



Our Lancashire Newsletter/Updates Burnley & Rossendale

Our Lancashire

Our Lancashire is a Lancashire wide initiative to bring groups and communities together under the banner – “Let’s Join Together” in order to make Lancashire a greater place to live, work and play. We are funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and joining the Our Lancashire website www.ourlancashire.org.uk is a FREE Offer available to any not for profit social action group/CIC/Charity etc. running activities and events in their local community.

By joining this site you will be able to promote your group, recruit members and advertise events. In addition you will be able to access information about other groups in your local area, and where relevant access up to 6 FREE DBS checks for volunteers (raised to 15 at the moment) of groups with less than £150K turnover. We also have News and Support sections where you can find more resources and information.

If you have any questions regarding anything in the newsletter or would like support with anything else, please contact Janette Holden – Community Engagement Officer covering Burnley & Rossendale. E-mail: janette.holden@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or Tel: 07779 971966

News

My colleague Paula Cooper has asked me to share a request for support to anyone who is distributing food to families. The Children's Centres usually distribute vitamins to those families eligible for the Healthy Start vouchers, but as they are closed at present that leaves families with nowhere to collect the vitamins as pharmacies won't do it. She'd like to see if food hubs across Burnley are willing to support her to ensure families don't miss out. See attached email document from Paula with further explanation. If you'd like to help out, please contact Paula on email: paula.cooper@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire Resilience Forum

I have attached a copy of the Lancashire Resilience Forum Newsletter to the e-mail. Although it is issue 11, it is the first one I have seen but thought it was helpful for people to know what is going on at a Lancashire level around Covid-19.

Shout Crisis Service

Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 crisis text line available to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

The service which is being promoted by the NHS, is anonymous and off bill. It is powered by a nationwide team of Crisis Volunteers, supported by expert Clinical Supervisors.

Shout Crisis Service is a place to go if you are experiencing a personal crisis, unable to cope and need immediate help.

Please find information and posters attached to the email.

We Are With You (previously Addaction)

We Are With You provides free, confidential support to people who have issues with drugs, alcohol or mental health. We work with people on their own goals, whether that's staying safe and healthy, making small changes or stopping an unwanted habit altogether.

We Are With You, now have a family/concerned other, offer where people or family members can call in every Wednesday either between 10-12 or 4-6pm for advice and information concerning someone else's drug/alcohol use. Please see leaflet attached to email.



COMMUNITY BULLETIN - JULY 2020

The community bulletin is changing! We have had some wonderful feedback about the usefulness of the community bulletin during the Covid-19 lockdown. As the lockdown eases we will now continue to produce a monthly bulletin with our health and community partners to keep you updated about community activity across Rossendale. This will include information on community group activities, events, health information and community training opportunities. We hope you will find the bulletin useful. Please find this attached in the email.

Feel free to share the bulletin with friends, community groups and on community group social media. If you have some information that you would like to share in the next bulletin, or you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list, please contact us at communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk

Advice and support for people impacted by Covid-19 is still available from Rossendale Connected on 01706 227016 or at help@rossendaleconnected.org

West End CIC

West End CIC have got various items available to colleagues from SW Burnley that could be distributed to families they work with. Please see below for the items we have in stock:

Baby Products - wipes, bath/shampoo, nappies (sizes 2, 4, 5 & 6), new born & follow-on milk plus vegetable/chicken risotto & spaghetti bolognese in pots.

Sanitary products - Lunex Ultra Wings, Lunex Regular & Super (with applicators) & Tampax Compak.

We can either provide these products on a referral basis or we could arrange to pass on a mixture of the stock that colleagues distribute to people in need. All we would need is a simple record of the postcodes the items have been provided for & what items went there in each case.

Please note: at the moment these products are only available to people living in South West Burnley

Funding

Comic Relief COVID-19 Community Fund

The Comic Relief COVID-19 Community Fund will provide grants of £4,000 to English grass roots organisations in order for them to respond to the current crisis. We understand that many small grassroots organisations have had to respond rapidly to the COVID-19 crisis, so these funds will be distributed quickly through a simplified application process and weekly grants panels from August 2020. Please note that the programme may close earlier if all funds have been awarded.

All funding will need to be spent by the end of February 2021. Core organisational costs may be included but the fund will not fund applications which only contribute to an organisation's general running costs.

Examples of the types of applications which this fund may support include:

- Funding to support an increased number of homeless beneficiaries with food, shelter and general welfare
- Funding to support organisations who are assisting vulnerable families, and/or specifically Women and Girls in difficult home situations
- Funding to provide telephone help lines, food parcels, support with wellbeing and mental health

This list is not exhaustive and there will be many other types of applications that could be funded.

See website below for more information on how to apply

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/comic-relief-apply-for-a-covid-19-community-grant/>



Tesco Community Grants

Tesco Bags of Help has responded to the current COVID-19 crisis by setting up a new fund to support local communities. In order to respond quickly to the emergency they have created a streamlined application and payment process to make it easier to get funds out quickly.

The programme will provide a single payment award of £500 to organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups, as part of their emergency response in supporting local communities.

Typically, the fund will support organisations that have experienced;

Increased demand – a holiday hunger club needs more resources to support children through the summer months or a food bank whose stocks are running low and needs an immediate donation to enable the food bank to restock.

