



HAS COVID-19 IMPACTED ON YOUR FINANCES?

There is a committee appointed by the Bletchington Community Foundation which has the role of making grants to people who live in Bletchington, or for any organisations operating in the village for the benefit of residents. The overall aim is to relieve hardship, but in more modern times, this is taken quite broadly.

During the current crisis, it is likely that some members of our community will be feeling additional stress (financially or otherwise) having lost income, dealing with school closures, or a number of other factors. The Charity would very much like to help anyone who is feeling the strain but we need to be made aware of your situation.

While there is government help in the form of benefits and various new financial schemes, The Bletchington Charity can to some extent relieve some of the immediate financial pressure. An efficient way for us to do this is through the provision of vouchers to be spent at the Co-op for any resident of the village who may be finding it difficult to make ends meet at this time. The vouchers can be used for most household consumable purchases, including but not exclusively food.

If you or someone you know is in need please complete this form and return it either by posting to the charity secretary at 14 Lenthal or preferably by emailing it to charity.secretary@thebcf.net. You can also download the form from the village website, which is a good source of information for the village (www.bletchington-pc.org.uk)

Also, here are a couple of websites and a telephone number for the Money Advice Service and Money Saving Experts that give more information on what help is available from government and energy providers and how to access that support.

www.Moneyadviceservice.org (Tel: 0800 138 7777)

www.Moneysavingexpert.com

Bletchington has always had a strong sense of community and in this digital age, there should be no need for us to lose this simply because we cannot get together. Resources such as the Facebook group "I live in the village Bletchington" and a village WhatsApp group, 'BletchNet' to which many residents belong are good ways of keeping in touch and the Charity can provide updates by way of these. Many people in the village have been very generous in offering their help during this crisis and we are lucky to have such a responsive community.

The Charity is managed by a small number of volunteers and we envisage help will be needed in the administration and management of these claims. If anyone would like to help us in the short term or by becoming a committee member, we would welcome offers. Please contact the charity secretary on the email above. We would also welcome the involvement of younger members of the community who, for example are looking to complete DofE work in the volunteering element of the award.

The Bletchington Charity Committee:

Howard Dellar	Sue MacReady
Andrea Lambert	Julie Fenn
Gareth Miller	James Groves
	Mikaela Barwick

All applications will be dealt with in confidence and the Charity adheres to strict data protection guidelines

Please complete the details below and e-mail the form to charity.secretary@thebcf.net

If you are unable to email it please deliver it to 14 Lenthal, Bletchington.

If you need help to deliver the form please call Pete Baker on 01869 350117 and he will arrange someone to pick it up from you.

If you are applying on behalf of someone you must have their permission to do so.

NAME OF APPLICANT:	DATE OF APPLICATION:
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:	
HOW HAS THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IMPACTED ON YOUR FINANCES OR FEELINGS OF ISOLATION? (Just a few lines would be fine)	
CONTACT DETAILS: Email: Telephone:	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD
IF YOU ARE APPLYING ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER/EMAIL BELOW SO THAT WE CAN CONTACT YOU:	

Please note this form is for Co-op vouchers and any other applications should be submitted on the full form on the website www.bletchington-pc.org.uk

Thank you to the Co-op for printing this flier for us and for agreeing to the voucher scheme.