

Spotlight Magazine



Barnsley



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Welcome to the latest edition of Barnsley Spotlight magazine

Hello

As summer is just around the corner, we're looking forward to warmer weather, enjoying lighter mornings and longer nights. It's a chance to spend more time with family and friends, so why not check out our **events programme** on **page 3** – there's something for everyone.

In this edition, we're showcasing our investment in **improving our community and learning hubs** – at our local libraries on **pages 4 and 5**.

Find out about how our **Employment and Skills service** is helping people to access learning opportunities and find the perfect job on **pages 10 and 11**.

We hope you enjoyed coming together within your communities to celebrate the special historical moment of the **coronation**. You can read more about our **fantastic residents** and **what's happening** in your local area on **pages 17 to 22**.

We'll see you again in the winter for the next edition.



Cllr Sir Steve Houghton CBE,
Leader of Barnsley Council



Sarah Norman,
Chief Executive of Barnsley Council

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In Barnsley, we're proud to be bucking trends and delivering on our big ambitions. We believe it's time to look to the future with excitement and optimism. Here is a snapshot of some of the amazing things happening across the borough and the real difference being made to people's lives. This simply wouldn't happen without our fantastic employees, partners, and communities in Barnsley.

Growing Barnsley

- Our award-winning £220m investment in redeveloping our town centre has **increased footfall by 31.4%** since 2019.
- Our flagship NHS Diagnostics Centre is the first of its kind in the country, showcased as an exemplar of innovation by the Government.
- We helped create 153 new businesses and 2,360 jobs in 2022, supporting **£86.2m in private sector investment** into the borough.
- We've remembered our roots and created a **modern market experience** in the heart of our town centre.
- We have a **vibrant evening and night-time economy**, recognised by four consecutive years of Purple Flag accreditation.

Healthy Barnsley

- With NHS partners, we **trailblazed the Home First approach**, getting more people discharged from hospital and back into their own homes.
- We **launched More Money in Your Pocket**, our online support hub for the cost of living crisis, visited by 20% of our residents. We made an extra £5.3m available for the people who need it most.
- Our Adult Social Care services have the **highest levels of customer satisfaction** in the country.
- We're **investing in the future of healthcare**, helping providers under contract with us to pay £1 above the National Living Wage.
- Our 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service is **rated 'outstanding'** by the CQC.

Learning Barnsley

- Barnsley Museums are the winner of the Best Accessible Museum in the Kids in Family Friendly Museum Award 2022 and shortlisted for Art Fund's Museum of the Year 2021.
- We're teaming up with Barnsley Youth Choir, **ranked fifth in the world**, to develop a Northern Academy of Vocal Excellence.
- **We're working to improve reading**, above the national average for the number of Year One pupils meeting the expected phonics standard.
- **71.2%** of our care leavers are in education, training or employment, beating the national average of 52%.
- Our low reoffending data puts us in the **top 5%** of Youth Justice Services in the country.
- Our Barnsley Youth Council is **elected by young people to represent their views**.

Sustainable Barnsley

- Energise Barnsley is the **largest local authority and community energy rooftop solar PV and battery storage project** in the UK.
- Our Positive Climate Partnership is **championing local action on climate change** to deliver our net-zero carbon goals.
- We've **invested £20m** to make our council housing more sustainable and install energy-efficient boilers in our homes.
- Our Net Zero Accelerator programme will help local businesses reduce CO2 emissions by an **estimated 41,560 tonnes by 2025**.
- **High levels of household recycling** are helping 97.5% of waste to be diverted from landfill.

MAKE IT



LOUD

Make a racket at a gig this summer in Barnsley. Our music scene is booming. There's something for everyone at **Barnsley Live on Saturday 17 June** and **Barnsley's Big Weekend Friday 14 to Sunday 16 July**. Visit barnsley.gov.uk/Events for all the details.

MAKE IT ENTERTAINING



"I'm Maggie and I'm a member of Mark Mark Productions Theatre Company based at **Barnsley Civic**. I just love being here. I think it's a very vibrant town centre.

"Mid-week, in the middle of the day, the town centre is busy. There are people wandering around the shops, sitting in Glass Works Square, having lunch, having chats with friends. There's an awful lot going right about Barnsley. People should come and see."



MAKE IT BIG

"I'm Rob and I'm the director of the **Parkway Cinema**. We do mainstream films, event cinema, and live acts on stage. We've had more than a million visitors to the cinema in the last 15 years and people love coming here.

"Barnsley town centre is just a nice place to be, whether it's through the day or on an evening. There's loads of entertainment."



