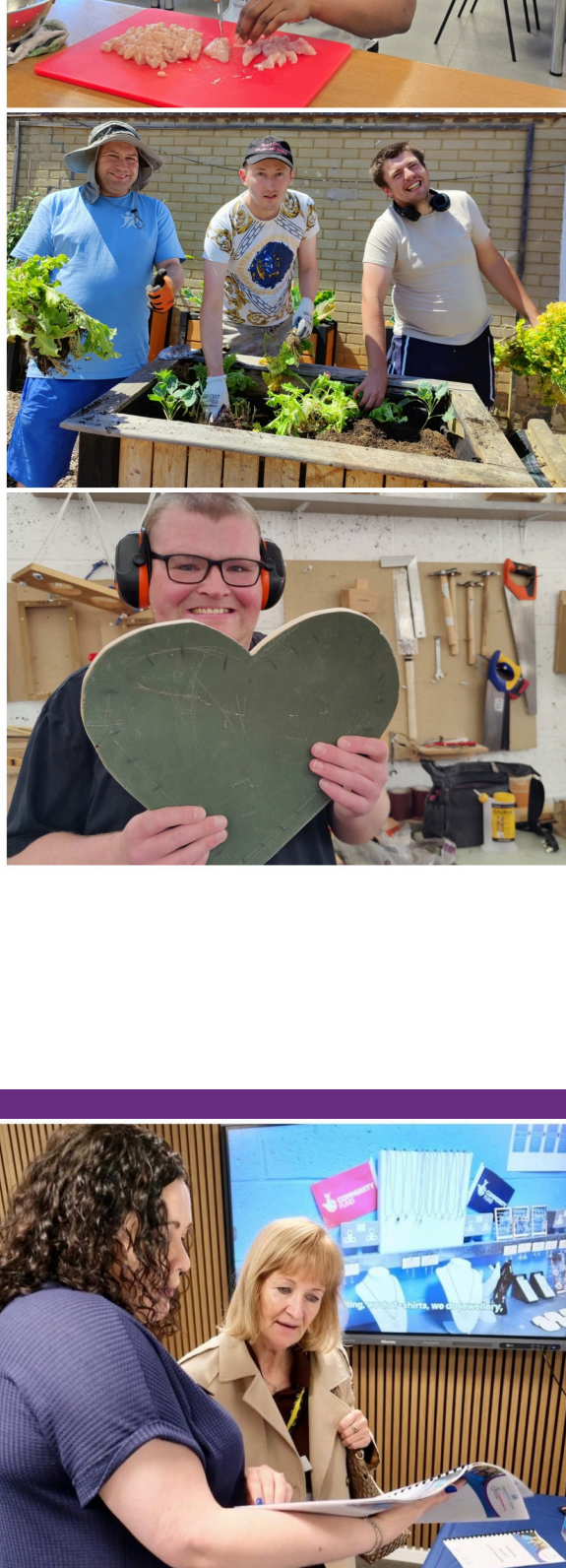


## Welcome to our July 2026 newsletter



In the last month we celebrated Learning Disability Week (15-21 June) which is an annual UK awareness week celebrating and advocating for people with learning disabilities.

The purpose is to raise awareness, celebrate achievements, and challenge barriers faced by people with learning disabilities.

At Teamwork Trust, we focus on the ability, rather than the disability.

When our impact report is shared later this year, it will reflect the achievements, progression, inclusion and new skills learnt, through the sessions we create, which are guided by our members. I hope you enjoy our July e-news.

