



Covid-19 Relief

During the pandemic, Heart of Pitsea have been active in providing funding, food, facemasks, rubbish collection and activity packs for adults and children

At the start of the first lockdown it was apparent there would be issues with food provision. We funded Motivated Minds to buy £2000 worth of supplies to provide the community with emergency food boxes. We also provided £1000 worth of food to the local food banks to ensure they were topped up, plus activity packs for children and adults to keep residents occupied and to hopefully take their minds off the emerging situation, if only for a short time.

When it became apparent that facemasks were in short supply for medical staff, we provided 1500 facemasks for the Dipple health centre to keep workers and patients safer whilst the NHS supplies were in limbo.

As the lockdown continued, bulky household junk began to build up in people's homes and fly tipping became a problem within our area, so we set up a free waste collection service for residents.

The government then announced that facemasks must be worn inside. We commissioned Katrina from Stitching Time to make facemasks for adults and children. We distributed 500 facemasks and then asked Katrina to make more; we are still distributing these so give us a call if you would like some.

We also anticipated that people might be a little short of cash and need a hand with purchasing school uniforms. In conjunction with Northlands and Maple Grove Primary schools and The Basildon Academies we provided funding for the schools to administer school uniform grants for people who would be struggling this year.

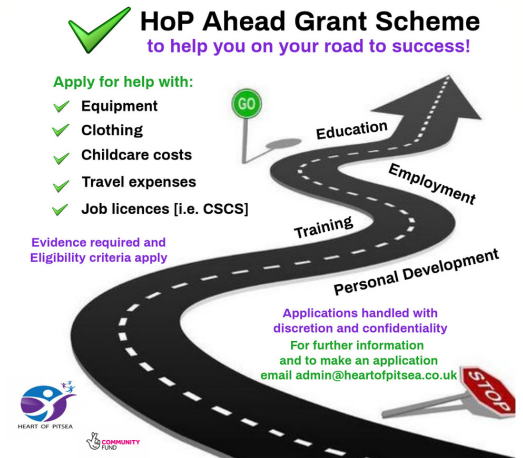
We have also adapted our normal group services so they are online. We have our Little Monsters Youth Club still delivered by our dedicated youth leaders and we have our Community Connect social group online where we normally have a quiz.

We also have a Community Connect Walk of up to six people when Government rules permit; this has allowed us to meet up in person and get a bit of fresh air and a cup of tea (and sometimes chips!).

Heart of Pitsea is run by people who all live in your area. We have activities for all ages to take part in - for more information call 07572 001 671 or visit

**Heart of Pitsea is dedicated to your area
We fund lots of things that you can access for
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FREE Online Training : Counselling : Grant Scheme



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**Gardening Group
Festive Quiz Night
Online Youth Club (5-10s)
&
Community Connect Club
Community Walk
ALL FREE**



USEFUL NUMBERS



Basildon Council - 01268 533333 (select option 1)



Citizen's Advice (Basildon) – 0300 330 2101

Food Bank (Tressell Trust, Pitsea Leisure Centre) – 07424 660862

Food Bank (Salvation Army, Basildon) - 01268 524454/07801 180225

Social Services (Basildon) – 01268 643333

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