

C19 Community Update



Hall Green
Neighbourhood
Network Scheme

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Welcome to the Hall Green C19 Community Update. We are pleased to announce that from this week we will be sharing information and updates related to Covid 19 Support and Relief in Hall Green Constituency for children and families alongside adult and older adult focused information.

Accord has taken on the co-ordinating role for Early Help for children and families in Hall Green from this week. This will build on the community networks and insight the Hall Green NNS team has already developed. Going forward, we hope that with your support we will be able to grow an integrated and dynamic community support offer for residents across the Hall Green Constituency.

As always, we are committed to connecting local people to safe, effective neighbourhood support that meets their needs and respects their priorities. Details of the citywide partnership we are part of and the wider support that is available can be found [here](#)



UK Covid 19 advice and videos in 43 languages

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>



[Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

Available in multiple languages and in easy read formats

COVID-19 support for mutual aid groups dealing with specific [migrant health](#) issues including free care for all and resources <https://www.wmsmp.org.uk/covid-19-resources-and-guidance/>

Hall Green News and Funding

Covid-19 Vulnerable Adults community grants

Invitation to apply for community grants to support vulnerable adults

This grant call is made by the Council's Adult Social Care function under the Prevention and Communities Grants Programme in support of the wider Adult Social Care vision. It seeks proposals to prevent and relieve hardships for vulnerable adults because of the Covid-19 situation.

Just announced, the [Covid-19 Vulnerable Adults grant](#) call seeks proposals to prevent and relieve hardships for vulnerable adults because of the Covid-19 situation. Grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 are available depending on the scale of delivery. Faith, voluntary and community groups are invited to bid for grants as part of the

[Birmingham Children's Partnership](#) response to Covid-19 for vulnerable families.

Find more details of the [Birmingham Children's Partnership](#) and Accord's work to co-ordinate the Hall Green Children and Families Early Help Network as part of the Covid-19 relief work on the final page of this update.

Please find details of a wide range of Covid-19 related **community support grants** attached separately to this Update alongside the updated [Hall Green Covid19 Directory of Support](#).

The Hall Green NNS Team is happy to help and support community assets to apply for funding that best meets their needs.



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Connecting local people to neighbourhood support in Hall Green

Funding up to £10,000 to relieve and prevent suffering as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak: Next deadline **24th April**

COVID 19 RELIEF GRANTS

We are committed to

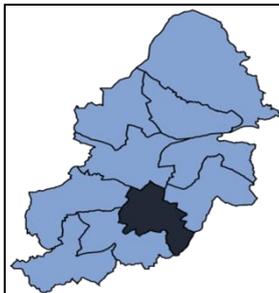
Promoting what exists - Investing to meet local needs – Strengthening capacity to fill gaps

We can fund activities that benefit anyone but expect that most funded projects will offer support to vulnerable older people who are 50yrs plus.



Hall Green NNS has a small grants programme that can fund community activities. Applications can benefit anyone affected by the Covid19 emergency but we expect that most projects will target vulnerable people who are 50yrs plus. Don't worry if you have missed the closing date. Get in touch if you want to apply as this is a rolling programme.

Hall Green NNS Team Remit



Our team work across Moseley and Kings Heath, Sparkhill, Sparkbrook, Balsall Heath and Hall Green through and are is currently focused on:

- Managing the local Covid 19 Community Support register
- Managing a Small Grants Covid 19 Relief Fund
- Training, governance and grant application support.
- Managing local support signposting

Volunteer or Get Support in Self-Isolation

CovidCall provides a free phone service for volunteers to provide local people in self-isolation with local advice and social contact. Those in need of support can call **0808 169 9599** to get support with groceries, prescriptions and general Covid support. They can signpost you to other resources if we can't help you ourselves.

As a local volunteer for Balsall Heath CovidCall, you can sign up for shifts to take calls – either to offer advice or just to chat to people. If you can commit to answering calls at times of your choosing (you choose your times a few days in advance), please sign up here to [Balsall Heath Covid Call](#) for training.

Call us on 0808 169 9599 if you:

- Need some support or know someone who does
- Would like to get involved and help others in the area

Find out more:

www.neighbourhoodnewsonline.com/covid19



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NHS Volunteer Responders - now open for self-referrals:

People who have been advised to shield can ask volunteers for short-term help by calling 0808 196 3646 between 8am - 8pm.