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We're investing in the future of our community libraries

Our libraries hold a special place in people's hearts, acting as welcoming hubs to connect our communities. They're more than just a place to share books and fall in love with reading. No matter your age, they bring people together to learn new skills, feel proud of their local area and express their creative side.

We're passionate about creating inclusive, vibrant and excellent library spaces for everyone to enjoy, no matter where you live. At the heart of our plans is you, our communities, making sure you can find what you're looking for in your local area.

Children can build new friendships at our LEGO Club, fall in love with reading at a Story and Rhyme session or learn new digital skills at our weekly Code Club. We also have lots of fun events to bring adults together and meet new people, whether you want to Knit and Natter, have a brew at a coffee morning or join one of our readers' groups.

We're investing heavily in the future of our community libraries, bringing exciting improvements to our spaces to make them even better places to visit and learn.

We've started by making major improvements to both Hoyland

and Roundhouse Library, creating modern, inviting spaces for people of all ages to explore.

It's been great to see communities already enjoying what these new-look libraries have to offer, whether that's our vibrant, new children's areas, perfect for Story and Rhyme sessions, or taking advantage of our flexible spaces to work, relax and study.

Over the past few weeks, we've been welcoming local people back to our newly refurbished Dodworth Library. We've been hard at work making the library more sustainable and future-proof, creating a modern space you can enjoy for many years to come.

If you've already been back, you may have noticed some massive improvements, such as our vibrant children's library or new-look study and soft-seating areas. We've also invested in improving digital connectivity and access, making it a space everyone can enjoy.

What you may not have noticed are the changes we've made to make Dodworth Library greener, installing air source heat pumps, double glazing and smart lighting.

We're really proud of our community libraries and want to continue improving them for you to enjoy, helping our Principal Towns and local high streets to thrive.

Be sure to pop by to see what our new-look libraries have to offer and keep an eye out for more exciting updates coming to a library near you.



A digital boost for libraries

As digital hubs in the heart of our local communities, we're always looking for ways to make our libraries even more modern and innovative.

We offer a wide range of eBooks, e-audiobooks, newspapers and magazines to enjoy online, meaning you can get lost in a good story or read up on Barnsley's history from the comfort of your home.

We've recently secured Arts Council England funding to give our community libraries a 'Digital Boost', helping us to improve digital infrastructure and your library experience.

We will use the funding to give you more self-service options, make sure you can enjoy modern digital solutions, no matter where you live, and create more Makerspace activities.

We're really excited about what our 'Digital Boost' project will mean for our libraries, helping you enjoy more of what you already love about our spaces and giving everyone the chance to unlock their creative potential.

Learn more about 'Digital Boost' project by visiting your local library, or scanning this QR code. You can also go to barnsley.gov.uk and search Digital Boost.



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Helping everyone express their creative side



With our dynamic and exciting events programme, we're pushing the boundaries of what you might expect to find at your local library.

Whether you're trying something new during our Biblio Beats Festival or getting creative with our Makerspace activities, we're proud to do things differently at Barnsley Libraries.

We've recently been awarded National Portfolio Organisation status from Arts Council England, helping us to deliver more of the exciting cultural events you already love.

With this funding, we'll be delivering an ambitious and dynamic programme of activities across our libraries and communities, helping everyone to express their creative side.

Our 'All In' programme of creative events will be about putting our communities at the heart of what we do, inspiring people of all ages to connect with culture through our libraries.

We're working hard behind the scenes to bring our 'All In' programme to life, but we already have some great ideas for how we'll bring creativity and culture to your local library. These include a Barnsley Book Festival and a travelling storytelling experience.

We're just starting on our exciting journey as a National Portfolio Organisation, and we can't wait to see our events programme flourish across our libraries over the next three years.

Want to learn more about how we'll be helping everyone express their creative side with our 'All In' programme?

Visit barnsley.gov.uk/NationalPortfolioOrganisation.

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LIBRARIES**

It's quick and easy to become a Library Member, giving you access to books and digital resources.

Join Barnsley Libraries for free today by scanning this QR code and completing the short online form.



Followers of Fashion

don't miss the stylish new exhibition at Cannon Hall Museum

Get your fashion fix at Cannon Hall's summer blockbuster exhibition, **'Catwalking – Fashion Through the Lens of Chris Moore'**, which has arrived at the Museum.

The show-stopping display on loan from The Bowes Museum charts the changing face of the catwalk over six exciting decades. Moore, a fashion photographer extraordinaire, provides an insight and unique perspective into era-defining fashion moments, like the meteoric rise of the supermodel such as Linda Evangelista, Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell, who came to be the epitome of high fashion.

