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COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to the March 2020 edition

COVID-19 Message from our Executive Director Jo Laverick

Please read the message by clicking [HERE](#)

As an organisation which is here to support volunteers and the VCS, DCA is focusing our resources on continuation of information, advice and guidance resources for community organisations and groups in County Durham. We have set up a dedicated COVID-19 page on our website with guidance and links to regularly updated information which you can access [HERE](#)

If you have any specific enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us on 01388 742040 or by [email](#)



COVID-19 Sustainability Survey

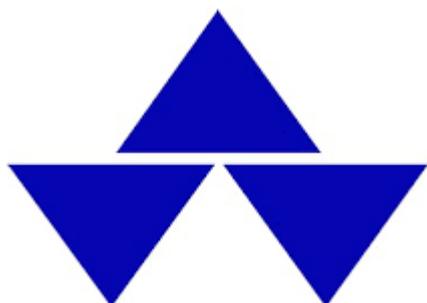
In these uncertain times amid the outbreak of the Covid-19 coronavirus, we recognise that many voluntary organisations are having to make tough decisions about the services they offer and if these can continue to operate over the coming weeks and months. We are working with VONNE and its partner Local Infrastructure Organisations to carry out a short survey to establish the bigger picture across the region. We'd be extremely grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete it [HERE](#)



COVID-19 Guide for Volunteer Involving Groups

The Volunteering Team at DCA have put together a Good Practice Guide aimed at volunteer involving groups who are responding to increase in spontaneous volunteering from people wanting to support the most vulnerable in their community. This guide recognises the motivations to volunteer in testing times

and encourages continuous good practice in volunteer management. Read the guide [HERE](#)



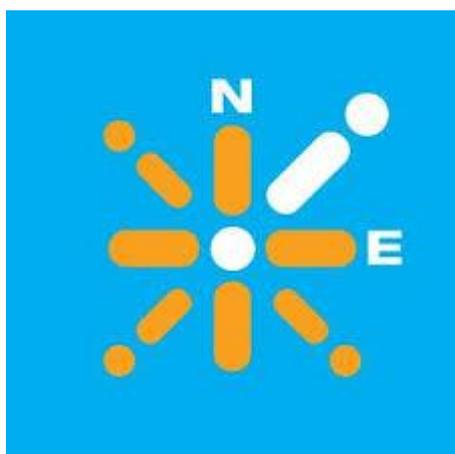
Important information on insurance and protecting community buildings

Allied Westminster, the UK's largest provider of insurance for village halls and the principal supporter of ACRE's Advice Service for Village Halls, has provided some information and guidance to help people stay informed and keep buildings safe and secure. Read more [HERE](#)



COVID-19 Contacting your Funders

As you may be aware, funders including the [County Durham Community Foundation](#) and the [National Lottery Community Fund](#) have issued statements this week assuring flexibility with grant holders anxious about delivering on agreed outcomes. Our advice is to talk to funders as soon as possible about your individual situation and the impacts of COVID-19. Read more [HERE](#)



North East VCSE Sector - Supporting each other in responding to the COVID19 Outbreak

VONNE and the North East Local Infrastructure Organisations, including Durham Community Action, have set up an online community via Knowledge Hub to provide a platform for VCSE organisations to communicate with each other and share information and resources as we work through these challenging times. Read more [HERE](#)

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