



# Hall Green Community Update



## July 2020 Edition 2

### Welcome to the Hall Green Community Update

Welcome you to the latest edition of the Hall Green community's newsletter. We hope our readers are keeping safe and well! Our teams in Hall Green have been keeping busy working with fantastic community assets across the constituency who are delivering amazing projects across the constituency to support children, families and older adults.

In this edition of our Hall Green Community Newsletter, you will be able to read our 'Spotlight On...' Which gives a insight into some of the fantastic work Moseley Together having been doing support their community through the pandemic as well as well as our usual COVID-19 updates and information on projects taking place across Birmingham.

We hope enjoy!

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### Who We Are

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](#)

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



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## Hall Green Community News

### Hall Green Communities on the Radio

If you have been tuned into local radio recently, you may have noticed that the Hall Green Communities team have been on the air speaking to local and regional radio about our project and the fantastic work of our grantees. Kirsty from our Early Help team and Thieba from the Hall Green NNS team had the opportunity this month to speak to Unity Radio.

Alongside her interview with Unity Radio Thieba was also featured on BBC WM's mid-morning show. About her experiences this month Thieba said: "It was great to reach out through local and community radio and have a conversation about the pandemic and what our community hubs can offer to residents".

We would like to say a big thank you to BBC WM and Unity Radio for giving us the opportunity to promote our projects. If you didn't get a chance to listen in there's still time to check out Thieba's appearance on BBC WM [HERE](#)

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### COVID-19 Impact Survey

We have extended the deadline for our COVID-19 Impact survey until the end of July. This means **for** community assets in Hall Green **you** still time to have your say on how the coronavirus has impacted you and your work.

The survey will help to inform what training and capacity building support we provide for community assets in Hall Green in the coming months. In order to ensure that the training we commission best meets the needs of groups in Hall Green, we want as many community groups and organisations in Hall Green to complete the survey and have their say.

We recognise that many community activities in Hall Green are ran by volunteers and that time can be tight, the survey is short and should take no more than ten minutes to complete. This survey will help us get a better understanding of what your needs are as we enter a post coronavirus world.

Visit our website to take the [SURVEY](#) and tell us how we can best support you and your organisation in the aftermath of the pandemic.



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## Spotlight On... Moseley Together

Those of you familiar with the Hall Green NNS project will know that we have funded two community Hubs to support people across Hall Green constituency who have been adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Alongside the Muath Trust, Moseley Community Development Trust and Moseley Together have been funded as Community Hubs to provide support to those living in Kings Heath, Brandwood, Moseley and Hall Green.



For this edition of the Hall Green Community Newsletter, Rhiannon Simpson, Volunteer Coordinator for the hub, has written a brilliant piece that details the journey of the hub and plans for their future, read below:

***Our Hall Green Constituency Hub has naturally evolved from the initial work of Moseley Together. Moseley Together was set up in response to the imminent lockdown in March and understanding what that could mean for our community. Residents, councillors, Moseley Community Development Trust and St. Mary's church all came together and in a matter of days had collaborated the multitude of skills at the table to create flyers, logos, a website, a host of known coordinators across microbeats of Moseley.***

***The public response to volunteer and lend a hand to neighbours was heart-warming and we had over 300 local residents signed up. A central phone line number could be contacted as well as email if residents had requests for shopping, prescriptions, in need of a friendly chat or advice. Coordinators did a marvellous job of matching up neighbours and following up requests to ensure both volunteer and recipient were happy. This in itself has created lasting bonds.***

***A daily newsletter also keeps local residents informed of other projects, networks and developments plus clever ways to stay connected with grandchildren.***

***Our work with Neighbourhood Networks means we have expanded our service to link up with the amazing work in Kings Heath and Hall Green, where neighbourly spirit was just as apparent with mutual aid groups, Kings Heath Volunteer Network, Birmingham Community Solidarity, The Real Junk Food Project, All Saints catering and more.***



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**Neighbourhoods have worked together to not only respond to local requests but make face masks, collect supplies for food banks, deliver food parcels, scrub potatoes and host a socially distanced Big Iftar. It is Amazing to see our constituency come together on a local level and we are confident this spirit and legacy can continue.**

**This period has been so turbulent and personal for every individual but from a global pandemic we now know that the community has such strength and from this have been born new friendships and relationships. We have seen bonds grow between volunteers and recipients that certifies the need for human contact all be it at a distance and routine and purpose are so often at the heart of our human response.**

