

# C19 Community Update



**Hall Green**  
Neighbourhood  
Network Scheme

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Welcome to the third Hall Green NNS C19 Community Update. Just to remind people, Hall Green NNS is committed to connecting local people to the neighbourhood support they need. We are part of the city-wide C19 Support Brum Partnership co-ordinated by Birmingham City Council and BVSC which aims to help community-level responses to coronavirus in ways that are safe, effective and inclusive. Details of the citywide support that is available can be found [here](#)

## **NEW: UK Covid 19 advice in 43 languages**

NHS and Public Health England advice has been translated to text, pictures and videos <https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

[Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) is now also available in multiple languages and in easy read formats

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) information**

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

## **News across the city**



The council has launched an emergency response hub to ensure access to support is available for our most vulnerable citizens. The service will prioritise those in critical need who have received a letter from NHS England stating they are in a priority group; or those that are self-isolating for shorter periods but are unable to rely on family or friends for adequate practical support. This may be in relation to: emergency food supplies and social contact.

## **Please support our most vulnerable access this support**

Online support request: [here](#)  
By phone: 0121 303 1116 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)  
Online information: [birmingham.gov.uk/coronavirus\\_advice](http://birmingham.gov.uk/coronavirus_advice)

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BVSC is working with Birmingham City Council to constantly update the support available to support community response to the coronavirus outbreak. They have included valuable information around safeguarding support and PPE this week which is available on their [website](#). This is being updated on a daily basis as things change.

### **More than 160 services and activities now listed on the Route 2 Wellbeing Portal.**

The range of support being offered includes: food shopping, food banks, financial advice, mental health, befriending, carers support, drug and alcohol support, homelessness, general community support, mutual aid groups and more. [Find local support](#)

### **Funding and Organisational Support**

**Grant Fundraising  
Training and Advice**

Practical support from the Grant Funding Experts

Free Get Grants Virtual Fundraising Networking: The Get Grants Team will discuss the current situation and how it's affecting grant fundraisers in particular, sharing concerns and identifying the new opportunities that are arising. **Zoom** – 16th April at 11:00AM - 12:00PM. Book your place via [Eventbrite](#).

This event aims to give you the opportunity to:

- Meet like-minded people who face similar challenges to you;
- Share fundraising frustrations and successes;
- Get new fundraising ideas and inspiration;
- Have an informal chat with Get Grants' Fundraising Experts.

Hall Green NNS has launched its small grants funding to support. The first grant applications were received this week. This fund will stay open and accept applications as long as we have funding. BVSC has also put together a useful register of [Emergency Funding](#) for organisations across Birmingham.

**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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**Please get in touch with us if you would like to discuss an idea, or would like support in applying to any of these sources of funding.**

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

Skype calling [digikick14@gmail.com](mailto:digikick14@gmail.com)

*Setting up free telephone support, network or training groups*

We need to stay in touch, especially with those most isolated by Covid 19. Group chat's don't work for everyone, but can be useful for those who can't access online technology.

<https://whypay.net> is a free conference calling service. It is also waiving their **PLUS** plan charges until July. Enter code **PLUSMONTHLY2JULY** or **PLUSANNUAL2JULY**

***Community Advice and Support***

There are Mutual Aid groups developing across the city to support those affected by Covid 19. They are all looking for more support and members, and are able to offer support locally. In the Hall Green Constituency these include

- [Birmingham Community Solidarity](#)
- [Moseley Together](#)
- [Kings Heath Volunteer Network](#)
- [Balsall Heath Covid-19 Mutual Support](#)
- [Hall Green Covid Support:](#) or email: [covid19hallgreen@gmail.com](mailto:covid19hallgreen@gmail.com)



**#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. People who self isolate or organisations looking for support can contact TAWS by calling 0121 728 7030, emailing [relief@theaws.org](mailto: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](#)

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

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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### Bereavement Support

[Cruse Bereavement Care Birmingham](#) has online and telephone support

*General Enquiries - 0121 687 8011 is open Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.*

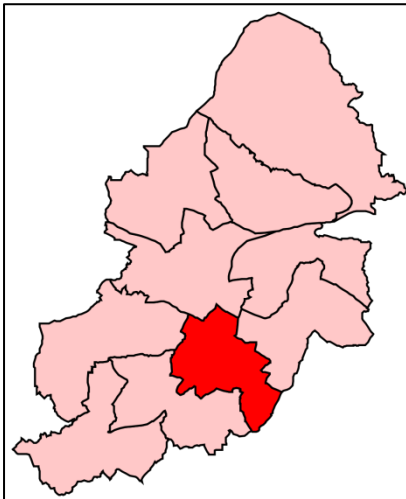
*Self referrals - 0121 687 8010 Please leave a message and a Bereavement Support Volunteer will aim to get back to you within 3-4 working days. For of urgent support please call the free helpline on 0808 808 1677.*

Limited online support is available via Asian Family Counselling for Asian language speakers

<https://asianfamilycounselling.org/contacting-us/> The: 0121 454 1130 or e: [bham.afcs@btconnect.com](mailto:bham.afcs@btconnect.com)

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

### **Hall Green NNS Team**



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:

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

Building on community dialogue we remain committed to

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

### ***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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