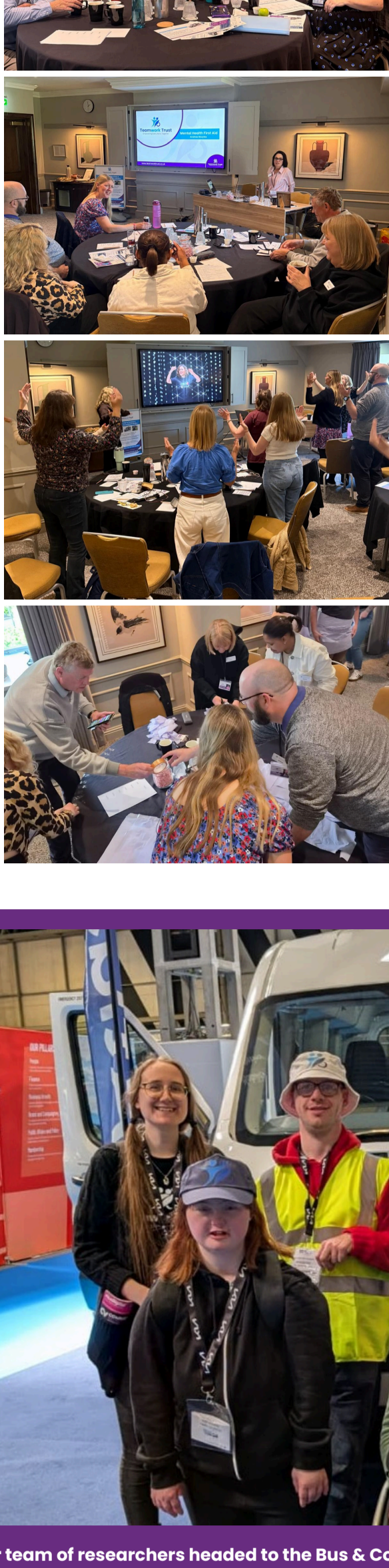


## Welcome to our May 2026 newsletter



I hope all our subscribers had a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Staff training and development is integral to our organisation.

Alongside mandatory training and tailored personal development, we close our doors three times a year to bring our whole team together in one place.

These days are an opportunity to learn together and strengthen working relationships across the centres.

We provide the same commitment for the people we support – creating opportunities that build confidence, independence, and helping each person progress in ways that matter to them.

You can read more about our April staff team away day in one of our news articles below.

Best wishes,

**Helen Burdett-Wright**

Teamwork Trust CEO



Our team of researchers headed to the Bus & Coach Expo in Birmingham to find out more about the EV Minibus for which we're fundraising

## Our team hit the road on a minibus mission

It's all very well raising money for a brand-new EV minibus – but you also need to make sure you choose the right one. That's why we sent a specially-chosen team to the recent Bus & Coach Expo to explore the options available.

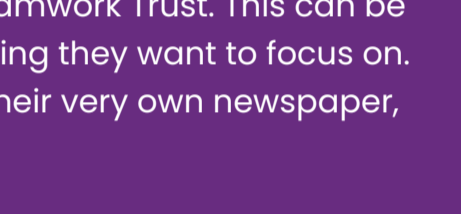
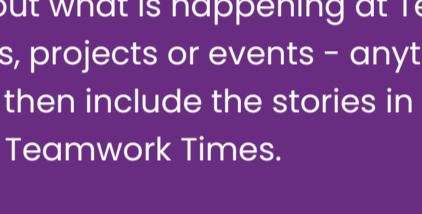
JP, Chelsea and Joel headed to the NEC in Birmingham, tasked with finding the right vehicle and carrying out some high-level research.

Head of Services & Operations, Tom, who accompanied the taskforce on the trip, said: "We really value co-production at Teamwork and it felt important to give our members the first look at an electric minibus as part of our efforts for fundraising.

"Having Joel asking questions, Chelsea giving it a try out and JP testing out the hooter, we made sure we had all the important bases covered. There is real enthusiasm amongst our group for the adventures they are going to have, and the guys who went on the trip were so excited to tell everyone about the minibus."

Our Kettering Apprentice Living & Learning Coordinator, Heidi, filmed the visit, and you can see just how much the team enjoyed themselves in [this lovely video](#).

Now we have a clearer idea of the perfect minibus, we still need to raise the funds to make it a reality. If you're able to help us with our fundraising campaign, [you can donate here](#). Thank you so much to everyone who has supported us so far.



## Teamwork news

### Support us 'Going for Zero'

We are seeking grant funding or support for phase two of our *Going for Zero* project to transform our Wellingborough site into a modern, sustainable space for service users.

Building on the success of Phase One in Kettering, planned upgrades include a lowered ceiling, air source heat pumps, solar panels and energy-efficient lighting – cutting both costs and carbon emissions.

The project also aims to create a scalable model for low-carbon, inclusive community provision.

If you can help or signpost funding opportunities, please contact Ric Ellis at [richarde@teamworktrust.co.uk](mailto:richarde@teamworktrust.co.uk) or call 07793 069744.

