

Community Impact Bucks is a local charity which supports people and groups to make a difference in Buckinghamshire communities. We do this in a variety of ways:



SUPPORTING CHARITIES, VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

- Improving access to funding: including round-tables with funders, signposting to [latest funds](#), [Bucks Funding Search](#), [tips on writing a successful grant](#).
- Providing resources and tailored support: we offer [guidance and advice](#) to help local charities run their group or get started.
- 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 and pro bono legal advice clinics.
- 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.

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.

HELP WITH SECURING VOLUNTEERING ROLES

- We mobilise registered volunteers to roles where they are most needed through the [Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service](#).
- We signpost potential volunteers to new opportunities.



HELPING TO BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

- **Helping people without access to transport:** we answer over 500 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.
 - Our new Community Growing Project supports communities to develop sustainable community food growing projects. Commissioned by Buckinghamshire Council, we are establishing three sites in Wycombe, Iver and Buckingham.
 - Our [Pub Lunch Club Project](#) was suspended during lockdown but is now cautiously resuming. We are working with a number of communities to support the relaunch their Pub Lunch Club to help address social isolation for our older residents.
- **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. We have seen a significant rise in the number of enquiries since the start of the pandemic so we are providing [tailored advice](#) and a peer support network - adapting our service to meet these evolving needs.
- **Supporting community resilience,** working alongside Buckinghamshire Council to support communities to be prepared against flooding.

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

- To find out more about our work supporting the voluntary sector and communities in Buckinghamshire, [visit our website](#)
- If you know of a charity or community group that needs our help please let us know: [complete our simple form](#)
- [Sign up](#) to be notified by email about latest advice and guidance for the voluntary sector, funding opportunities and future events.
- 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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