It offers a rare glimpse behind the scenes of the fashion industry, with interview footage from the man who has seen and shot it all. Discover Haute Couture 'looks' straight from the houses of Jean Paul Gaultier, Comme des Garçons, Christian Dior, Vivienne Westwood, and more.

The exhibition pays homage to Barnsley women who made their mark in the fashion industry including Victoria Nixon, a Barnsley-born woman, who was spotted by Helmut Lang at the age of 17 and went on to have a high-flying model career that took her around the globe.

Alongside the exhibition is a display of high fashion garments looking at collections from a male perspective.

A Male Perspective: Redressing Fashion features 'looks' collected over four decades by Simon Nicholls, a Barnsley-based salon owner, who considers himself not so much a traditional collector as a fan who has ended up as the 'custodian of a collection'. It will put the spotlight on one man's collection to stimulate thinking about fashion as a communicative tool, gendering, and about our expression of clothing.

On display until Sunday 20 September, free entry.

Find out more at cannon-hall.com.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Celebrating ten years of Experience Barnsley

by, for, and about the people of Barnsley

Time has flown since Experience Barnsley opened its doors ten years ago in our iconic Town Hall. The first-ever museum dedicated to telling the fascinating and inspirational stories of Barnsley, it was created through the generosity and pride of people from across our borough.

Every object and story has come from them. It's a museum of what the people of Barnsley want to share. It's the history of our towns and villages, told through their treasured items and their special memories.

It really has been an incredible ten years. Experience Barnsley's displays have continued to evolve as people share their treasures. It has welcomed a whole host of amazing exhibitions, pulling in crowds from all over Yorkshire and far beyond.

Who could forget the Romans invading or the Vikings coming to town? There have been Spitfires,

sporting greats, Star Wars, Slazengers, and much, much more. Its current exhibition, 'Tailor Made in Barnsley', celebrates the town's rich textile industry. 'Middle Earth' is coming soon, a Lord of the Rings celebration with an intriguing Barnsley connection...

Experience Barnsley is a hub for activity that reaches all across our communities and borough too, going far beyond the walls of the Town Hall. Working daily with local people, in partnerships, and with community groups, the museum's teams and volunteers engage and inspire, supporting health, creativity, wellbeing, learning, and, most of all, making people smile.

After being shortlisted for Museum of the Year in 2021, the biggest museum prize in the world, there are big ambitions for the future, including collaboration with visitors on new spaces, amazing new displays, breathtaking digital technology, and very special events.

And that's not the only award we've won. Our most recent is the Kids in Museums, Best Accessible Museum accolade.

The Museum is also home to the award-winning Barnsley Archives

Centre, which are winners of the Archives and Records Association 'Record Keeping Service' of the Year award. The Archives is a treasure trove of incredible discoveries and an invaluable source of information on every aspect of Barnsley's history. Find fascinating documents that have been perfectly preserved dating back to the 13th Century.

This is a museum that really has captured the imagination and encapsulates the hopes and the pride of the people of Barnsley. It has created everlasting memories for hundreds of thousands of visitors and families already – a place where the people of Barnsley, young and old, visit, come together, and share special times.

To celebrate this very special anniversary on Tuesday 27 June, Barnsley Museums are inviting visitors old and new to come along, reminisce, share a slice of cake, and be proud of the great place and everything that is Barnsley – past, present, and future.

To find out more about Experience Barnsley and its 10th anniversary visit experience-barnsley.com.



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DINE
PLAY**



PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP AND ENJOY ALL THAT THE GLASS WORKS HAS TO OFFER.

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Summer is nearly here, and The Glass Works is the place to enjoy it, with endless opportunities to Shop, Dine, and Play.

Shop 'til you drop and find the latest fashions at the fantastic range of stores at The Glass Works. Whether you are filling your summer wardrobe, packing for a holiday in the sun, or upgrading your home or garden you can find it all.

Find your next great outfit at Flannels, New Look and USC, find the perfect pool wear at River Island and Next, step up your shoe game at Deichmann, JD Sports and Sports Direct, and find all kinds of homeware, gifts and more at Hidden Pretty Gifts and Marshmallow Blends. And don't forget about Barnsley Market, over 100 stalls, inside and out with everything from essentials to the weird and wonderful.

After all that shopping, you deserve a delicious pick-me-up. Coffee Boy, Starbucks, 200 Degrees Coffee and Caffe Botanico have got you covered. From fresh coffee to tasty treats, and warming hot chocolates to brilliant breakfast options, there is nowhere better for a catch-up!

