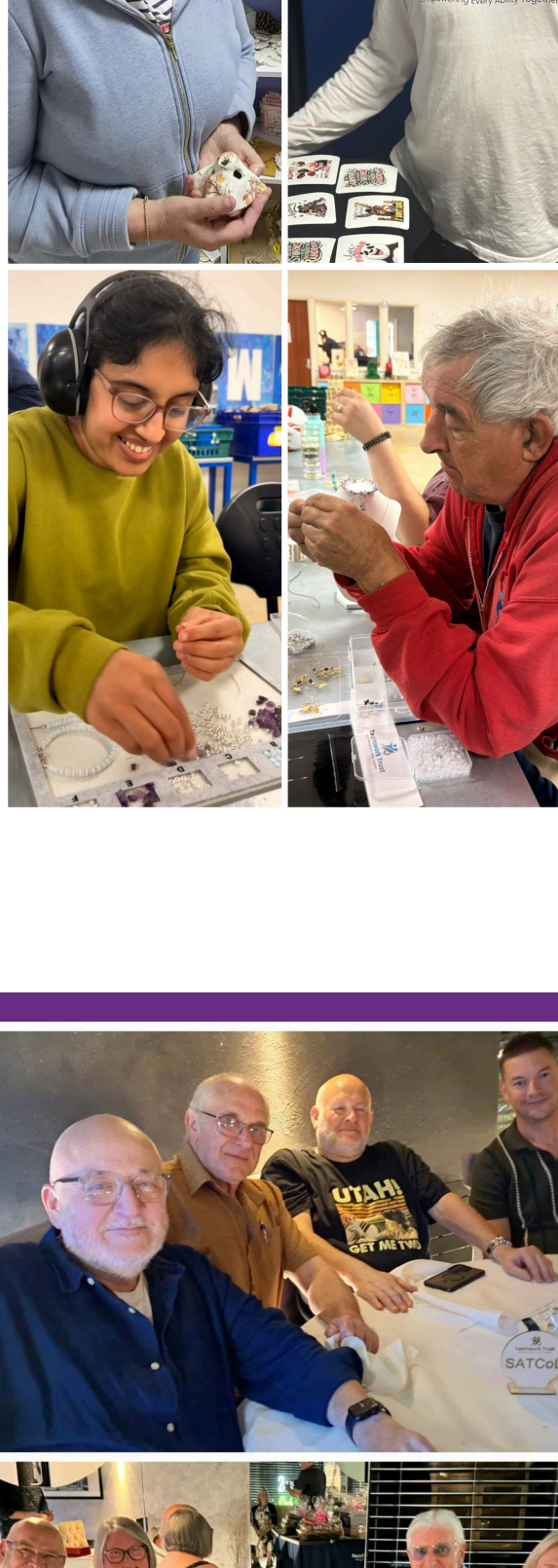


Welcome to our October 2026 newsletter



Welcome to our October newsletter. It's been another busy month at Teamwork Trust, with plenty to celebrate across our centres.

