



Support for you

Things are moving fast! Active Oxfordshire is looking at how we can support the sport and activity sector. The challenge is not to add to all the noise and information but to offer clear and where possible bespoke support and practical help.

On Monday we will be launching our **Support and Recovery Service** which will include;

- personal support from info@activeoxfordshire.org
- FAQs and feedback from national and local services
- Opportunities to work together through online forums and tweet chats. The first Club and Coach online support meetings will focus on funding on Wed 8 Apr at 12pm and 5pm.
- Guidance and support to access funding from Sport England, CAF and local funds.

More info will follow on Monday when this service goes live.



Emergency funding

1) Sport England has launched the [Community Emergency Fund](#) (£300-10,000) with 1800 applications in the first 3 days! The questions are quite simple and Sport England has told us they would like organisations to show they have looked for other sources of funding (NGB, local authority) as well as their funding pot. Other feedback is to be sure you are an eligible organisation (all info on the funding page) and to focus on the impact on their target areas- inactive people, those in disadvantaged areas, women and girls etc

2) If you are a charity, not for profit organisation or social enterprise the CAF has also launched an [emergency fund](#) (up to £10,000)

We are able to provide support in these applications- see info above.

Be part of the solutions

At a local and national level organisations are trying to respond to what is needed on the ground so do give feedback about your situation through the national [CIMSPA surveys](#) and to us at Active Oxfordshire so that we can put our energy into what is most relevant. If you are based in Cherwell district their team is also keen to hear how their clubs are and to offer help. Contact Harry.Baker@cherwell-dc.gov.uk





Club Matters and national guidance

Club matters now has a [dedicated webpage](#) to the COVID situation, this includes financial and governance guidance, templates and blogs from clubs about their response.

The Sports and Recreation alliance has a fabulous [page](#) on business support

NCVO are offering legal advice via [a recorded webinar](#) covering HR, insurance, contracts, solvency and decision making during the crisis.

If after all that you have any energy left?!

Just keeping afloat and looking after yourself and your family often feels like enough at the moment. But if you feel you want more here are some ideas;

- UK Coaching [Curious Coaches](#) online events and learning
- The Sports Marketing network are sharing amazing ideas from clubs in [webinars](#) that you can watch live or recorded (see picture for a flavour)
- [Oxfordshire All In](#)- get involved in the community response to the crisis and build up connections and goodwill.

Some learnings...

1. Maintain communication with everybody
2. Defer, not cancel, subs
3. Use social media to keep people fit
4. Ditch paper and take processes online
5. Generate some competitive fun/education
6. Look for funding pots
7. Engage your volunteers (what are *you* offering?)
8. Support your community



Safeguarding doesn't sleep

Our role in keeping our participants safe doesn't stop with the crisis. DBS checks have been altered so that documents can now be checked via scans or online methods. [Updates on DBS process](#) [Safeguarding courses](#) can now be done in an online classroom. This is approved nationally- but do check with your NGB about any particular requirements

Safeguarding participants in sport and physical activity is vital. If you have concerns about an individual or about your policies please visit our [website pages](#) for advice