

Welcome to our June 2026 newsletter



The warmer weather has arrived and our members have been making the most of a growing range of outdoor activities, including walking groups, gardening, allotment learning and volunteering opportunities within the local community.

None of this would be possible without our community partnerships and wonderful volunteers.

We have also been delighted to welcome corporate volunteers to our centres.

The time, skills and energy they give to support our organisation are hugely valued and make a real difference.

Please take a look at our news articles to find out more about these important partnerships and the positive impact they are having.

Best wishes,

Helen Burdett-Wright
Teamwork Trust CEO



55 Ltd helped us paint our Kettering centre canteen – as our Head of Development, Ric Ellis, said: "A truly outstanding business with genuinely wonderful managers and staff – thank you!"

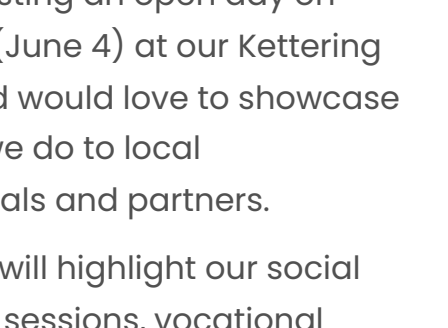
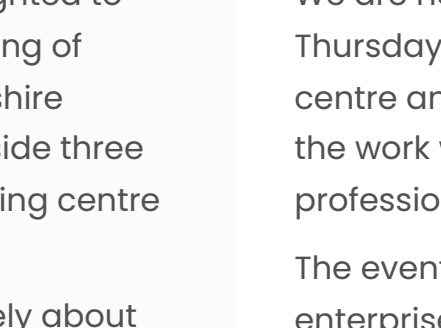
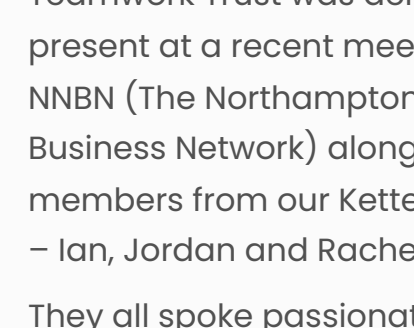
Amazing help from our corporate volunteers

Teamwork Trust would like to say a huge thank you to two local businesses that recently volunteered their time to help improve our centres.

The team from 55 Ltd closed their business for a day to help redecorate the canteen at our Kettering centre – and what an incredible transformation! Meanwhile, seven volunteers from Tollers Solicitors spent a day at our Corby centre tidying the garden and repainting outdoor furniture, helping prepare the area for the summer months ahead.

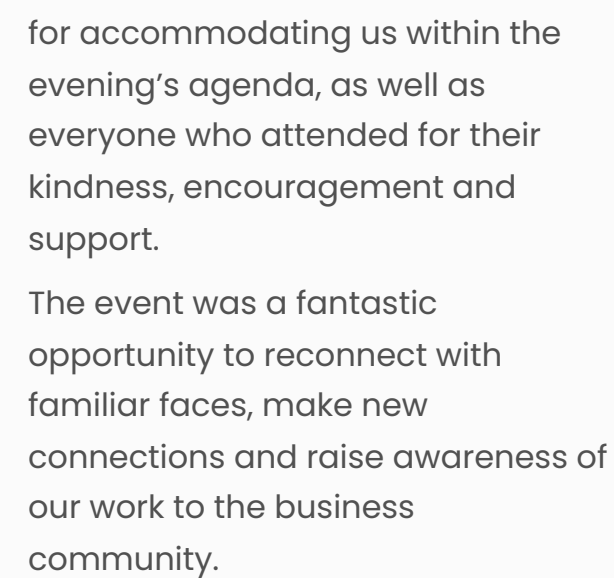
The impact both teams made was remarkable, but just as important was the enthusiasm, kindness and community spirit they brought with them. Our members were genuinely touched by their efforts and greatly appreciated the time given.

If your business is looking for a way to reach your Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) goals – and make a lasting impact on your local community – we would love to hear from you. Email Ric on richarda@teamworktrust.co.uk to find out more.



