

The team at Hunts Forum have been working hard to bring you all the most up to date information, resources and support for your organisation. You find a list of useful information below. Remember if you have any enquiries call 01480 420 601 or email info@huntsforum.org.uk

Local Support

Watch our information videos [here](#). They include a simple Safeguarding video and some top tips when volunteering and taking part in befriending. A great resource to use with volunteers.

The team have also been compiling a framework of Factsheets which have information and examples for you to make sure your organisation is in the best possible position to take on the role which is required at this time.

[Cambridgeshire Coronavirus Community Fund](#) The fund will be to offer community organisations emergency funding to deal with emerging issues in the community, affecting older people and other vulnerable people.

Huntingdon District Council

Huntingdon District Council have created the [We are Huntingdonshire Hub](#) – a website which all residents are encouraged to use as their one point of contact. This is also a growing resource for organisations, especially those working closely with people affected by the current crisis. Hunts Forum are working closely with HDC to make sure that all residents are supported at this time.

Keeping active

The importance of being physically active through this period of Coronavirus has been widely recognised, for the physical health benefits but also very much the mental health benefits. Sport England are leading a national focus on opportunities to @StayInWorkOut and Living Sport, the local charity and Active Partnership working on improving health and wellbeing by supporting people (of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough) to get active is doing it's bit locally, working in partnerships with a whole range of organisations.

They have established some pages on their website which identify opportunities and [ideas appropriate for children and families, adults, and older adults](#) and we are also very active on @Living_Sport social media, using #StayInWorkOut.

We hope that you can help to Inspire Active Lifestyles through this challenging period and engaging with them on social media - watch especially for their #MiddayMoment.

The most useful resource weve found so far

[NCVO guide: Your organisation and coronavirus](#) – a comprehensive guide being updated regularly and aimed at the social sector.

Good Finance UK: [resource hub](#) to support charities and social enterprises navigate COVID-19. It includes [funding and investment guidance](#), [tips on remote working](#), [news](#) about how the pandemic is affecting the sector, and much more.

Social Enterprise UK: [Regularly updating their website with the latest news and resources](#) to help us collectively get through the coming weeks., including summaries of key government support available to social enterprises. You also have the [opportunity to feed into an SEUK consultation](#) on what they will ask for from the government to support social enterprises.

[COVID-19 Resource Hub](#) is updated daily and outlines the measures announced by the Government that will help charities and social enterprises. It is also signposting to the latest guidance on a wide range of issues

The government has created [an online portal](#) to strengthen safeguarding for charities.

Finance and funding

Organisations In the UK with charitable activities can [apply for up to £10,000](#) to support day to day activities in the current health emergency or your Covid-19 emergency response activities. Unrestricted funding for core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas. You must be able to describe how an emergency grant will improve the situation for your organisation and community.

[A brilliant list of 80+ funders offering emergency funding](#) to charities and social-sector organisations, created by Ian McLintock, founder of [Charity Excellence Framework](#).

[Dozens of funders have committed](#) to being supportive and flexible about funding requirements, throughout the outbreak. It is worth letting funders know as soon as you can how you think your organisations might be affected.

[Latest government support for small businesses](#).

[Latest government support for charities](#).

[Crowdfunder](#) is offering 100% free crowd-funding throughout the crisis (i.e. you won't pay any fees).

[National Emergencies Trust](#) has launched a fundraising appeal to help those most affected.

[Fast-track grants of up to €1m offered to projects tackling effects of COVID-19](#) – from the Action Against Corona initiative.

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Charity Bank has compiled an extensive list of [emergency funding opportunities for social sector organisations experiencing difficulties](#). This includes funding available from the National Emergencies Trust, John Lewis Partnership Community Support Fund, and many more local and national initiatives.

Friday 3rd April. 11am to 12, noon. Matt Haworth, Co-Founder & Director of Reason Digital will be hosting the webinar. This webinar will respond to the urgent need of charities to adopt new ways of raising money through digital fundraising. Matt will be sharing an overview of the techniques and strategies you can use to raise money online and will give you some tips on immediate action you can take. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Business planning

[This Federation for Small Business \(FSB\) guide](#) is helpful. It includes sections on:

- If you have to close your organisation
- Business insurance
- Advice for employers
- Measures for the workplace
- It's aimed at small businesses but the advice is also relevant to small charities, social enterprises, community businesses and impact organisations.
- Government support available for your organisation

Social Enterprise UK has collated the most recent [support announced by the government](#).

Do not assume that the situation is static. Keep checking the government's website and news for further announcements on support measures:

[Latest government support for small businesses \(also linked above\)](#)

[Latest government support for charities \(also linked above\)](#)

Government [advise for employers and businesses](#)

Government [general advice](#)

Human resources

Co-operatives UK has put together a [guide on HR issues](#) answering questions such as 'how do we treat employees who follow guidance to self isolate?' and 'what about parents who are off work because their child's school has closed?'.

ACAS is monitoring government advice daily and updating this [Covid-19 resource](#) for employer and employees.

Communications planning

"Crisis communications" might sound scary or extreme, but it's just about making sure you're prepared for different eventualities, and that you keep people up-to-date during tricky times. It might help to plan how you'll communicate with the people you work with throughout the coming weeks if you're expecting your organisation to be affected by a coronavirus. [Charity Comms offers a free crisis communications planning template](#). The same page includes links to online advice guides.

Continuing to support your clients, beneficiaries and vulnerable people you work with

[The NCVO guide](#) (linked to above) has useful information on this.

Supporting your team with remote working

We like [these five suggestions from Hubbub](#)

Zoom offers [these useful tips](#) for help setting up virtual, no-cost meetings online. With daily live demos and webinars, there's everything you need to [get you started](#).

Other software includes Skype, Microsoft Teams and [FreeConference.com](#)

Looking after your mental health

[This BBC article](#) offers advice from AnxietyUK and other practical steps for looking after your mental health

Mental Health UK has these [supportive tips](#)

MIND has this [excellent advice](#) for coping with social distancing and being at home

[MHFA](#) have compiled support working from home and mental health of staff.

[NHS 111 symptom checker](#)

Thats all from the team for now