

PRESS RELEASE

Introducing #MidSussexOnline – a new initiative to promote digital inclusion across Mid Sussex

Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA) are delighted to be working with partners across the Mid Sussex area to deliver #MidSussexOnline.

This exciting new initiative is a collaboration featuring Balfour Beatty, Mid Sussex District Council, Citizens Online and MSVA to improve access to technology, information and contribute toward the general wellbeing of residents of Mid Sussex.

MSVA will host a signposting service on their website for residents to find sources of practical support, training, and guidance to aid access to digital services and information.

Balfour Beatty are currently rolling out Local Full Fibre Network, on behalf of Mid Sussex District Council, across the Mid Sussex area – so there has never been a better time for residents and businesses to make the most of the online world.

Residents will be able to access information and advice to help bolster their skills and knowledge in learning to navigate the online environment. Residents will also be able to access training and support.

The project also seeks to improve access to computers and online resources for school children, and help support residents with finding work and training opportunities.

A Mid Sussex District Council spokesperson said : “#MidSussexOnline has come at an important time as communities have had to adapt to using digital technology through the pandemic. Digital has transformed the way we work and communicate but Covid19 has highlighted a digital divide – which we hope this project will address to ensure everyone has access to the information they need to make the most of digital technology to improve their lives.”

MSVA support charities and non-profits across Mid Sussex and promote volunteering across the area. They will be looking for volunteers to become Digital Champions across Mid Sussex to help spread the word - and do their bit to reach members of the community that may not have access to technology.

For more information about #MidSussexOnline to access information, or to become a digital champion – please visit <https://www.msva.org.uk/digital-inclusion>