



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

BPRCVS Proud To Win Mayor's Medal

Congratulations to BPRCVS for winning the Mayor’s Medal for their response to Coronavirus in Burnley.

The Mayor's office said: "It gives me great pleasure to let you know that you have been nominated by a member of the public for a Mayor's Medal Award. Over 70 nominations were received and I'm pleased to say you are a winner. The award is recognition and appreciation for your gift of time, energy and enthusiastic support to the community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"You helped to organise an army of volunteers and together you provided venerable people in the community with hot meals, food parcels and support in some very difficult circumstances.

"The Mayor of Burnley, Councillor Wajid Khan would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You" for all your kindness and hard work.

"Unfortunately at this time the Mayor is unable to invite you to the Town Hall and present you with the Mayor's Medal, the Mayor hopes that when permitted to do so he can invite you to the Town Hall and present you with your medal."

BPRCVS Chief Officer, Christine Blythe said of receiving the Mayor's Medal: "Wow!!!! I'm amazed and humbled and thrilled to accept on behalf of all the staff and volunteers at CVS. I am so proud of the way everyone has pulled together across Burnley to help others. Being a partner of Burnley Together is great and a fantastic way to move forward."

BPRCVS Chairman, Susan Biggs, said of the award: "Congratulations. It is a well-deserved award for all employees and volunteers at BPRCVS."

Lancashire Resilience Forum

Please find the latest updates from the Lancashire Resilience Forum attached to the email.

Group Info

BPR CVS Community Group Questionnaire

How has Covid-19 affected your group?

Most community groups and voluntary organisations since March 2020 have been adversely affected by the Coronavirus outbreak and we are very much interested in seeing how the pandemic has affected your group. We are aiming to establish the main challenges faced by groups and their beneficiaries as well as any future challenges you believe you will face. BPRCVS would also like to know what support or practical help we could provide your group going forward.

This information will feed into the shaping and development of funding for organisations across Lancashire.

It is vital we get as many responses from groups as we can. We would greatly appreciate you taking just a few minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire. There's only 3 questions to answer!

<https://www.bprcv.co.uk/index.php/news-and-events/coronavirus-news/3173-community-group-questionnaire-3>

Age UK Lancashire Age of Opportunity

Were you in the same job for a long time? Has it been a while since you last looked for a job? Has being out of work, lockdown, ill health or disability knocked your confidence?

The Age of opportunities Project helps over 50's to move closer to work. Taking part is voluntary and does not affect your rights to benefits. With a wide range of practical support based on your needs and interests, we can help you make a fresh start. If you want to work talk to us on Tel. 01772 200690 or visit our website: www.selnet-uk.com/age-of-opportunity

See leaflet attached to the email for more information.

Snowdrop Doula

These last few months have been mega busy and we've had most of our Doulas furloughed due to childcare issues.

We now have all our staff back!

We are currently offering support to families before, during and after birth as usual. Just with a bit of change with not visiting homes as per guidance.

Our support includes birth preparation and information, expectations of life with a newborn, feeding support, peer support, emotional wellbeing support, practical support and anything else that may be needed to support through this period.

We are also able to support those whose children have been or are likely to be removed from their care. This support can be around parenting skills or emotional and practical support depending upon need. We will be also able to offer PAMS assessments in September either alongside side or standalone our parenting support service.

Our Counsellors are still available for any parent, parent to be or prospective parent.

We also have our baby bank and food share scheme. The food scheme is to reduce food waste from local food establishments and shops and help feed local people. We have no criteria for this although prioritise those in need.

We are also opening a new shop in Burnley with preloved and new ethical clothes, goods and foods within the next few weeks. All profits help is to continue our support services

All our service referrals can be by self or professional. There is a form on our website for the baby bank and food share www.snowdropdoula.co.uk and also one attached to the email.





The Rossendale Community Support Network

During the last weekend of the School Holidays the
Rossendale Community Support Network are holding a

FAMILY CAR RALLY.

Sat. & Sun. 29th & 30th August 2020

So as to keep within Social Distancing regulations, the Rally is set so that nobody needs to leave the car and all clues can be found looking outside.

There is a mixture of clues, to test all ages and it will be a fun way of seeing parts of The Valley you may not have been to for some time.