Volunteers from Tollers Solicitors did a wonderful job helping to tidy up our Corby centre's garden

Teamwork news



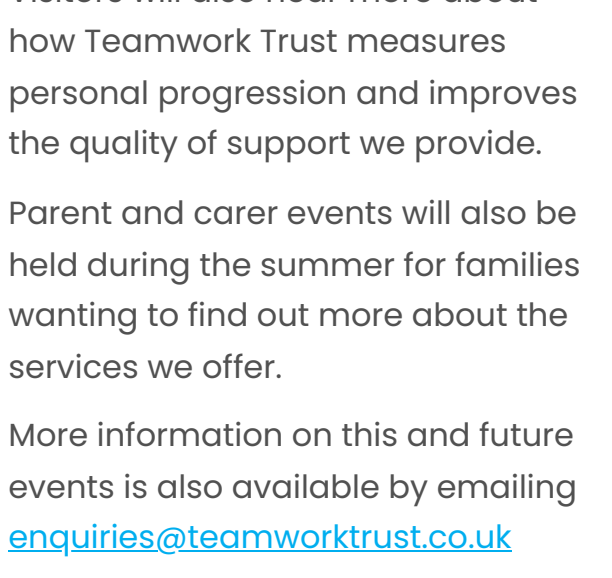
A chance to talk business

Teamwork Trust was delighted to present at a recent meeting of NNBN (The Northamptonshire Business Network) alongside three members from our Kettering centre – Ian, Jordan and Rachel.

They all spoke passionately about what Teamwork Trust means to them and why our disability-accessible electric minibus fundraising campaign matters so much.

We would like to thank Simon Cox for accommodating us within the evening's agenda, as well as everyone who attended for their kindness, encouragement and support.

The event was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces, make new connections and raise awareness of our work to the business community.



Join us for our open day

We are hosting an open day on Thursday (June 4) at our Kettering centre and would love to showcase the work we do to local professionals and partners.

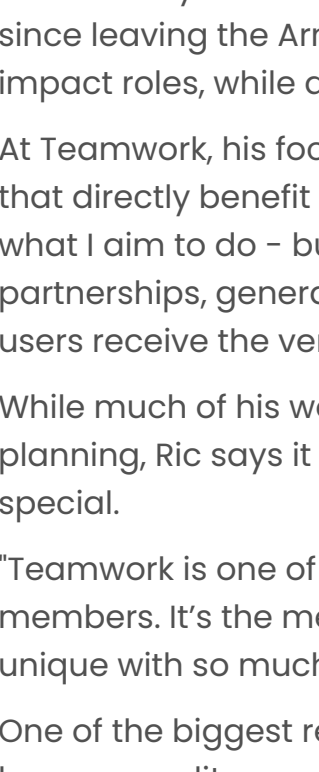
The event will highlight our social enterprise sessions, vocational pathway programme and the ways service users are supported to develop skills, progress into volunteering opportunities and work towards employment.

Visitors will also hear more about how Teamwork Trust measures personal progression and improves the quality of support we provide.

Parent and carer events will also be held during the summer for families wanting to find out more about the services we offer.

More information on this and future events is also available by emailing enquiries@teamworktrust.co.uk