If you are looking for something more substantial, there's no shortage of great food stops at The Glass Works. Find the best Peri-Peri chicken at Nando's, fresher than fresh burgers and fries at Urban Burgers, dine from morning to night at Falco Lounge, devour American-inspired classics at Fridays, and taste food from around the world in Market Kitchen!

Summer is made for great days out with friends and family, and what better way than a game of bowling or a trip to the cinema? With their bowling alley, SEGA arcade, soft play, bar and diner, Superbowl UK is the ultimate family entertainment centre, and you can experience

cinema like never before at Cineworld Barnsley with their 4DX, IMAX and SCREEN X technology.

Fancy making a night of it? Visit The Botanist, The Salt House, Black + White and Cucina Sky Lounge for your next great night out. For the tastiest cocktails, most refreshing lagers, and best wines in town, all accompanied by great music and atmosphere, The Glass Works is the place to be.

The Barnsley town centre event programme is also back for 2023 with Barnsley's Big Weekend, the Joining Forces Summer Show, Barnsley Garden Party, Barnsley Bright Nights and the town's new Christmas Market all coming to The Glass Works Square!

To find out more, visit www.theglassworksbarnsley.com.



IT'S ALL HERE!

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**FREE PARKING FOR 3 HOURS
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

Cracking down on fly-tippers

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has reported incidents to us. We continue to tackle fly-tipping across the borough and on average, 97% of our waste is cleared within five days each month. This is thanks to our dedicated fly-tipping team who work across Barnsley.

We're also cracking down on illegal dumpers by issuing fixed penalty notices and prosecutions. It's important to check that anyone who removes your waste has a valid waste carrier's licence. Please do not rely on social media to find someone to remove your waste. Find out more about waste carrier's licences at barnsley.gov.uk/WasteCarriersLicence.

We all have a part to play in protecting our borough for future generations. By working together, we can reduce instances of fly-tipping and work to keep our borough clean and green. You can help us to continue our work by reporting fly-tipping at barnsley.gov.uk/Flytipping.



**EVERYBODY
THINK!**

Get involved with #WhatsYourMove

WHAT'S YOUR
MOVE

A lot of us have lifestyles that mean we're sitting down most of the day for travel and work and are less active than we used to be. To help find ways of being active in Barnsley, follow the #WhatsYourMove campaign on Twitter @BarnsleyMoving or the 'Active in Barnsley' Facebook page.

Being more active improves our physical health by reducing the risk of heart attacks, strokes, dementia and breathing problems, as well as the risk of falls, fractures and injuries. It also helps to improve the way we feel and our mental health by reducing stress, depression and anxiety.

The most important thing is to find movement that works for you and that can fit in with your daily life.

Start with ten-minute bursts, get a friend involved and make sure to make it fun.

A great way to move more is through active travel. It helps save you money, reduce pollution and includes being active in your day. This could be parking further away from your destination or getting off the bus earlier to extend your walk. Or you could try walking, cycling or scootering with your kids to school.

The Active Travel Hub (barnsley.ActiveTravelHub.co.uk) are here to help with any active travel questions you may have.

For more information, please contact Sport&ActiveRecreation@barnsley.gov.uk.



Skills & Employability

Unlock the benefits of learning and work

Our friendly advisors help people of all ages to set and achieve their goals for learning and work.

Whether you're unemployed, in work and want to progress or a young person starting out, get in touch to see what's possible.

We also work with businesses to support and develop healthy, productive workforces.



Your future. Your way.

There are many benefits to learning and working. Both can provide a renewed sense of purpose and belonging by sparking your interests and motivations. Having a job or learning new skills can also support good health and wellbeing, while helping you connect with others.

When James got in touch with one of the council's advisors, he told us that many of the jobs he wanted to apply for required a health and safety qualification. He said: *"I was struggling to find how I could find and fund the right course. My advisor put the ball in my court. They helped me to get a funded place on the course I needed and set me up with job search support. They also suggested other learning that would go hand in hand. My advisor helped me so much. They made me feel good about the opportunities available. I had no idea this support was on offer. I wouldn't want anybody to miss out."*

We have a range of options that take place in the classroom, or in

hands-on workshops. By working with partners, we can connect you to available courses, training, funding and support.

Earlier this year, we celebrated the first learners that we put forward to complete forklift truck training. As part of the course, they learned to operate a forklift truck and operate safely in a work environment. All of the learners achieved a recognised qualification and developed important employability skills. Hayden, one of the learners on the course, said: *"I was coming into it really nervous, thinking 'it's going to be hard' and 'I'm not going to have a clue what I'm going to be doing'. But now I'm feeling really confident."*



There have been very good people here and the hands-on experience has been brilliant, exciting and motivating. I'm glad I did it and came away with the experience and qualification. I'm looking forward to a long-term, steady job."

