

Burton Sweet Charities Newsletter

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Welcome to this edition of the Burton Sweet Charities newsletter. Do contact us for more information and help with these or any other legal, regulatory, governance, constitutional, accounting and public reporting issues of concern or interest to you.

Your colleagues and contacts are welcome to join our free e-mailing list for future charity newsletters and details of events. Phone: **0117 914 2057** | Email: karen.chelton@burton-sweet.co.uk

Please keep in touch

We'd be delighted to speak to you about any areas of concern or interest to your charity in investment matters, training and development for your board and staff, charity law and regulation matters, governance and constitutional issues, as well as your charity's audit/independent examination and accounting and financial management support needs.

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Free Cyber Security Seminar for Charities 2 May 2018 - Bristol

Do join us to hear from cyber security and charity governance experts on how to protect your charity from the risks of the digital world. We'll learn together with some interactive case studies.

Date: Wednesday 2nd May, 2018

Time: 9.30am to 1.00pm followed by a buffet lunch

Venue: St George's, Great George Street, Bristol, BS1 5RR

RSVP: Email events@jmfinn.com or call **0117 921 0550** to register your interest

Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme

HMRC is seeking to raise awareness of the additional income that charities could gain from greater use of Gift Aid by eligible donors and also by wider use of the separate 'Gift Aid Small Donations' Scheme.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9bdpc6b>

Alert - financial safety for charities

All three UK charity regulators – Charity Commission, The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland - have recently issued a joint alert to charities about financial safety. It recommends that charities should only use banking facilities provided by the regulated financial sector for receiving, holding and moving funds, particularly when this involves moving funds internationally.

See <https://tinyurl.com/yb67woof>

Safeguarding – Charity Commission

The Charity Commission has issued additional comments on safeguarding for charities. The regulator states this is a priority issue all charities 'not just those working with groups traditionally considered at risk'. It has also announced a 'suite of steps' on safeguarding.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybec9gz7>

Fundraising – Changes to the Code of Fundraising Practice

The latest changes to the Code of Fundraising Practice come into force on 25 May 2018. The changes particularly address data protection and GDPR related matters.

See the Fundraising Regulator's website: <https://tinyurl.com/y83cornm>

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