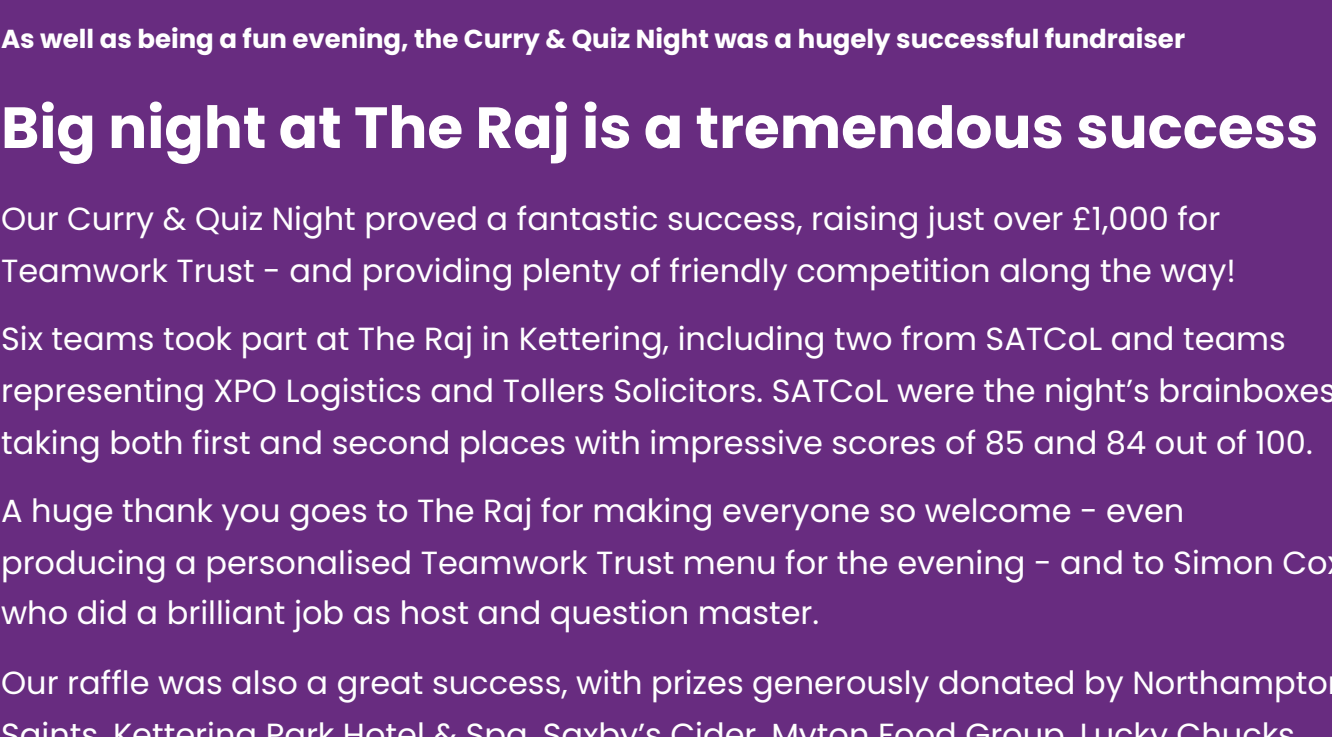
Our members have been developing new skills, exploring work and volunteering opportunities and trying new things. We've also had fantastic support from our local community, including fundraising for our new minibus.

We're also delighted that our My Employment Hub has been shortlisted for the Tackling Inequalities Award, with two further award nominations that we hope to share soon.

Best wishes,

Helen Burdett-Wright

Teamwork Trust CEO



As well as being a fun evening, the Curry & Quiz Night was a hugely successful fundraiser

Big night at The Raj is a tremendous success

Our Curry & Quiz Night proved a fantastic success, raising just over £1,000 for Teamwork Trust – and providing plenty of friendly competition along the way!

Six teams took part at The Raj in Kettering, including two from SATCoL and teams representing XPO Logistics and Tollers Solicitors. SATCoL were the night's brainboxes, taking both first and second places with impressive scores of 85 and 84 out of 100.

A huge thank you goes to The Raj for making everyone so welcome – even producing a personalised Teamwork Trust menu for the evening – and to Simon Cox who did a brilliant job as host and question master.

Our raffle was also a great success, with prizes generously donated by Northampton Saints, Kettering Park Hotel & Spa, Saxby's Cider, Myton Food Group, Lucky Chucks, Smurfit Westrock and Tesco.

Thank you to everyone who took part, donated prizes or supported the event and helped make it such an enjoyable and successful evening.



Teamwork news

Check out our Etsy page

Our Enterprise Team is proud to announce the launch of a new Teamwork Trust Etsy shop.

Members have been working hard to create samples and build up stock for our first venture into online selling. From handmade jewellery to personalised laser-engraved items, there is already plenty to choose from, with new products being added regularly.

Etsy is the perfect home for the custom-made items our members create, helping us showcase their work to a much wider audience.

To celebrate the launch, we're offering 20% off orders until October 31st. Simply use code **TWLAUNCH20** at checkout.

Please visit us at [TeamworkTrust.co.uk](https://www.teamworktrust.co.uk) and keep checking back as our fantastic range continues to grow.

Michael's super progress

Michael has taken another exciting step on his Vocational Skills Pathway by progressing to independent volunteering at the Salvation Army warehouse in Wellingborough.

The pathway helps our members develop skills and access opportunities that are right for them, including external work experience and volunteering roles.

Michael received a warm welcome from floor manager Andy, who introduced him to the warehouse procedures and provided his own ID badge for signing in and out. Up until now, one of our team has always been alongside him at the warehouse, but now he is signing himself in and out with his badge.

