



# Hall Green Covid-19 Community Update



**19<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

## Welcome to the Hall Green Covid-19 Community Update

Since our last 'Community Update' there have been some big changes to lockdown measures across the United Kingdom. It is important to make sure you are kept up-to-date with these changes and any official Government, NHS or Public Health England advice around COVID-19. Across our constituency, city and country we are still seeing a need for support from the most vulnerable in our communities. This Community Update aims to provide you with the latest news and developments on support and resources available in Hall Green and across the wider City.

We continue to work with our partners in the community, voluntary and faith sectors, health, family support, social work, police, education, social care, early year's providers and GPs to provide local help. Birmingham City Council and BVSC are leading efforts to make it easier for people to get the support they need in the neighbourhoods where they live through:

- [Neighbourhood Network Scheme](#) (NNS)
- [Children & Families Early Help](#) Network

Accord is the lead partner for NNS and Early Help for families in the Hall Green Constituency. Our community teams are working across **Moseley, Kings Heath & Brandwood Sparkhill, Sparkbrook, Balsall Heath and Hall Green** to support people of all ages in diverse communities. More details about this citywide partnership can be found [here](#) and [here](#)



**Hall Green**  
Neighbourhood  
Network Scheme



**Connecting local people to neighbourhood support in Hall Green**

Funding up to £10,000 to relieve and prevent suffering as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak: **Rolling deadline**

**COVID 19 RELIEF GRANTS**

To promote what exists, invest to meet need and strengthen local capacity to fill gaps

**We can fund diverse activities but expect that most funded projects will offer some support to vulnerable older people over 50**

For more information  
Email: [HallgreenNNSTeam@accordgroup.org.uk](mailto:HallgreenNNSTeam@accordgroup.org.uk)  
Phone/Text: 07584 500595



Hall Green NNS has a small grants programme that can fund community support activities. Applications can benefit anyone affected by the Covid19 emergency but we expect that most projects will include vulnerable people who are 50yrs plus. Don't worry if you have missed the closing date. Get in touch if you want to apply as this is a rolling programme.



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## **Meet the Team... Thieba 'Tibs' Bibi**

The Hall Green Early Help and NNS team are lucky to have an amazing team supporting the work that we do across the constituency. To help you get to know them better each week we will be championing one of our brilliant colleagues.

This edition we are spotlighting the wonderful Thieba 'Tibs' Bibi, Thieba works on the NNS project and has played a central role within the team going all the way back to 2018!

*"My name is Thieba also known as Tibs and I work within the New Initiatives Team as part of the Hall Green NNS Team. My responsibilities include mapping community assets across the district of Hall Green, Connecting and promoting their offers as well as engaging directly with assets/ key stakeholders and social work teams.*

*Outside of work I enjoy gardening, running/sports and like connecting both with old and young people. I have a strong background in youth work and community work. A strange fact that you might not know about me is that I have a twin brother who is not identical to me and no one believes he is my twin!"*



Tibs is on hand to support with all your NNS queries and can be contacted via: [Thieba.Bibi@accordgroup.org.uk](mailto:Thieba.Bibi@accordgroup.org.uk)

## **Funding**

The Hall Green NNS Team is happy to help and support community assets to apply for funding that best meets their needs. In particular, we can support groups applying for the following funds:

### **The Asda Foundation (UK)**

The Asda Foundation support local grass roots organisations which benefit and involve local communities centred around Asda Food Stores. In response to the coronavirus, the Foundation has launched two new emergency Covid-19 grants:

**Hygiene Grants** which focus on personal hygiene dignity, and supporting residents/patients in facilities who are unable to provide their own toiletries. Applications will be accepted from care homes, hospices, hospitals and homeless shelters.



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Grants of up to £500 are available per group, and up to £1,125 per store. Each store has a Community Champion whose role is to support projects. Applications can be submitted at any time via the community champion.

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply>

## Red Cross Hardship Fund



The Hardship Fund was created by the British Red Cross with our partner Aviva and the Aviva Foundation to help those most financially impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. The fund provides short term financial help for people who can't afford the essentials such as food and toiletries, somewhere safe to sleep, access to a telephone and the internet and fuel to keep the lights on, cook or stay warm. The British Red Cross's Referral Partner Organisations can register people for cash assistance.

They can request a one-off payment of £120 or a three month grant. People registered for the three month grant will receive £360, paid in monthly instalments of £120 each.

<https://hardshipfund.redcross.org.uk/>

## Hall Green NNS and Early Help Funded Projects

### Rapha Listening Service

Bethel Health and Healing Network are one of ten beneficiaries of a Hall Green NNS COVID-19 Relief Grant. Bethel are running the RAPHA Listening Service, a free listening project for those who are struggling emotionally and mentally with the COVID-19 pandemic.

To ensure that BAME members of our community are able to access the project Bethel are looking for volunteers who can speak a number of community languages including Arabic, Bengali, Somali, Swahili, Panjabi and Urdu.

Please contact 777 668 8655 to get involved.



