



# BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This week we have picked out several funding opportunities that have imminent deadlines including the Centre for Sustainable Energy grant to help tackle fuel poverty (see Funding Alerts section). Next week's Bucks Charity News will be a 'Trustees' Week special' with details of how to get involved in the national awareness week (1-5 November) and a range of useful resources.

## RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



### How to create workable hybrid working systems

For many of us, the way we work has changed significantly since the beginning of 2020. If you would like advice on how to manage virtual and in-person meetings, read [Charity Digital's article](#) which discusses how to host a hybrid meeting.

## Setting up a committee for your non-profit group

When running a community group, club or charity, it is good practice to make sure a formal management committee is in place, even if your organisation or project is too small to register as a charity. Having a committee helps to ensure that decisions are made collectively and that there are named people working together to manage risk, finances and future plans. Read [Zurich Insurance's blog](#) for how to set up an effective committee, and book an [advice session](#) with one of the Community Impact Bucks team.

## Our VCSE Support Service

We can help new ideas get off the ground, help charities and groups to set up or grow, and help organisations put in place the structures, funding, and people they need to be successful. All you need to do is complete a [short form requesting support](#) – either for your organisation or to refer an organisation you know needs help – and one of the team will get in touch.

## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



### Open Culture – a cultural strategy sharing event

Buckinghamshire Culture is hosting an Open Culture event on 16th November 2021 (1 - 4.30pm) where you will be able to find out what Buckinghamshire Culture has been doing, the activities of other cultural organisations as well as how fellow organisations are responding to the Covid-19 recovery. Register your interest by emailing [lallie@buckinghamshireculture.org](mailto:lallie@buckinghamshireculture.org)

## Fighting Food Poverty in High Wycombe

A [recent report from the University of Sheffield](#) highlighted how the [most ethnically diverse and deprived area in Buckinghamshire](#) has the UK's highest levels of 'food insecurity' – the inability to consistently afford, access and utilise the food needed to maintain good health and wellbeing. The report estimates that 14% of people in Wycombe are hungry; 29% struggle to access food; and 22% worry about having enough food.

Buckinghamshire New University is hosting a public debate on Thursday 28th October (6-7.30pm) to shed light on the nature of the challenges facing Wycombe residents, as well as inform actions to address food poverty locally. The debate will be chaired by BNU's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nick Braisby, and panellists include representatives from Buckinghamshire Council, One Can Trust, Wycombe Women's Aid, Wycombe Food Hub, Heart of Bucks and Khepera CIC. [Sign up to the free event.](#)

## #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:

Last chance to apply for the following funding opportunities:

- **Funding to tackle fuel poverty:** grants of up to £20,000 are available to registered non-profit and community organisations working to deal with fuel poverty or to support vulnerable people's energy resilience. Applicants should check their organisation, building or project is based within an eligible area on the [postcode checker](#). The deadline for applications is 25th October 2021. For more information and to apply, visit [Centre for Sustainable Energy](#).
- **Funding for a variety of community projects:** Magic Little Grants is offering grants of £500 to go towards projects which focus on any of the following: improving mental wellbeing; enabling community participation in the arts; preventing or reducing the impact of poverty; supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality; improving biodiversity and green spaces; enabling participation in physical activity; responding to the climate emergency and promoting sustainability; and increasing community access to outdoor space. Deadline for applications is 31st October 2021. For more information and to apply, visit [Local Giving](#).
- **Funding to overcome the effects of the pandemic:** matched funding up to £10,000 is available to charities and non-profit organisations to enable them to develop or extend services that have become more crucial because of the Covid-19 pandemic including wellbeing, addressing isolation, food poverty, health, community co-ordination, young people's access to education. Deadline for applications is 22nd October 2021. For more information and to apply, visit [Crowdfunder](#).
- **Funding to support charities resume in person activities:** grants up to £1,000 are available for community charitable organisations to go towards celebration events which will bring people back together, as social distancing guidelines ease. Funding can cover event meals, decorations, and entertainment. Applications need to be made through Asda Community Champions, based at local Asda stores, by 1st November 2021. For more information and to apply, visit the [ASDA Foundation](#).

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