

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #12 Volunteering Matching Service

*Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks*

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, there has been an amazing surge of people offering to volunteer whether registering via [Buckinghamshire Council](#), the [Bucks NHS Trust](#), the national call for NHS Volunteer Responders or directly with charities and community groups through the county.

To ensure this wonderful army of volunteers are deployed where, when, and how they are needed, the Volunteer Matching Service has been set up – see information below.

### VOLUNTEERING MATCHING SERVICE

Working together with Buckinghamshire Council and the Clare Foundation, Community Impact Bucks is providing a Volunteer Matching Service which links volunteers who have registered with Buckinghamshire Council with charities, community groups and other volunteer-involving organisations in need of extra people power.

Over 1,000 people have registered as potential volunteers through Buckinghamshire Council's [form](#) and they will be mobilised across the county to wherever there is need over the coming weeks and months.

If parish councils, local charities or community groups would like to tap into this volunteer army, please email your volunteer requirements (e.g. number and type of volunteers required, roles they will be undertaking) to us at [covidvolunteering@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:covidvolunteering@communityimpactbucks.org.uk)

### LOCAL SUPPORT HUBS

Buckinghamshire Council has established eight Local Support Hubs around the county.

These Hubs, which will be coordinated by Council staff, will provide support to those with severe medical conditions and who do not have access to family, friends or local support networks. They are primarily coordination and distribution points for volunteer networks and not open to the general public. For locations and further information, click [here](#).

Working alongside the Local Support Hubs are eight Local Area Coordinators, who are the first point of contact for local volunteering groups, and town and parish councils. They will provide a link between Covid-19 voluntary groups, community leaders and the Local Support Hubs. You can find the areas they cover, and their contact details, [here](#).

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