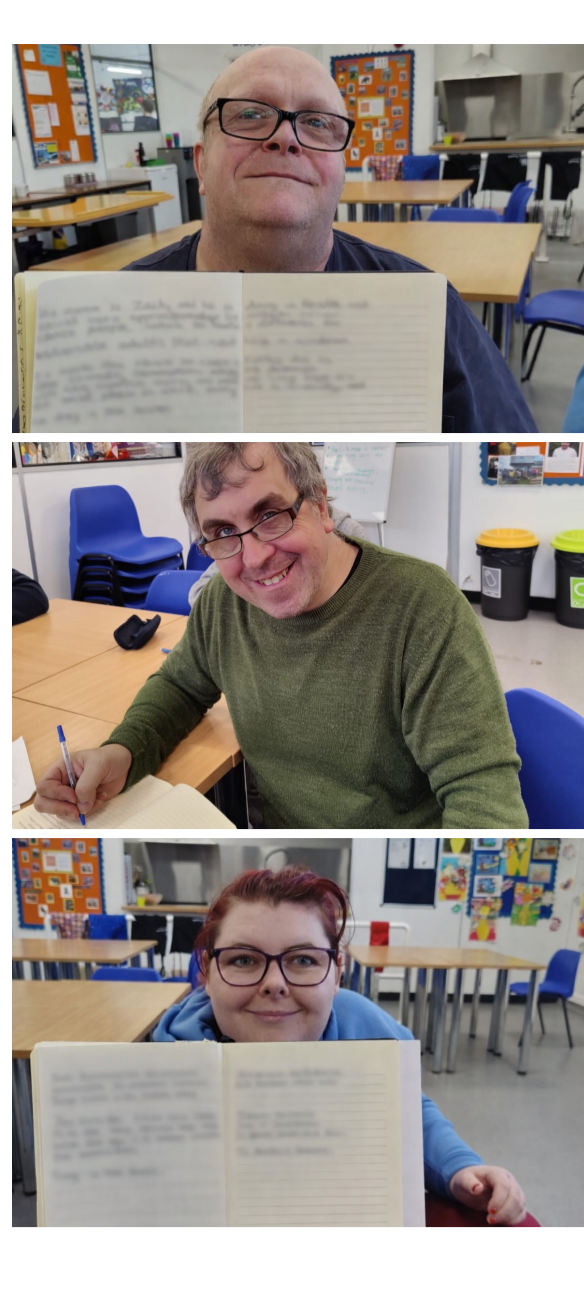


## Welcome to our February 2026 newsletter



The Teamwork Times returns for its first edition of 2026, and this month it has been proudly written by our Corby members – as the photos show.

Across our three centres, members have been enjoying a refreshed session timetable.

Co-designing our services with the people we support remains central to our social impact and to everything we do.

To strengthen this even further, we will shortly be recruiting a Member Experience Lead (see the main news article) to elevate member voice and influence to the next level.

The role will be advertised next month.

**Helen Burdett-Wright**  
Teamwork Trust CEO

## Seeking a new lead to champion member voice

Teamwork Trust is seeking a Member Experience Lead to grow the way our members actively shape the charity's activities, plans and priorities. The role focuses on coordinating co-production, supporting member forums, developing trips and projects, and turning feedback into clear actions. For members, this means more opportunities, visible impact from their ideas, and a stronger sense of ownership. For Teamwork, it will bring better evidence for funding bids, clearer insight into what members value, and stronger community partnerships.

Our Head of Services & Operations, Tom Davies, says: "This role will add real value to the quality of the member experience and, therefore, to the organisation as a whole. We will advertise the position very soon and aim for a start date in March/April."

## Teamwork Trust news



### New year, new timetables

We've kicked off the new year with refreshed timetables across all three centres – and they're bursting with new ideas. Our teams are always looking for ways to offer a wider mix of activities, and this term brings plenty to get excited about.

Across Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough, new sessions blend creativity, learning and wellbeing.

Members can learn Makaton through games, unwind in sensory wellbeing sessions, get hands-on with drama, Lego, woodworking and collaborative crafts, or explore history through model-making. There are chances to paint, draw and write creatively, build digital skills with ICT and design software, enjoy inclusive book clubs, learn languages, sharpen maths skills – and even dive into the world of Dungeons & Dragons.



### A hub of the community

One of our aims for 2026 is to increase our partnerships with local community groups and companies to fully utilise our new Opportunities and Learning Hubs. These are fantastic spaces which make for excellent meeting spaces.

NN Clear Speakers (pictured), a newly-formed Toastmasters club, are an organisation already making use of our facilities. Launched to support people who want to improve their communication, leadership and public speaking skills, NN Clear Speakers meet fortnightly in our Kettering hub and we're delighted to host them.

If your company or group would like to get a flavour of what our hub offers, you can see a [short video on LinkedIn](#) or arrange a visit by contacting Ric Ellis on [richarde@teamworktrust.co.uk](mailto:richarde@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 Corby journalists!*

## Teamwork People

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

### Our Teamwork Apprentices



Teamwork Trust's fantastic apprentices are (from left) Bethany, Ryn, Heidi and Zach

For many young people, an apprenticeship is a first step into work. At Teamwork Trust, it's also a chance to make a real difference – to others and to themselves.

Teamwork Trust is committed to building a diverse team, with each apprentice bringing fresh perspectives, energy and a passion to help others. For many, it's their first experience of a career in health and social care. Apprentices learn about people with additional needs and play an important role in supporting members to achieve their goals.

Developing people is a priority. Apprentices benefit from online learning, a First Aid at Work course delivered by UK Training, and three dedicated training away days each year, with engaging speakers and team-building sessions that build skills and confidence.

