



Virtual meeting – Keeping Your Volunteers and Community Safe

1st April 2020

Handout

Useful resources

1) DCA factsheets

- [Being a Good Neighbour pack](#)

2) Weblinks

- National Council for Voluntary organisations (NCVO) Guidance about whether people can volunteer during lockdown - <https://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2020/03/26/are-volunteers-on-lockdown/>
- Charity Commission reminder to groups of their safeguarding obligations to staff, volunteers and beneficiaries - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector>
- Information Commissioners Office (ICO) published blog on “Community Groups and Covid-19 : what you need to know about data protection. - <https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/news-and-events/news-and-blogs/2020/03/community-groups-and-covid-19>
- DBS / Safeguarding – statement from Chief Executive says DBS will “prioritise applications for DBS checks for those who are assisting in responding to this national emergency, making sure where possible, checks are carried out within 24 hours and also checking the Barred lists to make sure applicants are not already barred from working in regulated activity.” Read more - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-how-dbs-is-supporting-the-fight-against-coronavirus>
- ABI - <https://www.abi.org.uk/news/news-articles/motor-and-home-insurance-commitments/>
- Charity Trustees (NCVO) - <https://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2020/03/17/coronavirus-and-governance-what-charity-trustees-need-to-think-about/>





Corona Virus information and support for Charities and communities

Things are changing daily. Avoid giving misinformation. Keep up to date and use trusted sources.

- Dorset Community Action website <https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/covid-19-updates/>
- Dorset Council website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/emergencies/coronavirus/community-response/communities-and-volunteering.aspx>
- Help and Kindness - <https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/>
- Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council - <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Home.aspx>
- Community Action Network – Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole - <http://www.bournemouthcvs.org.uk/>

There has been a fantastic response to COVID-19 and many people want to help, if you would like to volunteer your support, or are part of a community group that would like to offer their support, you can sign up with Volunteer Centre Dorset.

- Registering your interest? Visit [Volunteer Centre sign up individuals page](#)
- Registering your community group? Visit [Volunteer Centre sign up community groups](#)

Know someone who may need support? Dorset Council have set up a special web page to help people find key information, this includes up to contact details for Age UK (North, South & West Dorset) who are coordinating requests for help with issues relating to loneliness, medication or food and Citizens Advice for help with benefits, debt, employment advice these details can be found on [Dorset Council community response](#)

**Keep up to date [here with DCAs guidance, links and free webinar sessions](#) to help you through the current situation.

COMMUNITY ACTION RESPONSE: COVID-19
5 things you can do to make a positive difference in your community

 Think of others, consider your actions & be kind	 Connect and reach out to your neighbours	 Make the most of local online groups	 Support vulnerable or isolated people	 Share accurate information and advice
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