Disrupted services – a local charity setting up a delivery service to replace its monthly lunch club, or a charity needing to set up a telephone service to support beneficiaries.

New services – a health focused charity having to set up a new online patient service requires new IT equipment or a mental health charity developing a new service.

Eligible Organisations

Applications will be welcomed from a wide range of organisations including: registered charities, voluntary/community organisations, schools, health bodies, parish/town councils, social enterprises, community interest companies, community councils, local authorities and housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.

Businesses and ‘for profit’ organisations are not eligible.

Typically we would welcome applications from organisations such as:

- Health focused charities – such as cancer, diabetes and heart charities
- Food banks
- Hospices
- Homeless charities
- Charities supporting the elderly or those needing to self-isolate
- Women’s refuges
- Charities supporting children and young people

Follow the link below for further details:

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/>

COVID-19 Homelessness Response Fund (round 2)

Homelessness organisations affected directly by COVID-19 can now apply for funding of £5.5million in a second round of grants distributed by Homeless Link

The funding aims to provide emergency financial assistance to local homelessness organisations, preventing closure, service cuts or staff redundancies threatened by increased operational costs and a loss of fundraised income due to the Coronavirus. It will also support organisations that have needed to expand or adapt their services in light of COVID-19 to support people experiencing homelessness safely and effectively.

Homeless Link is pleased to be able to provide this critical support to frontline services at this difficult time.

Apply for funding

We will fund frontline organisations – both our members and non-members – where more than half of beneficiaries are people experiencing homelessness. Applicants must have an annual turnover of less than £5 million. We will not fund organisations who received funding in round one.

We strongly advise applicants to read and follow the application guidance and frequently asked questions available below when applying to the Fund. Applications will be assessed, and decisions made, by an independent grants panel.

[Fill in the application form here](#)

Guidance for applicants and FAQs are available at:

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/blogs/2020/jul/13/covid-19-homelessness-response-fund-launches-second-round-of-funding>

Key dates

- There are two deadlines for the National Lottery Community Fund funding stream:
 - 3 August 2020; decisions made in early September, funds distributed by the end of September.
 - 14 September 2020; decisions made in mid-October, funds distributed by the end of November.
- Awards must be spent within six months of receipt of funds or by 19 April 2021.

Further info

If you have an enquiry that is not covered in the application guidance, please contact fund@homelesslink.org.uk, inserting COVID-19 Homelessness Response Fund Enquiry as your email subject and providing your organisation and contact names.

The Armed Forces Covenant Trust - Positive Pathways Programme

Part of the Veterans' Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, the Positive Pathways programme, will award fixed grants of £35,000 for projects developed by and for veterans. Projects should aim to improve veterans' mental health and wellbeing by getting veterans out and active.

To be eligible to apply, your organisation must be an Armed-Forces-supporting charity or CIC.

Projects should have a clearly identified activity for veterans to take part in. We don't expect to fund applications that are unable to describe a planned activity, or describe a list of potential activities that may take place.

We'd like to clearly see how veterans will benefit from the projects we support and your project should come under one of four themes.

- Sports
- Arts and culture
- Getting outside
- Heritage

This programme will remain open until noon on 30 November 2020.

To be considered in **round 4**, you'll need to have your application in by noon on 25 August and can expect to receive your decision by the end of November 2020.

To be considered in **round 5**, you'll need to have your application in by noon on 30 November and can expect to receive your decision by the end of February 2021

See website for more information

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programmes/>



Lancashire ESF Community Grants Project

The Re-connect Round of the Lancashire Community Grant programme has re-opened and will close on Monday 10th August 2020. This link <https://www.wea.org.uk/lancashire-esf-community-grants-2019-2021> will take you to the website where you can get further information about community grants and how to submit a bid.

In order to maximise the number of applications they receive please can you share this information with people in your network who you think may be interested. If you have any questions please contact: Tom Youds – ESF Lancashire Community Grants Project Organiser. Tel 0151 435340 or email: tyouds@wea.org.uk

Great Places Community Resilience Fund

We are launching a new Community Resilience Fund that will provide the much needed financial support to charities, community groups and social enterprises to implement their COVID-19 recovery strategies and will enable them to become more resilient to future economic set-backs.

The Resilience Fund has the following key themes:

- Poverty reduction (fuel, furniture, food including Holiday Hunger initiatives)
- Employment, training and volunteering opportunities
- Financial and digital inclusion
- Organisational resilience

The fund is intended to support core costs with constituted community groups being able to apply for up to £5,000 (must have an annual income below £250,000) and charities or social enterprises can apply for up to £15,000 (with an annual income below £250,000).

Interested applicants should contact our Community Investment Team for an initial discussion and all expressions of interest must be sent to by **Monday 3 August 2020 at 12pm**. community.investment@greatplaces.org.uk

If Great Places decides to take an Expression of Interest forward, an application form will then be provided by **Friday 7 August at 12pm** with a deadline for submission of **Tuesday 1 September 2020 at 12pm**. Decisions will be communicated after **Tuesday 29 September**.

Areas covered in Lancashire:

- Burnley (Daneshouse with Stoneyholme Ward)
- Blackpool (Ansdell Ward)
- Blackpool (Claremont Ward)
- Morecambe (Poulton Ward)

For more info visit the website:

<https://www.greatplaces.org.uk/for-customers/coronavirus/resilience-fund-eligibility-criteria-and-application-process>