

SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

Focus: Volunteers' Week (3-9 June 2024)

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Volunteers' Week, a national awareness week which highlights and celebrates the amazing contributions volunteers make across the country.

It is a chance to publicly thank your current volunteers but also a great opportunity to publicise your community transport scheme and boost your volunteer recruitment. [Visit the Volunteers' Week website to find out how to get involved and download your toolkit.](#)

The Big Help Out also returns this year. Held at the end of Volunteers' Week (7-9 June), it encourages people to experience a range of volunteer taster sessions. For more information, visit [The Big Help Out](#).

Buckinghamshire Community Transport Forum

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us at the Buckinghamshire Community Transport Forum in February.

We were joined by Oly Kemp who provided a demonstration of the Road XS community transport management software. If you weren't able to make it, or would like more information, [visit the RoadXS website](#).

The next Forum will be on Wednesday 26th June (1.30-3pm) and will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to complete a successful funding application and a chance to connect with other local community transport schemes. [For more information and to book, visit our Training and Workshops webpage](#).

Running your transport scheme



Funding opportunities

- Google Ad Grants - The Google Ad Grants programme provides not-for-profit organisations with up to £7000 per month in free advertising credits. This is a great opportunity to tap into Google Ads for free and boost your organisation's online marketing. [For more information, visit the Google webpage](#).
- Cuthbert Horn Trust - The Cuthbert Horn Trust scheme is designed to support charitable organisations which have a general charitable purpose with previous grants being awarded for a range of activities including transport. For more information about how to apply, contact Nosh at transport@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

Are you keen to find out how you could use AI to fundraise for your community transport scheme? Get an overview of how it works, how to apply it to fundraising, plus tips in our one-hour training session, [Getting started with AI for fundraisers](#), on 21 May (1-2pm). This FREE event is open to fundraisers in Buckinghamshire-based organisations, with priority for those with turnovers of £100,000 or below. [Visit our Training and Workshops webpage to book your place.](#)

Support for community transport schemes

We offer bespoke support and advice to community transport schemes which are already running, or new schemes looking to set up. This includes:

- Developing needs assessments and online surveys
- Provision of exemplar policies, role descriptions, induction packs and more
- Support with volunteer recruitment
- Processing of DBS applications and document verification service
- Specialist 1-to-1 advice sessions

If you would like more information on this service, please contact transport@communityimpactbucks.org.uk.

Involving volunteers

Volunteer Managers' Network meeting – Thursday 9 May 2024

If you are involved with recruiting and/or managing volunteers for a not-for-profit organisations delivering services in Buckinghamshire, join our next Buckinghamshire Volunteer Managers' Network meeting on 9 May (10am-12pm) to find out about the Vision for Volunteering, a ten-year project designed to create a better future for volunteering, and how to turn it into reality. For more information and to book for the free online session, [visit our Training and workshops webpage](#).

Other news

Community Transport Association Manifesto

The Community Transport Association (CTA) has launched its manifesto for the next UK general election – ‘A Better Future for Transport: National Challenges, Community Solutions’. The manifesto calls for a new and dynamic partnership between the next UK government, CTA, and the community transport sector. [You can download the manifesto from the CTA website.](#)

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