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| Read below for the latest local and national updates on support during COVID-19, including new funding available, support from Bromley Council and more.  **First wave of London Community Response funding available now!**As a response to the negative impact the current COVID-19 crisis has had on London’s civil society (and the communities they serve), London’s funders have been working together to provide a coordinated funding to support groups responding to the needs of the capital's communities. The London Community Response is a result of this collaboration.It has been designed based on insights from groups working with Londoners, to ensure that it is flexible and responds to these needs as they emerge over the coming weeks and months.The first wave of funding, which launched last week is for up to £5,000 for **food and essentials only.** This is in response to funders listening to the sector about what is immediately required on the ground to keep services going. [**Click here**](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=57ffb413d5&e=faad51aaf7) for further guidance and to apply now!**Please note:**This first wave will **not** be your organisation's only opportunity to apply for funding - this is simply to ensure that emergency essentials are in place. Applying in this first wave will not prevent you from applying for further funds in due course. There will be a second wave of funding in early April for larger grants, service transformation costs, and ongoing work to support communities.**Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Emergency Support Fund** In this time of national crisis, CAF has launched this rapid response Fund to help smaller charitable organisations affected by the impact of Covid-19. Grants of up to £10,000 will help them to continue to deliver much needed support to our communities across the UK.  This Fund is to help smaller charitable organisations in the UK affected by the impact of Covid-19. Grants of up to £10,000 are available. As this is a rapid response fund, CAF aim to make payments to selected organisations within 14 days of application. Eligible organisations are those with a charitable purpose and charitable activities, which had income of £1million or less in their last financial year, including UK registered charities and unregistered entities and social enterprises. Organisations in the UK with charitable activities can apply for up to £10,000 to support day to day activities in the current health emergency or your Covid-19 emergency response activities. You can apply for unrestricted funding for core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas. Please make only one application. Multiple applications will slow the process down and only one grant is possible for any organisation. [More information and apply here](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=98df260152&e=faad51aaf7)  **Assessing Bromley organisations need for volunteers during COVID-19**Help us get a clearer picture of the needs of your organisation during this COVID-19 pandemic and how we can deploy volunteers to support you.[Complete our survey here](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=b4c7fba5b3&e=faad51aaf7).**COVID-19 Impact Survey for Bromley's Civil Society**As part of our effort to support the voluntary sector in Bromley, we are seeking information to determine the impact that COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease) is having upon Bromley's civil society. We invite **all**organisations who are part of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in Bromley to take part in our survey. **Please encourage your staff and volunteers to fill in this survey, which should take participants no longer than 15 minutes to complete.**[Complete the survey here](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=b89b3de968&e=faad51aaf7).  **Support available if you are experiencing domestic abuse** Are you experiencing physical violence, threatening behaviour or controlling actions? The Bromley Children Project have collated links to local and national services to support families experiencing these traumatic situations – download and share the leaflet [here](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=c311a021d1&e=faad51aaf7).  **Volunteering and requests for assistance in Bromley** Bromley Council are registering the 3000 people who have already signed up and are ready to hear from more people who wish to sign up. [Please sign up here.](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=78eb91572a&e=faad51aaf7) If you don’t have anyone to help you, especially if you are over 70, please let the Council know by filling in the [‘Request for Assistance’ form here](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=59f8db0252&e=faad51aaf7). For those vulnerable residents who are unable to access the online form, there is now a Bromley Council COVID-19 Assistance telephone helpline, which is operated weekdays from 8:30am to 5pm: **020 8313 4484.**  (This helpline is strictly for those who have no other means of getting help and cannot make contact with the Council online) Please note that this is a community coordinated response led by the Council; should your help be called upon, you should continue at all times to follow the advice given by Public Health England and the council. Bromley Council will also be issuing an email newsletter for residents about some of its COVID-19 related initiatives and is intending to communicate with residents directly in the coming days so it can keep in direct touch with service updates and other news. Sign up to receive this newsletter [here](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=34e9b75281&e=faad51aaf7).  **Alzheimer’s Society local services update** 'Local Alzheimer’s Society teams continue to provide information, support and guidance to those who need it. To ensure the wellbeing of our service users, volunteers and staff, we have made some changes to how this support is provided. This may change depending on future government guidance, but at present the following is in place in your area: **Direct support for people affected by dementia:** * All face-to-face and home visits have currently been suspended.
* We will increase the number of keeping in touch telephone calls with service users to help support their wellbeing and guard against isolation.
* We will be extending the operating hours of our national **Dementia Connect Support Line**. Trained advisors can be contacted via **0333 150 3456** for advice and guidance.

