

The Buckinghamshire community charity

# Support your local community & join our friends

# Stronger together

#### Our Friends' programme is a membership scheme. All Friends pledge a yearly or monthly amount by standing order and all pledges are pooled together into our Friends' fund.

Of the donations received, 50% is used to support us with our research and outreach work, ensuring funding reaches those who need it most and can use it effectively. With this knowledge, the other 50% is used to fund specific projects and the organisations working to overcome these identified challenges.

Our most recent research identified that disability status plays a key role in whether or not someone living in Buckinghamshire will be able to find work.



Funding awarded to the charity Make a Special Kid Smile has enabled a specially trained dog, called Patience, and highly a skilled dog handler, to enhance the learning experiences of children with special educational needs.

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Patience is brilliant for our son, he finds animals really calming and really cares about them. Patience is the perfect distraction after lunch to calm him down for class again, we couldn't ask for a better idea.



### Become a Friend

#### To become a Friend, simply visit our online giving page. Alternatively, you can print a Friends' form on our website.

You can choose the amount and frequency of your donation. If you're eligible for Gift Aid, we'll also be able to claim an additional 25% on top of your donation.

### totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/friendsfund

#### heartofbucks.org

#### What does it mean to be a friend of Heart of Bucks?

- By combining donations into one fund, you will see the impact that can be made when we join together to tackle local needs
- » We will keep you up to date with the difference that's being made, including member news and a yearly Friends' Fund update
- » You will be invited to an annual Friends' event to meet beneficiaries of the Friend's fund and celebrate the year's achievements

## About us

Heart of Bucks is Buckinghamshire's community charity; operating in Bucks, for Bucks. We are part of a network of 46 community foundations across the UK, all striving to help people and organisations invest in their local communities.



We have a unique understanding of the needs of Buckinghamshire and provide the easiest way for local people to give right to the heart of their communities. Our expertise and experience in assessing local groups and projects ensures that funding reaches those who need it most and can use it effectively.

Heart of Bucks works in partnership with organisations across the whole of Buckinghamshire, to build a better quality of life for all.

