

# CASH FLASH

*Basildon Borough Council Communities Team*

*'Ensuring you get the most up to date news and funding opportunities in Basildon'*



## Basildon Council Grant to Organisations Fund

We are proud to announce a change in criteria for this fund. It offers grants of up to £2,000 to fund projects operating within the Basildon Borough. We can now provide funding to contribute towards the costs of salaries, volunteer expenses, digital equipment and much more. Please see our guidance notes found on our website for a full breakdown.

**Closing date: 29th January 2021**

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us: [communityinvolvement@basildon.gov.uk](mailto:communityinvolvement@basildon.gov.uk)

## WANT TO BECOME A DIGITAL BUDDY?

Throughout the pandemic we have seen residents who do not have access to a digital device or the skills to use one left feeling lonely and isolated. Together, we want to help people access resources that support their mental and physical wellbeing such as video calling, exercise videos and much more!

Are you a tech savvy person who wants to help your community?

Do you want to improve your digital and teaching skills?

Do you want to help isolated and lonely residents become independent?

Can you spare a few hours a week to help those in need? If you answered yes to any of the above, we want to hear from you.

You will be provided with training and support throughout your Digital Buddy journey, you will be part of a team of 10 volunteers who will learn new skills and help those most in need.

To find out more please go to:

**[www.bbwwolunteernetwork.co.uk/support-the-community/opportunity/digital-buddy-12415](http://www.bbwwolunteernetwork.co.uk/support-the-community/opportunity/digital-buddy-12415)**

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# FUNDING Opportunities

For weekly funding opportunities follow our Facebook page

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**For more info visit:**

<https://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/3899/Grants-to-community-and-voluntary-organisations>

## Local Delivery Pilot Micro-Grant Programme

The programme is open access for local people who have a great idea to get their local community more active. The grants are between £50 – £2,500. A key principle of the LDP is to put local people in the driving seat, recognising them as the most important assets in any community.

**For more info visit:** <https://www.activeessex.org/eldp-micro-grants>

## Creative People and Place - Open Lab!

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 29th JANUARY! Open Lab supports innovative and creative, community engagement projects in Basildon town centre. Whether you are a born and bred Basildonian, or from further afield, we invite you to join us in hosting your very own six week pop-up cultural project in the heart of the town centre. Successful applicants will be provided with a vacant unit in Basildon & a budget up to £10,000 to turn their idea into a pop-up of dreams!

**For more info visit:** <https://creativebasildon.co.uk/projects/open-lab>

## Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good

Every three months, we'll share £10,000 between 5 shortlisted projects that have a positive impact on communities, people or the environment. Your application must be on behalf of a local community group, charity, voluntary group or social enterprise that has a positive impact on communities, people or the environment.

**For more info visit:**

<https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood>

## Essex Police Community Safety Development

The Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 from a total pot of £300,000 to community projects that help to prevent and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in Essex.

**For more info visit:** <https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/giving-you-a-voice/commissioning-services>



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# Terrence Higgins Trust

Due to the challenges of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, National HIV Testing Week is a little different this year. However, with most of us staying at home, it's the perfect opportunity to use this extra time and get tested. You can order a free HIV self-sampling kit via [freetesting.hiv](https://www.freetesting.hiv). National HIV Testing Week comes just two months after the National HIV Commission published its recommendations on how to end new HIV transmissions by 2030. The key message from the Commission is 'test, test, test' – you can read more about how and where HIV testing this needs to happen. We've got a packed week of events that are open to all and free to attend.

**To find out more go to: [www.tht.org.uk/news/how-you-can-get-involved-national-hiv-testing-week-2021](https://www.tht.org.uk/news/how-you-can-get-involved-national-hiv-testing-week-2021)**



**NATIONAL  
HIV  
TESTING  
WEEK**  
1-7 FEBRUARY 2021

**GIVE HIV  
THE FINGER**  
A finger-prick test is all it takes.

**ORDER A FREE HOME TEST**

# Sector News

## What does the Brexit deal mean for the voluntary sector?

Experts cast their eyes over the 1,200 page document and draw out the key issues UK charities will need to be aware of.  
- 13.01.2021 [ThirdSector.co.uk](http://ThirdSector.co.uk)

## Red Cross calls on UK Government to build on commitments to tackle loneliness

The British Red Cross has called on the UK Government to continue building on the work it has done to tackle loneliness in the last 12 months - 25.01.2021 [CharityToday.co.uk](http://CharityToday.co.uk)

## Charities join forces to urge supermarkets to suspend delivery charges for at risk people

MORE than 20 leading UK charities have written a joint letter to the bosses of the UK's biggest supermarkets, imploring retailers to suspend delivery charges for people most at risk from COVID-19.- 20.01.2021 [CharityToday.co.uk](http://CharityToday.co.uk)

## London Marathon plans hybrid event and revamps process for allocating charity places

The London Marathon has set out a series of changes to the ways it allocates places to charities. - 22.01.2021 [CivilSociety.co.uk](http://CivilSociety.co.uk)

## Basildon Borough News

### Councillors agree to plans to implement Saturday road closures in Wickford High Street

At the Neighbourhoods and Public Spaces Committee on Wednesday 20 January, councillors voted in favour of plans to implement Saturday road closures in Wickford High Street.  
- 22.01.2021 [Basildon.gov.uk](http://Basildon.gov.uk)

### Clarification to Tuesday 19 January press release 'Proposal for Council Tax to be frozen for the second consecutive year...'

