



Ambassador 'FAQ/Hints & Tips

Community Support – What do we offer

Your Co-op Community Fund	<p>Open year round, applications up to £500</p> <p>Link for members to access www.midcounties.coop/our-communities/funding/your-community-fund/</p>
£k Regional Community Operational Budget	<p>This is an internal budget available for the Ambassador to authorise payments to support area events, kit and equipment, room hire for meetings etc.</p> <p>Budget available from June for one year, all funds utilised from this budget must be communicated to the community team – email deby.cullum@midcounties.coop who will keep a tally for you.</p>
Community Goodwill Policy	<p>Available from all food stores, a donation of up to £10 in goods can be given out by the store manager to support the provision of raffle prizes or refreshments for local events.</p> <p>Process and policy document can be viewed here - 2022 Community Goodwill Policy.doc</p>
In-Store Collections by Charity Partners and Community Groups	<p>Part of our support has, for many years involved giving local groups the opportunity to raise funds by means of a tin collection / bag pack or raising awareness of a group by putting up an information stand within a larger food retail trading branch local to them; we realise that raising funds and awareness is a vital part of ensuring the sustainability of many groups, which is why we are pleased to be in a position to help to do this through organised collections/information displays in-store. You can find out more here.</p> <p>www.midcounties.coop/our-communities/community-hub/</p>
Annual UK fundraising campaigns	<p>The National Charity Annual Campaigns that the Society support are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poppy appeal• Children in Need• Comic Relief / Sport Relief <p>NOTE: The annual campaigns will require that funds raised are paid directly via their own paying in process, so money raised for the UK national campaigns will need to follow these guidelines</p>



Your CO-OP Conversations

An annual programme of both on-line and in-person events covering a variety of topics from Bee keeping to how to use a community defibrillator. The full list of events can be found here www.midcounties.coop/membership/events/

Resources & Information Available

Litter Pick Equipment

We have a small stock of equipment available for use – please contact your community co-ordinator to make a request yourcoop.community@midcounties.coop

Self Help

Leading by example is what we do best, look at the set of guides we have put together for you and your community partners to use www.midcounties.coop/our-communities/top-tips--self-help/

Educational Resources

Here you will find a range of educational resources to help with employability and to further educate on topics including Fairtrade and being more sustainable.

www.midcounties.coop/our-communities/educational-resources/

Work Experience

We offer a range of work experience placement opportunities to young people and adults returning to the workplace – click here for more information www.midcounties.coop/our-communities/work-experience/

Saving lives with Defibrillators

We offer a range of work experience placement opportunities to young people and adults returning to the workplace – click here for more information www.midcounties.coop/our-communities/work-experience/

Volunteering

Get involved and make a difference – www.midcounties.coop/our-communities/volunteering/

Young Co-operators Network

Our Young Co-operators Network (YCN) gives young people the chance to influence how we do things at Your Co-op as well as exclusive offers, tailored events, career guidance, activities, and competitions. We have several members of the Young Members Network on our Member Engagement Committee (MEC). Young members can bring a wide variety of benefits to the Committee, such as bringing fresh insights and forward-thinking ideas. They will also help to provide young members with an equal voice to share their thoughts and opinions by ensuring that young people feel represented.

www.midcounties.coop/membership/young-co-operators-network/