## **Where to now?**

**As we enter a new normal and residents have adapted to a different way of life, what patterns are we seeing. Food parcels are still being delivered locally in abundance and the horizon of funding is changing so we may see more people needing to access different services, and how do we respond to that. A long period of isolation for some has meant human contact has been little and our souls do need that. We are looking at ways to respond to these lockdown symptoms in a hyper local fashion, supporting what people want and need. We have trialled wellbeing walks and had a wonderful response so are putting together a wellbeing programme, utilising the great skills our volunteers have. We also want to celebrate the friendships that have been made during lockdown so will be hosting some mini tea parties...everybody loves cake.**



**If you want to find out more, sign up to our newsletter or volunteer visit our website**

**www.moseleytogether.org.uk**

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

**TEXT or CALL: 07796 668257**

**CONNECT [on FACEBOOK PAGE](#), [GROUP](#) & [TWITTER](#)**

- Rhiannon Simpson, Moseley & Kings Heath Volunteer Coordinator, Moseley Exchange



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## COVID-19 Information

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.

### Mandatory Face Coverings from 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020

From Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 face coverings will be mandatory in shops and supermarkets across England. Shops in England will be able to refuse service to individuals who do not wear a face coverings whilst in store and police can enforce these measures, including issuing fines of £100 to those who do not comply. Those who are unable to wear face coverings the Government states **“In settings where face coverings are mandated in England, there are some circumstances, for health, age or equality reasons, whereby people are not expected to wear face coverings in these settings.”** For detailed Government guidance on face coverings visit the Government website [HERE](#)

It is so important to only follow trusted guidance around the COVID-19 pandemic from legitimate sources. If you are struggling to get the right help or advice you can contact a member of the Hall Green Communities team who will link you in with trusted support on your doorstep.

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

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

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## Local & City-wide Help and Support

### Job Marston Centre Re-opening

The Job Marston Centre is a community hub based in Hall Green that provide a number of services and activities for individuals and families living in the area.



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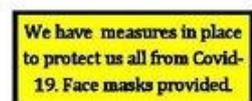
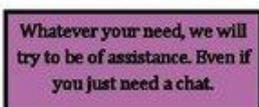
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The centre has now reopened and are welcoming visitors back to the centre with their one to one sessions. Those who wish to access this service can speak to JMC about a number of topics from employment skills to wellbeing advice and information, or to just have a friendly chat!



The centre will be providing masks to all those who attend and have made every effort to ensure the safety of staff and visitors. Those who do not wish to attend the centre in person they can still access this one to one support online.

Contact Andrea Parker on 0121 777 2255 or email her on [jmccommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jmccommunity@gmail.com) to find out more

## Click and Connect with the Brandwood Centre

The Brandwood Centre will be hosting a series of online social and training opportunities as part of their new 'Click and Connect' initiative. Taking place throughout the remainder of July and August. Participants can get involved with free training opportunities such as Level 1 Volunteering and Level 1 Personal Finances training.

Visit their website for more information [HERE](#)

## Volunteer with the Muath Trust

The Muath Trust is one of two organisations in Hall Green Constituency who have teamed up with the Hall Green Communities NNS team to become a COVID-19 Community Hub. The role of the Community Hubs is to help alleviate hardship individuals in our constituency may be experiencing as a result of the coronavirus by providing a number of support services to residents.



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As part of this support offer the Muath Trust are currently providing a hot meals delivery service and they are in need of volunteers to help support this work. Volunteers are required on Wednesday afternoons between 12pm and 2pm to deliver hot meals to 'those in need' in the Sparkbrook, Sparkhill and Balsall Heath areas of Hall Green constituency.



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



Please call the Trust on 07547249659 or email [support@muathtrust.org](mailto:support@muathtrust.org) for more information.

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

**Volunteers required to  
Deliver hot meals on Wednesdays  
between 12-2pm**



**OTHER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES ALSO AVAILABLE.  
PLEASE CALL US ON 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

## Get Involved

We want the many unique voices who make Hall Green great to be involved in our Hall Green Communities newsletter. Do you know of a brilliant community project we should be featuring? Or do you want to shine a spotlight on a neighbour who has been supporting people through the pandemic? Perhaps you have an idea for how the Newsletter should look or what we should feature? Regardless of what your suggestion might be we want to hear from you!

Please contact Natalie Tichareva at [Natalie.Tichareva@accordgroup.org.uk](mailto:Natalie.Tichareva@accordgroup.org.uk) to make a suggestion or find out more ways you can get involved with the newsletter.

**Thank you for reading our Hall Green Communities Newsletter  
Please stay safe, share this information and encourage others to join our mailing [list](#).**



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