

Welcome to our April 2026 newsletter

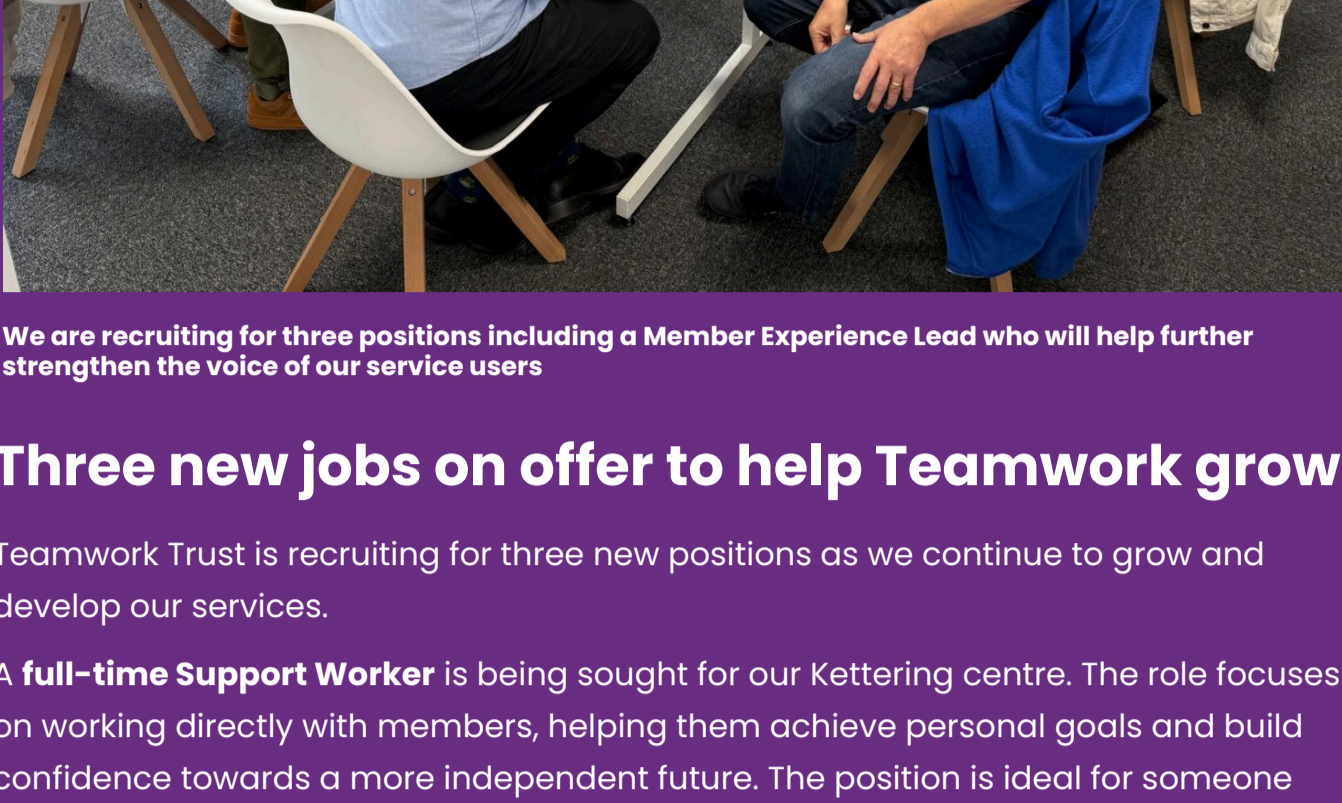


Spring has arrived and our members enjoyed a three-centre Easter Celebration last month – a lot of fun was had by all! Thank you to our staff team and volunteers for helping us make it happen.

We also held our first wellbeing walk of the year at Irchester Country Park. Colleagues, members, friends and family (and our furry four-legged friends) got together to enjoy the health benefits of outdoor walking, while raising awareness of our minibus fundraising campaign.

The next walk is on Saturday 27th June at East Carlton Park – see our website for more details. We hope you can join us!

Helen Burdett-Wright
Teamwork Trust CEO



We are recruiting for three positions including a Member Experience Lead who will help further strengthen the voice of our service users

Three new jobs on offer to help Teamwork grow

Teamwork Trust is recruiting for three new positions as we continue to grow and develop our services.

