



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

Rossendale Connected

Please find the Rossendale Connected Community Bulletin for August attached to the e-mail.

Groundwork Greater Manchester Fuel Voucher

In recent months we have won some funding through Ofgem to work with residents of Burnley to support them with their energy bills, giving energy saving advice, an independent switching service and offering small measures such as, energy saving light bulbs, radiator foils, draught proofing etc. Our service is completely free
<https://energisingcommunities.org.uk/>

Since working in Burnley we have had feedback regarding our 0161 number. We have taken this feedback on board and have now purchased an 0800 that should be in use in the next few weeks.

Please see attached flyer as a reminder of the support that the Groundwork Energyworks team are offering to tenants and residents across Burnley. Please share this email with your colleagues.

In addition to the Energising communities fund we have also won some funding through the Energy Redress Covid Crisis Fund, please see below.

**** NOT TO BE SHARED WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – REFERRER INFORMATION ONLY

We are happy to make you aware that we have been successful in our application for the Energy Redress Covid-19 Crisis Fund. This fund is to help customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic who are at risk of going off-supply through failing to top up their pre-payment meters.

We now have access to a number of fuel vouchers valued at £49 and £28 that we are able to issue to your customers most in need of this additional financial support. Please note the eligibility criteria are -

- the customer has a prepayment meter,
- the customer has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
- and are at risk of self-disconnection.

Please note that not all smart pre-payment meters accept fuel vouchers. If you have a customer who fits all of the above eligibility criteria please contact our Green Doctors using the information on the flyer attached or email energyworks@groundwork.org.uk

As a service we will also be offering all referrals advice and support around their energy. If you are already offering this support please let us know. Thank you.

Please share with your colleagues but please do not share with customers.

BT Phone Package for Universal Credit Claimants

Universal credit claimants can get a BT package for £5 a month thanks to handy scheme.

The telecoms giant said its low-cost Basic package is part of its 'universal service commitment' and has been created in conjunction with the Department for Work and Pensions

Millions of people in receipt of universal credit may be unaware they qualify for a £5 a month BT package that could save them hundreds of pounds a year on phone bills.

The telecoms giant said its low-cost 'Basic' package is part of its universal service commitment and has been created in conjunction with the Department for Work and Pensions.

The package has been designed to help keep phones ringing for the most vulnerable households - and costs £5.16 a month.

This comes with a call allowance of £1.50, plus free weekend calls to 0845 and 0870 numbers (lasting up to 60 minutes).

There's also a monthly £10 price cap for numbers starting 01, 02, 03, 07 and 08, which means you'll never pay more than £15.16.

It's available to anyone on income support, jobseeker's allowance, pensions credit, employment and support allowance and universal credit - providing you have zero earnings

The network also offers a BT broadband option for those who need access to the internet, too.

BT Basic + Broadband is £10.07 per month.

The package includes the BT Basic £1.50 call allowance and £10 monthly call price cap.

There is no connection charge for the broadband but customers will need to pay postage and packaging for their BT Home Hub, which is required for BT broadband to work.

The package has a 10Mb average download speed and is limited to 15GB usage per month, equivalent to watching 2.5 hours of television online a week.

Basic customers will get an email warning them when they approach the data limit.

Those who go over will be charged another £2.20 per GB. So, someone 0.9GB over their allowance will be charged £2.20 and someone using 1.3GB will be charged £4.40.

To apply for the package, you'll need to be an existing BT account holder.

You can contact the telecoms giant on 0800 800 864 between 8am and 6pm on a weekday and they'll send out an application form.

The form is just one page, which asks for simple information including - home details, date of birth, National Insurance number, and details of any benefits received.

Applications then need to be completed and returned within 14 days of receiving the form.

St Matthews Church

Food parcels are available from St Mathews Church Hall in Burnley Tues and Thurs between 9-10am and Sat 9-11am they will also with food donations at this time.

School uniforms - Church on Street Ministry with St Matthews are offering voucher scheme for £30 per family. Contact Pastor Mick Fleming, Church on the Streets on tel: 07582 776574.

Also St Matthews are organising a school uniform exchange - new or nearly new. Uniforms can be donated to St Matthews on Fri 14th August between 9-10am, Sat 15th between 9-11am and Tue 18th between 9-10am. School Uniform Exchange Facebook Event Page - <https://www.facebook.com/events/978895305913967/>

Uniforms will be available Sat 22nd August between 11-12am - up to 5 items per child. If you want an electronic version of the School Uniform Exchange poster please email: revkatgw@gmail.com

Join Our Community Testing Team in Lancashire

Lancashire County Council are now urgently recruiting paid community testers and support staff.



