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## LONDON MARATHON CHARITABLE TRUST VISIT GROUPS IN RECEIPT OF FUNDING

**The London Marathon Charitable Trust awards grants to projects that deliver the greatest possible impact for children, young people and those who are less likely to be active.**

In June this year a total of £112,500 was awarded across South Northamptonshire and Aylesbury Vale, with more than half being distributed across the Buckinghamshire district.

Representatives from the London Marathon Trust, Northamptonshire community foundation and Heart of Bucks came together to visit the groups in receipt of funding to learn first-hand the difference they are making to local communities.

In Buckinghamshire, Stowe Sub-Aqua Club, Lindengate and Halton Tennis Club all received a share of the funding.

Catherine Miller, grants and loans officer at Heart of Bucks said:

"It was a great day! It was a delight to see the impact of the funding and to work with Northamptonshire community foundation on this programme."





# WINTER WARMTH

**Local families need your help**

£100 for warm bedding and winter boots

Joanna and her son both suffer from a heart condition and constant use of medical equipment leaves them with expensive electricity bills.

As a result, they were unable to afford winter essentials many of us take for granted.

**Winter fuel payment. Don't need it? Donate it!**

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

**Click here to donate online**

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

## IMPACT STORY: ANIMAL ANTIKS



**Project:** Sessions during the school holidays

**Grant:** £4,940

**Fund:** HoB General

**Impact category:** Physical and mental health, wellbeing and safety

**District:** Aylesbury Vale

**Animal Antiks work with children and young adults who are either out of main-stream education or have learning difficulties to build their skills and confidence.**

They were awarded a grant of £4,940 to run 16 animal assisted learning sessions during the school holidays for various local groups and organisations.

The groups supported included Florries, Child Bereavement UK, Aylesbury Vale National Autistic Society, GRASPS autism support group, Puzzle Centre and Quarrendon Friday lunch club. Each session lasted two hours and was based on their 250 acre farm in North Marston along with their large animal family of alpacas, horses, ponies, donkeys, goats, pigs, chickens, ducks, sheep and dogs.

Through this project, Animal Antiks supported over 200 people. Their 'fun on the farm' sessions included activities such as grooming, feeding, animal encounters, walking the animals, collecting the eggs as well as craft activities and a wheelbarrow agility course. They also ran 'walk and talk' sessions, predominantly aimed at adults, which included an opportunity to meet the animals and then go for an hour's walk around the farm with some of them.

### CASE STUDY:

One teenage boy, who suffers from ASD and anxiety attended with a couple of family members. He had been experiencing high anxiety, low self-confidence and was feeling isolated, which had been heightened following a family bereavement. His aim was to work in animal care in the future but he had been unable to pursue this desire.

Having attended the session with his family and as he enjoyed the encounters and activities with the animals it prompted him to think about his future. Since his session he has now volunteered at the farm to gain more experience in looking after the animals.



# GUESTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS



**On Monday 14th October, Heart of Bucks supporters from across the county joined us for our annual reception. Taking place at the beautiful Hall Barn Estate in Beaconsfield, 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.

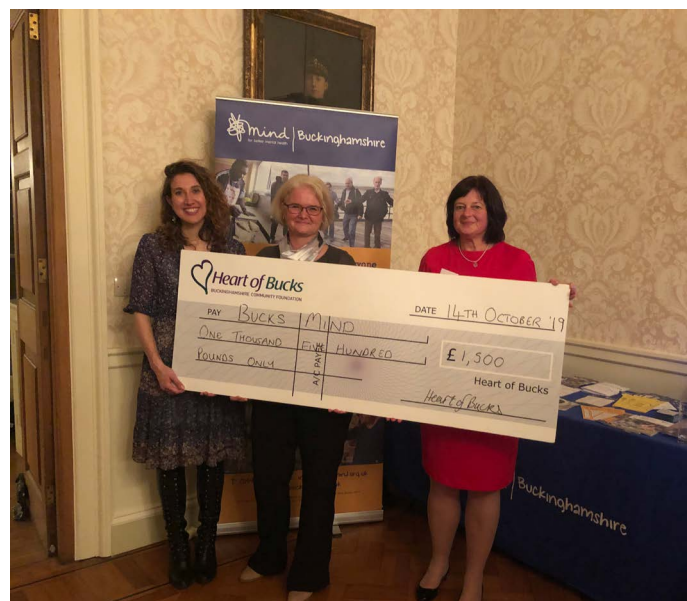
This year we were joined by Black Park Shed, Bucks County Museum and Buckinghamshire Mind. Each group had put so much time and effort into their displays and their passion was evident.

Henry Allmand, CEO said:

"Thank you to all our supporters, to our incredible hosts, Jenefer and Andrew Farncombe, and to all our sponsors. It was wonderful to meet so many people who, like me, hold Buckinghamshire in a special place in their heart. I am pleased that we all are making

such positive progress in making our county an inclusive, safe and caring place to live, work and play. It was inspiring to hear from our promoted groups on the evening, and I look forward to working with you all to provide vital support for our community in the coming years."

Congratulations to this year's supporters' chosen charity – Buckinghamshire Mind.



## £2,500 awarded in funding on the night to three local groups



Bucks Mind awarded £1,500 as winners of the supporters' vote



Black Park Shed awarded £500 as runners up



Bucks County Museum awarded £500 as runners up

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## Denham United Ladies FC win our first ever People's Choice award

**In addition to the supporters' vote prizes, we also ran a People's Choice competition via social media.**

Five organisations from across the county were shortlisted for the award and nearly 1,000 of you took the time to vote for your favourite - thank you!

We were pleased to award the £500 grant to Denham Ladies United Football Club. As the largest all female club in the south of England, they support hundreds of girls in developing a love of sport as well as encouraging confidence in young women.

