



# Saltford Community Association Hardship Fund



has launched a

## Financial Advice & Support Service PLUS Employment Assistance Programme

Thanks to the generosity of Saltford residents during 2020, the SCA has been administering a Hardship Fund. This has been used to fund the hot meal service during Lockdown 1, afternoon teas for villagers aged over 75 and to help and support those individuals and families needing specific assistance during this Covid pandemic. We are now going to provide the following :

### **Financial Advice Assistance and Support**

We have built a relationship with Citizens Advice BANES whereby they will provide this much needed support free to residents. This will be enhanced by the Hardship Fund providing direct financial assistance in a number of areas, when recommended by their advisor and unavailable from other sources.

While Covid restrictions apply all services will be available over the phone.

### **Employment Assistance**

We are working with Somerset Skills & Learning (SSL), who are funded by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) to provide and promote access for Saltford residents to free information and training sessions online in the areas of:

- CV writing
- IT Skills, including use of Zoom
- Job searching in the digital age
- Benefit Help (Via Citizens Advice)
- Interview help
- Career transition
- Sector knowledge
- Volunteering talk

When not in lockdown we would also look to provide an Employment Skills Brunch Club at Saltford Hall, offering face to face access to the same skills, additionally using local volunteers from within the village who were happy to share those skills. We are delighted that a number of well qualified residents have come forward to offer their help.

As well as targeting those who have lost their job we would also be keen to support recent school leavers seeking employment at age 18+. This might also include a mentoring scheme.

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## Citizens Advice Bath & North East Somerset

### We advise on:

- Benefits and Universal Credit
- Debt
- Discrimination
- Employment
- Family and relationships
- Immigration
- Housing and more...



***Completely free, confidential, impartial, independent and open to all.***

### Contact us now:

**Call Adviceline** - 0344 848 7919 (9.30am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday)

**Call Community Wellbeing Hub** - 0300 247 0050 (9am - 5pm Monday to Friday)

Visit our website [www.citizensadvicebanes.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicebanes.org.uk) to learn more or to fill in an advice request webform.



Working in partnership with Salford Community Association, we may be able to make small direct support payments to those in need from the Salford Hardship Fund (T&Cs apply). Please register with CAB for this service.



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