As we continue to face the unprecedented challenge of coronavirus, Lancashire County Council is committed to provide opportunities for testing available throughout the county, in a bid to slow the spread of the virus and help keep the people of Lancashire safe.

As a county council we know this is something we cannot do on our own. We need to come together across Lancashire during this uncertain and difficult time to make sure we can more accurately track the spread of infection, identify cases and undertake contact tracing to safeguard our residents.

We are now **urgently recruiting paid community testers and support staff** to help us carry out this crucial function.

This is no small role as every time a positive test is identified, it helps make a direct impact on helping our collective fight against the virus.

Our roles

Our testing centres operate seven days a week and we have a number of flexible and temporary paid roles as follows:

Covid-19 Community Swabber

The role of the Covid-19 Community Swabber is to safely and correctly administer a throat and nasal swab test to members of the public who visit the test site, and support the overall testing process. We will provide training and undertake an Enhanced DBS check.

- Safely and correctly administer throat and nasal swab tests to members of the community using standard procedures
- Advise members of the community on self-testing where applicable
- Support the overall testing process
- Ensure the confidentiality of all personal data collected

What we need:

- Excellent interpersonal and caring skills
- Knowledge of Government guidance regarding Covid-19

Covid-19 Community Testing Support Officer

The Community Testing Support Officer will work as part of a multi skilled team, providing support to the community testing sites across Lancashire. Using a computer, you will log the details of visitors to the site onto an excel spreadsheet

- Provide support with the administration of testing and the testing site, including recording test data on an Excel spreadsheet
- Engage with members of the community to address any queries or concerns they have about testing
- Ensure the confidentiality of all personal data collected

What we need:

- Excellent interpersonal and caring skills
- Knowledge of Government guidance regarding Covid-19
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Excel

Training and experience

If you have previous experience in a health or community setting we would love to hear from you.

If you don't have any experience but want to help out, please get in touch too as experience is not essential and training will be provided.

A driving licence and access to a car would be beneficial for both roles (Business Insurance is required so you can be paid business mileage).

However if you do not have a driving licence, we are still keen to hear from you as we can place you at local sites throughout the county. A list of local testing sites is available.

Training and support

Training and support will be provided, along with guidance and support from more experienced colleagues, to make sure you are able to carry out your work safely.

Personal Protective Equipment

We will of course provide all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which is necessary to carry out the role safely and will also train you on how to use the PPE correctly.

DBS checks

These roles will need a Disclosure and Barring Service check which we will arrange for you.

Join our team

Register your interest and we will be in touch with you.

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Community_Covid_Testing_Recruitment

Funding

A new project from Canal & Rivers Trust

The Canal & Rivers Trust are working in partnership with Sport England and the goal is 'Tackling Inequalities' experienced as a result of the pandemic. We have a pot of money

(£100K) and our role is to build an understanding of the challenges community groups and individuals have experienced over the pandemic and barriers to getting active.

The Tackling Inequalities Fund has been created to try and help reduce the negative impact on activity levels in these under-represented groups, with a specific focus on:

- Lower socio-economic groups
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities
- Disabled people
- People with long-term health conditions.

This £20m fund of National Lottery money will enable community groups working with these audiences to continue to exist and engage with their communities, with a view to keeping them active during both the lockdown and early recovery stages.

More info on this link below:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/tackling-inequalities-fund>

This information applies to all community groups (across Pennine Lancashire) who feel they may benefit from support with risk assessments, growing ideas of how to get people in their group active, and access to funding: £500-£10,000.

We are also planning a community consultation (limited to 15 people), and welcome insight from community groups, mental health workers, council staff, neighbourhood police officers etc. as to what the community needs are in relation to 'getting active' on our waterways and how we can support or connect communities.

For more information please contact Vicki Birch:

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Community Foundation for Lancashire Fund

Lancashire Responding - COVID 19 Community Support Fund

The Community Foundation for Lancashire, working with UK Community Foundations (UKCF), the National Emergencies Trust (NET) and the Lancashire Resilience Forum (LRF), launched the Lancashire COVID -19 Community Support Fund in March 2020. The overall aim of the fund is to support local voluntary and community organisations that are helping vulnerable people impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. The programme is now transitioning from the initial immediate relief phase to a more long term emergency phase, the definition for which is 'those who are suffering hardship as a result of the short and long term economic and social consequences caused by COVID-19.'

The fund will continue to prioritise projects which directly respond to acute need, particularly in local communities which experience a return to lockdown as a result of a spike in infections, but we can now widen our remit and support a wider range of community support as outlined below.

