

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #64

New national guidance and resources

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

New national guidance is continuing to be released; in this week's briefing you will find advice on running your organisation, your communications, funding activity as well as tailored re-opening advice for village hall and community buildings.

For a wide range of advice and guidance, check our [COVID-19 support for groups](#) webpages which are regularly updated.

REVISED RE-OPENING GUIDANCE FOR VILLAGE HALLS AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Government guidance continues to evolve and in light of this ACRE - supporting our role as the Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire - produced **version 5 of the comprehensive information pack** to support management committees of village halls and community buildings prepare for opening.

The pack includes the following templates:

- Checklist for re-opening
- Sample questionnaire for regular users
- COVID-19 secure premises poster
- Management of social distancing – a risk-based approach
- Sample special conditions of hire during COVID-19
- Sample COVID-19 risk assessment for reopening of village and community halls
- Sample COVID-19 Risk Assessment for hirers of village and community halls
- List of suggested items for a COVID-19 First Aid box, for use in case of a suspected case at the hall
- Sample poster for play equipment
- Performances in village and community halls
- Indoor and outdoor exercise and sport
- COVID-19 treatment plan information sheet – for COVID-19 First Aid Box

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GENERAL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS, RESOURCES & FUNDS

- **Guidance on working from home:** the National Cyber Security Centre has released new [guidance](#) on how your organisation and staff can prepare for an increase in home working, and advice on spotting COVID-19 scam emails.
- **Free crisis decision tool for charities and social enterprises:** if your charity is facing financial difficulties and you are looking for guidance on the options available, Bates Wells has released a [tool](#) which can help voluntary organisations through the next steps on insolvency, merger, collaboration, cost cutting and raising finance. You will need to answer up to six questions to receive a report on the options.
- **Fund to help charities expand their digital capability:** Fat Beehive Foundation is offering [grants of up to £2500](#) to help build websites or develop digital products that enable them to carry out their work in a more efficient and effective way.
- **Free training in strategic communications theory and techniques:** Equally Ours is running two [workshops for communicators and campaigners](#) working on inequality or poverty, and those with lived experience of these. The training will run on 29th September and 1 October.

NEW FUNDING SUPPORT

- **Online event to support digital fundraising:** on 15th October Charity Digital is holding the [#BeMoreDigital Fundraising Day](#), a free virtual event to help charities navigate an exciting era of digital fundraising. Charities will be able to hear how other organisations are adapting to the new fundraising environment with specific information on the tools and tricks they are using and lessons learnt.
- **Online Funding Talks:** the Small Charities Coalition is running a series of online Funding Talks with national funders such as one with Lloyds Foundation on 2nd September. For more information and to make sure you see sessions as they are announced, sign up on its [website](#) or follow SCC on [Eventbrite](#).

Update - meet the Rothschild Foundation funding team: there is still time to book a place on a virtual roundtable to find out more about the [Rothschild Foundation COVID-19 Fund](#) directly from the funding team, as well as ask questions which could support your application. You have the choice of two free roundtables - [3rd September \(2-3pm\)](#) and [23rd September \(10-11am\)](#).

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