Best wishes,

**Helen Burdett-Wright**

Teamwork Trust CEO



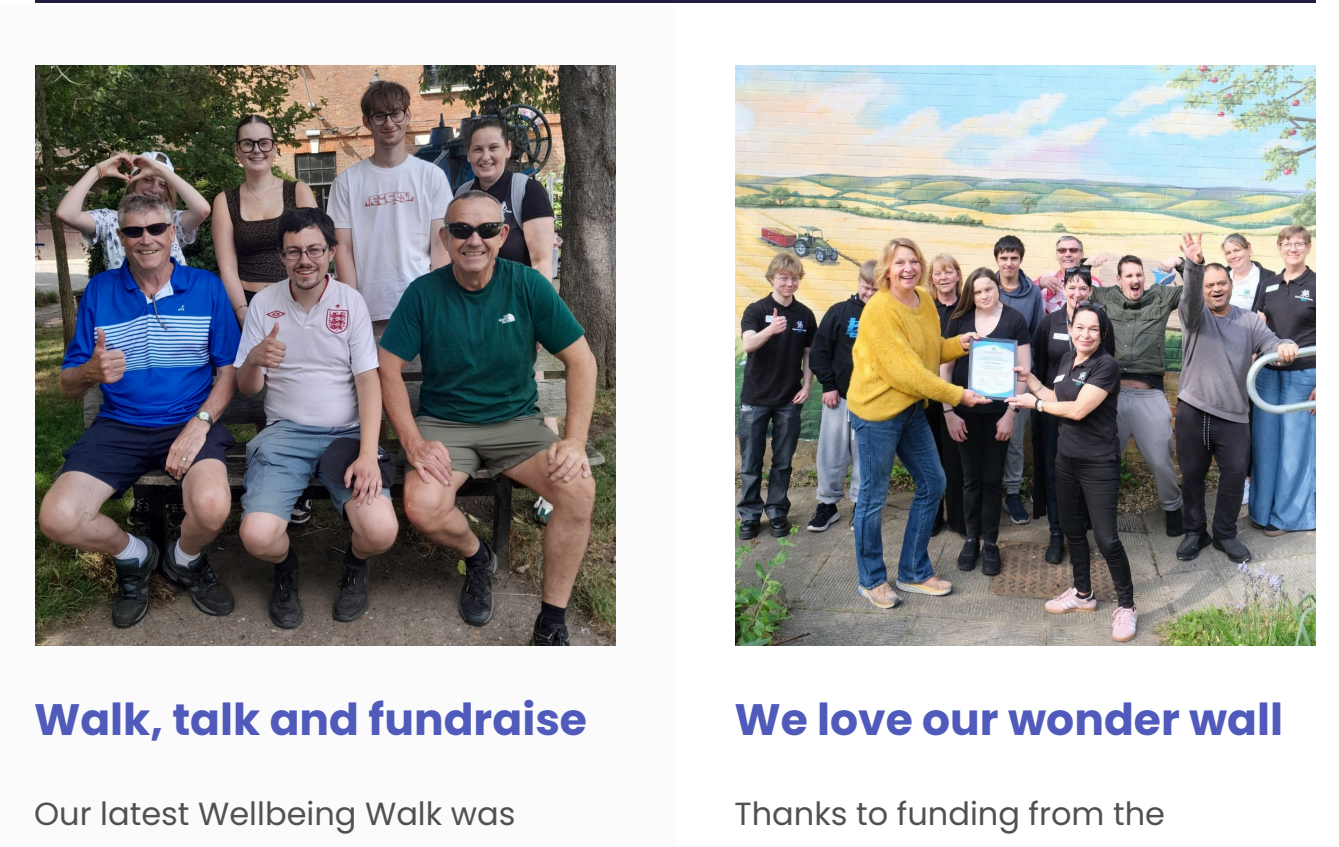
Visitors were shown around the Kettering centre by members and staff during our recent open day

## Celebrating success at our Kettering open day

We recently hosted a fantastic open day at our Kettering centre, welcoming professionals from North Northamptonshire Council, adult learning organisations, local businesses and charities, including the Mental Health Northants Collaboration (MHNC). It was a great opportunity to showcase the positive impact our services have on the people we support.