Vulnerable residents who are self-isolating can be referred to NHS Volunteer Responders for help with tasks such as collecting shopping and prescribed medicines or driving patients to medical appointments.

Referrals can be made through the [NHS Volunteer Responders referrers' portal](#) or by calling 0808 196 3382.

Community Advice and Support available during Covid-19 lockdown

Birmingham City Council, the NHS and other public services have worked with BVSC to develop a Covid 19 Pathways for Accessing Support to help communities and services make the most of the resources available. If you are in need of support, the way you need to access it depends on who you are and what you need.



The Hall Green NNS Team has been working hard to find out what organisations across all the different neighbourhoods in the Hall Green Constituency are doing during this lockdown period. Some services have stopped, some have gone online or can be reached by phone and others are still operating. For details of [Covid-19 Support Services in Sparkbrook, Balsall Heath, Springfield, Hall Green, Moseley and Kings Heath](#), please see our [directory attached](#).

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| Get emergency help from the council | Vulnerable Adults Community Grants | Volunteer guidelines during covid-19 | Furloughed workers |
| Self-employed workers | Sickness during COVID-19 | Benefits and financial support | Council tax |
| Lay-offs and short-term working | Housing | | |

In addition to the Hall Green Directory, the information provided [here](#) could help you get the quickest access to the help you need to keep safe and maintain your wellbeing during the Covid-19 period.

[Birmingham City Council](#) is also offering additional support in the areas of finance, benefits and housing

This information does not include how to access services provided by the NHS. If you are unwell please call 111 or in the event of an emergency 999.



Food Home Deliveries in B13 and B14: [Moseley Together](#) have put together a useful list of independent businesses that are making home deliveries to local people. For more information please visit their website.

Direct payments: If a Personal Assistant falls ill, residents can use someone else who does not already live with them (neighbour, friend, or a relative who does not live with you). However, if you then find you need commissioned services, contact your social worker or call Carline on **0121 303 1234**. Further information can be found [here](#)

Please stay safe, share this information and encourage others to join our mailing [list](#).



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Hall Green Children and Families Early Help Network

Families are facing many challenges as a result of the Coronavirus. So partner services across Birmingham are working together to support families in each locality. Accord is coordinating this work across the Hall Green Constituency in line with our NNS work around Covid19 Relief.

Families can contact us directly by phone/text/whatsapp on 07570 953519 or by emailing HallGreen.Families@accordgroup.org.uk. Referral forms available [here](#) can also be sent to this email requesting support. Please follow us on twitter [@HallGreenFamilies](#)



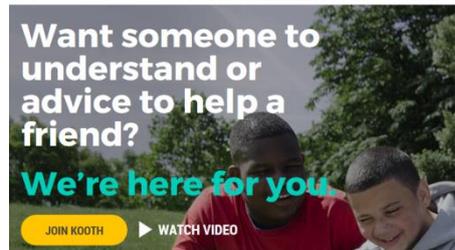
Resilience grants: are available through this program from Birmingham City Council for families in hardship, for example to buy food, medicines, nappies and other supplies. Or in emergencies to pay bills, fuel, white goods or internet access. Funding guidance and application forms are available [here](#) and can be completed by many community-based professionals in schools, health services, etc. Payment up to £150 will be coordinated through localities working.

Covid-19 Community Grants have also been launched by Birmingham City Council for the voluntary, community, and faith sectors to support a diversity of vulnerable families needs in a timely way during the Covid-19 emergency. Details of this fund are available [online](#).

Wellbeing Support for young people

Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free at the point of use. Kooth is open to all 11-25s in Birmingham, with no referrals, waiting lists or thresholds to meet. <https://www.kooth.com/>

kooth Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people Monday - Friday 12pm - 10pm Saturday - Sunday 6pm - 10pm



(new) Many other local support and wellbeing services can be found by downloading the mind map of support service [here](#)



My Hero is You – how kids can fight Covid-19 (Free to download in multiple languages)

A new story book that aims to help children understand and come to terms with COVID-19 emergency and related stress has been produced jointly by more than 50 humanitarian organizations. The book is aimed at children aged 6-11 years old around the world. Copies of the book can be downloaded in many languages [here](#)



Please share this information and our [Hall Green Families](#) contact details. Stay safe.

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