Teamwork Times



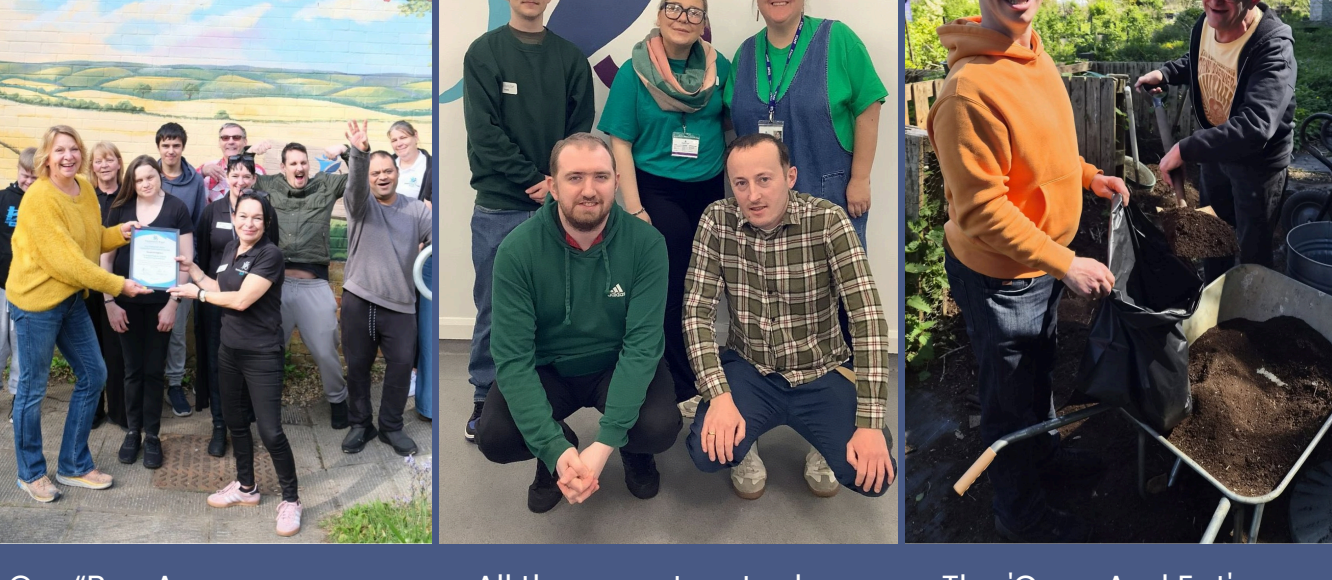
Our members take part in a monthly 'Journo Club' session in which they choose, discuss and write stories about what is happening at Teamwork Trust. This can be trips, projects or events – anything they want to focus on. We then include the stories in their very own newspaper, the Teamwork Times.

[Click on the image to read this month's edition created by our Corby journalists!](#)

Teamwork people

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

Ric Ellis



After a career that has taken him from Alaska to Nepal, through 23 years in the Army and into roles across charities, policing and higher education, Ric Ellis has brought a wealth of experience to Teamwork Trust as Head of Development.

Ric's military career culminated in becoming a Regimental Sergeant Major and since leaving the Army, he has worked in training, business development and social impact roles, while also running his own gardening enterprise.

At Teamwork, his focus is on "helping the charity develop and creating opportunities that directly benefit members. "As Head of Development, the title says a lot about what I aim to do – but at its heart, my role is about enjoying the work while building partnerships, generating income, and finding creative ways to ensure our service users receive the very best of everything."

While much of his work involves funding applications, partnerships and future planning, Ric says it is the people at Teamwork who make the organisation so special.

"Teamwork is one of my favourite jobs ever. I just love meeting and working with our members. It's the members that really make it worthwhile for me, everyone is unique with so much to give. I have never been in a job with so many smiles."

One of the biggest rewards comes when a project secures the support needed to become reality.

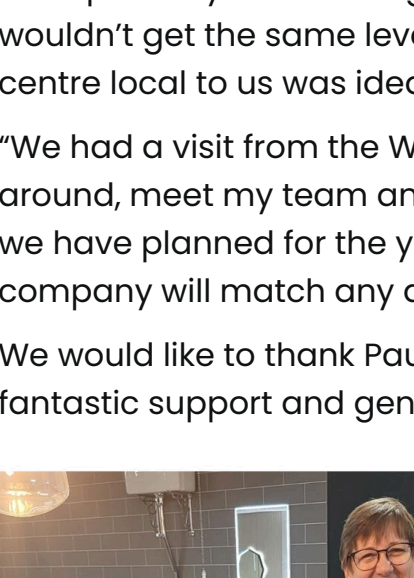
"I get a real buzz every time a winning grant lands in my inbox. Knowing the funding will directly benefit our members never gets old. I've also loved seeing my contributions to the building improvements come to life, and watching our enterprises take shape and get off the ground has been incredibly rewarding."

Looking ahead, Ric is massively enthused by the future.