It's fantastic to see Michael's confidence and independence continue to increase.

Teamwork Times



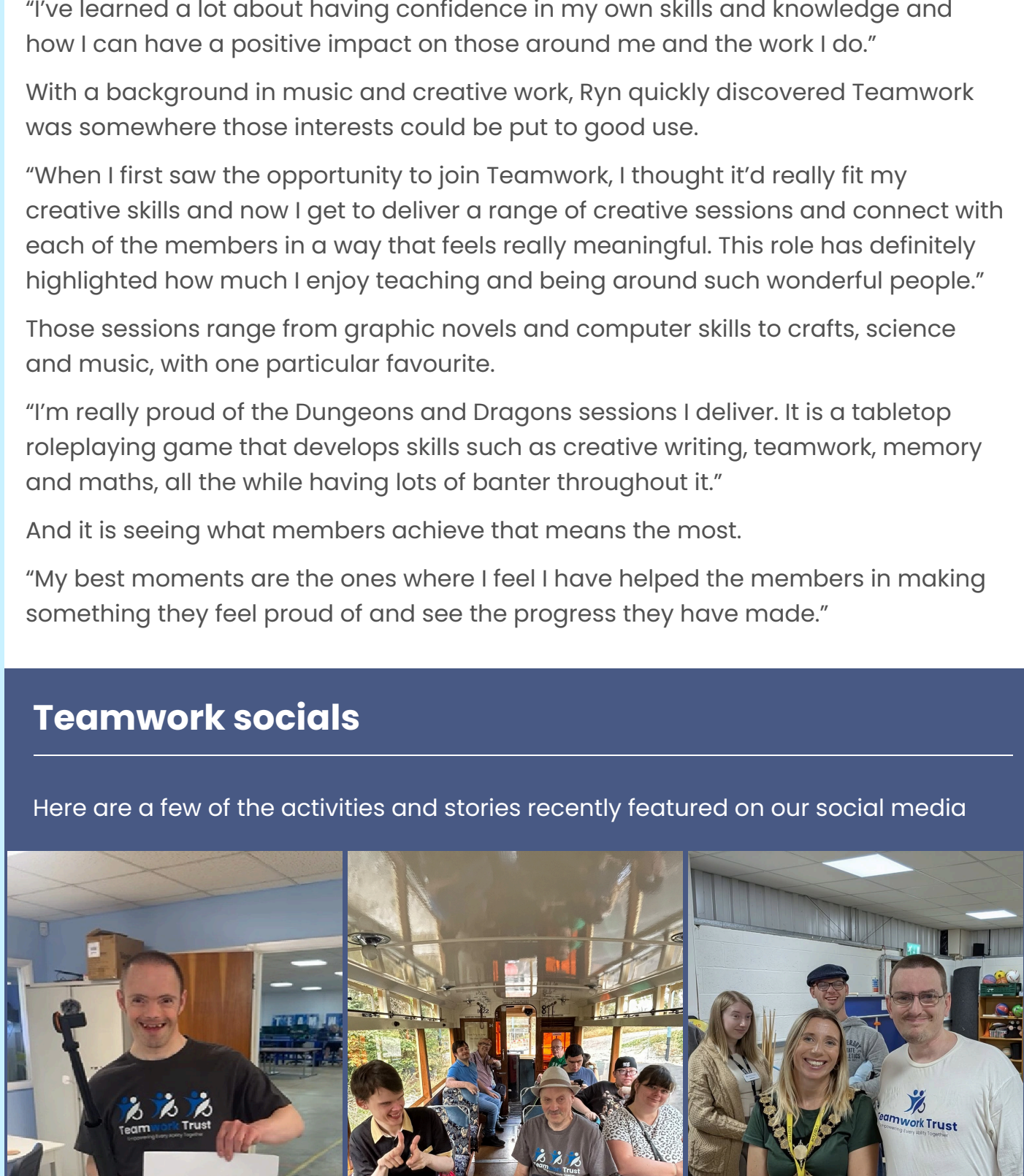
Our members take part in a monthly 'Journo Club' session in which they choose, discuss and write stories about what is happening at Teamwork Trust. This can be trips, projects or events – anything they want to focus on. We then include the stories in their very own newspaper, the Teamwork Times.

[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

Ryn Emery



Creativity can be a great way to learn new skills, build confidence and bring people together – and it plays a big part in Ryn's role at Teamwork Trust.