To enter either complete the entry form and Rules on the RCSN Facebook Page or by emailing: petesweetmore@hotmail.co.uk

Entrants will then have the question sheets emailed to them on the evening of Fri. 28th August for them to be completed at your discretion over the 29/30th weekend.

Once you have completed the route & question forms, simply scan & email them to the above address.

Winners (1st 2nd & 3rd) will receive certificates and be notified either by email or telephone during the following week.

Most of all.... ENJOY!!!



Funding

£1000 - £3000 Towards Video Conferencing Equipment

Your business could be entitled to between £1000 and £3000 to implement or upgrade video conferencing technologies

To help businesses recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, the UK Government has launched a new £20m fund to stimulate productivity in the workplace.

Delivered via local growth hubs, businesses across England can apply for grants **between £1000-£3000** (and up to £5000 on a case-by-case basis) to put towards equipment including video conferencing hardware and collaboration tools.

As reliance on these tools increases, now is the perfect time to upgrade ageing equipment or implement new solutions to help minimise face-to-face contact and continue to reach key customers.

This is a 100% Government funded initiative - so your new video conferencing system, meeting room or boardroom solution could be **completely free!**

More information about the scheme can be found at the Gov.uk website

See email attachment for information and allocations.

To find your local growth hub and apply for funding, please visit the [LEP Growth Hub](#) website.

CCG Funding 20/21

BPRCVS have been appointed by the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver the Prescription for Wellbeing (Social Prescribing) programme of funding for 2020/2021. This fund is open to community groups, faith groups and voluntary organisations that operate within Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale. The funding programme is aimed at local organisations (with an annual turnover of less than £150,000) operating within the VCF sector. The fund is open to groups and organisations that provide activities and services to meet local needs and are making a positive difference to the lives and wellbeing of people of all ages.

For more information about the Prescription For Wellbeing (Social Prescribing) funding programme please contact Tracey Noon by emailing Tracey.Noon@bprcvs.co.uk or calling 01282 433740 Ext. 1007

Groups and organisations applying for CCG funding must be constituted groups. If you need any assistance with your groups' constitution please contact BPRCVS on 01282 433740 or email info@bprcvs.co.uk

Eric Wright Charitable Trust Grant 2020

The Eric Wright Charitable Trust Community Small Grants programme is aimed at local organisations within the VCF sector providing activity to address locality community cohesion,

reduce social isolation and make a positive difference to the lives and wellbeing of people of all ages. Organisations must have an annual turnover of less than £30,000.

Projects should strongly support specific local needs in the following key areas to successfully qualify for this fund:-

- Increasing opportunities to participate in local community action
- Keeping people well and feeling part of their community
- Increasing resilience and improving mental wellbeing, enabling individuals and families to cope well, overcome barriers to achieving their potential and increase their skills
- Support people who are more vulnerable, such as those with a long term conditions, who are frail and/or have complex needs
- Promotes greater partnership working between the community and general practice, and other VCF organisations
- Reduce social isolation, with a positive impact on health and wellbeing

Who can apply to The Eric Wright Charitable Trust Community Small Grants programme?

The grants are being made available to community projects in Burnley, Pendle & Rossendale. There is a strong focus for small grassroots groups that are providing effective community cohesion programmes. This funding proactively encourages small groups or new start up groups to pilot their ideas and gather evidence for future funding bids to help sustain the activity/programme. As long as your group meets with the CVS prior to submitting the application to see how we can support your group, then you are eligible to apply.

More information can be found at www.bprcvs.co.uk or you can contact Tracey Noon on email: tracey.noon@bprcvs.co.uk or tel. 01282 433740 Ext. 1007

Lloyds Bank Foundation's New COVID Recovery Fund Opens for Applications

Funding to support charities with an income of between £25,000 and £1 million to recover beyond the immediate crisis of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales launched a new £7.4 million COVID Recovery Fund on 3 August to support small and medium sized charities in England and Wales that are helping people overcome complex social issues such as dependency, homelessness and domestic abuse.

The Fund will provide 140 charities with a two-year unrestricted grant of £50,000 alongside the support of a Development Partner to help identify and act on any organisational challenges they are facing.