### Our wonderful away day

Colleagues from all three Teamwork Trust centres came together for a staff away day at Kettering Park Hotel & Spa. These events are an important part of our commitment to staff development, wellbeing and delivering the best possible services.

The day was packed with learning, laughter, reflection and team connection, and provided a mix of practical learning and shared experience. Topics included non-verbal communication, grief and mental health first aid, Makaton and a session on our organisational values.

You can also watch a short video of the day's events by [clicking here](#).

## Teamwork Times



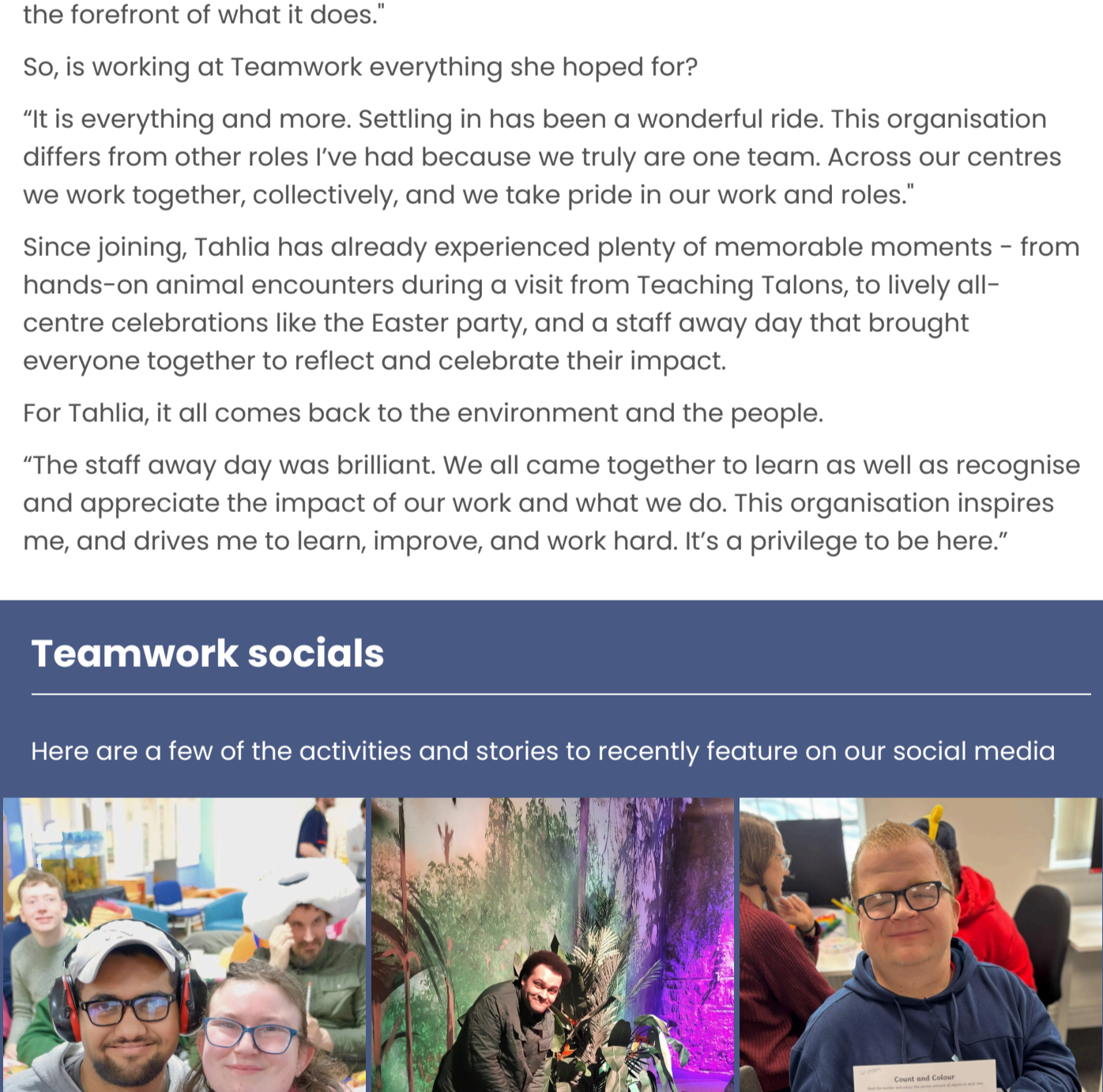
Our members take part in a monthly 'Journo Club' session in which they choose, discuss, create and write stories about what is happening at Teamwork Trust. This can be trips, projects or events – anything they want to focus on. We then include the stories in their very own newspaper, the Teamwork Times.

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

## Teamwork people

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

### Tahlia Ribbons



Despite only starting with us in January, it quickly became clear to Tahlia that Teamwork Trust is somewhere she is very happy to be. Having joined on a six-month contract as our Support Services Administrator, she has a varied role that touches many parts of the organisation, from HR and recruitment to governance, admin and social media. It's a busy and diverse position, but one she relishes.

