

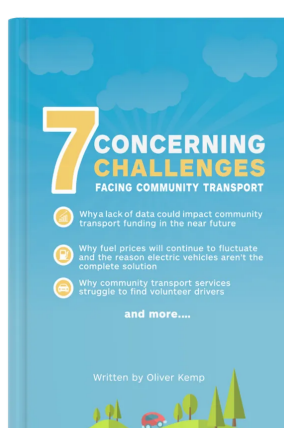
SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

Focus: Community Transport Hub

The [Community Transport Hub](#) provides signposting information and advice to Buckinghamshire residents without access to public or private transport. The Hub does not take or make bookings but can advise on the most appropriate method of transport.

Run by Community Impact Bucks and funded by Buckinghamshire Council, the Hub holds details of the county's community transport schemes and other alternatives. If you are not sure your scheme is listed or you would like to update your contact details, please email us on transport@communityimpactbucks.org.uk.

Running your transport scheme



Key challenges facing Community Transport

Community Transport remains an essential service across Buckinghamshire for those residents which are unable to access other public transport services.

Oliver Kemp has published a free e-book, *7 concerning Challenges Facing Community Transport*, which covers topics such as future funding concerns, fuel prices, recruiting volunteer drivers, and more. [You can download your free copy here.](#)

Bucks Funding Search

A great way to find suitable funding for your scheme is via online funding directories. One example is the [Buckinghamshire Funding Search](#), an online database that allows you to search for grant opportunities in Buckinghamshire using keywords. Registration is free and there is a helpful 'How to Use' guide for those new to the platform.

You can find additional support on all aspects of funding on our [Funding pages](#), including [Local Funding Opportunities](#).

How to fundraise online with easyfundraising

We are working in partnership with the fundraising website easyfundraising to provide an alternative to AmazonSmile where you can generate additional unrestricted income for your organisation or group.

[Join us for a free online lunch and learn session with easyfundraising on 22nd June 2023 \(12-1pm\) to find out how easyfundraising works.](#)

NCVO Member's Assembly: Southeast

Working in partnership with NCVO, we are co-hosting the *NCVO Members' Assembly: South-East*, a free online event for not-for-profit organisations in the south-east of England on Thursday 25th May (9am-12pm).

This event is an opportunity to share your organisation's experiences and the challenges you are facing, as well as a chance to network with other voluntary organisations, share best practice and speak directly with NCVO staff.

We also will be sharing our recent independent research into the needs and barriers faced by volunteers, people who don't volunteer, and volunteer-involving organisations in Buckinghamshire.

[Find out more about the NCVO Member's Assembly webinar and book your place by visiting our Training & Workshops webpage.](#)

Advice and support

We can offer advice and information on a wide range of issues to Community Transport Schemes in the county. Support includes advice on all aspects of running a transport scheme (for example volunteer recruitment) as well as resources such as exemplar policies and induction packs. For more information on this service, contact Nosh Fiaz on 01844 617300 or email nosh@communityimpactbucks.org.uk.

Involving volunteers

How to keep volunteers

Recent data released in the DCMS Community Life Survey shows that the percentage of adults volunteering has fallen to the lowest levels in the last decade. [The full report can be read here.](#)

This data shows it is more important than ever to acknowledge and overcome some of the barriers to volunteering, especially for volunteer drivers. NCVO provides a [helpful guide on different ways in which you can keep volunteers motivated](#).

Volunteers' Week

Volunteers' Week (**1st-7th June 2023**) is a great opportunity to show volunteers appreciation for all their time and effort they provide to support the community. [Visit Volunteers' Week webpage to get ideas on how to get involved and to access a range of resources.](#)

Other news

Have your say

Buckinghamshire Council would like your views on the Draft Visions and Objectives for two important Council strategies: **Local Plan for Buckinghamshire** and **Local Transport Plan 5**.

To take part in the survey, [fill out the online survey via Your Voice Bucks](#).

If you are unable to complete the online form, there is a PDF version available which can be downloaded and emailed to the Planning Policy Team at planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Responses must be submitted by **4th June 2023**.

Community Impact Bucks' mailing list

At Community Impact Bucks we produce regular bulletins to help not-for-profit organisations in Buckinghamshire keep up-to-date with the latest guidance, funding opportunities and useful advice.

If you would like to receive our free weekly bulletin, *Bucks Charity News*, [sign up to our mailing list](#).

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