On Tuesday 19 January, Basildon Council issued a press release that stated within it that Council Tax will be frozen in the upcoming financial year.2020/21 budget to foodbanks across the borough. - 21.01.2021 [Basildon.gov.uk](http://Basildon.gov.uk)

### BBW CVS

Basildon, Billericay & Wickford CVS

## Membership

### FREE BBW CVS Membership Offer!

Basildon Billericay and Wickford CVS is here to help charities, community groups, sports clubs, churches, playgroups, schools and good causes that serve our community in the best way we can and so we are inviting you to sign up for free 2021 membership with us.

These are exciting times ahead so join us on this journey and let us work together to make our borough an amazing place to live, work and play!

 **The Listening Post C.I.C**  
Community Counselling Service

If you are struggling in this uncertain time contact to see how we can help you



[www.listening-post.co.uk](http://www.listening-post.co.uk)  
E-mail [info@listening-post.co.uk](mailto:info@listening-post.co.uk)  
call 01268 293799

Our aim is to support all of Basildon district residents with good mental health and well-being.

### The Centre Pre-School

Lifelong Learning Centre, Churchill Avenue, Basildon, Essex, SS14 2EQ



Looking for all 2 to 5 year olds for Learning through play with Large range of activities and Outside play



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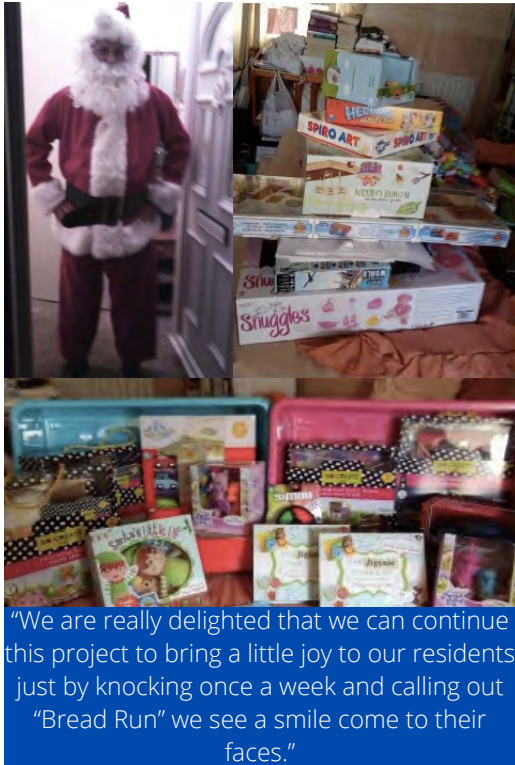
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Want to be featured on the next Cash Flash newsletter?  
Send us in a poster or something exciting which has happened to your organisation over the past month for the chance to be featured!

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# Pride of Basildon



## Langdon Hills Estate Resident Association

Whilst building on from their amazing work from the Winter Warmth 2019/2020 campaign, the LHERA has done further work with "The Bread Run" which saw them partner with a local church and were awarded the COVID-19 Response Grant to further aid those who were over 70, isolated, chronically ill, suffered with respiratory problems or fell seriously ill during Lockdown. The LHERA wanted to prioritise the residents knowing that there were people around willing to help them and the residents appreciated any help they received, especially during those first weeks when supermarket slots were harder to come by. Therefore, the LHERA and its volunteers assisted with shopping, pharmacy collections and other necessities. They have said that "residents appreciated having someone knock each week to check they were ok, have a little chat at their front door, albeit at 2 metres to keep them safe." The LHERA's tireless work has meant that they have delivered over 30 weeks of "The Bread Run" which they said would not have been possible without their volunteers. The LHERA then received a third grant to continue this project under the Surviving Winter Appeal Fund. They have also recently had the amazing news of receiving further funding awaiting release from the Essex Councillor Nomination Grant, and we can't wait to see the amazing work which they will do this year!

## Volunteering Opportunities!

### Digital Buddy

Location: Basildon

Description: We will train volunteers to help and teach residents who have felt lonely and isolated throughout the pandemic as a result of not having access or the skills for a digital device.

**Find out more:** <https://bbwvolunteernetwork.co.uk>

### Samaritans Telephone Helpline Volunteer

Location: Basildon & Thurrock

Description: These roles are for people who want to help those who are vulnerable at the times they are at their most vulnerable.

Volunteers would be helping our mission to reduce suicide by the means of Telephone, email and SMS contact with clients.

**Find out more:** <https://bbwvolunteernetwork.co.uk>

### Volunteer Cleaner for Billericay Food Bank

Location: Billericay

Description: You will be joining a fantastic team of volunteers and other volunteer opportunities may be available.

**Find out more:** <https://bbwvolunteernetwork.co.uk>

### Covid Vaccination Marshall Volunteer

Location: Essex

Description: Your local NHS is getting ready to deliver a COVID-19 vaccination programme and we need your help.

**Find out more:** <https://bbwvolunteernetwork.co.uk>

### Future Steps Mentoring Programme Volunteer Mentor - South Essex College of Further and Higher Education

Location: Online

Description: You will be matched and introduced to a young person who requires support to consider their next steps after college and build their resilience and confidence to support this.

**Find out more:** <https://bbwvolunteernetwork.co.uk>

### Search Technician (Lowland Rescue)

Location: Essex

Description: Essex Search and Rescue provides skilled volunteers, who are fully trained to assist the Police and other agencies with searches for vulnerable missing persons

**Find out more:** <https://bbwvolunteernetwork.co.uk>