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## Moseley Community Development Trust

The Moseley Community Development Trust is one of our two COVID-19 Community Hubs in Hall Green providing support to Kings Heath & Brandwood, Moseley and Hall Green wards. The Trust is able to support with prescription pick up, food shopping and essential errands, food parcels, befriending and signposting residents to offers of local support, The team are available 7 days a week and can be contacted on 07796668257.

**COVID 19** 

**KINGS HEATH - MOSELEY - HALL GREEN**

**If you need SUPPORT with:**

  
**FOOD SHOPPING OR ERRANDS**

  
**PRESCRIPTION PICK UP**

  
**FOOD PARCEL ADVICE**

  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTION AND BEFRIENDING**

Community Hub in partnership with Hall Green NNS

**Contact us on**

 07796 668 257

 [info@moseleytogether.org.uk](mailto:info@moseleytogether.org.uk)

 [www.moseleytogether.org.uk](http://www.moseleytogether.org.uk)

The Moseley Exchange  
149-153 Alcester Road, Moseley, B13 8JP

 

 

Moseley Community Development Trust is a company limited by guarantee registered in England no.4163271, and Registered Charity no.1087949

## COVID-19 FOOD & ESSENTIALS DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

DO YOU NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Our community out reach service will help if you are: vulnerable, isolating, shielding, 50 or over and in need of extra support or living alone.

### OUR SERVICES



**SHOPPING & BEFRIENDING SERVICE**



**FOOD & ESSENTIALS PACK DELIVERY**



**ACCESS TO FOOD BANK SERVICE**



Funded by



Call 0121 766 8771/ 07446125073  
Email: [events@israuk.org](mailto:events@israuk.org)

## Isra UK

Isra UK are providing help and support to those vulnerable living in Sparkhill, Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath. If you are over 50, shielding or self-isolating and live alone or just need some extra support they can help.

Get in touch via 0121 766 8771.



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Catering for the community

2 Vicarage Rd, Kings Heath, B14 7RS  
0121 293 1699  
[allsaintscatering@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintscatering@outlook.com)

Know of anyone struggling due to isolation, or financial hardship during to the coronavirus crisis?

Could they benefit from a hot midday meal?

We are delivering meals to homes in Kings Heath and the surrounding area every day.

Payment is according to ability.

For more information

- Call 0121 293 1699 between 9.30 – 2.30
  - Email [allsaintscatering@outlook.com](mailto:allsaintscatering@outlook.com)
  - In person Knock on the café door and someone will come and speak to you, (only if you have no other way of contacting us). 9.30 – 2.30.
- We are on the All Saints Square, bus routes 50,35,11,76 and 27



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Our Meals Delivery Service is carried out with the support of the Alpro Social Fund, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation.

## The Muath Trust

The Muath Trust are the second of our brilliant Community Hubs working in Sparkbrook, Sparkhill and Balsall Heath to provide Food parcels, prescription collection, Befriending, safe and well checks, hot food , IAG and key messages around Covid-19 to our BAME community,

## All Saints Community Catering Project

All Saints Community Catering project are delivering free hot meals across Kings Heath, Brandwood, Moseley and other nearby areas in Hall Green Constituency.



The Muath Trust  
in partnership with  
Hall Green Neighbourhood Network Scheme  
Covid-19 Community Hub



Volunteers needed to support the over 50's living in Sparkhill, Balsall Heath & Sparkbrook

## RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN...

Deliver shopping, essential provisions, hot meals & prescriptions



Befriend vulnerable people over 50 by phone



Help us promote The Muath Trust Community Hub



Speak Arabic, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Somali or other



TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER PLEASE  
CALL: 07547249659 OR EMAIL: [SUPPORT@MUATHTRUST.ORG](mailto:SUPPORT@MUATHTRUST.ORG)

You will be given the latest advice to ensure your safety

The Muath Trust is a Registered Charity. No. 1100481  
The Bordesley Centre, Stratford Road, Camp Hill, Birmingham, B11 1AR



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## Accessing Wider Support

In addition to our Hall Green Community Support Directory attached, the information provided [here](#) could help you get the quickest access to the help you need to keep safe and maintain your wellbeing during the Covid-19 period. **Note** [Birmingham City Council](#) is also offering additional support in the areas of finance and benefits.

For details of [Covid-19 Support Services in](#)

[Sparkbrook, Balsall Heath, Sparkhill, Hall Green, Moseley, Kings Heath & Brandwood](#) please see our **directory attached**.

## Caring for Carers

CARING  
FOR  
CARERS 

Supporting carers through  
loss and bereavement



One to one wellbeing support  
tailored to your needs



Connecting you with other carers  
through our support and social  
media groups



Wellbeing support through our  
healing garden and other  
activities

Contact our friendly team now  
on 0121 809 5902 or  
[caringforcarers@communitiesinsync.info](mailto:caringforcarers@communitiesinsync.info)  
for more information

Caring for Carer's have a new Wellbeing & Bereavement service for Carers across Birmingham which has been commissioned by Birmingham City Council.

This new project focuses on support for Carer's who have been bereaved as result of the COVID-19 pandemic or who are Carer's for people who are requiring end-of-life stage care.

