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Help Slough's COVID 19 relief effort to support the most vulnerable

Slough CVS (SCVS) launches the **Slough Giving Covid 19 Response and Recovery Fund** today, to support our voluntary sector so that they can provide vital ongoing services for Slough residents. People and organisations across Slough are making incredible efforts and are working together to support the most vulnerable people across our communities. The COVID 19 pandemic has made the lives of the vulnerable so much more difficult, isolating them and exposing them to other issues, such as mental health problems and job insecurity.

The challenge

Vital services, provided by the voluntary sector are having no choice but to close, others are having to change the way they provide support in order to prevent infection.

Vulnerable residents need your help

We need to ensure that vital services, often a lifeline for residents are being met, including: getting food to people who are isolated and in greatest need; protecting our most vulnerable children while schools are closed; helping people who have recently left hospital; supporting people with their mental wellbeing; helping people who are struggling with debt; making regular contact with isolated elderly people and ensuring disabled and frail have medical supplies are being met.

Ramesh Kukar, chief executive of SCVS, said: "Our voluntary sector in Slough is robust and has really stepped up to the huge challenges, but needs sufficient funding to be able to ensure we are supporting everyone who needs support during this emergency.

"Many people who cannot donate their time have been asking me what they can do to help instead, so we have set up this fund so people can donate and we can help provide much needed cash for the local charities and organisations who are doing so much for so many people."

Now it's your time, to play your part

We're asking you to donate to this fund, 100% of which will be used by community groups, charities and not-for-profit initiatives, who are supporting the many vulnerable people in Slough.

Donate to **Slough Giving Covid 19 Response and Recovery Fund** at:

www.localgiving.org/sloughgiving

Businesses can help too

If you are a business and wish to donate in-kind resources such as goods or services, please email us at: Sloughcommunityresponse@sloughcvs.org.uk

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More about SCVS

Slough CVS exists to support and develop the voluntary sector in Slough. Acting as an umbrella body we bring continuity to the sector while enabling members to continue delivering vital support to the local community.

We believe that the voluntary sector underpins the fabric of our society and by acting together we ensure that small groups have a big voice in Slough and the surrounding area.

We are passionate about helping small charities to work more effectively in the local community and provide the best training, advice, support, and tools so that groups can provide the best outcomes for users in a safe and practical way.

More about One Slough Community Response

Slough Borough Council and Slough CVS are working with key local community groups and organisations so that we have a coordinated effort across our borough to organise volunteers and those who need help.

Images



1. A Wellbeing Friend caller
2. Part of the One Slough Community Response team
3. One Slough volunteer, Claire dropping off supplies to local resident

MORE PHOTOS AVAILABLE!

For more information, please contact Lorna Allen, Communications Manager, Slough CVS on 07724 406102.