Our learners played a key role throughout the day, greeting guests, serving refreshments and confidently guiding visitors around the centre. They also delivered presentations on our My Enterprise scheme, sharing their achievements and demonstrating the skills they have developed.

Their enthusiasm, confidence and professionalism made a lasting impression on everyone who attended. The event was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our learners, strengthen local partnerships and highlight the value of adult learning within our community.



## Teamwork news

### Walk, talk and fundraise

Our latest Wellbeing Walk was another great success, bringing together members, staff, families and supporters for a relaxing morning at East Carlton Park while raising funds for our accessible electric minibus appeal.

The free event provided a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, connect with others and support both physical and mental wellbeing in a friendly and inclusive environment. Thank you to everyone who came along and to those who made a donation towards the appeal.

Our Wellbeing Walks are open to everyone, and we look forward to welcoming even more people to the next event in September. Keep an eye out on our [Upcoming Events](#) page or our August newsletter for more information.

We hope you can join us!

### We love our wonder wall

Thanks to funding from the Constance Travis Fund, a vibrant new garden mural has been unveiled at our Wellingborough centre following a series of workshops exploring climate change and the local environment.

More than 100 people contributed to the project and we would like to thank mural artist [Sarah Hodgkins, Northamptonshire Community Foundation](#), the Community Payback Team and [Greatwell Homes](#) for their invaluable support in bringing the project to life.

The mural has already created a real sense of pride, with one participant describing it as "bright, cheerful and very welcoming". The project has helped build skills and community connections and will now be used for workshops, markets and other community activities.

## Teamwork Times



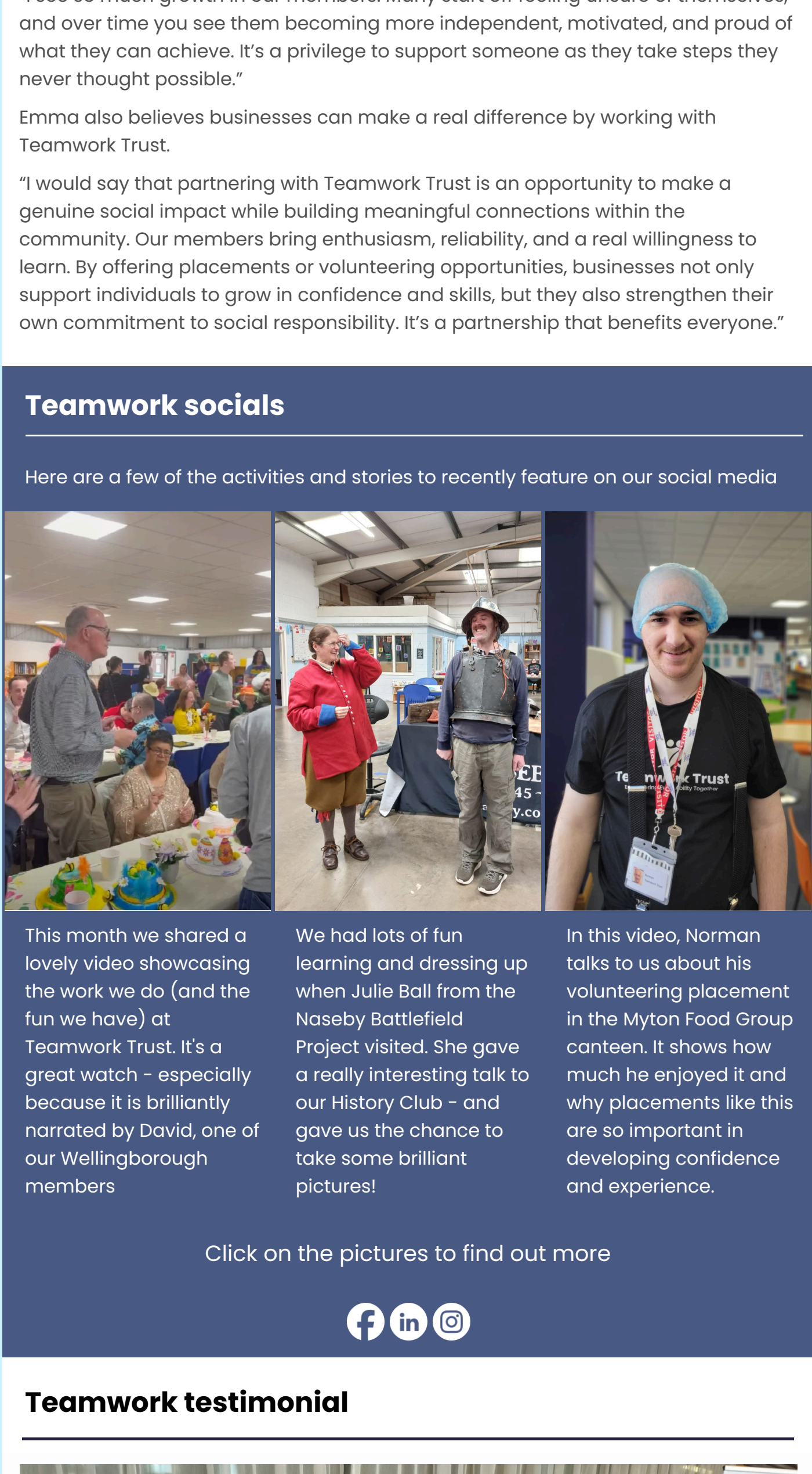
Our members take part in a monthly 'Journo Club' session in which they choose, discuss and write stories about what is happening at Teamwork Trust. This can be trips, projects or events - anything they want to focus on. We then include the stories in their very own newspaper, the Teamwork Times.