Based at our Wellingborough centre, Ryn is a Living and Learning Co-ordinator, helping to run the centre while creating and delivering sessions that support members' skills and wellbeing.

"Each day is never quite the same except for the lovely familiar faces of the members and staff! Some days we may spend looking at national days or planning craft projects, other days we may read comics or work on developing computer skills. We always make sure to have fun with everything we do!"

Ryn originally joined Teamwork as an apprentice, an experience which helped develop confidence in his own abilities.

"I've learned a lot about having confidence in my own skills and knowledge and how I can have a positive impact on those around me and the work I do."

With a background in music and creative work, Ryn quickly discovered Teamwork was somewhere those interests could be put to good use.

"When I first saw the opportunity to join Teamwork, I thought it'd really fit my creative skills and now I get to deliver a range of creative sessions and connect with each of the members in a way that feels really meaningful. This role has definitely highlighted how much I enjoy teaching and being around such wonderful people."

Those sessions range from graphic novels and computer skills to crafts, science and music, with one particular favourite.

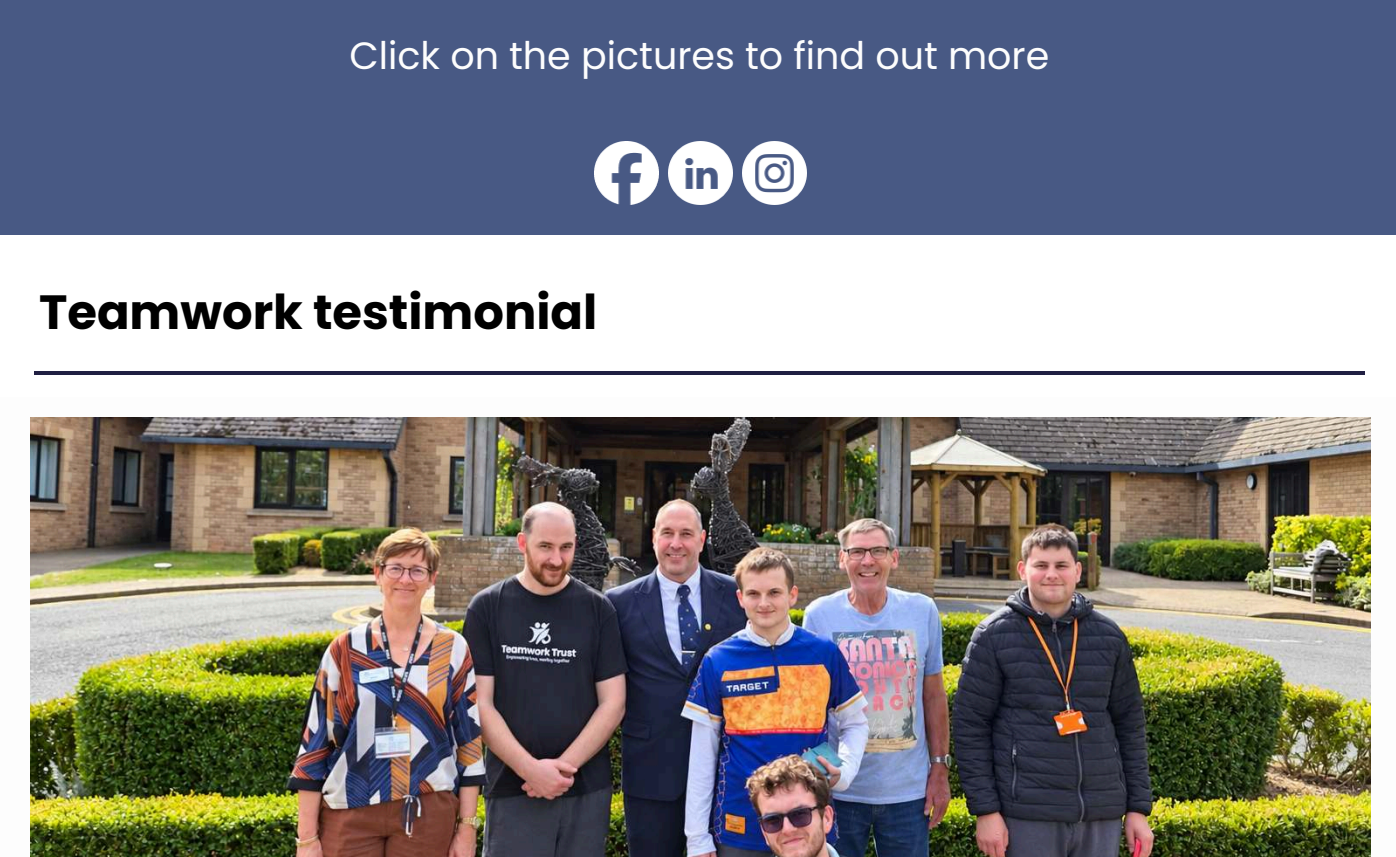
"I'm really proud of the Dungeons and Dragons sessions I deliver. It is a tabletop roleplaying game that develops skills such as creative writing, teamwork, memory and maths, all the while having lots of banter throughout it."