"I'm easily excited. I can already picture our EV minibus in place, our Wellingborough site transformed with its building improvements, our new Corby centre opening its doors, and Kettering continuing to grow. There's still plenty to do before I retire, but I'm loving every moment of the journey."

Teamwork socials

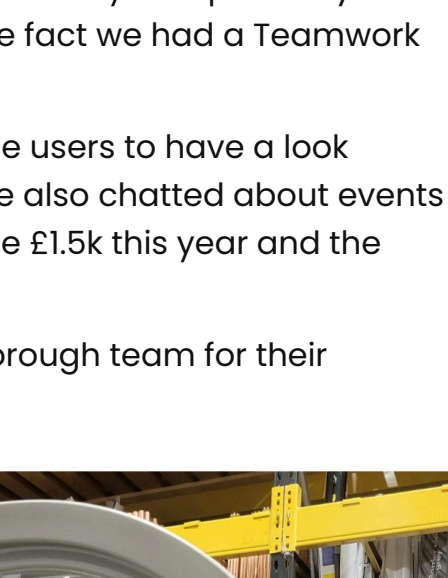
Here are a few of the activities and stories to recently feature on our social media



Our "Bee Aware – Climate & Community Mural" project in Wellingborough has gathered a lot of attention and brought people together to produce a vibrant painting celebrating nature and community.



All three centres took part in Wear It Green Day to mark Mental Health Awareness Week. It was a great opportunity for us to raise awareness about mental health issues and discuss what we can do to support good personal wellbeing.



The 'Grow And Eat' garden at our Kettering centre is really starting to take shape. The members taking part have absolutely loved the outdoor life and the work they are doing has also provided valuable work experience.

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



Teamwork testimonial



Teamwork members and staff were given a warm welcome on a visit to one of our business supporters, Plumbase Wellingborough

We are very grateful for the support being provided by the Wellingborough branch of Plumbase – a national plumbing supplies merchant – who have chosen to back Teamwork Trust as part of its commitment to supporting local community causes.

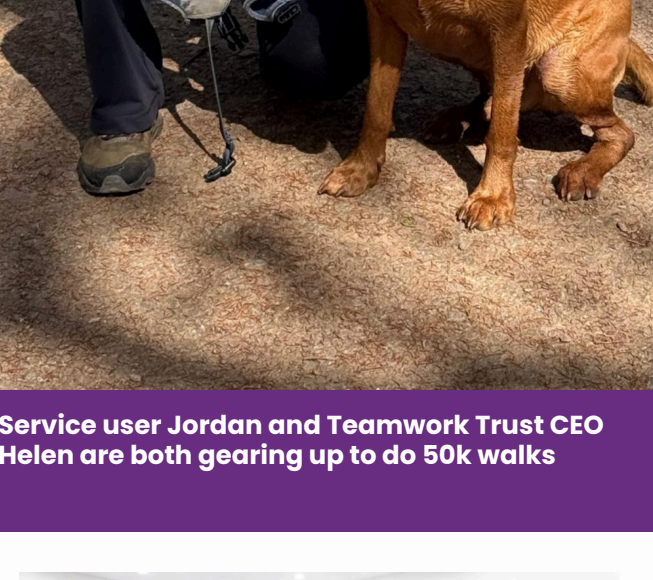
The team wanted to focus their fundraising efforts on a charity making a direct difference in the local area, and Teamwork Trust was a natural choice.

Plumbase Wellingborough manager Paul Farey said: "The reason we chose Teamwork Trust as our charity to support was I had heard from my wife Veronica about what they do.