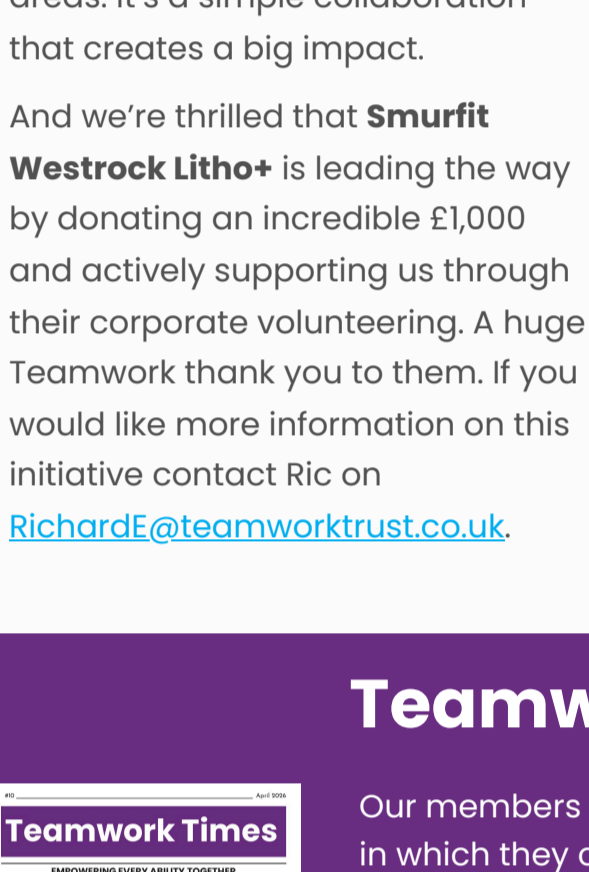
A **full-time Support Worker** is being sought for our Kettering centre. The role focuses on working directly with members, helping them achieve personal goals and build confidence towards a more independent future. The position is ideal for someone passionate about making a hands-on difference in people's day-to-day lives.
[View the full job description and apply.](#)

We are also recruiting an **Operations Administrator** (20 hours per week), to support the delivery of student placements and volunteering opportunities, help develop vocational pathways and work with employers to create opportunities for members to move into volunteering or employment.
[View the full job description and apply.](#)

Completing the trio of roles is a **Member Experience Lead** (30 hours per week), focused on strengthening member voice and involvement. This role will support co-production across the charity, enable members to take an active leadership role, and organise events and outings.
[View the full job description and apply.](#)

All three roles provide a great opportunity to join our wonderful team and play a part in developing the fantastic services on offer to our members. We are especially interested in hearing from those with a background in delivering services to adults with additional needs or people with lived experience.

Teamwork news

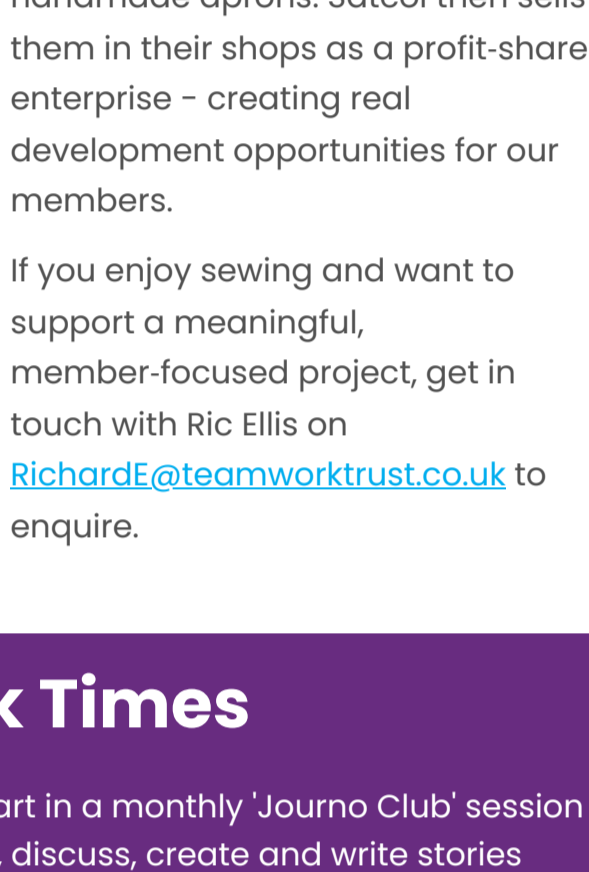


Local businesses can help drive member progress

Member development is at the heart of everything we do, and our campaign to fund a new EV DAV minibus is a key part of that. The vehicle will open doors for members to access work placements, volunteering, and wider activities.

