

Welcome to our August 2025 newsletter



Welcome to the Teamwork Trust August 2025 e-newsletter.

This month I was invited to talk to ITV Anglia about the challenges faced by women with learning disabilities and the barriers they have accessing cervical screening. There are, of course, a lot of factors and considerations on this topic. Teamwork Trust is one of the organisations who work closely with the *Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Collaborative* in Northamptonshire to support their strategic priorities of improving access to health checks. We will continue to promote advocacy on this subject, among the other important topics most important to our members.

Please read on to learn more about what else we have been up to.

Helen

Teamwork Trust CEO

Celebrating the contribution of our wonderful volunteers

Teamwork has kicked off a series of volunteer celebration events, with the first held recently in Wellingborough and with more to follow at our other centres. The events recognise the amazing impact of our volunteers – from long-term supporters to young volunteers and those using volunteering as a pathway into employment. Members helped plan the celebration, and joined in a coffee and cake morning, where certificates were presented.



Teamwork Trust news



Enterprising initiatives

Our National Lottery-funded My Enterprise project is gaining momentum with all three centres developing product ranges and beginning to produce high-quality merchandise.

Enterprises championed by our service users include T-shirt printing, laser cutting, PAT testing, and jewellery making. Kettering has already completed some print orders providing organisations with branded clothing and accessories.

Anyone interested should contact enquiries@teamworktrust.co.uk to find out more.



Our thanks to HVSS

We're thrilled to continue our partnership with HVSS and their corporate volunteers.

The Kettering-based company helped rejuvenate the wild space behind our centre in the town making the outdoor area far more accessible – and we even captured the visit of a curious muntjac deer on the wildlife cam they helped install!

But, as well as their practical help, they have also delivered hugely-popular, hands-on sessions to our members about circuits and electricity.

Teamwork Times



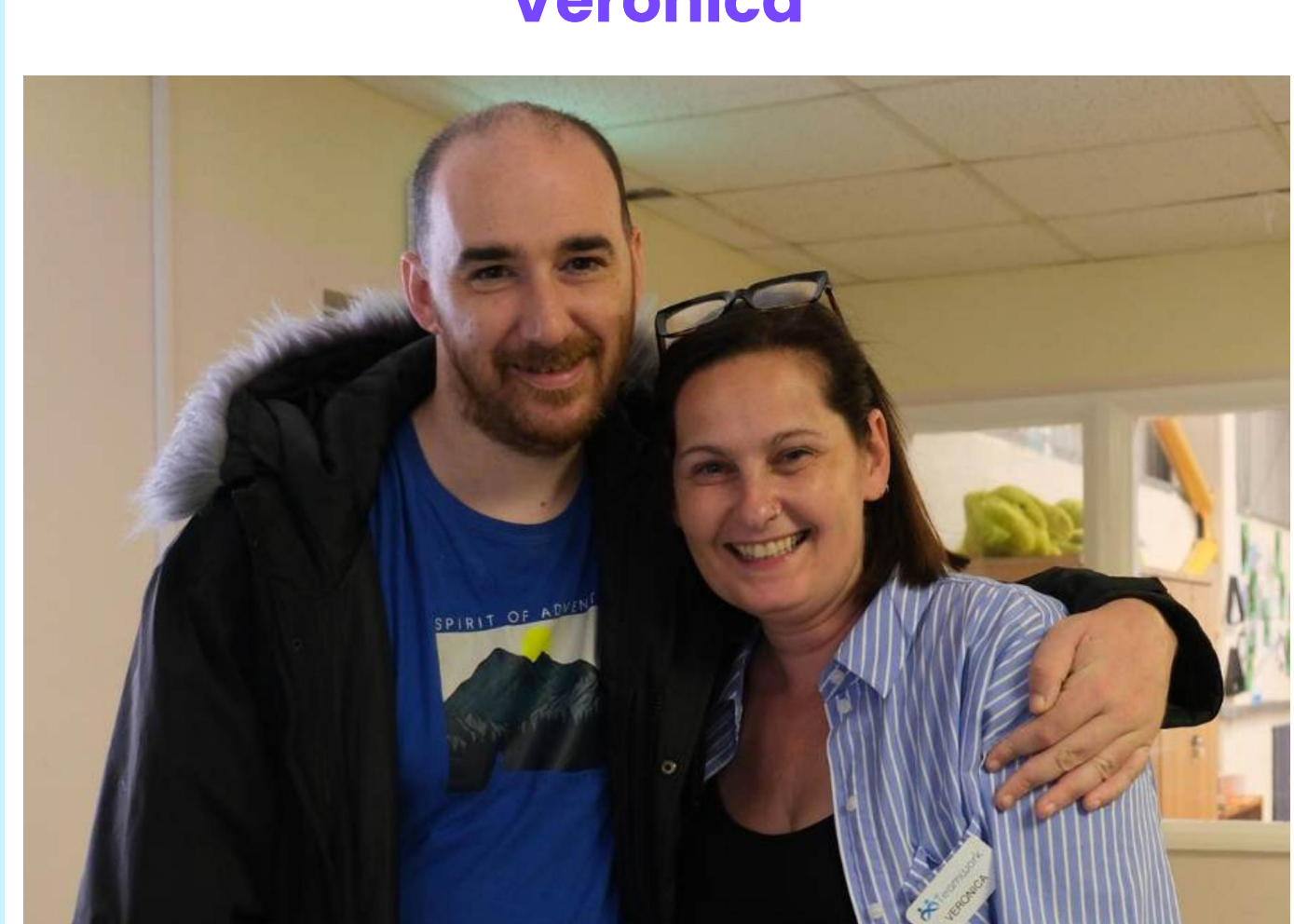
Our members take part in a monthly 'Journos Club' session in which they choose, discuss, create and write stories about the things happening at Teamwork Trust. This can be trips, projects or events – anything they want to focus on. We then include the stories in their very own newspaper, the Teamwork Times.