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You've got a friend in me...



Our **Independent Visitors** form a long term, consistent, and supportive relationship with a child or young person in care of the council aged eight to 21 years.

Their role is to be a friend to the young person – a trusted adult and role model who can help motivate them, develop their social skills, make sure they feel valued, and encourage them to reach their full potential.

We caught up with **Mandy Daws**, one of our **Independent Visitors**, to find out more.



I knew there was a need for more Independent Visitors in Barnsley, and I thought I could use some of the skills I acquired when I worked with young people in the NHS.

I've been paired with M for over two years and the highlight for me has been the developing relationship we have – building up our confidence with each other. We both really enjoy our time together.

I meet M once a month for usually about three hours. We do a variety of things, from shopping in Meadowhall, a trip to a farm, a meal out, or a visit to a city such as York.

We also have fun on the group activities which are arranged two to three times a year, which enables other young people and their Independent Visitors to meet and socialise together.

The Independent Visitors training I received was thorough and can be personalised to your own needs. You are given a budget for your visits and your travel expenses are paid for. You are also very well supported by the Independent Visitors Coordinator Jan.

If you have a few spare hours a month, I can recommend this role. I look forward to the time I spend with M.



M says:

The best thing about having an Independent Visitor like Mandy is that I can talk to her about anything I want, and she'll listen, although I don't feel pressured to say something about how I'm feeling all the time.

Spending time with Mandy means I'm able to go out somewhere and enjoy myself. We go shopping, out to eat, go on walks, and visit the cinema.

Anyone over 21 can be an Independent Visitor and there's no upper age limit; you simply need to be able to demonstrate a commitment to making a difference and a willingness to attend mandatory training.

If you'd like to make a positive difference to the life of a looked-after young person, email IndependentVisitorsInfo@barnsley.gov.uk.

There's more information at barnsley.gov.uk – just search for Independent Visitors.

The scheme operates under safer recruitment practices. All volunteers will be expected to undergo an enhanced check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

Did you know our gritters are used all year round?

Last year, we invested in a new fleet of gritters which are more environmentally friendly.



They're used year-round, and when we're not gritting, the gritter boxes are removed and the vehicles underneath are put to work. Now we're getting warmer weather, they're used full-time supporting our Highways team in a variety of work, including resurfacing roads across the borough.

We're always looking for ways to reduce our carbon emissions and help create a cleaner, greener, more sustainable Barnsley. That includes the vehicles we use and how we use them. Some of the changes include:

- 1. Switching to electric and hybrid vehicles.** We have been replacing older, less-efficient vehicles with electric and hybrid models, which produce lower emissions and use less fuel. We now have 35 electric and three hybrid vehicles.
- 2. Optimising vehicle routes.** We use local knowledge and technology to ensure we always use the most efficient route. This reduces

mileage, time spent idling, and vehicle emissions.

- 3. Encouraging sustainable travel.** We encourage residents and employees to use sustainable travel, like walking, cycling, and public transport. We've provided bike parking, introduced cycle routes and pedestrian zones to make this easier. We even have electric bikes for employees to use instead of vehicles when travelling around our museum sites, such as Cannon Hall, Elsecar Heritage Centre and Worsbrough Mill and Country Park.
- 4. Reducing idling.** We monitor idling and encourage all our drivers to switch-off engines when stationary for extended periods, reducing fuel use and emissions.

Why we're investing in our roads

Barnsley's 750-mile highway network is our most valuable asset, estimated at more than £2.1 billion.

Maintaining our roads is one of our top priorities. This year, our core Highways Capital Programme of improvements to carriageways, footways, bridges and structures is more than £14m.

This year, councillors also approved an extra £2m to improve the borough's principal roads and side streets. Adding a variety of other projects and grant-funded schemes means more than £20m will be spent improving our highway network this year.

Matthew Bell, Head of Highways and Engineering, said: **"Despite difficult times in terms of finances, we're making major investment across the borough, fixing our roads, investing in our communities, and unlocking economic opportunities.**

"Extremes of weather over the last 12 months really impacted our roads over winter. The first part of 2023 saw our teams working hard to keep on top of emergency pothole repairs, with multiple teams taking on extra work, including at weekends."

When we carry out pothole repairs, these are temporary and remove the immediate hazard. These, and any subsequent repairs, will continue until the road is due for a more permanent repair through our Highways Capital Programme.

