



SUPPORTING CHARITIES, VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

- **Improving access to funding:** we offer a range of funding support including roundtables with funders, signposting to latest funds, access to funding directories (Bucks Funding Search and Grantway), tips on writing a successful grant and information on other sources of funding.
- **Providing resources and tailored support:** we offer guidance and advice to help local charities run their group or get started. You can request support or find lots of online guidance and resources on our website.
- **Training and advice:** we facilitate training to groups in Buckinghamshire covering topics such as safeguarding, funding and governance and how to recruit and manage volunteers, as well as expert coaching.
- **Finding volunteers:** we support groups with volunteer recruitment, developing volunteering policies, role descriptions and volunteering strategies. We also promote general and expert volunteer vacancies, including trustee roles. The Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service has been placing volunteers with groups and organisations since Spring 2020.
- **Connecting the voluntary sector and facilitating cross-sector partnerships:** through both place-based and interest-specific peer support networks. We are part of a number of policy groups in Buckinghamshire and neighbouring counties to ensure cross sector collaboration in areas such as healthcare and community led housing, making sure that the voice of the voluntary sector is heard and taken into account.

For more information about these services for not-for-profit organisations, visit our website at www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/charities-groups/

KNOW A CHARITY OR VOLUNTARY GROUP THAT NEEDS OUR HELP?

Our VCSE Support Service - funded by Buckinghamshire Council - can help with all aspects of running a charity or voluntary group including leadership, funding, governance and volunteer recruitment and management, with priority given to those with income of less than £100,000. Complete our simple form to let us know at www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/charities-groups/request-for-support/

HELP WITH SECURING VOLUNTEERING ROLES

We signpost potential volunteers to new opportunities, including through the Volunteer Matching Service and our I want to volunteer resources.

HELPING TO BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

- **Helping people without access to transport:** we answer calls on our [Community Transport Hub hotline](#), connecting people with volunteer-run transport schemes in their area. 73% of callers need help to attend medical appointments.
- **Helping people stay connected and live independently:**
 - Our [Handy Helpers](#) team has completed thousands of tasks in the homes of vulnerable Buckinghamshire residents, including general maintenance, preventive measures and practical tasks.
 - As well as providing our established cohort of clients with a garden clearance & maintenance service, our [Gardening and Wellbeing](#) project supports them to be active participants in their wellbeing by empowering them to explore what they 'can do' for themselves/ others in their community.
 - The [Community Growing project](#) supports communities to develop sustainable community food growing projects. We have established a site in Wycombe and are due to set up a site in Iver in 2022.
 - Our [Pub Lunch Club project](#) helps address social isolation for our older residents. We are working with a number of communities to relaunch Pub Lunch Clubs that were suspended during lockdown and to launch new clubs.
 - Our [Ukraine Community Support project](#) provides networking, information and support to dozens of community groups across Buckinghamshire which are working to welcome Ukrainians and enable them to thrive with in Buckinghamshire's communities.
 - We use our expertise and local knowledge to champion Buckinghamshire's communities; in 2022 the **Bucks Rural Life** project will use data and community research to provide insights into the needs and experiences of the county's rural communities.
- **Supporting key community assets:** volunteer-run community buildings, such as village halls, community centres, sports pavilions and church halls are a vital part of community life and very often at the heart of rural communities. As the Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire and member of Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), we offer a [Community Buildings Service](#) providing light touch advice and information to community building management committees.

For more information about these services, visit our website at www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/community/community-projects/

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

- To find out more about our work supporting the voluntary sector and communities in Buckinghamshire, visit www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk
- If you know of a charity or community group that needs our help please let us know complete our simple form at www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/charities-groups/request-for-support/
- Book on our workshops and training sessions for not-for-profit organisations at <https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/events/>
- Sign up to be notified by email about latest advice and guidance for the voluntary sector, funding opportunities and future events at www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/membership/
- Call or email us: 0300 111 1250 / info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk
- Community Board Co-ordinators have a designated point of contact at Community Impact Bucks:
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