



Organisation Name	Little Chalfont Community Association (LCCA)
Project Name	Coronavirus Support
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities / Health & Wellbeing
Total Cost of project	£1250
Amount of Match Funding	N/A
Amount being applied for	£1250
Amount suggested	£1250

Project Summary

The LCCA have been working with volunteers in the local area to coordinate vital support to residents during the Coronavirus Pandemic. This includes support with shopping, prescriptions, friendly chats as well as coordinating donations to the Chiltern Foodbank. The LCCA provided leaflet drops in the early stages of lockdown (March 2020) to provide those who were not 'tech savvy' or perhaps were socially isolated from their local community, with information on how to access this village-wide support. They have also provided support to other local groups such as the Good Neighbours and Facebook Help Group, in order to coordinate efforts and ensure coverage across the whole village.

With the situation changing rapidly and in anticipation for a spike in cases during the Autumn/Winter months, the LCCA need to provide further communication to ensure that all local residents, who may require support, know how they can access it. This will be in the form of a village-wide leaflet drop.

How does the project address local priorities?

Health and Wellbeing is a key area for all Community Boards to focus on particularly in regard to the ongoing impacts of coronavirus. The Amersham Community Board agreed Coronavirus Recovery as one of the areas of focus for this year and some of the key elements of this were social isolation, debt & financial insecurity and physical inactivity.

This activity will provide local residents with the vital support needed in their area to help reduce impacts of social isolation and loneliness, improve mental health and wellbeing, as well as providing access to resources such as food and medicine for those who are unable to leave their homes due to self-isolating or suffering with Coronavirus.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

Protecting the Vulnerable by providing vital support during the ongoing pandemic.

Strengthening our Communities by encouraging and supporting volunteers and developing local support networks which can help to take some pressure off statutory services.

How does the project achieve value for money?

All of the work in support of residents in the village has been done through the networks of local volunteers therefore at no cost. Community support networks are a vital resource across the county and could help significantly to reduce/mitigate some of the impacts a rise in cases and greater restrictions could cause. This small contribution towards the group will enable the whole village to access support should they need it.

Community Board Coordinator comments

Funding was provided by the Councillor Crisis fund for March leaflet drops and the volunteer groups in Little Chalfont have been able to support many residents during the pandemic. This vital support is still very much needed and with a rise in cases anticipated, is important to ensure it can continue over the months to come.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.