Matthew added: **"Our Highways Capital Programme supports our 'prevention is better than the cure' approach. It's improving road safety, reducing delay issues for the public, improving air quality, and encouraging active and sustainable travel.**

"We're also making sure we're working in the most sustainable way we can, including recycling materials from highway maintenance work wherever we can."

You can view the roads included in our Highways Capital Programme, or report a pothole, by visiting barnsley.gov.uk/Highways.

No time to tip? Use our large item collection service

If you have large unwanted items, we can pick them up hassle-free.

We can collect up to 12 items using our standard item collection service. We can also collect a maximum of five black sacks of general household waste and count them as one item.

To book a collection, scan our QR code or visit barnsley.gov.uk/LargeItemCollection.



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Barnsley Council Pest Control

If you've got a pest problem in your home, business or garden, we can offer you expert advice or treatments to help you get rid of them.

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

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Community spirit loving Pete moves to Barnsley

Pete John Rispin is 78 years old and a former police officer of 21 years. Driven by a love for volunteering, Pete recently moved from Ripon to Goldthorpe, won over by the fantastic community, Salvation Army and volunteering opportunities in the area.

We spoke to Pete about the move to Goldthorpe, and about his drive to help out in his local area. He told us he feels like he's **"got family here at the Salvation Army, there's a caring spirit and a very close-knit community in Goldthorpe."** Something that he wanted to continue to be part of.

Pete's being volunteering for years, and has been involved with dedicating his time to help with youth clubs and church groups. He tells us that he's always volunteered alongside his work because **"it's a Christian thing to do – it's the right thing to do."**

But when did Pete make the decision to sell his home in Ripon and make the move to Barnsley?

Pete says that since retiring he started going to church at the Salvation Army in Ripon. He was involved in the foodbank and for five years and ran a furniture project, distributing furniture for those that needed it.

Seven years ago, they had surplus food at Ripon and were looking at where they could donate it. It was obvious in his research that Goldthorpe had an amazing

foodbank and so Pete decided to donate three truckloads there.

Now, after seeing first-hand the opportunities for volunteering in the Goldthorpe area, Pete's made the big move from Ripon to Goldthorpe. He says that it was **"seeing what was going on at the Salvation Army Goldthorpe that made me realise how well things were being done."**

Initially, Pete started coming to Goldthorpe on a Friday to volunteer. **"It was 55-mile trip each way and after recently losing my wife there was only me in a three-bed bungalow."**

For Pete, the real drive for moving to Goldthorpe was **"simply because of the Salvation Army, the community, and the opportunities it's given me."**

Pete's currently involved with the foodbank at the Salvation Army in Goldthorpe, and also collects clothes for the clothing bank to bring with him each week. If you want to get into volunteering, Pete's advice is to **"go for it."** It's **"great for your physical health as I keep moving."**

Alison Sykes, MBE of the Salvation Army said: **"Pete is very committed to his voluntary role and his consistency has made a massive difference to the army. He engages with everyone here, he has a warm smile, a listening ear and is very caring – we're proud and lucky to have him here."**

She adds, **"don't forget if you see Pete around Goldthorpe now he's moved here, say hello – he has some great stories to tell."**

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Stepping Stones encourages people to get stuck in and learn new skills

The **Stepping Stones** micro-volunteering programme was started by the Central Area Team as restrictions in the pandemic started to lift. Many people were expressing anxiety about life after the pandemic, and the team wanted to support people to safely get out again in their communities.

The programme began with finding community groups which could provide volunteering opportunities. Through these groups volunteers could get stuck in with activities including gardening, litter picking, leafleting for community organisations, and much more.

Stepping Stones encourages people to take the first step into something new, to grow their confidence and skills and support them to progress further in whatever direction is right for them. For the groups providing the opportunities, it means they're able to do more.

Lisa attended the **Stepping Stones** programme as she wanted to develop her

confidence, contribute to her community, and learn new skills which would support her in getting a job. Lisa worked hard and contributed to the success of the group by supporting others. After **Stepping Stones**, she went on to become a volunteer for a new social and activity group at Worsbrough Library, alongside fellow programme participants Andy and Bernie.

The Central Area Team continued to encourage Lisa to apply for jobs and she found a care company that were looking for staff and would take on non-drivers. She was successful and has now been working for the company for a couple of months. Lisa is really proud of what she's achieved, and the team are too. They're grateful for all the volunteering she has done within the communities in central Barnsley.