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

## Teamwork people

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

### Emma Slade



Helping people discover their potential and build brighter futures is what drives Emma every day.

For the past three years, Emma has been part of Teamwork Trust as Vocational Lead, creating opportunities that help members gain confidence and develop skills.

"My years at Teamwork have been an amazing experience. I truly enjoy my role, and the members make it a fabulous place to be. As the Vocational Lead, my role is to find meaningful community opportunities for our members. This includes organising volunteering roles and work placements within the vocational pathway, supporting individuals to take steps toward future employment."

Emma has worked in adult services throughout her career, from residential care to special educational needs settings, experiences that have fuelled her passion for helping others achieve their goals.

"My favourite thing about working at Teamwork Trust is the people. The members and staff create such a positive, supportive atmosphere, and every day feels meaningful. Seeing our members grow in confidence and achieve things they didn't think were possible is incredibly rewarding.

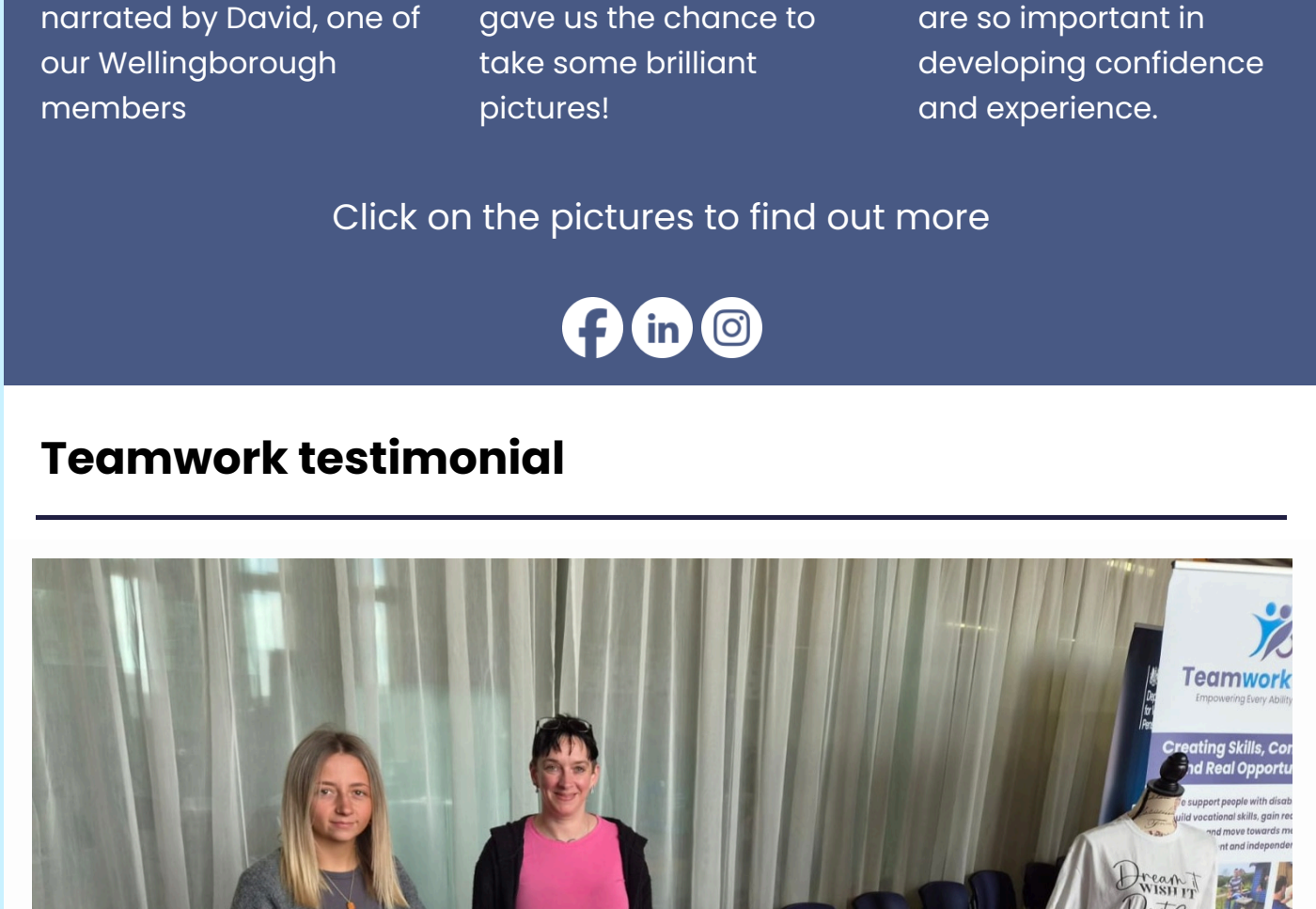
"I see so much growth in our members. Many start off feeling unsure of themselves, and over time you see them becoming more independent, motivated, and proud of what they can achieve. It's a privilege to support someone as they take steps they never thought possible."

Emma also believes businesses can make a real difference by working with Teamwork Trust.

"I would say that partnering with Teamwork Trust is an opportunity to make a genuine social impact while building meaningful connections within the community. Our members bring enthusiasm, reliability, and a real willingness to learn. By offering placements or volunteering opportunities, businesses not only support individuals to grow in confidence and skills, but they also strengthen their own commitment to social responsibility. It's a partnership that benefits everyone."

## Teamwork socials

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

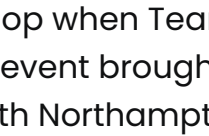


This month we shared a lovely video showcasing the work we do (and the fun we have) at Teamwork Trust. It's a great watch - especially because it is brilliantly narrated by David, one of our Wellingborough members

