



# Hall Green Covid-19 Community Update



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Welcome to the Hall Green Covid-19 Community Update. We recognise that many households are under increased stress and community support needs have changed under Covid-19 conditions. As a result we are moving to new ways of working, and co-ordinating the community funding we manage, to keep people safe and meet local needs.

## **Accord's new all age community support offer across Hall Green Constituency**

Communities and the services we rely on have been massively affected by Coronavirus. Some services have closed and others can only be accessed by phone and/or online. As a result, many people have missed getting the support they need. At the same time, many people are working hard to meet new needs, and new support is being established.

Community, voluntary and faith sectors, health, family support, social work, police, education, social care, early years providers and GPs are committed to working together to offer local help. Birmingham City Council and BVSC are leading efforts to make it easier for people to get the support they need in the neighbourhoods where they live through:

- The [Neighbourhood Network Scheme](#) (NNS)
- The [Children and Families Early Help](#) Network

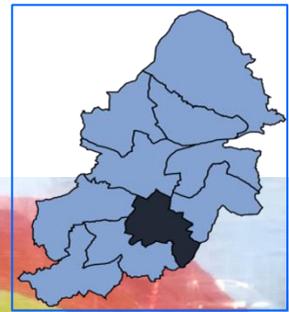
Accord is the lead partner for NNS and Early Help for families in the Hall Green Constituency. Our community teams are working across **Moseley and Kings Heath, Sparkhill, Sparkbrook, Balsall Heath and Hall Green** to support people of all ages in diverse communities through:

1. Regularly updating and sharing a Hall Green Constituency Community Support Directory. This can help residents and professionals find local support.
2. Providing advice and guidance through telephone support and email.
3. Managing two Covid-19 Relief Small Grants programmes for groups supporting
  - Households with people over 50yrs
  - Households with children
4. Training, governance and grant application support for groups supporting people over 50
5. Co-ordinating [referrals](#) and [resilience funds](#) up to £150 per families in need with children.

Many of you live and/or work with people of different ages and may benefit from a mixture of support. We will do our best to co-ordinate the support our community teams can offer you. To help you get the quickest response, please direct your enquiries as follows:

- For support mainly linked to families with children, please contact Hall Green Families Team
- For support linked to adults over 50yrs, please contact the Hall Green NNS Team
- For Accord tenancy matters please continue to contact our housing team.

More details about the citywide partnership that we are part of can be found [here](#) and [here](#)



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## Accessing Wider Support

For details of [Covid-19 Support Services in Sparkbrook, Balsall Heath, Springfield, Hall Green, Moseley and Kings Heath](#), please see our **directory attached**.

In addition to our Hall Green Community Support Directory attached, 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. **Note** [Birmingham City Council](#) is also offering additional support in the areas of finance and benefits

**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.**

## Funding

Please find details of a wide range of Covid-19 related **Community Support Grants** attached separately to this Update. The Hall Green NNS Team is happy to help and support community assets to apply for funding that best meets their needs. In particular, we can support groups applying for the following funds:



**Hall Green**  
Neighbourhood  
Network Scheme



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: **Rolling deadline**

### COVID 19 RELIEF GRANTS

To promote what exists, invest to meet need and strengthen local capacity to fill gaps

**We can fund diverse activities but expect that most funded projects will offer some support to vulnerable older people over 50**

For more information  
Email: [HallgreenNNSTeam@accordgroup.org.uk](mailto:HallgreenNNSTeam@accordgroup.org.uk)  
Phone/Text: 07584 500595



Hall Green NNS has a small grants programme that can fund community support activities. Applications can benefit anyone affected by the Covid19 emergency but we expect that most projects will include 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.

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 all invited to bid for this funding.



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**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/>

## Covid-19 Vulnerable Adults Community Grants

This hardship funding is being offered by Birmingham City Council's Adult Social Care function under the Prevention and Communities Grants Programme. It aims to support the wider Adult Social Care vision and seeks proposals to prevent and relieve hardships for vulnerable adults because of the Covid-19 situation. Find more details [here](#)

## Mental Health Response Fund

To help VCS organisations based in England continue to provide mental health services – or provide additional support – organisations can apply for a Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund (CMHRF) grant. Find more details [here](#)

**We're here to HELP families**

Early help in ten localities across Birmingham for children and families  
[www.birmingham.gov.uk/Covid19CYPF](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/Covid19CYPF)

Birmingham Children's Partnership

**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.

## New funding to support domestic abuse and modern slavery survivors

The government has announced more than £76m extra funding to support those most vulnerable during the coronavirus crisis. More details are available [here](#)



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## Community Resources

### New: [Safeguarding children and families during the COVID-19 crisis guide](#)

SCIE has brought together new resource giving useful guidance for practitioners working to safeguard children and families during the COVID-19 outbreak, including social workers and those working in social care settings. This quick guide offers practitioners advice on safeguarding children and families who may be at an increased risk of stress, abuse, harm and exploitation from a range of sources during this time.