To drive this forward, we've launched a simple but powerful partnership with local businesses, inviting them to display our fundraising banners in high-footfall areas. It's a simple collaboration that creates a big impact.

And we're thrilled that **Smurfit Westrock Litho+** is leading the way by donating an incredible £1,000 and actively supporting us through their corporate volunteering. A huge Teamwork thank you to them. If you would like more information on this initiative contact Ric on RichardE@teamworktrust.co.uk.



Sew, here is your chance to make a difference?

Our sewing enterprises in Corby and Kettering are driven by our service users, helping them build skills, confidence and progression opportunities. To help these member-led projects grow, we're looking for sewing volunteers to join the team.

With support from our partners at Salvation Army Trading Company (Satcol), we receive recycled denim which our teams transform into handmade aprons. Satcol then sells them in their shops as a profit-share enterprise – creating real development opportunities for our members.

If you enjoy sewing and want to support a meaningful, member-focused project, get in touch with Ric Ellis on RichardE@teamworktrust.co.uk to enquire.

Teamwork Times



Our members take part in a monthly 'Journo Club' session in which they choose, discuss, create and write stories about what is 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

Nicola Partridge

Finding the right environment to learn and grow is vital for our members – and Nicola plays a key role in making that happen every single day at Teamwork Trust. Nicola joined Teamwork in January 2022 as bank support staff, quickly becoming a valued part of the team. Just six months later, she stepped into her current role as Living and Learning Coordinator at our Wellingborough centre – a position she has relished ever since, saying: "I have been enjoying the journey ever since and I'm really proud to be part of such a supportive team."

With a 15+ year background as a carer, supporting adults with physical disabilities, Nicola brought a wealth of experience when she joined Teamwork. But she was also keen to broaden her skills and take on a new challenge.

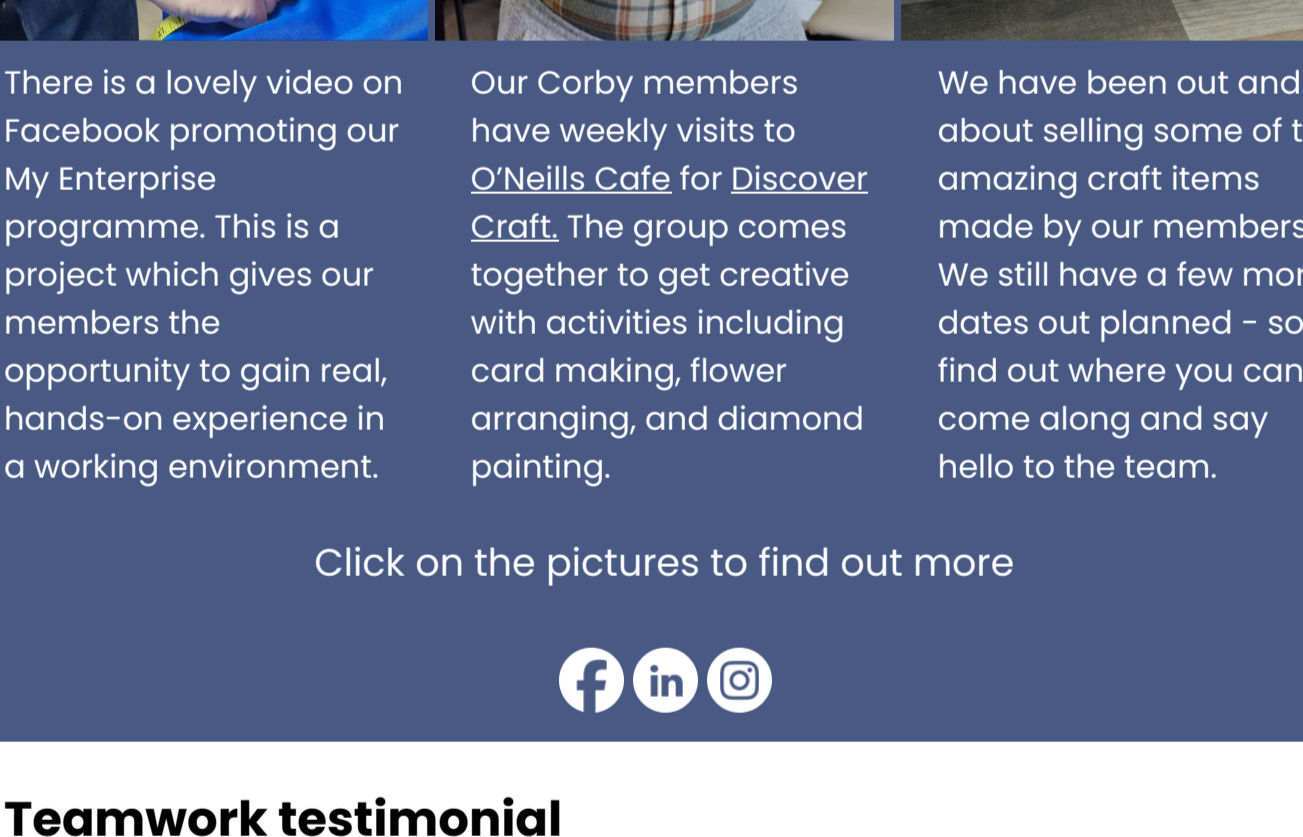
"I felt the time was right to gain more experience supporting adults with learning disabilities and autism. Seeing people achieve things they may not have thought possible is incredibly rewarding.

