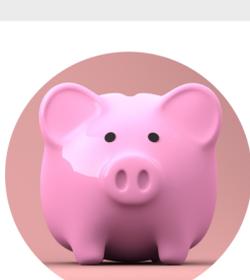
Win up to £1,000 for your village hall

This year Allied Westminster has teamed up with [The Village Halls Podcast](#) for the ['Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition](#).

You have a chance to win up to £1,000 for your village hall and £500 for the photographer, plus other cash prizes. Entry is free and no purchase is necessary and a cash prize will be awarded to Community Impact Bucks if winning photographers are from Buckinghamshire.

Deadline for entries is the 21st November 2021; for more information and to enter, visit [The Village Halls Podcast](#).

#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:

- **Funding – including core costs – for projects working with disadvantaged communities:**

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation is inviting applications from frontline charities, voluntary organisations, CICs, social enterprises, and other not-for-profit organisations working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts. The Foundation will award small grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 for one-year projects focusing on community support; or major grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 for a single year or up to three years (the maximum grant is £100,000 in total) for projects focusing on family support. Funding can be used to support core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Applications can be made at any time. For more information and to apply, visit [The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



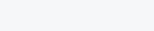
HLC Community Garden awarded a Silver Gilt!

The Healthy Living Centre Community Grow Project was awarded a Silver Gilt in the Aylesbury in Bloom 2021 competition. All plants and vegetables in the garden have been grown from scratch and the veg is used in the onsite café as well as their weekly cooking courses. To find out more visit [The Healthy Living Centre](#).

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