When asked about her time volunteering as part of the programme, Lisa said she would recommend other people giving it a try. **"It is amazing what you can achieve from it."**

Partners have been key to the success of the project. Danny, the manager at Lavender Court, says that they had fabulous support from the team of volunteers over the last 12 months, helping with numerous projects. **"The collaboration between the scheme and the volunteers has been very productive and has encouraged some of our own residents to become active, participating and volunteering."**

Barnsley Museums also loved welcoming **Stepping Stones** to Worsbrough Mill. Programme Manager Ben said the volunteers are **"a really great group that is always happy to have a go and help out."**

Would you like to be involved in making a difference as part of the **Stepping Stones** project? You just need to be over 18 and live in the Central Area wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot or Worsbrough. We can also support you in finding other volunteering opportunities within your local community. Please contact Sarah by calling or texting 07979 323152, or emailing SarahDavey@barnsley.gov.uk.

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Litter picking boosts Jordan's confidence and community spirit

Hi, my name is Jordan, I'm 25 years old and I'm a local litter picker for Cudworth. I first started litter picking three years ago, when I was introduced to it by one of my friends. The first place I picked litter was on the Bridlepath behind Albert Street and after my first outing I was hooked. I absolutely love litter picking and no two picks are the same. I like helping to make my village clean, safe and tidy for everyone to enjoy including our furry friends.

There are lots of benefits to litter picking; there's the environmental side, the mental health side and physical side. There's the feeling that you've made the area clean, safe and tidy. For example, removing litter, and saving countless animals and insects by stopping litter getting in to the green areas. Knowing kids can play safely, it gives you a real sense of achievement from doing something good.

I have never really been into manual labour and exercise but since I started litter picking, I feel my fitness level has improved. From all the walking and carrying multiple bags to moving tyres for collection, nothing scares me now. Litter picking is for any fitness level, you can take it at your own pace.

I have never been a confident person and I found speaking to new people stressful but since litter picking my confidence level has grown. You have lots of interactions, this could be from members of the public thanking you or having a chat, to children speaking to you and to even dogs wanting a fuss. I love picking in the park, to hear the birds tweeting away is a delight.

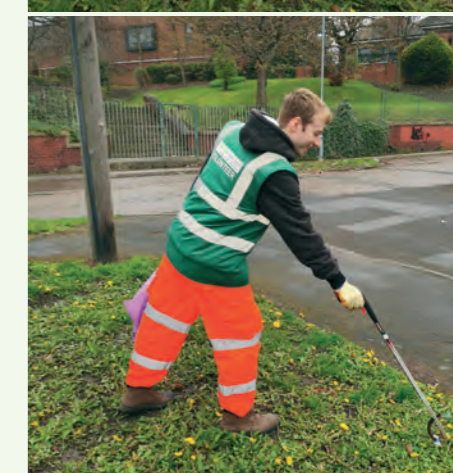
I have recently applied to become a member of the Cudworth Ward Alliance. I'm excited for this opportunity, to develop my confidence further and learn new skills. To get involved in more community projects using my passion for the environment and wildlife.

Everyone at the North East Area Team are great. No matter what questions I may think of or whatever request I may have, nothing is too much for them. They supply me with all the equipment and resources I need, the council ladies are amazing.

If you are thinking of volunteering in your local community, please don't put it off. Whether it's doing a little litter pick or helping to maintain a flower bed in the park. No matter how big or small you can help, every little bit can make a huge difference to Cudworth.

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Transforming lives through volunteering



The North Area Council funds extra classes in schools, helping young people boost their confidence as they leave primary and go to high school. Ad Astra, alongside the YMCA, help children both inside and outside the classroom, but it's the changes from those who volunteer that is truly remarkable. We chatted to Sadie and V from the North Area, who've shared their stories in how Ad Astra have supported them.

Sadie's Story

"I had to leave my job due to health issues. This meant I lost confidence in myself. I didn't go out on my own. I would be what people call a shut-in. I was in a bad place. During the pandemic, Michelle from Ad Astra would come and deliver food parcels. I had heard of Ad Astra because they helped my kid at school. He always told me about the fun stuff he had done. When

Michelle said I could volunteer in the centre, things began to change."

"I didn't speak to many people at first. I started talking to another volunteer, Violeta ("V"). We found out that we had a lot in common. Now we are always together and are really good friends. We have the same sense of humour."

"Michelle and the staff have helped me to open up. I was quiet when I joined them; now I feel comfortable meeting new people."

V's story

"Ad Astra has done a lot for me to feel better about myself. I just started out making food parcels with them. It can be tough when you feel you are not coping and need to ask for help, so, when I see anybody struggling, I tell them about Ad Astra as adults can come to the women's and men's groups."

