

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #67

### Volunteering support, #ProudofBucks Awards & #FundAlert

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As your Council for Voluntary Service for Buckinghamshire, we provide a wide range of volunteering support for local voluntary groups through our [online resources](#), [one-to-one advice](#) and Team Volunteering Service which we are re-opening this week – see details below.

#### TEAM VOLUNTEERING SERVICE

Do you have a project coming up that could benefit from a team of volunteers? Our recently re-opened Team Volunteering Service could assist by matching you with a local business or statutory organisation offering their time to help.

Whether it is a volunteering project which requires a few volunteers or a large group, complete the [registration form](#) to tell us about your opportunity and we will be in touch. If you would like a chat in the first instance, you can email [volunteering@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@communityimpactbucks.org.uk).

For help with hosting a team volunteering opportunity which meets COVID-19 guidelines, download our [guidance document](#). You can also find out about some of our previous successful (pre-COVID-19) matches [here](#).

#### ADVICE PLUS SESSIONS: VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT & MANAGEMENT

In July NCVO stated that the pandemic is unlikely to influence the overall numbers of people volunteering in the UK, but it will probably bring about significant changes in terms of how people volunteer as well as who volunteers.

If you have experienced any changes in your volunteer base and activity and are looking for a fresh approach to recruiting volunteers, we can help you develop a new volunteer programme which responds to the current environment. All you need to do is book an [Advice Plus appointment](#) – pick a time and date that suits you and we will provide advice tailored to your individual organisation.

#### PROUD OF BUCKS AWARDS

Buckinghamshire Council has launched the Proud of Bucks Awards to recognise the outstanding local groups, organisations and individuals who went above and beyond during the coronavirus pandemic to help those in need.

There are 12 award categories in total; to find out more read the [Buckinghamshire Council blog](#) and complete the Proud of Bucks Awards [nomination form](#) by 27th September.

#### LEGAL & GOVERNANCE ADVICE – FEW SPACES REMAINING

Local law firm [IBB Law](#) is offering free one-to-one advice for Bucks charities which have a specific legal or governance issue they would like guidance on. Appointments are available for 30 minute slots on 25th September 2020 via Zoom. For more information, including the type of issues other charities have sought advice on previously, visit [Community Impact Bucks' training and events](#).

#### VILLAGE HALLS AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS – COVID UPDATE

On 14 September the Government issued its [Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](#) as well as [revised guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities](#).

Our umbrella organisation ACRE is currently in daily contact with relevant government departments to clarify points on the respective responsibilities of hirers, managers and Trustees of Village Halls. As a result, a revised version of the ACRE information pack on re-opening of village and community halls post COVID closure will not be ready until next week.

Once we have received the revised pack, we will let you know through our bulletins that it is available and how village and community halls can contact us to receive the information.

#### #FundAlert – deadline tomorrow

Tesco's Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund will be closing TOMORROW (18th September 2020). The fund was set up to support local communities through a single payment award of £500 to a range of community groups, charities, schools and other not-for-profit organisations. For more information, visit [Tesco Bags of Help](#).

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