**Group support:** * All local group sessions have been suspended.
* We are working with our volunteers to develop ways to continue to support group members via other methods.

**Online support:** * Advice and guidance on a range of issues is available on [our website](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=60de4773c0&e=faad51aaf7).
* We would encourage people to join [Dementia Talking Point](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=2ef10c2b24&e=faad51aaf7). This is our online community where people affected by dementia can receive valuable support from people in similar situations.

**Further support:** * People with questions about what they should be doing and how they should be interacting with people living with dementia at this time can [access this guidance.](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=7b1aefa261&e=faad51aaf7)
* Any community groups or individuals that wish to support vulnerable adults during this time can contact Alzheimer’s Society for information and guidance. This includes how to access our online [Dementia Friends awareness sessions](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=2df79fc3a6&e=faad51aaf7).'

  **WARNING: Scam alert!** Be aware of people offering or selling: * Virus testing kits - these are only offered by the NHS
* Vaccines or miracle cures - there is currently no vaccine or cure
* Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products
* Shopping or medication collection services
* Home cleaning services

Protect yourself and others: * Don't be rushed into making a decision; if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is
* Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information

If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers to help if you are unsure [Find out who to contact if you think you have been scammed](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=c889619925&e=faad51aaf7)  **Coronavirus information and useful links**Every person in the UK must comply with new social distancing measures, which came into effect on Monday 23 March. The relevant authorities, including the police, have been given the powers to enforce them – including through fines and dispersing gatherings.When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why the government has introduced three new measures. 1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for very limited purposes.
2. Closing certain businesses and venues.
3. Stopping all gatherings of more than two people in public.

The government will look again at these measures after three weeks and relax them if the evidence shows this is possible. [Read more here](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=f2716e1d12&e=faad51aaf7).Further guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK is available [here](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=704b5380fd&e=faad51aaf7).**REMEMBER**: You can spread the virus even if you don’t have symptoms.**Useful links:** * [NHS overview on Coronavirus](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=2ba9cea06b&e=faad51aaf7), including important advice on the associated risks
* [UK Government response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=bb90dffd69&e=faad51aaf7)
* [Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK and protecting older people and vulnerable adults](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=9fa5644f9e&e=faad51aaf7)
* [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=6f1ebbd467&e=faad51aaf7)
* [Guidance for social or community care and residential settings on COVID-19](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=53f79dfa38&e=faad51aaf7)
* [Follow Public Health England on Twitter](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=5d5a83a124&e=faad51aaf7) for the latest advice, facts and figures as they are announced

You may also wish to see the following Public Health England blogs on COVID-19: * [Self-isolation](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=295493b971&e=faad51aaf7)
* [Contact tracing](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=1f040bb87d&e=faad51aaf7)
* [Commonly Asked Questions](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=08f03656e9&e=faad51aaf7)

**Downloadable Resources**[Coronavirus photosymbols poster (pdf, 1,367 KB)](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=d1daf676ea&e=faad51aaf7)[Coronavirus Easy Read Information (pdf, 344 KB)](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=8581f4d4ec&e=faad51aaf7)**Worried you've caught the virus?****To protect yourself and others, do not go to a GP, pharmacy or hospital.**[Follow this link](https://communitylinksbromley.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8e5b85c801d139f216cc62bbe&id=d54dfb039a&e=faad51aaf7) to the**NHS 111**online advice site, where you will be taken through a series of questions and receive guidance on what to do if: * You think you have symptoms
* You might have been exposed to the virus when travelling
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