"My favourite thing is the sense of community we create together. Every day is different and it's amazing to see how much our members support one another, build friendships and grow in confidence.

"Our members take part in such a wide range of sessions, which is one of the best parts of the job. It's wonderful to see them enjoying activities, trying new things, and celebrating their achievements with them makes my role so rewarding."

Teamwork socials

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



There is a lovely video on Facebook promoting our My Enterprise programme. This is a project which gives our members the opportunity to gain real, hands-on experience in a working environment.

Our Corby members have weekly visits to [O'Neills Cafe for Discover Craft](#). The group comes together to get creative with activities including card making, flower arranging, and diamond painting.

We have been out and about selling some of the amazing craft items made by our members! We still have a few more dates out planned – so find out where you can come along and say hello to the team.

[Click on the pictures to find out more](#)



Teamwork testimonial



Teamwork Trust members in Corby have been volunteering at Lakelands Hospice and have made a big difference in the garden

Members from our Corby Centre have spent the past year visiting Lakelands Hospice each week, helping to create a sensory garden and raised beds for a new vegetable patch. By winter, the main project was complete, providing a calm and welcoming outdoor space for clients to enjoy.

Their commitment continued through the colder months, with members designing and decorating handmade ornaments to brighten the garden. These thoughtful touches add colour and comfort for those spending time at the hospice.

Lakelands' Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie Henry, said: "It's been a really positive experience having staff and students from Teamwork Trust supporting our small gardening team. We identified areas we would like to improve – particularly encouraging more birds, bees and insects into the hospice grounds – while ensuring these tasks are achievable for the student's abilities. A great deal of research was undertaken by the students to identify plants and habitats that would encourage wildlife into the grounds.

"Emma and Christiana ensure the students receive clear instructions on the tasks requested, and are actively involved in any work undertaken in the grounds. They are currently making some raised beds and will be planting, growing, weeding and watering. The next project is to make some bug, butterfly and lone bee homes.

Members returned in February to deliver their decorations and plan for the growing season ahead and service user Jess said: "I enjoy sorting the garden so it looks nice for the people at the hospice. Jackie has always been really nice to us, making sure we get drinks and biscuits."

Teamwork fundraising

Friday 15th May – Garden Ornament Auction



Teamwork service users have hand-painted small garden statues and planters to bring a real splash of colour to your garden this summer.

Please join us at our Kettering Centre between 5pm to 6.30pm when we will be hosting another fabulous garden ornament Auction.

Tickets cost £5 which includes light refreshments.

All proceeds from this auction will be put towards our current campaign to purchase a disability accessible minibus. So far, we have raised £40,000 of the £75,000 required.

To book your ticket for this event, please [click here](#).

Thank you for your support.

Can you help make our minibus dream a reality?

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