After leaving her previous job and taking time out to reflect on her next move, Tahlia knew she wanted a role where she could make a genuine difference.

"I've had a Saturday job since 2014 that allows me to truly help people, which is what I wanted to do full-time. When I saw the role at Teamwork, and then saw what we do, it was everything I'd been looking for. An organisation that places people at the forefront of what it does."

So, is everything at Teamwork. Everything in has been for?

"It is everything and more. Everything in has been a wonderful ride. This organisation differs from other roles I've had because we truly are one team. Across our centres we work together, collectively, and we take pride in our work and roles."

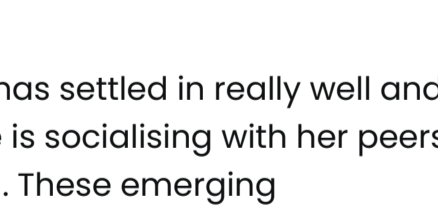
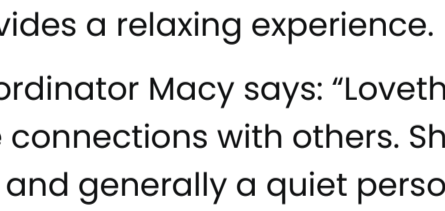
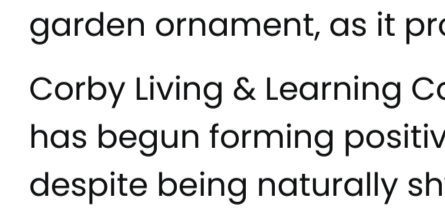
Since joining, Tahlia has already experienced plenty of memorable moments – from hands-on animal encounters during a visit from Teaching Talents, to lively all-centre celebrations like the Easter party, and a staff away day that brought everyone together to reflect and celebrate their impact.

For Tahlia, it all comes back to the environment and the people.

"The staff away day was brilliant. We all came together to learn as well as recognise and appreciate the impact of our work, and what we do. This organisation inspires me, and drives me to work, improve, and work hard. It's a privilege to be here."

## Teamwork socials

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



Our Easter party was a wonderful success with members from all three centres coming together in Kettering to celebrate. There was so much going on and the photos on Facebook show what fun was had by all.

A trip to Milton Keynes for some mini-golf was a highlight for 25 of our Wellingborough members. They got into the swing of it at Volcano Falls and had a great day out. Next stop the PGA Tour!!!

Maths matters in so many different aspects of life. We've teamed up with Adult Learning from North Northamptonshire Council who have joined us for a 10-week course – which is not only really useful but good fun, too.

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



## Teamwork testimonial



**Loveth has grown in confidence since joining Teamwork and she relishes the social side of her time with us**

Loveth joined Teamwork Trust last summer, and the time she spends with us provides her with much-needed social interaction.

She is employed in a cleaning role twice a week, which gives her structure and a sense of purpose, but aside from that she typically stays at home, as she does not have an established social circle outside of her family. Her outings are usually limited to spending time with relatives, and she rarely engages in activities independently.

Loveth says she enjoys keeping herself occupied and feels more settled when she has tasks or responsibilities to focus on. That's why coming into Teamwork helps her so much.

She loves to cook and bake and, when she does this in centre, she takes the recipes home to make them for her family. She has also enjoyed painting and designing her garden ornament, as it provides a relaxing experience.

Corby Living & Learning Coordinator Macy says: "Loveth is settling in really well and has begun forming positive connections with others. She is socialising with her peers despite being naturally shy and generally a quiet person. These emerging friendships show her growing confidence, and her interest in developing new skills – such as cooking – reflect her motivation to become more independent and engaged in her daily life."

## Teamwork fundraising

### We have a full calendar of great fun events



#### Summer Wellbeing Walk – East Carlton Park

After our successful Spring walk, join us for the Summer event on Saturday 27th June, meeting at 10am outside the café. Bring friends and family (and your four-legged companions) to enjoy some fresh air while supporting our minibus fundraising campaign. [Click here to book](#)



#### Garden Ornament Auction – Kettering Centre

Our talented service users have created a range of colourful, hand-painted garden statues and planters – perfect for brightening your outdoor space. Join us on Friday 15th May (5pm–6.30pm) for another fantastic auction. Tickets cost £5 and include light refreshments. [Click here to book](#)

#### Charity Quiz Night – Saxby's Cider

We're delighted that Saxby's Cider are hosting a quiz night in support of Teamwork Trust at their taproom in Fardish on Saturday 30th May (7pm–10.30pm). It costs £30 per team (up to 6 people). [Click here to book](#)

#### Race Night – Plumbase Charity Event

The lovely folk at Plumbase have named us as their charity of the year and are hosting a Race Night in aid of Teamwork Trust on Saturday 20th June. It's at Desborough Indoor Bowls Club, starting at 6.15pm, and tickets cost £2.50. Call 07301 834567 to book.



## Can you help make our minibus dream a reality?

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION](#)