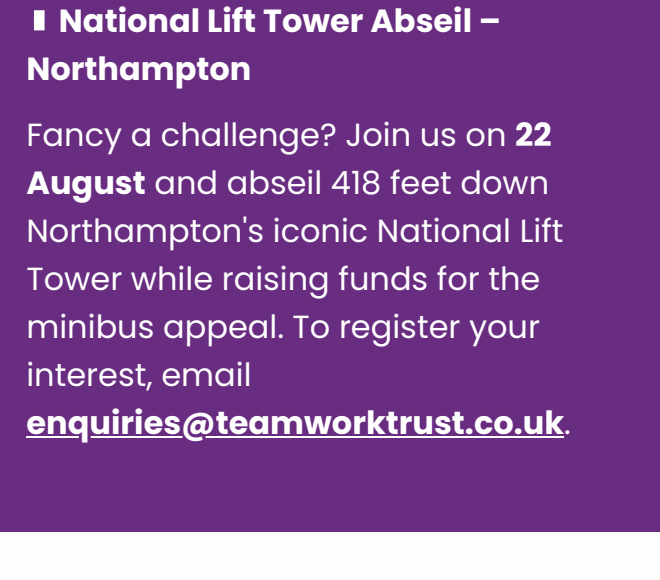
"She works at their Kettering centre and explained how the users benefited and relied on the local centres. Rather than support the big national charities that get a lot of publicity and funding, we wanted to choose a local charity that probably wouldn't get the same level of exposure and support. The fact we had a Teamwork centre local to us was ideal.

"We had a visit from the Wellingborough staff and service users to have a look around, meet my team and have a few photos taken. We also chatted about events we have planned for the year. Our team is hoping to raise £1.5k this year and the company will match any amount we raise."

We would like to thank Paul and the Plumbase Wellingborough team for their fantastic support and generosity.



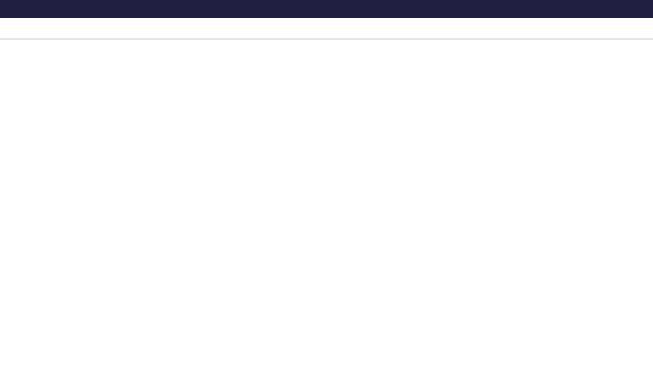
Service user Jordan and Teamwork Trust CEO Helen are both gearing up to do 50k walks



Teamwork fundraising

Plenty of ways to help us reach our target

Thank you for the continued support of our accessible electric minibus appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we have already raised **£52,500** towards our **£75,000** target. We still have a final push ahead of us before September, so please join in some of our upcoming events or support the appeal with a donation via [this link](#).



■ Race Night – Desborough Indoor Bowling Club

Join us on **20 June** for a fun Race Night hosted by Plumbase. The first race starts at 7pm and tickets cost £2.50 per race. To book, call 07301 834567.

■ Jordan's 50km Challenge Walk

Teamwork Trust service user Jordan is taking on a 50km walk over three days (**23, 25 and 26 June**) to raise funds for our accessible electric minibus. Any sponsorship would be hugely appreciated. [Click here to donate.](#)

■ Summer Wellbeing Walk – East Carlton Park

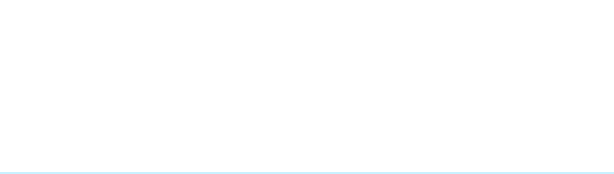
Join us for our second Wellbeing Walk on **27 June**, meeting at 10am outside the café at East Carlton Park. It is free but donations towards the minibus appeal are very welcome. [Click here to book.](#)

■ Helen's Big Walk

On **8 July**, Teamwork Trust CEO Helen Burdett-Wright will walk approximately 50km in a single day between our centres in Wellingborough, Kettering and Corby. Support Helen by sponsoring her in this amazing effort. [Click here to donate.](#)

■ National Lift Tower Abseil – Northampton

Fancy a challenge? Join us on **22 August** and abseil 418 feet down Northampton's iconic National Lift Tower while raising funds for the minibus appeal. To register your interest, email enquiries@teamworktrust.co.uk



Can you help make our minibus dream a reality?

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION](#)