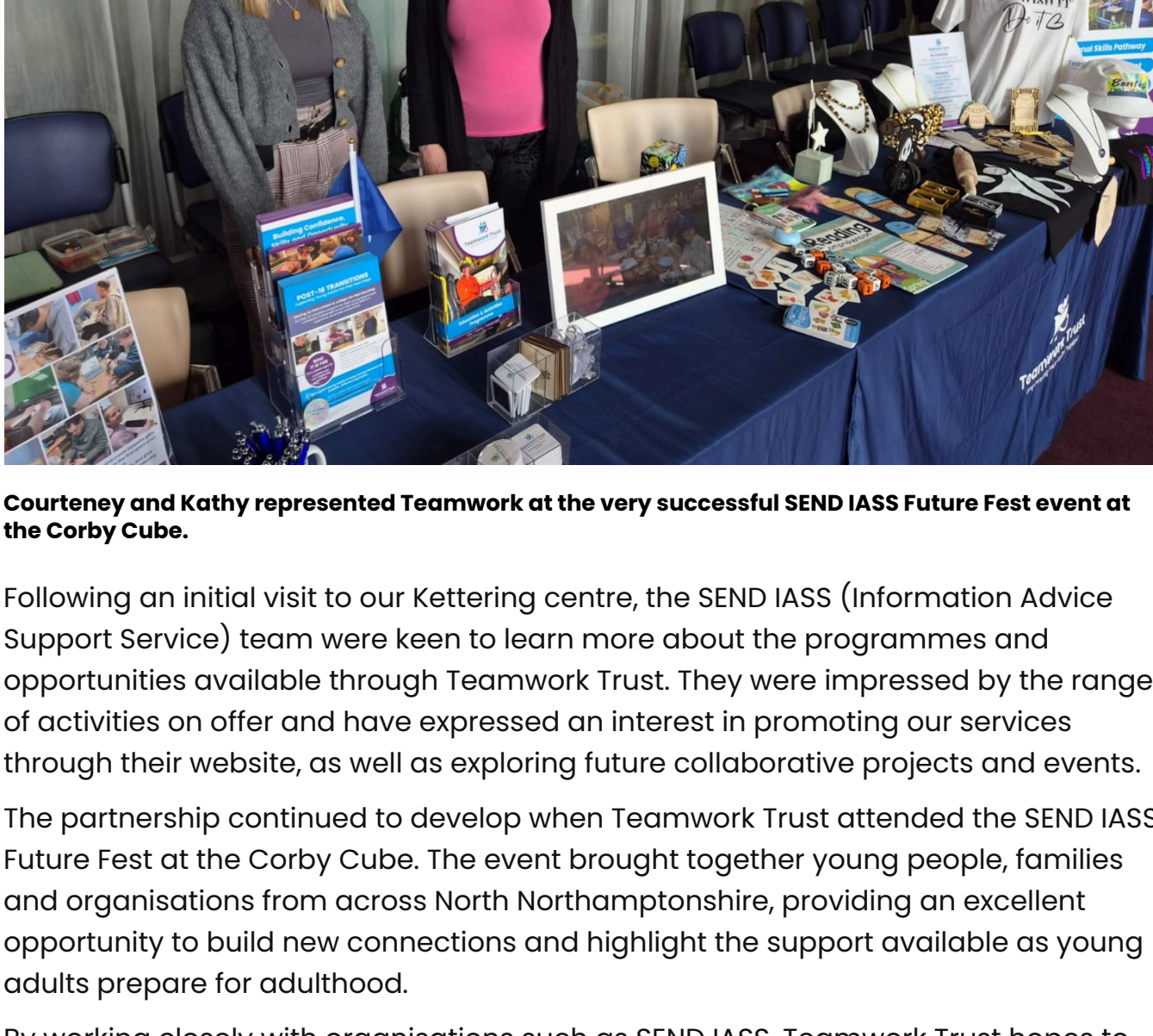
We had lots of fun learning and dressing up when Julie Ball from the Naseby Battlefield Project visited. She gave a really interesting talk to our History Club - and gave us the chance to take some brilliant pictures!

In this video, Norman talks to us about his volunteering placement in the Myton Food Group canteen. It shows how much he enjoyed it and why placements like this are so important in developing confidence and experience.