Click on the image to read this month's edition created by our Wellingborough journalists!

Teamwork People

A spotlight on the people who make Teamwork Trust such an amazing place

Veronica



Veronica is our Finance Officer – although her role goes well beyond just looking after the money – and she has been at Teamwork since March 2024.

She was recently nominated by for Trustee recognition for living our values – Pride, Purpose, Direction, Interest, Fun – and describes Teamwork as 'such a lovely place to be'.

"I was looking for a new job having been made redundant, and this role seemed perfect. The second interview was in centre and I was interviewed by the members, too. That was really good and the questions ranged from 'are you a cat or dog person?' to 'what are your views on French knitting?'"

"I love that Teamwork are very conscious of who works here and to make sure that the members are happy with the choice, too. We're selected not just on our experience and skills, we're chosen to fit in with the positive culture and the Teamwork values."

"My office is rarely quiet! Members will pop in throughout the day and it's lovely to know that they feel comfortable talking to me. I get to do the job I love and enjoy doing, but also get to spend time with the members – it's the best of both worlds."

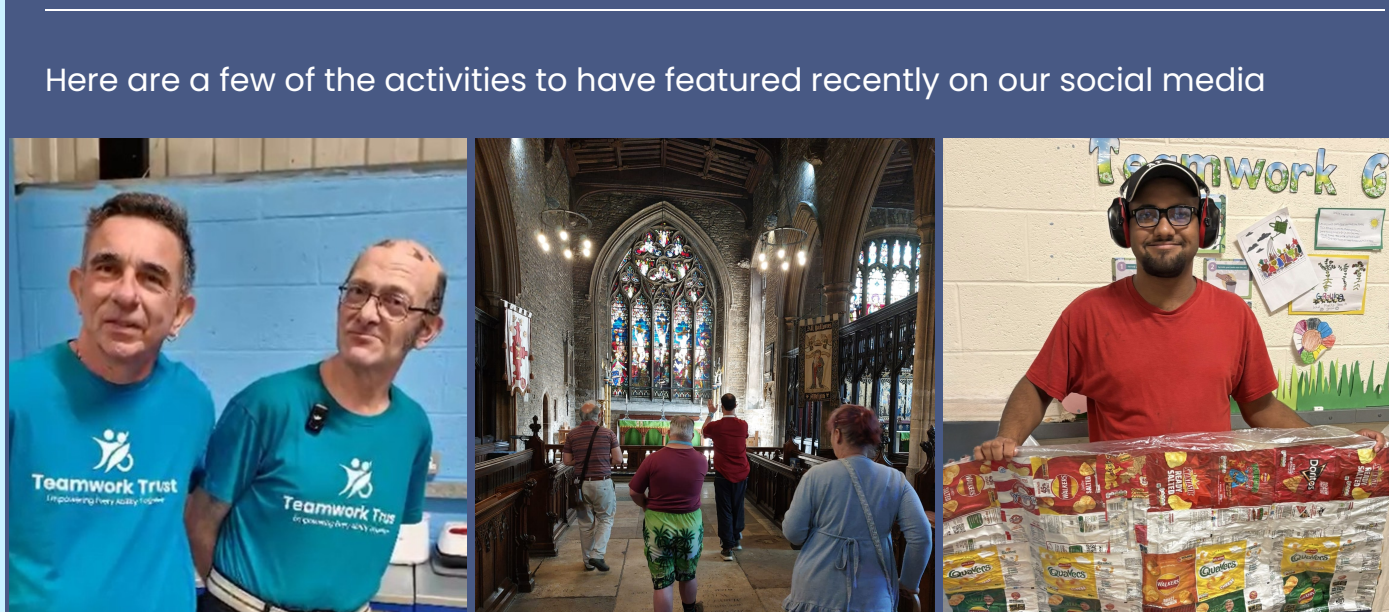
"Seeing the members achieve something they didn't think they would be able to do and seeing the smiles on their faces when they do, is amazing."

