



Welcome to our July Newsletter!

This communication is your go-to source for updates and insights on our latest initiatives. We'll also be sharing some interesting content related to our efforts, so you can stay informed and engaged with our work.



Celebrating South Asian Heritage: Supporting Charities and Nurturing Community Spirit

South Asian Heritage Month not only provides an opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the region but also serves as a reminder of the importance of supporting charities that work tirelessly to preserve and promote South Asian heritage. These organizations play a crucial role in preserving traditions, empowering communities, and fostering cross-cultural understanding.

By supporting these charities, we can contribute to the preservation and promotion of South Asian heritage for future generations.

[Read this blog](#)



Better Lives Foundation: Saving Lives through People, Property, and Passion

In the pursuit of saving lives, three essential elements come together: people, property, and passion. The Better Lives Foundation (BLF) embodies this powerful combination as a charitable organisation dedicated to providing sustainable medical care and education to support local communities. At the heart of their efforts lies the Yonibana Sai Hospital in Sierra Leone, a beacon of hope for those in need.

A few years ago, Devi Patel, became aware of the planned disposal of unwanted hospital equipment in Cambridgeshire. Recognizing the immense potential of these resources, Devi reached out to BLF. Together with the collaboration of ASTOP Limited, she organised the transportation of over 10 large lorries filled with hospital equipment to a storage facility in Slough, where it was graciously offered free of charge.

Find out more about the amazing work that BLF has managed to achieve, on our website.

[Read more](#)

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ASTOP partners with Property X-Change for Business Rates Piece

We are delighted to report on a collaboration between ASTOP Limited and Property X Change. In Property X Change's recent website Q & A, they have explored the intricacies of business rates and their impact on landlords, local communities, and the state of our high streets.

In the insightful interview, Shaylesh Patel, the Director of ASTOP Limited, provides expert guidance on understanding business rates and their implications. He shares his expertise and sheds light on the Landlord benefits of ASTOP charity occupation.

Property X Change is a leading an online resource and network for any individual or organisation with an interest in creating thriving high street property that works for all Londoners. This collaboration aims to provide readers with a comprehensive understanding of business rates and their broader impact.

To read or watch the full Q & A, we invite you to visit the Property X Change website

[Read the Q & A](#)

Update on Ban Box Shifting

Our Ban Box Shifting campaign continues to gain significant traction. 20 cross-party local councillors have so far agreed to sign our open letter calling for the government to close the legal loophole which allows landlords to place boxes in vacant commercial properties for a six-week period to trigger a three- or six-month rates free period.

Annually, this costs councils around £250 million, money which should instead be funding vital public services. The breadth of support we have received across all regions of the UK shows the desire to extend the occupation period for rates exemption from six weeks to six months, emulating the Welsh

and Scottish governments, who have already introduced legislation to tackle the issue.

Get in touch to find out how you can encourage your local councillor and MP to lend their voice and Ban Box Shifting.

[Visit Ban Box Shifting Website](#)



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space is a wonderful way for any charitable organisation to raise its profile and plan larger projects. However, it's not always obvious what to do with such opportunities when they arise. That's where we come in.

TUAID can support your charity in a number of ways.

[Find out more](#)

Find out more about our Rainbow Rising Initiative

Rainbow Rising are experts in high street regeneration - bringing together the needs of local businesses, local government and local communities.

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