

C19 Community Update



Hall Green
Neighbourhood
Network Scheme

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Welcome to the second Hall Green NNS C19 Community Update. Since last week, we can confirm Hall Green NNS is committed to connecting local people to the neighbourhood support they need. We are now part of the city-wide C19 Support Brum Partnership co-ordinated by Birmingham City Council and BVSC. This partnership is committed to helping community-level responses to coronavirus in ways that are safe and effective

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
[Government guidance and publications related to Coronavirus](#)

Our team are here to help and support the Covid 19 relief effort across Moseley and Kings Heath, Sparkhill, Sparkbrook, Balsall Heath and Hall Green through:

1. Bringing together and sharing information through weekly Local Covid 19 Community Support register
2. Our Small Grants Relief Funding
3. Training, governance and grant application support.

Building on community dialogue we remain committed to

- Promoting what already exists
- Investing in initiatives to meet diverse local needs
- Strengthening local capacity to fill recognised gaps.



News across the city



Covid-19 Support



Covid-19 Information and Resources

BVSC is working with Birmingham City Council to create a coordinated community response to the coronavirus outbreak. On their [website](#) you can find details of support available, information, resources and ways to help. This is being updated on a daily basis as things change.



Support for Vulnerable Groups



Offer Local Support

Birmingham already has a system called [Routes2Wellbeing](#) which provides information about health, support and wellbeing activities and support across the city. Additional Covid 19 specific resources are expected to be published on the [Routes2Wellbeing](#) website by 3 April.

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High Prices and Scams: Recent weeks have seen price rises. Some shops have already been fined for unfairly increasing their prices. While we do anticipate fresh produce to increase in price slightly after mid-April, steep price increases should be reported to the Citizens Advice National Consumer Helpline Tel: 0808 223 1133

Many Covid19 related scams and crimes are taking place. Please be careful and encourage your communities to be too. See the [Friends against Scams](#) campaign for more details of how to stop this affecting our communities.

Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

Be aware of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits - these are only offered by NHS.
- Vaccines or miracle cures - there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home decontamination services.

Protect yourself and others:

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods and services from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

Be a good friend,
help to protect
your family, friends
and neighbours
from scams.

Read It.
Share It.
Prevent It.

#Coronavirus
#ScamAware



Contact

For advice on scams call the
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 11 33**
To report a scam call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**
Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

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To learn more about the different types of scams visit www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk

Press release

Government cracks down on spread of false coronavirus information online

Specialist units are operating to combat misinformation about coronavirus and five to ten incidents are being identified and tackled each day.

Published 30 March 2020

From: Cabinet Office, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP, and The Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP

False Information: The UK government has launched a campaign to counter false information about Covid 19. From holding your breath to gargling, they are asking the public to Fact Check and only share information from trusted sources. To help the public spot false information the government is running the SHARE checklist and [Don't Feed The Beast campaign here](#).

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Funding and Organisational Support

RELIEF FUNDING



Hall Green NNS aims to connect local people to the neighbourhood support they need during the Coronavirus outbreak

Grants available for up to £10,000 to relieve and/or prevent suffering as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak

Our funding principles include

Promote what exists - Invest to meet local needs – Strengthen capacity to fill gaps

We can fund activities that benefit anyone affected by the Covid19 outbreak but expect that most projects will target vulnerable older people who are 50yrs plus.

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For more information please get in touch!

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Charity Bank has put together a useful register of [Covid 19 relief funding support](#) for charities and not-for-profit organisations nationally. More locally, the Heart of England Resilience Fund is also giving out grants. For details please see [here](#). **Please get in touch if you would like to discuss an idea, or would like support in applying to any of these sources of funding.**

Social Enterprise Support: The iSE has set up the #COVID19 Social Enterprise Helpline as part of [#C19SupportBrum](#). It's simple and free to access for any social enterprise across Birmingham and Solihull – CALL 0121 771 1411 to talk about your concerns, get advice, book in-depth mentoring support and access wider support services needs at this time.

The Good Finance COVID-19 resource hub for charities & social enterprises also contains information, resources and tools to support charities and social enterprises deal with COVID-19. See [here](#).



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DigiKick are providing local FREE, person-centred internet support and social befriending support to anyone who would benefit. People can get in touch by:

Phoning 07920 490 263
Messenger calling Digikick14

Skype calling digikick14@gmail.com
Updates at www.digikick.co.uk/newsletter

Community Advice and Support

Balsall Heath Covid-19 Mutual Support group is on Facebook! This is a Facebook Group to co-ordinate a neighbourhood response and gain a clearer picture about what is happening locally. Join the group here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhccovidmutualsupport>.

Hall Green Covid Support: local volunteers and counsellors are working together to support communities. For more information contact them via email: covid19hallgreen@gmail.com or Facebook: [Hall Green North/Sparkhill Covid-19 Volunteers Network](#)

#BrumTogether: The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS) are jointly working with partner organisations across the city to support those most in need during the Coronavirus outbreak through food, befriending, wellbeing videos and good news stories.

To support this work email support@theaws.org, call 0121 728 7030 or message TAWS on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and post positive news stories using #BrumTogether.

People who self isolating or organisations looking for support can contact TAWS by calling 0121 728 7030, emailing relief@theaws.org or message them on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter

Covid 19 focused Dementia Support is available through the Alzheimer's Society including:

- [Coronavirus: Information for people affected by dementia](#) Here you can find details on:

1. [Coronavirus: Supporting a person with dementia at home](#)
2. [Coronavirus: Activity ideas for people living with dementia](#)
3. [Coronavirus: Support for a person with dementia living alone](#)
4. [Coronavirus: Supporting a person with dementia from a distance](#)

Free-to-call Dementia Connect support service is available: Tel 0333 150 3456

There is also an online community, Talking Point: <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/talking-point-our-online-community/what-talking-point>

For people needing support with things like shopping upon hospital discharge, help is available through <https://www.home-from-hospital-care.org.uk/>



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Regular support updates are also available through [Neighbourhood News Online](#) which has a Balsall Heath focus.

Financial support

[The Care Workers Charity](#) - The Care Workers Charity provide support to care-workers experiencing financial difficulty. They also have useful 'Making the most of your money' guides and helpful money saving calculators to complete.

[StepChange](#) (Helpline: 0800138111) is a national debt charity and provides free expert debt advice. The organisation provides advice online or over the phone and recommend a range of practical debt solutions based on your situation. You can use their [online debt tool](#) to get tailored debt advice in around 20 minutes.

[Turn2Us](#) - Turn2Us is a national charity that helps people facing financial hardship to gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services. They also have a [benefits calculator tool](#) so you can check what welfare benefits you are entitled to. You can find a list of advisers you can meet and speak to [by searching here](#).

The Pensions Advisory Service Call: 0800 011 3797 or visit <http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk>

[Victim Support West Midlands](#)

[Samaritans](#) offer a safe place to talk, about whatever going on in a range of different ways. Call for FREE 116 123 anytime.

What do you DO? And what do you NEED?

We want to promote local activities, support and services across Hall Green. But also identify where there are gaps. Please let us know:

- If you have volunteering opportunities you would like to promote.
- Would like to volunteer locally to support the Covid19 community response
- If you have befriending, childcare, carers or support groups that we can promote.
- If you are involved in any sort of food collections or deliveries in locally so that we can keep track and tell others.



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



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