Across Teamwork's centres, apprentices quickly grow in confidence while making a meaningful contribution to members' lives. Nowhere is this clearer than in the words of Ryn, an apprentice at Wellingborough.

"My favourite thing is definitely the community and the people. I can be authentically myself and be around people where we can just exist, have a good laugh."

Ryn has also seen clear personal development: "My confidence has escalated so much. My communication skills and planning skills have improved."

Apprentices are valued not only by colleagues but by members too. One member, Kirsten, says: "Ryn is helpful and kind. He helps me with research on the computers and explains things in a way I can understand."

Together, these experiences show that apprenticeships at Teamwork Trust don't just build careers – they build confidence, connection and community.

To read more of this and hear from our other apprentices, [click here for the full story](#)

## Social media

Here are a few of the activities and stories to recently feature on our social media



We have a lovely film about Kali who has been volunteering in the RSPCA Northamptonshire Branch shop in Wellingborough. She's become a valued part of the team, with a variety of roles, and we're very proud of her.

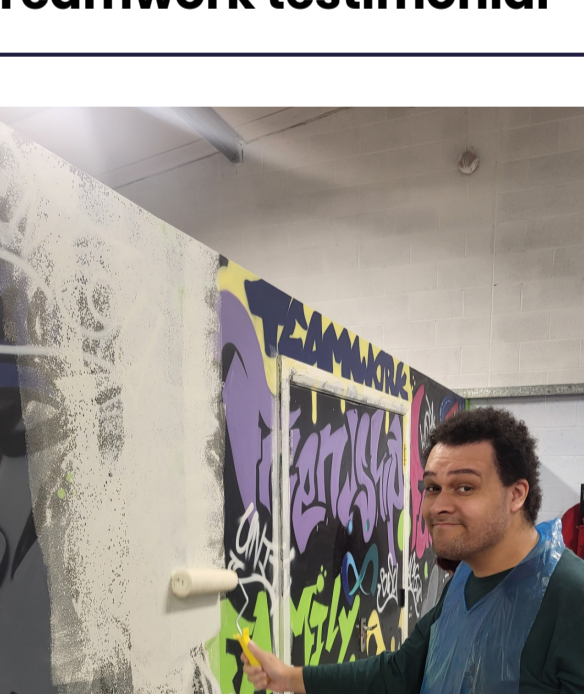
Oliver had a brilliant one-to-one session doing something he loves – baking cupcakes. Not only was the session good for building confidence, independence and life skills – the cupcakes were delicious too!

We were visited by Sarah from the National Lottery who was at our Kettering centre to see the progress we've made through funding from their Community Fund. It was great to show the difference funding has made to our members.

Click on the pictures to find out more



## Teamwork testimonial



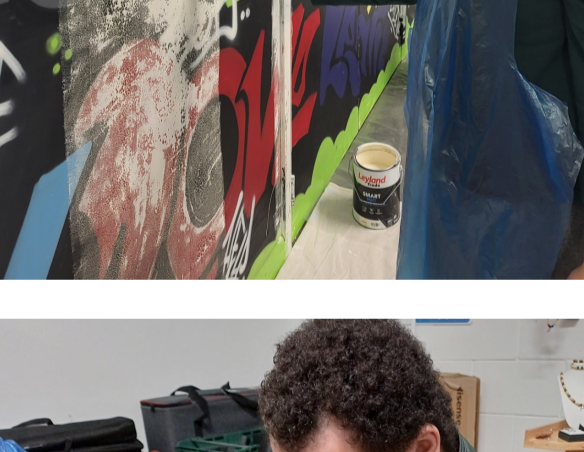
Michael is a new member at our Wellingborough centre and was referred to Teamwork Trust by North Northamptonshire Council.

One of the reasons he wanted to join us was to improve his skills and meet new friends – something he is already enjoying doing.

Michael says: "Before Teamwork I spent a lot of time at home alone and I felt lost and stuck in a loop. Since starting I'm a lot more sociable and enjoying getting to know people. I have taken part in sessions like woodwork, art and jewellery making. I've been learning how things are made to help me design and make items and they will be sold. It has given me the confidence to try new things. I hope to join the history group, as I'm into a lot of the old British buildings.

"The staff and members at the centre have made me feel so welcome. I want to involve into my own place and getting involved with the independent living skills sessions will help me learn how to look after things at home giving me confidence to live independently."

Our Wellingborough Learning Lead, Sara, adds: "Michael is very creative and has a great imagination. All the things he designs have been very detailed and he has settled in well."



## Fundraising news



An incredible donation of £1,000 was gratefully received from Corby-based Smurfit Westrock Litho

We were delighted to welcome Amanda Kane and Tom Stephens from [Smurfit Westrock Litho](#) to our Corby centre when they presented us with a most generous donation of £1,000 towards our electric minibus appeal. It is a fantastic start to the year and we give our heartfelt thanks to them for their support.

Funding the purchase of a minibus is the main focus of our fundraising this year. Our 2026 strategy centres on Learning, Life Skills, and My Enterprise – strengthening pathways into education, volunteering, and employment.

Service users have told us that improved transport is key to unlocking these opportunities and helping them participate fully in community life. If you would like to contribute to the minibus appeal, [please click here to donate](#).

We are also excited to announce our new quarterly family- and dog-friendly Saturday morning wellbeing walks in woodlands and county parks across North Northamptonshire. Our first walk will be on Saturday, March 28 at Irchester Country Park. We'll meet at the café at 10am. Final details will be shared nearer the time. For more information, please contact [judyc@teamworktrust.co.uk](mailto:judyc@teamworktrust.co.uk).

## Would you like to volunteer at Teamwork Trust?

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