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



## Teamwork testimonial



Courtney and Kathy represented Teamwork at the very successful SEND IASS Future Fest event at the Corby Cube.

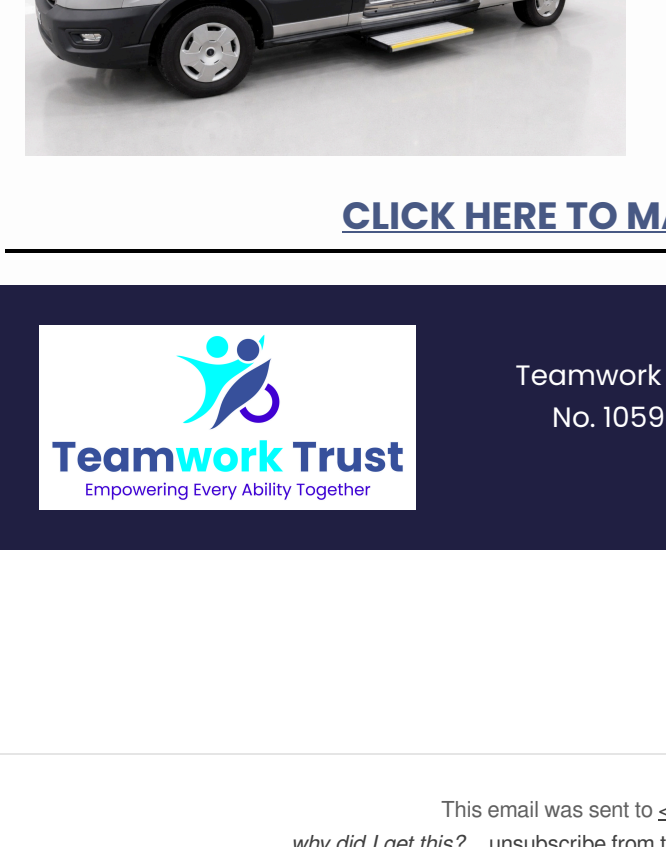
Following an initial visit to our Kettering centre, the SEND IASS (Information Advice Support Service) team were keen to learn more about the programmes and opportunities available through Teamwork Trust. They were impressed by the range of activities on offer and have expressed an interest in promoting our services through their website, as well as exploring future collaborative projects and events.

The partnership continued to develop when Teamwork Trust attended the SEND IASS Future Fest at the Corby Cube. The event brought together young people, families and organisations from across North Northamptonshire, providing an excellent opportunity to build new connections and highlight the support available as young adults prepare for adulthood.

By working closely with organisations such as SEND IASS, Teamwork Trust hopes to create even more choices, chances and opportunities for the people we support, while strengthening the network of services available across the county.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with SEND IASS and working together to help more young adults move confidently towards an independent future.

## Teamwork fundraising

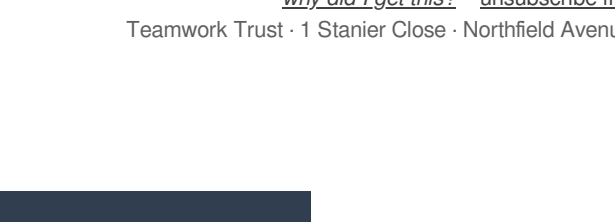


### ■ National Lift Tower Abseil – Northampton

Fancy a challenge? Join us on **22 August** and abseil 418 feet down Northampton's iconic National Lift Tower! This amazing opportunity will be an experience participants remember forever and will also help raise funds for the minibus appeal. To register your interest, email [enquiries@teamworktrust.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@teamworktrust.co.uk).

### ■ Curry & Quiz Night

On **20 September**, we will be holding one of our popular **Curry and Quiz Nights**. It will take place in Kettering at a venue to be confirmed and will be hosted by Simon Cox. These evenings are always good fun so please come and join us.



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

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION](#)