

# COMMUNITY FIRST

Vibrant Communities, Brighter Futures

## Welcome

### Welcome to our New Year e-news bulletin.

Although we are still in the midst of the pandemic this bulletin has many lovely examples of the support the team is giving to people across the county and the wonderful work that so many volunteers are doing to help others. I hope you enjoy reading it.



If you would like to support the work we do please do consider becoming a member. Details can be found at: [Community First Membership](#).

If you are part of a village hall committee or parish council looking at your insurance options in 2021, please take a look at our website and the [community insurance offer](#). By choosing this policy you will also be helping us to continue with the services we offer across the county.

We are looking for  
new Trustees



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**Trustee Recruitment:** We have exciting opportunities for up to four new Trustees to join our Board and help us support growth, innovation and development.

We are committed to equal opportunities and we looking for Trustees with a variety of different skills, life experience and backgrounds. We are particularly interested in applications from people with business or Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector experience.

For more information please see the [Trustee Information Pack](#)

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Connecting Communities



**A Big Thank You to our Amazing Covid-19 Transport Heroes:** Thank you to everyone who supported our call out for volunteers to take people to their vaccine appointments.  
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**Connect 2 Wiltshire:** Community First Community Organisers recently spent time out in Trowbridge chatting to residents with Wiltshire Council Local Area Co-ordinator Gemma Novis.  
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**MiDAS Driver Awareness & Assessment Training in 2021:** Community First is now taking new bookings for the next MiDAS Training Course starting in April 2021.  
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**Wiltshire's Youth Consultants:** Our Youth Consultants have been championing the voices of young people in Wiltshire for over a year now, and what an experience it has been for them all!  
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**Free Community Information Champions Training:** The team have just finished the first training programme of 2021 and have held 3 Wiltshire wide network meet ups on Zoom  
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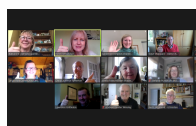
**Wiltshire's Local Election Plan:** Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) is looking forward to the local council elections which will take place on Thursday 6th May 2021.  
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**Community Led Housing Free Event:** Homes of Our Own is hosting a free virtual event about Community Led Housing on 25th February. Find out more and register today.  
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**Other Housing News:** A general update on issues relating to Community Led Housing including a Government consultation and an update on Homes of our Own activities.  
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**Village Halls Week 2021:** We recently celebrated #VillageHallsWeek, championing and promoting the important role village halls play in local communities.  
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## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS



**Trowbridge Town Hall:** The hall is aiming to engage with local 18-25 year olds about ideas for a business, community or creative venture with project support and potential for funding.  
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**Christmas raffle raises £7,500 in support of Youth Action Wiltshire:** Thank you to everyone that supported our online Youth Action Wiltshire Christmas raffle, to those that kindly donated prizes and those that bought tickets

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## Building Bridges Programme



**Building Bridges Programme Update:** The Building Bridges programme has continued to work successfully, engaging with participants during the third national lockdown.

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## Grants & Enterprise



**Covid-19 Emergency Support Grants:** Due to prolonged restrictions, applications remain open for the Bradenstoke Solar Park Community Benefit Fund (BSPCBF)

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## Community Insurance

**Can we save you money on your village hall or local council insurance in 2021?**



### VILLAGE HALL INSURANCE

Find out more about our low cost scheme for village halls.



### LOCAL COUNCIL INSURANCE

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