And it is seeing what members achieve that means the most.

"My best moments are the ones where I feel I have helped the members in making something they feel proud of and see the progress they have made."

Teamwork socials

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

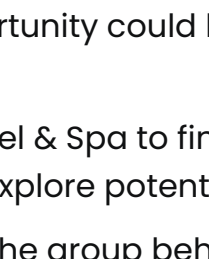


Kettering service user Ashley made a fantastic film in which he asked staff and members about the various activities available at Teamwork and which were their favourites.

Our Corby members had a fantastic trip to the National Tramway Museum. They loved their day out and were happy to share the highlights for this video as they made their way home.

We were really pleased to welcome the Mayor of Kettering, Cllr Lauren Glanfield, to our centre. Members showed her around and then sat down to ask her lots of questions.

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



Teamwork testimonial



Kettering Park Hotel provided an interesting visit for members who are looking into possible work experience placements

A group of Teamwork Trust members have been given a valuable insight into the world of hospitality – and the opportunity could be the first step towards future work experience.

Members visited Kettering Park Hotel & Spa to find out more about the different roles available within a busy hotel and explore potential pathways into the workplace.

Paul, the hotel's HR Manager, took the group behind the scenes, giving them the chance to see both customer-facing areas and some of the operational departments that keep the hotel running smoothly.

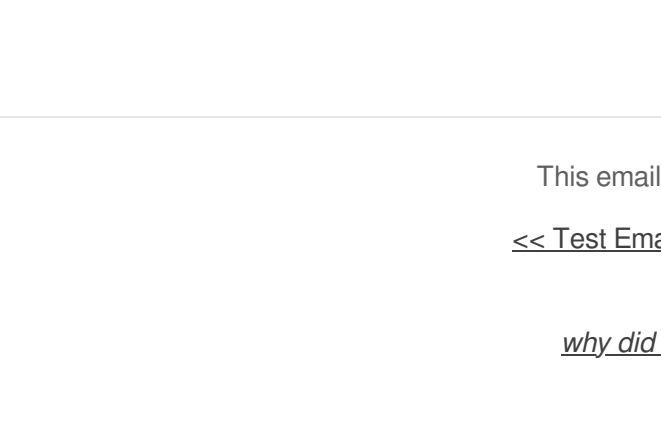
As well as learning about the wide variety of jobs available, members heard more about the skills and responsibilities involved in different roles and the opportunities for progression within the hospitality industry.

The visit was also an opportunity to experience a professional workplace first-hand and learn more about areas such as teamwork, customer service, organisation and what employers expect from their staff.

Members were encouraged to ask questions throughout the tour, helping them build their confidence while finding out more about an industry many had not previously considered. It has already sparked an interest in exploring work experience opportunities at Kettering Park Hotel & Spa.

Visits like this are an important part of helping Teamwork members discover where their skills and interests could take them, giving them real-life experience of different workplaces and greater confidence as they consider their next steps towards volunteering, work experience or employment.

Teamwork fundraising



Our EV Minibus campaign has received two fantastic fundraising boosts thanks to some incredible supporters.

Kettering Centre Lead Olly completed a 418ft abseil down Northampton's National Lift Tower after illness forced him to miss our original group challenge. Determined not to miss out, he returned to tackle the descent – helping the abseil team raise more than £2,500.

Meanwhile, a huge thank you goes to Heather and Luke from the Freemasons, who raised an impressive £1,607.85 through a BBQ fundraiser and raffle at Coffee at No9 in Mawsley.

Every penny takes us closer to our new disability-accessible minibus and the additional activities and opportunities it will provide for our members.



Can you help make our minibus dream a reality?

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