WINTER FUEL PAYMENT.  
DON’T NEED IT? DONATE IT!

If you don’t need your winter fuel payment, why not donate it to someone who does?

Our Winter Warmth campaign is aimed at helping vulnerable people across Buckinghamshire who are unable to adequately heat their homes during winter. This includes those living in fuel poverty, older people, lone parents with children under 5, or households requiring additional heating because of a household member with a disability.

Your payment will help vulnerable people across Buckinghamshire who are at risk of harm as a result of winter weather.

If you don’t receive a winter fuel payment you can still make a donation of any size.

Donate online: www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/winterwarmth

You can also donate by cheque made payable to Heart of Bucks and sent to: Heart of Bucks Winter Warmth, Sunley House (4th floor), Oxford Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8EZ

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The gender breakdown in Buckinghamshire is 51% females and 49% males, similar to the national and regional averages. In total 273,300 women and girls live in the four districts of Buckinghamshire.

The aim of our research on women in Buckinghamshire is to increase our knowledge base of local women’s issues, ahead of launching a women’s fund. The research focuses on different phases of women’s life and the social, economic, health and wellbeing issues they face.

We also carried out a community consultation with participants selected from a wide range of organisations that work with and support women in many different ways.

The research focus on three different phases of women’s life:

- **Young girls (birth - 16)**
  - There are over 1,000 female young carers. 8.4% of all young carers provide 50+ hours of care per week.

- **Working age (17-64)**
  - In Walton Court domestic violence offences have increased by 118%.

- **Older women (65+)**
  - In Chiltern wards, women live 14.4 years in poor health (compared to 11.7 years for men)

These are just some of the statistics uncovered by our research.

The needs of women and girls are significant and the creation of a dedicated fund that meets these needs will be a unique asset for Heart of Bucks and for Buckinghamshire.

A women’s fund can serve to expand women’s philanthropy and empower women as philanthropists. If you are interested in supporting this fund please get in touch.
UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDS

RECTORY HOMES

Grants available: up to £5,000

Grants can be used to support capital and project costs.

**Fund priorities:**
- Organisations working for the benefit of residents living within Aylesbury Vale
- Applications that demonstrate the organisation’s ability to help those most in need within the community
- Applications where the grant makes between 25% and 50% of the total project cost
- Preference for grants to be used for capital expenditure

SOUTH BUCKS

Grants available: up to £1,500 (must represent no more than 50% of the total project cost)

Organisations must be based in or operate for the benefit of residents living in the South Bucks District Council area.

**Organisations will need to demonstrate how the application meets one of the council’s key themes:**
- Thriving economy
- Sustainable environment
- Safer communities
- Health and wellbeing
- Cohesive and strong communities

YOUTH BANK

Grants available: up to £3,000

Grants can include capital, revenue and project costs.

**Fund priorities:**
- Activities/projects that benefit vulnerable young people aged 12-19 years (and up to 25 years for young people with disabilities)
- Young people should be involved in the design and/or delivery of the activity/project
- Young people, where possible, are helping to raise funds for the project
- Activities/projects which benefit young people from areas of deprivation
ANNUAL RECEPTION

CELEBRATIONS

On Monday 8th October, Heart of Bucks supporters from across the county joined us for our annual reception. Taking place at the beautiful Dairy at Waddesdon Manor, the event is an opportunity for us to celebrate our successes of the past year and share our plans and aspirations for the future.

At the event, a selection of charities and community groups that have previously received funding are invited to showcase the great work they do in the county. The guests then vote for their favourite, with the winning group awarded a grant of £1,500 and the runners up £500 each.

This year we were joined by 1st Stewkley Scout Group, Bucks Uniformed Youth, Nigerian Community Association Aylesbury and Ubiquitous Theatre. Each group had put so much time and effort into their displays and their passion was evident.

Peter Costello, CEO said “There was so much excitement and enthusiasm in the room and I could not be more proud of what we have all achieved. Thank you to all who attended to show their support, to The Rothschild Foundation for looking after us so well, and to my cracking team!”

Congratulations to this year’s supporters’ chosen charity – Bucks Uniformed Youth.
THE DAIRY AT WADDESDON MANOR

COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

With thanks to...
The aim of the #iwill fund is to raise the level and quality of youth social action, creating enjoyable opportunities for young people to develop their skills whilst also benefitting local people and places.

#iwillweek celebrates the stories of young people and describes the impact they’re having on the communities and causes they care about.

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with the impact in Buckinghamshire this #iwillweek.

Here’s some of the great organisations that have been supported by our #iwill fund:

- Aylesbury Youth Action
- National Energy Foundation
- Carers Bucks
- Buckinghamshire Mind
- Volunteer It Yourself
FIRST GRANTS AWARDED FROM GFCS FUND

The Gawcott Fields Community Solar fund, which opened in May this year, uses the surplus income generated by the solar farm in Gawcott to fund community organisations and projects in the local area. The fund was also kindly match-funded by a private family fund.

This year the theme was sports and the first grants were awarded in August and October, totalling £15,000.

Projects funded included the purchase of new football kits to meet growing demand, activity sessions for women and girls, and various equipment to support local clubs.

Gabby Mallet, Director of Operations at The National Energy Foundation and panel member for the fund said:

“It’s been fantastic working with Heart of Bucks to ensure that our community fund really does make a difference. They have been really proactive in helping us set up the grant scheme, finding match funding and working with us to assess applications and make grant awards. “We are delighted to have been able to make eight awards which will support local groups and show that our solar farm is not only an investment in sustainability but also an investment in the locality.”

LOAN FUNDING

Heart of Bucks administers the Bucks Big Society Bank, awarding loans of between £1,000 and £25,000

A loan may be suitable for your organisation if:

- You’re looking to purchase equipment to benefit immediately, and then raise funds
- You’re planning a change of business model to improve long-term sustainability
- You require a bridging loan or cash flow financing to cover a short-term period where alternative funding will be forthcoming

Loans are interest-free and unsecured. An annual associate fee is payable to Heart of Bucks; this is calculated on the initial loan amount.
KOP HILL CLIMB UPDATE

It was another great year at the Kop Hill Climb Festival!

There was an amazing selection of vehicles on show. From breathtaking new supercars, immaculate vintage cars, childhood memories and everything in between.

Lots of hard work had also gone into the Soapbox challenge, with some very creative entries seen!

We’re delighted to announce that the event raised an incredible £110,000 to be awarded in grants through the KHC Fund. This will support so many fantastic organisations in our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!
21st / 22nd September 2019
The 2019 KHC Festival will be in celebration of their 10th anniversary. With lots of exciting things planned it’s a date not to be missed!

SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL GOLF DAY
Thursday 23rd May 2019
Denham Golf Club
Supporting our work in the community.
events@heartofbucks.org

FUNDING CONSULTATIONS:

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT
Wed 14th November
South Bucks District Council Offices

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT
Monday 3rd December
Aylesbury Multicultural Centre

By appointment only. For more information please email grants@heartofbucks.org
If you are interested in attending a future South Bucks consultation please email us.