

Belper Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

**We would be grateful if you would kindly raise this message to the Parish/Town Council at your next meeting and/or forward it to local community groups.**

### **Live & Local – Indoor and Outdoor performances for rural communities**

Live & Local has a great selection of highly subsidised indoor and outdoor performances suitable for village halls, community venues and village fêtes and festivals. If Parish Councillors are aware of such plans, please do forward this email to the organising committee and we would be happy to arrange a chat about supporting their event. We also provide support and advice for organising community events which comply with COVID regulations and social distancing.

Live & Local offers a range of music, drama, dance, spoken word, storytelling and family shows available at an affordable rate for voluntary organisations.

### **Live & Local - LivingRoom**

During these challenging times when it is difficult for communities to stay connected, it has been inspiring to see how many communities have pulled together to support those in need. Parish Councils, Town Councils, Parish Meetings, and other community groups have been a key part of this. Live & Local offers **LivingRoom**, an opportunity for communities to connect and create something memorable and unique during this difficult time. LivingRoom is a **fully subsidised creative project for your community**, working with professional musicians, theatre companies, poets, storytellers or artists, enabling people to participate in something positive and to work together. The outcome could be bespoke songs, films, poems, audio plays and many other possibilities which can be shared with your wider community to enjoy. This is all done remotely without in-person contact.

Live & Local: LivingRoom is funded by Arts Council England and your local authority, so there is **no cost to the community group**. If you think people in your community would benefit from working remotely with a professional artist, please contact [community@liveandlocal.org.uk](mailto:community@liveandlocal.org.uk) to arrange a chat.

Please also feel free to share this email with any community group who might be interested, as we are able to work with a wide range of different groups. Previous LivingRoom projects have included a Parish Council led Community COVID-19 Support Group working with a song writer to produce a series of songs reflecting on village life during lockdown, a village community (via the community library) working with a poet and writing a book of poetry and prose, a WI group creating a virtual museum of interesting objects from people's living rooms and a children's group making a film using puppets that they made with a theatre company. We have made a short film of some of the projects completed so far [https://youtu.be/e\\_FjYzGUOmk](https://youtu.be/e_FjYzGUOmk) to give you a flavour of what communities have produced.