



WINTER WARMTH

"The Winter Warmth campaign will help many people in this difficult year of increased heating costs."

– Sir David Jason

SIR DAVID JASON SUPPORTS OUR CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT FUEL POVERTY

The Heart of Bucks Winter Warmth campaign is being supported by Buckinghamshire resident Sir David Jason and helps vulnerable people across Buckinghamshire who struggle to keep warm in the cold months. In addition to granting money towards heating bills, donated funds could also be spent on warm winter clothing, supplies for homeless people such as sleeping bags, and items many people take for granted, such as a hot water bottle or a kettle.

Case study:

Following the recent death of her husband, Becky* and her two children were thrown into financial difficulty. Becky's husband has previously looked after the household finances and she was struggling to navigate them alone.

As a low income household Becky found herself unable to pay priority bills and buy food and the increase in the cost of living and fuel and energy prices were exacerbating the crisis.

An application to Heart of Bucks was made and a grant of £1,000 was awarded to help this family with energy bills, school uniform, and food until the financial situation could be resolved and settled.

*name changed

From May to September our crisis funds awarded:



382 grants



Totalling £316,391

The largest proportion of our crisis funding went to:



Energy & water
(42%)



Housing costs
(27%)



Food
(13%)

CLICK TO DONATE TO WINTER WARMTH

NEW PARTNERSHIP ENABLES CONTINUITY OF CHARITY'S OBJECTIVES

A local charity that had to cease operations talks about why they partnered with Heart of Bucks this year to set up a fund to continue supporting their local community.



Why did the trustees choose to set up an investment fund with Heart of Bucks?

We were a small board of trustees of a local charity that sadly had to cease operations. After selling a capital asset, we had a considerable sum to invest in accordance with our Charitable Objects for the benefit of the community. Through personal contact, one of our trustees had learned a great deal about HoB from one of their senior team members. Some other trustees also attended a talk by HoB's CEO to a local business group.

Once those initial contacts had been made, on each following occasion we were made to feel very welcome and given every opportunity to get to know HoB better, leading to us all being ever more positive. This positivity was hugely beneficial after the personal impact on us all of ceasing to oversee the charity.

What do you like most about having a fund with a community foundation?

The thing that probably surprised (and pleased) us the most was the flexibility offered by joining an organisation such as HoB. Considering the due diligence and weight of administration HoB undertake, we had expected there to be a 'formula' and a 'set of rules' into which we had to fit. Far from it. There were a number of different options presented to us and we had considerable scope to offer suggestions as to how things might work best for us.

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We also fully expected that our jobs as trustees would be at an end. In a formal, legal sense they are - but in having as many active trustees as we wished become part of the future grants panel, we have a very strong say in how the money in the fund is distributed. From the possible key areas suggested by HoB, we have chosen those that we are most inclined to support.

There are also flexibilities in how much we grant and can, in a limited way in the early years, donate some of the capital and not just the revenue it generates. This has enabled us to get started straight away, and not lose the momentum of our initial enthusiasm.

How do you see your fund supporting the local community in the future?

As a charity based in South Bucks, that was where we wanted the centre of our future giving to be. As soon as we heard of the Crisis Appeal, we opted to contribute immediately rather than waiting for our fund to provide a return. We are looking forward to seeing the first batch of requests come forward from organisations similar to those several of us have seen on 'Seeing is Believing' visits.

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What would you say to another organisation thinking about setting up an investment fund?

It is early days. Our fund has only recently been set-up and our first panel is in a few weeks, but our enthusiasm to work with HoB continues to grow. They communicate effectively – but not too much - and are very approachable – they don't just say that – they are. We have had a few ongoing matters to address with what remains of the charity and they have advised on some tricky issues. The team create initiatives to offer inclusivity and education in the wider work of HoB and already we have a great sense of belonging. We all look forward to a very long and positive partnership.

As a result of selling a building they owned, the charity were able to create an investment fund with Heart of Bucks.

This allows them to continue supporting the local community in perpetuity.



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What is a trust transfer?

This is when funds from inactive or dormant charitable trusts or charities unable to continue with their original operations are 'unlocked' and spent on local good causes.

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What is an investment fund?

Donations will be invested securely, with the annual income being distributed in grants. This provides permanence to a donation and demonstrates a long-term commitment to your local community. Funds are invested with a view to growing the value of the fund over time.

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Want to find out more?

Heart of Bucks offers a range of services specifically tailored to meet the needs of charitable trusts.

Please email giving@heartofbucks.org or call 01296 330134 to find out how we can help.

A FANTASTIC EVENING FOR OUR ANNUAL RECEPTION

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at the end of October for our Annual Reception celebrations. We had a fantastic evening looking back over our achievements from 2021/22 and catching up with some of the people who continue to support our work across the county.



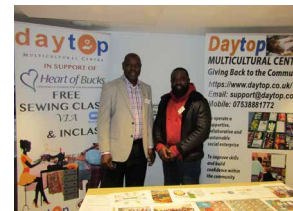
On the night, we were delighted to welcome six local not-for-profit groups to showcase their work as part of the People's Choice Award. Congratulations go to Daytop Multicultural Centre for winning the £1,000 prize, kindly sponsored by ASM Auto Recycling Ltd.



