

Welcome to our December 2025 newsletter



As 2025 draws to a close, I've been reflecting on the incredible achievements of our service users and the dedication our staff have shown in supporting their goals throughout the year. Our timetable of varied sessions and activities has been shaped by the ideas and requests of the people we support, and we will continue to listen closely to their voices.

We are also strengthening how we measure and demonstrate our social impact. The introduction of a new online interactive portal, alongside refreshed case studies, will provide valuable insights and will be shared at our Year End in March 2026.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all our supporters and stakeholders for their encouragement throughout 2025. Your commitment enables Teamwork Trust to continue striving toward our Vision and Mission in 2026 and beyond. Thank you!

Helen Burdett-Wright

Teamwork Trust CEO

Lora's hard work is helping to inspire our enterprise

Our Jewellery Enterprise project has begun production – and it's all thanks to the amazing fundraising achieved by Lora Lawman.

Teamwork Trust were named as Lora's Charity of the Year during her time as the Chairman of North Northamptonshire Council, and we were incredibly grateful to receive £4,248.44.

The funding enabled us to invest in jewellery-making equipment at all three of our centres – as requested by our members – to add another string to the bow of our My Enterprise programme.

To find out more about our jewellery enterprise, drop us an email at sales@teamworktrust.co.uk.



Teamwork Trust staff and members make a presentation to say thank you to Lora Lawman (top), and some examples of the beautiful jewellery that have been created

Teamwork Trust news



Help bring a bus on board

As part of our goals for sustainability and inclusion, we are raising funds to buy an electric minibus. A bus would be an incredible asset that will enable our service users to have better access to all our hubs, take part in our social enterprises, and engage even more in wider community activities.

We have already raised £35,000 towards our £75,000 target – and so there is still a long way to go with just 10 months left to reach our target. A JustGiving page is on its way, and we will share details of this soon, but anyone who would like to donate should contact Judy Caine on JudyC@TeamworkTrust.co.uk or call 07376 424406.



Could you be a trustee?

We're excited to be recruiting new trustees and would love to hear from anyone interested in joining our team. Our brilliant board plays a crucial role in our growth and making sure we deliver the highest standards for our members.

We already benefit from a wonderfully diverse mix of skills, and we're now especially keen to welcome people from ethnic minority backgrounds, those with lived experience, or specialists with insight into the commercial property sector or the legal profession. If you can add a new dimension to our board and would like to learn more, get in touch with our CEO, Helen Burdett-Wright, at HelenBW@teamworktrust.co.uk.

Teamwork Times



Our members take part in a monthly 'Journo 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 Kettering journalists!

Teamwork People

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

Sam Farrow



Sam is Teamwork Trust's Corby Centre Lead and our Autism Lead. She has been with us for 12 years and her double roles ensure that coming to work is always a varied and diverse experience.

"I know it's a cliché but there isn't really an average day at Teamwork Trust," she says. "Saying that, I recognise structure is important to our service users. My day can consist of creating and delivering a timetable of fulfilling and enjoyable sessions, organising community trips and events, organising events with parents and carers to show member progress – right down to centre facilities and everyday things like making sure we have toilet roll!"

"I lead and support an amazing, enthusiastic, skilled team at our Corby centre, and also support our volunteers, apprentices and student placements. We implement sessions informed by what our service users want. It currently consists of things like independent living skills, travel training, cookery, history, diverse community, maths, handwriting and journal club, singing for fun, drama, gardening, sit and stay fit, woodwork and many more.

"As the Autism Lead, I provide bespoke support for members with autism in Corby and support colleagues in our other centres. I work to develop staff understanding of autism, though delivering training, sharing knowledge and best practice.

"The reason I've worked for Teamwork Trust for 12 years is our service users. Their personalities and joy are what keep me coming back for more, and making a difference in their day continues to make me strive and grow, so I can support their needs better.

"The centre is a friendly, supportive environment for our service users. If you're looking to join a community of people who help and support you to participate in meaningful activities, make friends, build skills and have fun while learning independence, choice and being part of something, please come and check us out."

If you are interested in finding out more about our centres or coming for a taster session, click here to fill in a form and our team will contact you

Social media

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



Our members had a great time raising money for the BBC's Children In Need event. Among the fun and games was a pyjama day in Corby while the staff's 'spa treatment' in Kettering wasn't exactly what they expected...

Our craft-making sessions are about far more than just being creative. Four of our members ran a stall selling some amazing products in Kettering's Newland Centre – and got so much from the experience.

We would like to thank you to [The King's Trust](#) for their help in transforming the Independent Living Skills space at our Kettering centre. A couple of weeks of hard work have made it an incredible space for our members to utilise.

Click on the pictures to find out more about these stories



Teamwork testimonial

Kylan joined us in September to help him transition from college. He has settled in so well and says he really enjoys the Teamwork Trust environment as it is warm and welcoming.

Both staff and members have been friendly and helpful, which has helped him feel included. He describes it as a 'truly lovely community'.

Kylan spoke about being bored and isolated at home during the days he didn't have college, which often left him feeling low. Since joining, he has made good friends and has become more confident in himself.

In the future, he would like to introduce gym classes and hopes to lead these alongside our centre staff.



Kylan – Kettering Teamwork Trust member

Upcoming events



Wine and Unique Art

Thursday, December 11th

We are partnering with the North Northants Social Enterprise Charity for an auction night. Join us at our Kettering centre in Stanier Close to enjoy a glass of wine and bid for unique, hand-painted garden ornaments; created by our talented service users. Tickets cost just £5 (including wine) and are available to purchase by [following this link](#).

Would you like to volunteer at Teamwork Trust?

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