We will continue to support:

- Foodbanks
- Food/care package delivery to vulnerable people self-isolating
- Delivery of services and projects supporting the most vulnerable, such as older people e.g. a telephone support/friendship service or delivering online activities to help reduce isolation
- Emotional and mental health wellbeing
- Financial Inclusion, support to access benefits and debt advice

Additional criteria

- Support the financial stability of organisations directly supporting people experiencing hardship as a result of the crisis. This can include core funding
- Support organisations to adapt to the crisis - developing and enhancing services, buying equipment, capacity building or organisational development
- Prevent problems emerging or getting worse - supporting people and communities to seize opportunities to emerge from crisis and lead thriving lives going forward
- Support organisations for a longer period of time. Funding has to be spent by 31st March 2021

Who can apply?

Voluntary, community and faith organisations, registered charities, social businesses, churches, PTAs and parish/town councils. We also welcome applications from newly established groups though please note the requirements below on documentation required.

Priority will be given to funding organisations who are reaching the most vulnerable or at greatest risk of negative social, health or economic impacts including the BAME community who have suffered disproportionately from COVID.

How much is available?

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. We can accept applications from organisations who have previously received funding as long as the original funding has been spent and monitoring provided. Depending on available funds, priority may be given to organisations who have not been awarded a grant from the fund previously. Please note we will have to take into account previous grants to ensure we are able to support as many community organisations as possible.

What cannot be funded?

- Individuals
- Organisations with less than 3 unrelated Trustees/Directors/Management Committee members
- Projects and activities classed as a statutory responsibility
- Private Businesses or CICs limited by shares
- Retrospective funding
- National organisations that cannot demonstrate local governance and control of local finances
- Politically connected or exclusively religious activities

How to apply?

Please [click here](#) to apply. You can attach the documents to your online application, or email them to applications@cflm.email

Privacy notice

Grants are currently being awarded from funding provided by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). This [Privacy Notice](#) explains your rights and gives you the information you are entitled to under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“the Data Protection Legislation”)

Documents which need to be included with your application:

1. A copy of your governing document.* If you do not have a governing document in place yet you can still apply, provided you can supply a list of 3 people involved in the running of your organisation, have safeguarding arrangements in place and are able to nominate another organisation to hold the funds.
2. A copy of your latest annual accounts or income/expenditure document*^ (if a new organisation then evidence of your bookkeeping records)
3. A copy of a recent bank statement for your group. If you do not have a bank account in place, you must be able to nominate another organisation to hold the funds (CVS, another local charity, church etc.)
4. A list of your Trustees/Directors/Management Committee members*
5. A copy of your current Safeguarding Policy*. All applicants must ensure that they hold relevant policies and procedures in place to undertake activities, such as Criminal Records Bureau checks and/or a health and safety policy, depending on proposed activity. If unsure, we recommend taking advice from your local CVS.

*If you have applied to us within the last 12 months and provided this information we do not need you to send it again.

*If you are a registered Charity or Company Ltd by Guarantee, and we can obtain this information from the Charity Commission or Companies House register, you do not need to send it to us.

What happens next?

Completed applications are considered by Community Foundation staff to check eligibility. You may be contacted for more information after applying and a decision making panel will make recommendations based on the fund's criteria and the budget available. The fund will be rolling and decisions made on a regular basis.

Phoenix Fund

The Global Fund for Children (GFC) and The National Lottery Community Fund are partnering to support the creation and delivery of the Phoenix Fund – an initiative that will provide £1 million in emergency grants to Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME*) communities across England.

About the fund

The Phoenix Fund aims to put racial justice at the heart of COVID-19 pandemic response. The initiative will support a network of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic charities and groups in England that are working in the heart of their communities, providing essential and emergency services, support, and education tailored to the BAME community.

The initiative aims to

- Offer core funding to BAME grassroots groups across England working with BAME communities
- Raise awareness of the unique challenges facing BAME communities across England
- Establish an effective, innovative partnership to improve and promote community-based organisations within English philanthropy

A collaborative panel of individuals who have understanding and lived experience working with Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities will drive the fund's grant-making decisions, awarding grants to BAME-centred and -led community organisations.

See website for more info. <https://globalfundforchildren.org/the-phoenix-fund/>

Training

PIP Forms

BPR CVS have developed an easy to use guide on how to complete a PIP2 – “how your condition affects you” form.

A free e-learning course is now available. Instructions on how to register and access the course are here: <https://www.bprcvs.co.uk/index.php/news-and-events/third-sector-news/3164-how-to-complete-your-pip2-how-your-condition-affects-you-form>