*"Most people will become a carer at some point in their lifetime even though they often don't recognise themselves as being one. The caring responsibilities will in many cases take up a huge amount of time and energy and when the cared-for person dies, carers may become isolated and lonely. This can cause a number of physical and mental health issues which can become debilitating".* Kerry Burns, Wellbeing & Bereavement Coordinator



The new service has various aspects including:

- One to One Support
- A Healing Garden Project



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- Integration into the Community
- Whatsapp Group
- Living Memory Project

When a Carer contacts the organisation a member of staff may also be able to help with the following:

- Funeral planning
- Financial planning

A referral form is included with this email but can be accessed using the link below:

<https://www.sandwellcrossroads.org/bereavement-and-wellbeing-service/>

You can also contact our service number by calling **0121-809-5902** and the carer's details can be taken over the phone.

## Bereavement Support St Marys Hospice

**Now, more than ever, we know people are going to experience bereavement that will need care, compassion and someone to talk to. That's why Birmingham St Mary's Hospice has launched a new telephone service to help them.**



Birmingham St Mary's Hospice has launched a new bereavement telephone service, providing free one-to-one support to those who are struggling with the loss of a loved one. Experienced volunteers will provide a safe, confidential place where an individual can talk through their feelings without judgement.

Individuals do not have to be a patient or family member known to the Hospice to access this support. This new service can be accessed by anybody who has been bereaved, no matter how the person died or how long ago the loss was. Self-referrals welcome. For more details please contact [stmaryshospice.bereavement@nhs.net](mailto:stmaryshospice.bereavement@nhs.net) or telephone Beth Hopkins, Bereavement Counsellor on **07966 165287** or Vicky Ross, Head of Family & Carer Support on **07966 165193**



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**Mental Health Support:** Kinmos are still accepting referrals, however can only provide the support through telephone above until circumstances change. Please see: [kinmos.org/services/](http://kinmos.org/services/)



**SOMETIMES, A SIMPLE  
'HOW ARE YOU?' IS  
ENOUGH TO MAKE  
SOMEONE'S DAY**

**SMALL THINGS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE  
WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL HEALTH**

Karen and Nigel are available Mon to Fri 9am to 4pm  
Nigel Browne - Email: [nbrowne@kinmos.com](mailto:nbrowne@kinmos.com) Tel: 07728 327 959  
Karen Deamer - Email: [kdeamer@kinmos.com](mailto:kdeamer@kinmos.com) Tel: 07849 500 664

## Community Resources

**New:** [Safeguarding children and families during the COVID-19 crisis guide](#) SCIE has brought together new resource giving useful guidance for practitioners working to safeguard children and families during the COVID-19 outbreak, including social workers and those working in social care settings. This quick guide offers practitioners advice on safeguarding children and families who may be at an increased risk of stress, abuse, harm and exploitation from a range of sources during this time.

### Right Help Right Time Refresher:

Here is also a [link](#) to the Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership training on what sort of family or child need requires what sort of response. If you or your staffs is in need of a refresher on RHRT training, and carrying 'high risk' cases, please get in touch with us.

**Domestic Abuse:** Women's Aid has produced new guidance on domestic abuse during the coronavirus outbreak. These include advice on wellbeing for survivors of domestic abuse and resources for friends, family, neighbour's and community members. [Visit the Women's Aid website](#) to find out more and download the new resources.

**Safeguarding Contacts:** Safeguarding under lockdown is difficult but more important than ever. If you do have adult of child safeguarding concerns please contact the relevant Safeguarding Team on 0121 301 1100 (Mon – Fri 9am – 4pm)

### NHS Volunteer Responders - now open for self-referrals:

People who have been advised to shield can ask volunteers for short-term help by calling **0808 196 3646** between 8am - 8pm or through the [NHS Volunteer Responders referrers' portal](#). Responders can help with tasks such as collecting shopping and prescribed medicines or driving patients to medical appointments.



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**NEVER ALONE**

NSPCC  
0808 800 5000  
(24hrs)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline  
0808 2000 247  
(24hrs free)

Mind  
0300 123 3393  
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

Victim Support  
0808 168 9111  
(24hrs)

Cruse Bereavement  
0800 808 1677  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

ChildLine  
0800 1111  
(24hrs)

Action on Elder Abuse  
0808 808 8141  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Respect - Men's Advice Line  
0808 801 0327  
(Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)

Samaritans  
116 123  
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic Violence  
0207 186 8270

**Smart Women CIC** have started delivering food, and offering help with shopping, medicine collections, benefit advice and financial advice in the Sparkhill/Sparkbrook area. They can be contacted via SMART WOMEN Community Training Centre, 91 A MEDLICOTT ROAD SPARKHILL B111UB, PHONE NUMBER: 07404327496 or EMAIL: [swctc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:swctc@hotmail.co.uk)

**Emergency community response hub** BCC helpline is there for those in critical need and are self-isolating but are unable to rely on family or friends for adequate practical support for Emergency food supplies and Social contact.

To access you need to

[Complete community support form](#) or phone **0121 303 1116**, open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

**Please stay safe, share this information and encourage others to join our mailing [list](#).**



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