To ensure this funding is distributed equitably, a minimum of 25% of the grants will be awarded to charities led by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities.

Applications will be accepted from 10 am on 3 August to 5pm on 11 September 2020.

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/we-fund>

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

For more information visit their website: <https://lancsfoundation.org.uk/>

Tesco Announces Final Deadline for COVID-19 Communities Fund

Funding to support a wide range of community groups, charities, schools and other not-for-profit organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups as part of their coronavirus/COVID-19 emergency response.

In April, Tesco responded to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities across the UK and to support organisational needs rather than fund specific projects.

Organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups, as part of their emergency response in supporting local communities, still have time to apply for a single payment of £500.

Applications will be welcomed from a wide range of organisations including: voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, 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.

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.

The final date to submit an application is 18 September 2020.

See website for details of how to apply. <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/>

Tackling Inequalities Fund - Applications Now Open!

The Canal & Rivers Trust are responding to the Covid-19 pandemic to support communities across Pennine Lancs to keep active during the early lockdown and recovery stages of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The situation is evolving daily and we're shaping our project in response. Applications for funding bids of £500-£10,000 are now open, we're assessing each application as they arrive and making decisions as soon as possible to respond to the pandemic and needs of the community.

Applications received by 12pm on a Wednesday, will be assessed on a Friday. We will then share applications with Sport England who make the final decision.

Contact Vicki Birch if you have any questions or need help growing your project idea.

Mobile: 07484912995

Email: Vicki.Birch@canalrivertrust.org.uk

The Application Form and Help notes are attached to the email.

Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies

The Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies is a one-off contribution for local authorities in England to use to support people who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to COVID-19.

Funding has been allocated to upper tier authorities based on population weighted by a proxy measure of need, the Index of Multiple Deprivation. The total allocation for Lancashire is £1,453,005.64.

It is proposed to allocate funding to district councils to enable linkage to existing support mechanisms in place through community hubs. The same funding model as used by DEFRA has been used to allocate funding as detailed in the attached spreadsheet. Funding has to be spent in line with the [Government grant guidance](#)

The intended focus of the fund is the direct provision of food and other essential supplies. DEFRA recommends consideration of provision of cash or vouchers for this, however, it is at the discretion of Local Authorities to use the fund to meet the greatest needed.

DEFRA has clarified with us that funding can be passed onto others to support existing schemes that deliver the grant objectives. Schemes will need to assess claims and consider individual circumstances when making decisions to support claims. They will need to accept referrals from across the district.

As a minimum the following monitoring will be required for DERFA:

- financial reporting - details on how much was spent and on which interventions.
- what type of support was provided
- the criteria used to assess claims

- the percentage of the fund spent on administration
- the level of demand for support compared to before the lockdown
- the processes that maintained equality and reduced fraud (section 2 of the guidance)

DEFRA has also clarified that the 12 week period is "an expectation rather than a requirement". We will, however be required to provide an evaluation of spend to MHCLG at the end of the 12 week period. LCC received the funding at the end of July, this would take the timeframe to October.

The funding must be spent within the financial year.

To make enquiries email: EmergencyAssistanceGrant@defra.gov.uk or visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-local-authority-emergency-assistance-grant-for-food-and-essential-supplies/coronavirus-covid-19-local-authority-emergency-assistance-grant-for-food-and-essential-supplies>

Training

Reactivate

ReActivate is a new, free, online training platform, designed to equip anyone working or volunteering in the sport, fitness, leisure and physical activity sector in England with the knowledge and skills they need to confidently return to work or restart their coaching activity, as we emerge from the coronavirus lockdown.

Funded by Sport England, commissioned by CIMSPA and delivered by a consortium of partners led by Future Active Workforce CIC, ReActivate provides online training that brings government and industry guidance to life in an easily digestible format, giving anyone who needs it the ability to return to their sport and physical activity roles with confidence.

The training on ReActivate covers a wide range of subjects, including:

- Risk assessment and management
- Health and safety
- Social distancing
- Use of equipment and PPE
- Cleaning and hygiene
- First aid
- Travel
- Communicating with customers & participants

For more information see email attachment or visit: <https://cimspa-reactivate.uk/access-reactivate>