



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

14th October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Read the NCVO's latest Almanac for insights into the UK's voluntary sector, and find out about two local opportunities to boost your income through the The Clare Foundation's Christmas Holiday charity roundtable and the Marlow Santa Fun Run.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Key findings from this year's NCVO Almanac

Anya Martin from [NCVO](#) discusses some of the key findings of the Almanac 2021 and provides insights into the UK's voluntary sector. For example, there has been:

- A slight decrease in the number of voluntary organisations
- An increase in the number of sector employees despite the crisis
- A possible decline in the sector's income
- Over half of the population volunteered their time to help others during the pandemic

To read the full article visit the [Civil Society website](#).

Christmas holiday charity roundtable

The Clare Foundation is hosting a virtual roundtable event on 21st October to bring together key charity and not-for-profit partners within the county to find out if they have any planned schemes in the run up to Christmas and during the festive school holidays. The Clare Foundation is keen to provide grants to Buckinghamshire-based organisations which will be running support schemes for families and vulnerable people this Christmas holiday season. To book your place, visit [Eventbrite](#).

Free learning programme for organisations wanting to engage locally with social prescribing

The Learning Together Programme is a flexible programme of learning and development activities to support the voluntary and community sector to engage in social prescribing and encourage a healthy eco-system of activities and services in the community to help social prescribing flourish. As many webinars are recorded, you can pick and choose how and when you engage. [Click here](#) to sign up to the programme.

Fundraising opportunity – Marlow Santa Fun Run

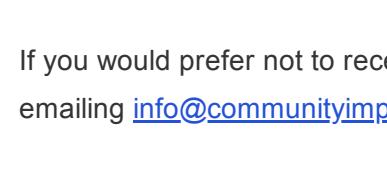
It isn't long until the Marlow Santa Fun Run (Sunday 5th December 2021), a fantastic local fundraising opportunity for charities across Buckinghamshire. Don't forget there is also a 'Charity Pool' of £5000 that will be shared equally between all fundraising organisations that raise a minimum of £500: if 5 charities raise £500, each of those organisations will receive an additional £1000. For more information on the event and how to enter, visit [Santa's Fun Run](#).

Find out how to protect your charity from fraud

Every charity and non-profit group is susceptible to fraud and cybercrime, and therefore needs to be risk-aware and take steps to keep money, people, and data safe. To help you achieve this, Prevent Charity Fraud has published some [useful resources](#) to help prevent fraud as well as how to get involved in [Charity Fraud Awareness Week \(18-22 October\)](#).

You can also find a range of [help sheets](#) covering topics such as moving money safely, cyber security, keeping your personal data safe and volunteer fundraising fraud.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



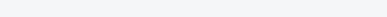
Opportunity to get involved with Food for Life Get Togethers

Food for Life Get Togethers are regular community activities that connect people from all ages and backgrounds through food. This month is Cook and Share Month and offers a great opportunity to bring your community together and share the joy of good food. For more information on how to get involved, visit [Food for Life Get Togethers](#) and [Bucks Food Partnership](#).

Cast your vote for the 2021 Community Transport Awards

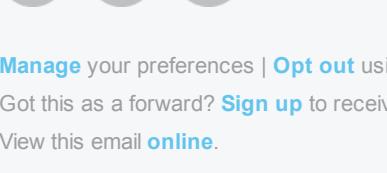
The 2021 Community Transport Awards recognises the amazing work of Community Transport Association members who have done so much for so many people over the last year. One of the categories is a photo competition which will be judged by public vote – to cast your vote for your favourite image encapsulating the spirit of community transport during the pandemic, give a look at the [shortlist](#) and then vote [here](#) by Monday 18 October.

#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 musical activities for the elderly:** The Concertina Charitable Trust offers grants up to a maximum of £250 to charities providing musical entertainment and related activity for the elderly. The application deadline is 31st October 2021; for more information and to apply, visit the [Concertina Charitable Trust](#).



LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT

TEAM VOLUNTEERING AT THE COMMUNITY GROWING PROJECT – MICKLEFIELD, HIGH WYCOMBE

A team from [Saepio](#), a local information security company based in High Wycombe, approached the Gardening Team at Community Impact Bucks for volunteering opportunities and chose to get involved with the Community Growing Project at Micklefield Library. They helped to create a beautiful, accessible green space where Community Impact Bucks can support the local community to grow, harvest and share edible produce. You can read the full case study by visiting our [website](#).

Cast your vote for the Heart of Bucks People's Choice Award 2021

The award shines a spotlight on six local charities which have been working tirelessly throughout the year supporting Buckinghamshire residents and their communities. The winning group will receive £1,000 in prize funding. Voting closes at 7:45 pm on Wednesday 20th October; to vote visit the [Heart of Bucks website](#).

Job Vacancy

Are you a strategist and passionate about sustainable food in Bucks? There is an exciting opportunity to lead a new charity, the Bucks Food Partnership, which is looking for a part-time Partnership Director - preferably 3-4 days/week, c.£27-32k per annum (c.£40-45k FTE) depending on experience, 3-year contract. For more information and to apply, visit the [Bucks Food Partnership website](#). Closing date for applications is Wednesday 27th October (9am).

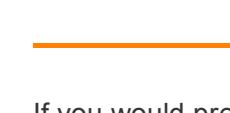
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