**Right Help Right Time Refresher:** Here is also a [link](#) to the Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership training on what sort of family or child need requires what sort of response. If you or your staff are in need of a refresher on RHRT training, and carrying 'high risk' cases, please get in touch with us.

**Domestic Abuse:** Women's Aid have produced new guidance on domestic abuse during the coronavirus outbreak. These include advice on wellbeing for survivors of domestic abuse and resources for friends, family, neighbours and community members. [Visit the Women's Aid website](#) to find out more and download the new resources.

**Safeguarding Contacts:** Safeguarding under lockdown is difficult but more important than ever. If you do have adult or child safeguarding concerns please contact the relevant Safeguarding Teams:

Adult Safeguarding: \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Safeguarding: \_\_\_\_\_



### [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 or through the [NHS Volunteer Responders referrers' portal](#).

Responders can help with tasks such as collecting shopping and prescribed medicines or driving patients to medical appointments.

**Stress & Anger Management:** In these challenging times; having patience and staying calm is important. Misunderstandings will happen and some conflict could be inevitable for some. By making access to the online version of [My Anger Coach FREE](#), it is hoped that thousands of people will be helped to be less angry, less often. Citizen Coaching also run other mental wellbeing services.

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

**Smart Women CIC** have started delivering food, and offering help with shopping, medicine collections, benefit advice and financial advice in the Sparkhill/Sparkbrook area. They can be contacted via SMART WOMEN Community Training Centre, 91 A MEDLICOTT ROAD SPARKHILL B111UB, PHONE NUMBER 07404327496 or EMAIL [swctc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:swctc@hotmail.co.uk)



## **Hall Green North/Sparkhill Covid-19 Volunteer Network:**

Hall Green North/ Sparkhill Covid-19 Volunteers Network aims to offer support and assistance to elderly and vulnerable members of the community. For shopping and prescriptions support, general referrals, befriending, and assistance with food bank referrals and parcels please contact [covid19hallgreen@gmail.com](mailto:covid19hallgreen@gmail.com) or connect via [Facebook](#)

**Emergency community response hub** BCC helpline is there for those in critical need and are self-isolating but are unable to rely on family or friends for adequate practical support for Emergency food supplies and Social contact. To access you need to [Complete community support form](#) or phone **0121 303 1116**, open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

**Book Trust Home Time**  
A new range of free digital resources for children from the **Book Trust** and the **Improving Me Partnership**

**Learning for Befriending Service from Aging Better**  
This research was carried out before Covid 19, but is valuable during lockdown period when more people are in need of befriending services.

**NEVER ALONE**

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 (24hrs)
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (24hrs free)
- Mind: 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri 9-6)
- Victim Support: 0808 168 9111 (24hrs)
- Cruse Bereavement: 0800 808 1677 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- ChildLine: 0800 1111 (24hrs)
- Action on Elder Abuse: 0808 808 8141 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- Respect - Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327 (Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)
- Samaritans: 116 123 (24hrs free)
- National Centre for Domestic Violence: 0207 186 8270



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## Ramadan and Community Support

We are in the holy month of Ramadan. Due to Covid-19 it is being marked and celebrated this year through safe alternative community service. Local people are pulling together and food is generously being shared through Iftar box delivery and much goodwill. *Ramadan Mubarak*

non-Muslims, please also feel free to recommend others who you may feel could benefit from this service”

“Finally, from the team at Islamic Help and the Bahu Trust, we wish that you and your loved ones are staying safe and wish you Ramadan Mubarak.”

Birmingham Central Mosque is also offering Iftar boxes free for collection to the community.

Bahu Trust has said “We are planning to deliver free iftar boxes for people who need them. Each box will be prepared freshly on the day, serve one person and contain; dates, fruit, one starter, rice/biryani and a fruit drink.”

“As you have reached out to us in the past, we wanted to ask if you would be interested in having iftar boxes delivered to you, please [email us](#) and let us know and also include how many you would need for your household, in order to allow us to plan ahead. This service is open to

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



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