Alex Gaffney, sponsorship manager said:

"Thank you so much for the award. We are really struggling at the moment to buy kits for the new season as many of our kits are three years old and the girls grow quite a bit from age nine to 12!"

This award was kindly sponsored by





# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROJECTS SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE



## *The Nic Willoughby fund*

*Financial support for grassroots sports activities*

### Priorities:

- Sports activities supporting children aged 16 and under, particularly those which aim to increase engagement and participation
- Support for those on the Sport England Talent Pathway, or equivalent talent programmes who might otherwise be unable to participate due to economic or other disadvantage

Grants available: up to £1,000

Closing dates (midday): 11th Dec (EOI) and 22nd Jan (full application)

**More info  
& apply**

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## *#iwill*

*Encouraging participation in youth social action*

### Priorities:

- Projects that seek to increase the participation of those from less affluent social economic groups or who might not usually take part
- Youth social action projects aimed at children aged 10-14 years
- Projects which provide an opportunity to learn new skills or give young people a platform to get their voice heard

Grants available: between £1,000 and £5,000

Closing dates (midday): 11th Dec (EOI) and 22nd Jan (full application)

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## *Youth Bank*

*Giving young people a voice*

### Priorities:

- Projects that benefit vulnerable young people aged 12-19 (and up to 25 for young people with disabilities)
- Young people should be involved in the design and/or delivery and where possible are helping to raise funds
- Projects which benefit young people from areas of deprivation

Grants available: up to £3,000

Closing dates (midday): 11th Dec (EOI) and 22nd Jan (full application)

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# OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## *Nationwide Community Grants*



Grants available: £10,000 - £50,000

Grants will be awarded to local housing projects that support the most vulnerable by:

- Preventing people from losing their home
- Helping people into a home
- Supporting people to thrive within the home environment

Please note: this fund is being managed by Heart of England community foundation for organisations in Buckinghamshire.

Closing date: Midday 22nd November

[Find out more and apply >>](#)

## *Rectory Homes*



Grants available: up to £5,000

### Priorities:

- Organisations that are working for the benefit of residents living within Aylesbury Vale
- Projects/organisations helping those most in need within the community
- Applications where the grant makes up a minimum of 25% and maximum of 50% of the total project cost
- Preference for grants to be used for capital expenditure

Closing dates:

Midday 11th Dec (expression of interest)

Midday 22nd January (full application)

[Find out more and apply >>](#)



# ESRI UK FUND AWARDS £8,550 TO FIVE BUCKS ORGANISATIONS

Our Esri UK fund, which awards grants once a year, has recently distributed £8,550 in funding to five local organisations.

A panel of five representatives from Esri UK gathered at their Head Office in the centre of Aylesbury to discuss carefully selected funding applications for organisations carrying out vital and life-changing work in the Aylesbury Vale area.

This year the funding was awarded to AV & MK Sexual Abuse and Support Service, Holy Cow Community Events, Space St Mary's Church, Buckinghamshire Mind and Carers Bucks.

Esri UK have been supporting local charities and community groups through Heart of Bucks since 2010 and have awarded nearly £70,000 in grants during this time.



# GAWCOTT FIELDS COMMUNITY SOLAR FUND SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S PROJECTS



**The Gawcott Fields Community Solar fund awards grants using profits generated by the community solar project at Gawcott Fields.**

This year their Bizzy Kids fund has distributed £5,419 in grants to four organisations that are running projects that will benefit children under the age of seven.

The projects funded range from imaginative play equipment and a playground improvement scheme to a summer club and sports and nature club.

The Bizzy Kids fund aims to create safe and child-centred places to play and well as provide child development opportunities that are not included in the curriculum and don't receive statutory funding.

This year's grants were awarded to Akeley Parish Council, Gawcott pre-school, St James and St John Primary School PTFA and the Swan Community Hub.

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEMES

Local charity Community Impact Bucks is calling for more volunteer drivers to support Community Transport schemes in Buckinghamshire by joining an existing car or bus scheme, or by setting up a new group in their local area. These schemes provide an essential transport service to the local community, helping to tackle loneliness and support independent living.

In particular, there is an urgent need for volunteer drivers in Wycombe and Aylesbury where there are currently no schemes to help local residents, who are unable to use public transport, to get to medical appointments

Mark Shaw, Buckinghamshire County Council Deputy Leader and Transport Cabinet Member, said:

"In a rural county like ours, community transport schemes play a vital role in combating social isolation and helping people who can't use conventional transport to get out and about. Community transport volunteers play an important part in serving these needs and making life better for people."

If you would like to volunteer for an existing transport scheme or start a new scheme, contact Helen Archer at Community Impact Bucks on 0300 111 1250 or [transport@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:transport@communityimpactbucks.org.uk)



# BOOSTING YOUR BOARD: RECRUITING THE RIGHT TRUSTEES

**Date and time: Tuesday 5th November, 1:30 - 4:20pm**

**Location: Community Impact Bucks offices, Monks Risborough, HP27 9JS**

**Cost: £40 (VCS orgs/community groups in Bucks) or £65 (statutory/out of county orgs)**

Community Impact Bucks are running a workshop to help give you the relevant skills and knowledge to build a strong Board.

The half day workshop is suitable for anyone who is responsible for recruiting trustees or committee members and will cover areas including succession planning, trustee selection and induction, and will enable you to draw up an action plan.

Feedback from last year's workshop: "Thanks for the session on Tuesday – it gave me a new burst of enthusiasm – perhaps because I was reminded of why I became a trustee. It was very useful and it is always nice to meet up with other charity trustees in a similar boat!"

For more information and to book [click here](#).