"Regardless of what my job role is, I will help out however I can and whenever I can. Why do I do it? Because I can, and why wouldn't I want to? These guys are brilliant, and I always go home with a smile on my face!"

Want to be a Teamwork Trust volunteer? Click here to find out more

Social media

Here are a few of the activities to have featured recently on our social media



This is a wonderful video about Kettering members Ian and Donald which highlights the incredible work they have done co-producing a T-shirt printing enterprise with the help of funding from The Will Trust.

Our history group have been out and about again exploring some of the county's sights. The most recent visits have been to Northampton Museum & Art Gallery and All Hallows Church Wellingborough. But where next...

What a load of rubbish!! Well, it's not actually. This collection of old wrappers are used in our Crisp Packet Project – led by member Tyler. Tyler takes used packets and transforms them so they can then be used as a survival blanket!

Click on the pictures to find out more about all of these stories



Teamwork testimonial



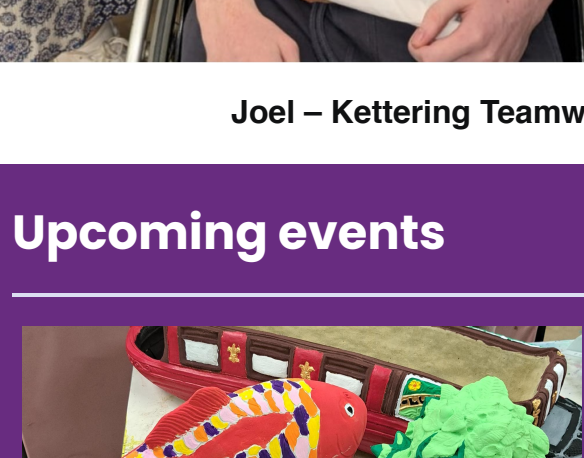
"I have been here for about three years and I think it's unbelievably good. I get to spend time with all my friends and do activities like music, cooking, craft and trips. Teamwork is unique because there's lots of different sessions and some good learning too – especially in our education sessions with Kala."

"I came to Teamwork straight from Isebrook School to do my work experience. I started doing different jobs, mainly packaging and sorting, but now my favourite sessions are the ones where I spend time with my friends, chatting and enjoying their company. In the future I'm hoping to get out in the sunny weather for lots of physical activity, fresh air and making the most of the summer."

"If I could change anything about Teamwork it would be having more jobs to do! But job coaches are starting soon so I can do more work skills with them!"

Joel – Kettering Teamwork Trust member who attends five days a week

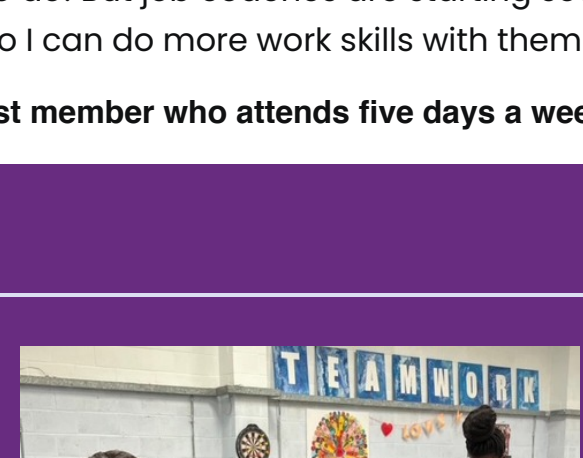
Upcoming events



September 3rd 2025

Wine and Unique Art

Join us at our Kettering between 4-6pm to enjoy a glass of wine and take part in our auction for unique, hand-painted garden ornaments; created by our talented service users. Tickets cost just £5 (including wine) and are available from the centre or [by completing this form](#).



September 10th 2025

Summer Colour & BBQ

Our Wellingborough centre will be hosting a BBQ and auction where you will have the chance to bid on hand-painted garden ornaments and meet the service-user artists who created them. Tickets cost £7.50, with BBQ and drink included, and are available from the centre or [by completing this form](#).

Halloween Curry & Quiz Night – back by popular demand

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE – Friday, October 31

Join us at the Kettering Park Hotel & Spa (7-10pm) for a fun-packed evening with quizmaster Simon Cox and a fabulous curry. More information will follow in the September newsletter, but it's never too early to start getting your team together. We recommend six people per team as the ideal number – so start recruiting!!

Would you like to volunteer at Teamwork Trust?

[FIND OUT MORE OR FILL OUT A FORM HERE](#)