

Community Involvement Team
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Welcome to our September 2020 edition of CASH FLASH!

Over the last 6 months we have been busy adapting to the new normal whilst continuing to support our community. In March, Basildon Council launched the Community Hub which supported over 2,000 residents with access to food, medication and other essential resources. In addition to this, over 8,000 befriending calls were made to vulnerable residents to reduce social isolation and loneliness. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the community groups in our borough, for your continuous hard work before, during and after the pandemic. If you need any advice, guidance or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us – communityinvolvement@basildon.gov.uk or 01268 208224.

For regular updates please like and follow us on:



Twitter: [@Community_Invol](https://twitter.com/Community_Invol)



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Funding News

Basildon Council Grants to Organisations – Basildon Council's Grants to Organisations has 3 funding rounds for 2020/2021, with the second round closing on Friday 25th September 2020. Community and voluntary groups can apply for £100-£2,000 of funding designed to support community projects in Basildon. For more info: <https://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/3899/Grants-to-community-and-voluntary-organisations>

Basildon Council Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant Scheme - Individual sportsmen and women and sports groups can apply for financial support through Basildon Council's Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant Scheme. The funding covers individual's development fees, marketing costs, fees for an event, pilot projects or new initiatives. For more info: <https://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/2386/Grants-to-Sports-Organisations-and-Individuals>

True Colours Trust - Small Grants UK - COVID-19 Support - The True Colours Trust aims to focus on the major barriers and challenges expressed by families, children and young people in the UK with complex disabilities and/or life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small charities to help organisations to adapt their services to the new situation and to continue or resume supporting families safely. Closing date: 21 Sept 2020. For more info: <https://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small-grants-uk-orig/small-grants-application-form/>

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Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund - Grants are available 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 supporting local communities. Closing date: 18th Sept 2020. For more info: <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/>

Anglian Water Positive Difference Fund - Emergency funding is available to deal with emerging issues in the community, as a result of the continuing threat of coronavirus, and the need for self-isolation, and potential for further exacerbation of loneliness and isolation. This includes; the need for self-isolation, financial hardship, potential for hunger, lack of shelter, further exacerbation of health issues, loneliness and isolation. Grant between £1,000 and £5,000 are available. For more info:

<https://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/anglian-water-positive-difference-fund-coronavirus/>

OUR FREE SERVICES

Are you a charity, CIC, CIO or community group in need of guidance? Do you need help finding funding?

CONTACT US!

Basildon Councils Community Involvement Team can help you with;

- Community Development
- Evidencing Social Change
- Funding Support
- Consultation and Engagement
- Project Development
- Event Organisation
- Project Piloting, Implementation and Design
- Asset Mapping and Identifying Need
- Networks and professional support
- Bid Writing and Funding Training

FREE – Application Scrutiny Service

We can help you with any funding applications you are thinking of making. We offer a FREE checking service for any funding application, helping with your success.

We will;

- Initially assess your application and give suggestions/comments for improvements.
- Follow up with second drafts and revisions

Contact us by email to discuss this service further.

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Basildon, Billericay & Wickford | CVS

Membership

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Membership with BBW CVS is now free!

Basildon Billericay and Wickford CVS want to help charities, community groups, sport clubs, churches, playgroups, schools and good causes that serve our community. They welcome you to sign up for a free membership.

"These are exciting times ahead so join us on this journey and let us work together to make our borough an amazing place to live, work and play!" – BBWCVS

[Register here](#)

<https://us4.list-manage.com/survey?u=5e0cbc339d245bd42b5fa0e12&id=5cd62d6318>

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Virtual Volunteer Taster Course with Parents 1st

Parents 1st Essex have transformed their support offer during lockdown from entirely face to face to remote/virtual support. This has included one to one support for expectant parents, online exercise groups and antenatal groups for expectant mums and dads.

The next step is to recruit new volunteers for an exciting 'remote' volunteer Pregnancy Pal role. For the first time ever, potential new volunteers will be able to access the taster course and volunteer training online – from the convenience and comfort of their own home.

Aims of the Pregnancy Pal programme

To offer friendly and informal peer support during pregnancy, birth and beyond to enable parents to give their babies the best possible start in life. Volunteers offering personal and focused support that enables parents to:

- Keep healthy and well
- Prepare for labour and birth
- Feel supported and listened to
- Adapt to the changes pregnancy and a new baby bring
- Build confidence about being a parent
- Get to know and communicate with baby

Benefits of being a volunteer with Parents 1st Essex

Our volunteers often describe their experiences with Parents 1st Essex as rewarding, enjoyable and confidence boosting. Our volunteers benefit from free training and ongoing personal development opportunities as well as joining a friendly, supportive and experienced team of volunteers and staff.

How to get involved

The first step on the volunteer journey with Parents 1st Essex is to take part in our free online taster course. To find out more or book a place please contact us:

Phone: 01268 525758

E-mail: info@parents1st.org.uk

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Community Micro-enterprise project in Basildon

This is a new and exciting project delivered by Essex County Council in partnership with Community Catalysts. The 2-year pilot aims to stimulate the development and growth of community microenterprises that provide a wide range of help and support for older people, people with disabilities or to improve someone's mental health, thus increasing choice for people who have eligible needs and pay for their care via a direct payment or independently of the council.

Community Micro-enterprise

All Community Micro-enterprises aim to make a difference to the lives of local people. They:

- have 8 or fewer full-time staff or volunteers
- are independent of any larger organisation
- are set up in many different and creative ways such as: sole trader, partnership, small business, social enterprise, charity or voluntary organisation.

Support from the project

Essex County Council runs a development programme which can:

- offer you a friendly and supportive point of contact to explore ideas
- support you to develop your community enterprise
- give you practical information on regulation, training and opportunities in the health and social care sector
- direct you to other organisations who can help.

Get in touch

Call Catherine Apps on 07557 314 925
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