Bucks Culture



Chiltern Rangers



Daytop Multicultural Centre



Lady Ryder Memorial Garden



Quarrendon Community Cafe



Wycombe Multicultural Org.

We were also pleased to announce Peter Cullimore MBE as the winner of our President's Award 2022. Peter's work and generosity has helped over 30,000 beneficiaries through grants to charities from his fund with Heart of Bucks, as well as hundreds of other individuals through his support of our crisis funds for refugees settling in Buckinghamshire and others in real need.

Finally, a special thank you to The Beacon School for their kind and generous hospitality.



OUR ANNUAL REPORT IS HERE



Our annual report is now available to read online! The report is packed with stats and stories showcasing our impact across Buckinghamshire, our achievements and highlights, and also acknowledges the support of our partners and Community Investors.

We hope you enjoy reading it. If you would prefer a hard copy please email: marketing@heartofbucks.org and we will arrange for one to be posted out to you.

A big 'thank you' goes to Saffery Champness for sponsoring our annual report.

[READ OUR ANNUAL REPORT](#)

WATCH OUR ANNUAL VIDEO SUMMARY

We are delighted to share with you our annual video summary for 2021/22. In this short video you will hear from our President, HM Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, our Chairman, Moir Stewart and our CEO.

Please click the image below to watch the video.



'SEEING IS BELIEVING' WITH THE HIGH SHERIFF OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE



On Tuesday 8th November, we were joined by the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Debbie Brock and a number of our supporters for a 'Seeing is Believing' event. These events are an opportunity for us to visit some of the charities and community groups we are proud to support across the county.

The day began with a presentation from Robert Stringer, founder at Hector's House, which aims to prevent suicide and mental health stigma through education, awareness and support. This charity was set up in memory of Hector Stringer who took his own life at the age of 18.



We then visited The Healthy Living Centre (HLC) in Walton Court, a charity that sadly announced it will be closing its doors on 1st April 2023. It was heart-warming to see the passion that has gone into running the HLC for 20 years, but this news highlights the struggles that many not-for-profit groups are facing in the current economic climate. HLC are working hard to move many of their support services to other local organisations to enable some continuity for the community.

Following this, we were welcomed to the Chilterns MS Centre in Wendover. We were given a tour of the amazing facilities and treatments that are available for people with MS and other conditions. We were also touched to hear from one of the charity's trustees, whose late wife had been supported by the centre.

We ended the event with a presentation from Kath Pezet at Calibre Audio, a charity that provides free audiobooks for anyone who finds it difficult to read print.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for this event and to Chilterns Dial-a-Ride for supporting with transport.

If you would like to join a future event, please email: marketing@heartofbucks.org

BUCKS DATA EXCHANGE LAUNCHES



The new Bucks Data Exchange website was unveiled at a special launch event at The Dairy in Waddesdon on 6th September. Over 90 people gathered to mark the launch of the site which provides an unprecedented opportunity for the voluntary and community sector to use solid data on the needs of local people to make strategic decisions.

The event, kindly hosted by the Rothschild Foundation provided the opportunity for charity leaders, community groups and data enthusiasts to hear how smarter use of data can strengthen our decision making and investments.

On the website, visitors can view data on population, carbon emissions, recycling rates, broadband speeds, life expectancy, rates of smoking, community safety and much more. The published data is the most recent available, focuses on Buckinghamshire and is aggregated so it contains no personal information.

This platform, built by Aylesbury based agency Framework Digital, is the result of months of hard work and collaboration between the Rothschild Foundation, Buckinghamshire Council, Leap, Heart of Bucks, Buckinghamshire's Local Enterprise Partnership, Thames Valley's Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Bucks VCSE Partnership Board.

Henry Allmand, CEO of Heart of Bucks said,

"We are delighted to have been closely involved in the development of the Data Exchange website, a unique platform that will enable people and communities in Buckinghamshire to better understand the challenges and opportunities we face. Now more than ever, using data to inform decisions and activity is increasingly important as we seek to make life in Buckinghamshire the best it can be."

[Click here to visit Bucks Data Exchange](#)

IMPACT STORY: THE GARDEN SHED PROJECT



The Theatre Shed took on a neglected allotment plot in Chesham. They spent 12 weeks preparing and transforming the space into an accessible outdoor area where people of all abilities can develop horticultural skills and raise their aspirations.

Participants of the project, who were mostly adults with learning or physical disabilities, attended the site for four hours a week, clearing it of weeds and overgrown bushes. They dug out the plot and planned out what to grow and where, whilst also building and painting the new shed.

Being involved in the project from it's very creation gave the members a sense of ownership and achievement, one said: "I enjoy going to The Garden Shed to work on the allotment. It is hard work. i have not done this before but it makes me fit and strong."