"Now, I help out during the school holidays. We get involved in the planning and running the youth club's activities. It feels good that I can give back and help the young

ones, and I have noticed a real difference in my son's confidence since he started going to Ad Astra."

"I wanted to improve my Maths so I could better support my kids' homework. Ad Astra helped me to get on a course, and I'm now working with Rachel Smallman at Roundhouse Library to help me get into work. I have good and bad days with my mental health, but I feel like I am moving forward."

Get Involved

Our Community Development Officers are here to advise and support, inspire and encourage those who want to make a difference in their community. They can help develop ideas, promote activities, assist in applying for funding and more. If you have a desire to do more, then please, get in touch.

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Barbara and Chrissie celebrate Penistone's creativity

Penistone Arts Week takes place each spring and celebrates a range of creative endeavours. It supports and encourages beginners to get involved as well as featuring household names.

It began when a dedicated group of volunteers came together with the support of the Penistone Area Team and Ward Alliance to organise the first week in March 2018, with Chrissie Yates and Barbara Lee being the driving force of the event.

The retired teachers live in the Penistone Area, Chrissie in the town and Barbara in Wortley and both are big supporters of the community and local charitable causes.

Barbara tells us that she helps to fundraise for Barnsley Hospice, supports Age UK events around Penistone, Wortley Church Friends, Stainborough Rotary Club, BIADS and Barnsley Youth Choir. She **"loves being involved in the community and volunteering."**

For Chrissie, **"it feels good to put something back into the community and although it is hard work Penistone Arts Week really does make a difference to the town and the people."**

The community arts festival was born out of a decision to widen the appeal of the literature event which had run for a few years. Chrissie says

that **"Willy Russell (writer of Educating Rita, Shirley Valentine, Blood Brothers and three-time Laurence Olivier Award winner) was booked a couple of years in advance for the literature festival, but it didn't look like it would go ahead. It was a coup to get such a big name, so rather than cancelling the Penistone Arts Festival was born."**

The event has grown in the short time since it was established with activities, exhibitions and performances taking place in 20 local venues in Penistone and surrounding villages attracting over 4,500 visitors.

Barbara says, **"it really brings people together; everyone is so supportive from the sponsors to the volunteers. We are thrilled that there are opportunities for young people to get involved and show their fabulous talent or encourage them to develop it."**

Despite attracting big names over the years such as Joanne Harris (author of novel Chocolat, later a film starring Johnny Depp), Dire Straits' John Illsley and Ian McMillan it continues to feature and celebrate local talent and the community.

Chrissie says, **"the High Street Gallery lets local artists display their artwork in the shop windows with a map of the locations. It looks beautiful. People walking around have told me how proud it makes them feel. We are delighted to be able to give them that showcase."**

Both Barbara and Chrissie are encouraging

new groups and community organisations to get involved with next year's event. Since the success of the event, the pair have gone on to become members of the Penistone Ward Alliance, where they help to decide which community projects are awarded funding.

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Project to support families with the rising cost of living

Recently, the South Area Team rolled out a project to support families across primary and secondary schools in the South Area with the rising cost of living.

Stella is a Parent Support Advisor at a Wombwell school. She was delighted when approached by the team, as rolling out the project would mean they could better help those families who needed support with food, hygiene and sleep poverty. The catchment area for the school is quite diverse, and Stella tells us that she has **"many parents who struggle with health issues, relationship problems, and financial issues. The work done through the community and its financial support is vital to our families on lower incomes and those who are struggling with the rising cost of living."**

The South Area Team worked with Stella and the school to deliver support in a way which would best help those families who needed it.

Stella tells us that she currently works with a family of small children and a single father, who have been supported with essentials like uniforms, PE kits and food vouchers. The support the family has received has meant a smoother transition for the children starting a new school and will support the dad with his transition back to full time employment to financially support his family.

"The voucher system has been fundamental in scaffolding this family through these difficult times of adjustment and is one less pressure that they face."

From a school perspective, Stella sees the project as a fantastic way to support a community, through a school service that is backed by financial support, and which can work well to identify when and where it is needed.

Stella tells us that the school really appreciate and welcome this gracious contribution to their families through the council, and it has made a huge difference to the pupils that they support on a daily basis. **"My many thanks to the South Area Team who are always at the end of a phone or an email to help support our school."**

If you're struggling with the rising cost of living, there's lots of information about the support and advice available on the **More Mon£y In Your Pocket** webpage. You can visit the page and find out more about the support available at barnsley.gov.uk/MMIYP.



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