



## BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This week the newsletter flags up several imminent fundraising opportunities including Giving Tuesday on 30th November 2021 (see Running your organisation) and information on the Household Support Grant Fund which aims to support vulnerable residents in Buckinghamshire through the Winter (see #FundAlerts).

### RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



#### Leveraging online fundraising platforms

The biggest shopping week of the year is here which means it is a good week for your organisation to earn free donations with online fundraisers like AmazonSmile, EasyFundraising and Giveasyoulive.

eBay's Christmas Spend Report estimates that 57% of consumers expect to do most or all of their Christmas shopping online this year, so it makes sense for your organisation to be registered and earning free donations with one of these

platforms. For more fundraising advice, visit our [Easy ways to fundraise page](#).

#### Giving Tuesday – 30th November 2021

Giving Tuesday is a day when people are encouraged to do something to support good causes close to their hearts – whether is volunteering time, donating money or goods, sharing skills, or organising a community event. Last year, £20.2 million in donations were given on Giving Tuesday – a 43% increase from Giving Tuesday 2019. Find out how to get involved on the [Giving Tuesday website](#).

#### Fundraising opportunity – bank notes out of circulation

From 30th September 2022 paper £20 and £50 notes will be withdrawn. There are around £24bn in circulation and the Bank of England is encouraging anyone who has them to spend or deposit them. This could be an opportunity for fundraisers to engage the public and ask them to donate 'old cash' to their charity.

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



#### Call for SEND Young Inspectors

SEND Young Inspectors visit clubs and activities and report back to say what works for young people with a Special educational need or disability, and what improvements could be made to make sure they are accessible for everyone. Inspectors receive training and a £10 amazon voucher for every inspection they do.

Buckinghamshire Council's Family Support Services is currently looking for 12 to 25 year olds with a special educational need or disability who may want to become a SEND young inspector. Interested candidates can find out more about the role at an information event on Monday 6th December (6pm-7pm) at Green Park Conference Centre, Aston Clinton. To book your place, email [shoutoutforSEND@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:shoutoutforSEND@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

#### Have your say on early help support for children and families in Buckinghamshire

At the beginning of November, Buckinghamshire's Children and Young People's Partnership launched a public consultation to ensure that children, young people and their families get the support they need, when they need it, to deal with any problems they may be facing before they get worse. The team is now producing a new Early Help Partnership Strategy, a plan for the next three years on how this support can be improved, measure its success, and try new things. To read the draft Early Help Strategy and to share your views, visit [Your Voice Bucks](#) by Friday 12th December 2021.

#### Join the new BOB VCSE Health Alliance and be heard

If you are interested in collaborating with the newly developing regional and local health systems, we would recommend joining the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) VCSE Health Alliance. The Alliance will give you the opportunity to connect with other peers, share knowledge and learn from each other's experiences, get insight into the wider health system, bring understanding from a delivery level back to decision-makers to improve services, gain a network of supportive organisations that can help cross-refer, promote one another and improve health outcomes in the long term. Find out more [here](#).

#### Survey to understand how to support independent living

Buckinghamshire Council is looking to gather views from residents to understand what helps people in the county to live independently, remain in their own homes and communities, and live their most fulfilled lives. They are keen to capture the views of all residents (18+) including carers – take part in the [survey here](#) (closing date is 10th December 2021.) The survey can also be printed or posted if needed.

### FUNDING ALERTS



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:

#### Support for those in need of food, fuel and other essentials during the winter

**period:** Buckinghamshire Council has recently been awarded £2.39m as part of the £500m [Household Support Grant Fund](#) to support households in the most need with food, energy, and water bills during the Winter months. These funds, which need to be used by 31st March 2022, can be used to cover costs related to these areas and other essential costs.

Buckinghamshire Council would like to hear from organisations which are already supporting residents with food and other essentials or are looking to set up a project to support individuals and families with these needs. The Council understands that some organisations may want to deliver adhoc projects rather than deliver continuous support to residents, therefore it will be reviewing proposals on a regular basis. Please contact the Community Support/Helping Hands team directly with any proposals or thoughts using the subject line – Household Grant, FAO Hannah Tomlin - [helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:helpinghands@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**Funding for organisations that work with children:** The Children's Community Support Programme is offering grants up to £1,500 to smaller grassroots organisations which provide activities for children such as play groups or sports classes. Application deadline is 30th November 2021 (5pm). For more information and to apply, visit [Little Lives UK](#).

**Funding for organisations supporting sick and vulnerable people:** The Ann Rylands Small Donations programme is offering grants up to £2,500 to charities supporting sick and vulnerable people including the elderly, people with disabilities, serious physical or mental health concerns or loneliness. The fund closes on 30th November 2021. For more information and to apply, visit [Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust](#).

### LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



#### Garden clearance for a vulnerable Aylesbury resident

Last Thursday (18th November) Darrian Cato, our Handy Helpers Team Leader, cleared the back garden of a vulnerable Aylesbury resident with the assistance of a volunteer from Network Rail. The garden had become unmanageable and overgrown after the client had fallen ill. Take a look at our [YouTube channel](#) to hear about what the garden clearance means to the client, and hear from the Network Rail volunteer about his experience. If you have any projects you would like to share with fellow Bucks not-for-profits via Bucks Charity News, please send details to [comms@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:comms@communityimpactbucks.org.uk).

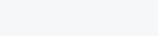
#### Healthwatch Bucks Job Vacancy

Healthwatch Bucks – one of over 150 independent Local Healthwatch organisations set up by the government under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 – is looking for a new Project Manager to join their team. For more information about the role, visit our [Vacancies & Opportunities webpage](#)

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