Grant: £3,878
Fund: Bucks Building Society 'Here to Help'
Impact category: Health & Wellbeing

NEW UKCF REPORT ON GROWING COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY

NEW REPORT
A PLACE FOR PHILANTHROPY:
THE ROLE OF LOCAL GIVING IN
ADDRESSING REGIONAL
INEQUALITY AND BUILDING
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



The report looks at the work of the UK's 47 community foundations through the lens of the Levelling Up agenda, it explains how community philanthropy is already playing an important role in tackling regional inequality and looks at some of the ways that it can be grown to help build the resilience of communities.

[Please click here to read the report](#)

ESRI UK AWARDS £5,842 TO LOCAL CAUSES

Our Esri UK fund, which awards grants once a year, has recently distributed £5,842 in funding to six local organisations.

A panel of five representatives from Esri UK joined together for a virtual panel meeting to discuss carefully selected funding applications for organisations carrying out vital and life-changing work across Buckinghamshire.



This year the funding was awarded to:

- **Aylesbury Women's Aid** – £1,350 awarded for resources for their Helping Hands programme, supporting children with self-esteem and confidence.
- **Aylesbury Youth Action** – £1,575 awarded to support vulnerable families in need.
- **Chiltern Music Therapy** – £500 awarded for musical instruments for therapy sessions.
- **Handcycling Association of the UK** – £1,000 awarded to refurbish and rebuild an old handcycle to make it fit for purpose.
- **Winslow Activity Club** – £417 awarded for specialist equipment for a sensory room.
- A donation of £1,000 was also made to the **Heart of Bucks Crisis Appeal** to support local people struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time.

Anthony Maughan-Brown, Director of Strategy and Organisational Development at Esri UK, said:

"We're pleased to be continuing our long-standing partnership with Heart of Bucks, and to support these local charities that are doing such important work."

Esri UK have been supporting local charities and community groups through Heart of Bucks since 2010 and have awarded over 60 grants during this time.

PLEASE SPONSOR US!



For the second year, we will be completing the Marlow 5k Santa Fun Run (or swift walk!)

We will join a sea of fellow Santas to raise money for a variety of brilliant causes.

Your sponsorship will help Heart of Bucks continue our work supporting charities and community groups across Buckinghamshire.

[Please click here to sponsor](#)

£160K AVAILABLE FOR AN ORGANISATION TACKLING LOCAL POVERTY



The Anson Charitable Trust, Heart of Bucks, Rothschild Foundation and T & S Williams Foundation have partnered to tackle local poverty through the Buckinghamshire Capacity Fund.

The fund will award a single grant of £160,000 to a not-for-profit organisation that can contribute significantly to Buckinghamshire's response to the rising costs of living for vulnerable, disadvantaged and insecure-income households.

Henry Allmand, CEO at Heart of Bucks said:

"As local grant-makers, we want to think global, and act local. We want to make a difference by working together, to tackle a challenging and deeply concerning area of focus within Buckinghamshire. Through the creation of this collective fund, we want to provide the local non-profit sector with additional resources to deliver a larger local safety net than would otherwise exist."

Project should provide at least 12 months of additional capacity and funding can be for organisations wanting to extend and enhance an existing service, as well as new and innovative approaches. Preference will be given to consortium/partnership applications of two or more local organisations.

There are many complexities and challenges that cause poverty. It is first on the list of the UN global 'Sustainable Development Goals', which set the blueprint for prosperity for global society by 2030. But poverty and financial insecurity are major and multifaceted issues that requires significant resources and cross-sector thinking to tackle effectively.

For more information and to apply, please click here

EOI deadline: 20th November

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Let's Talk About Cancer

This fund aims to improve cancer outcomes for groups that traditionally have poorer health outcomes. For example, through increasing awareness of cancer signs and symptoms and/or increasing engagement with GP surgeries and cancer screening programmes

Grants of £1,000 to £7,500 are available.

This fund is ongoing and there is currently no deadline date



Green Schools Fund

This fund is open to primary and secondary schools and awards grants to support environmental projects initiated by the school's students. Funding is for environmental improvement schemes or services which are designed to: reduce waste, improve biodiversity, reduce litter, reduce energy consumption and/or enhance community transport.

Application deadline (no EOI required): 11th January



Green Community Fund

This fund is open to voluntary and community groups and awards grants for projects designed to improve the environment and/or public spaces for the benefit of residents. For example: educational projects, environmental improvement schemes, increasing biodiversity, reducing carbon footprint, improving sustainability and/or enhancing community transport.

EOI deadline: 7th December Application deadline: 11th January



Recovery & Awareness Fund

Flood Recovery & Awareness Fund

Grants can be used to support capital, revenue and project costs and expenditure must relate to flood damage/prevention or awareness in the form of training or education. Grants of up to £10,000 can be applied for by Bucks voluntary and community groups that are charitable in purpose and town/parish councils.

EOI deadline: 7th December Application deadline: 11th January

Click on the relevant fund logo above to view more information and apply

Join the Bucks Funding Alert WhatsApp group

Be the first to hear about our new funding opportunities for your charity or community group!



[Click here from your phone to join the WhatsApp group](#)

"There are so many places to check for funding, and I'm always worried I'll miss something. The Heart of Bucks WhatsApp group is great because we know we'll never miss a funding announcement."

– Lee Lloyd
Florence Nightingale Hospice

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