TEAMWORK TRUST NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our November 2026 newsletter

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We have some fantastic news to share – **our new electric minibus is arriving in November!** Thanks to your incredible generosity and the tremendous support for our members' fundraising campaign, we'll soon have the much-needed transport in place. From mid-November, our new minibus will help our members get out and about, access more opportunities and enjoy greater independence.

This month, we're also celebrating our members' achievements, including our upcoming pop-up shop, which provides valuable opportunities to develop skills and confidence.

November also marks Trustees' Week, and we are recognising the people (pictured left, centre) who generously give their time and expertise to support Teamwork Trust.

On behalf of our members, thank you to everyone who makes everything we do possible.

Helen Burdett-Wright

Teamwork Trust CEO

Our fundraising has been successful and we are now looking forward to the arrival of our minibus

We've done it! Our target has been reached

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Teamwork Trust has successfully reached its fundraising target for our new disability-accessible electric minibus.

Thanks to the hard work of our team and the incredible generosity of our supporters, local businesses, members, families and staff, we have raised the money needed to make this exciting project a reality.

It's been a fantastic team effort, with fundraising activities including abseils down Northampton's National Lift Tower, a Curry & Quiz Night, wellbeing walks, golf days, raffles and generous donations from businesses and community groups.

The new electric minibus will make a huge difference to our members, helping them access more community activities, work placements, volunteering opportunities and experiences that build confidence, independence and life skills.

Judy Caine, Teamwork Trust's Fundraising Executive, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have reached our target and cannot thank everyone enough for their incredible support. From the people who took on fundraising challenges to the businesses that donated and everyone who helped along the way, this has been a real combined effort.

"It's wonderful to know that all that hard work will make such a positive difference to our members and the opportunities available to them."

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

With our new minibus arriving soon, we're also looking for people to drive it! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver for Teamwork Trust you can find more information here or speak to our Operations Support Coordinator, Nicola, on 01536 511993.

Teamwork news

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Pop in to our pop-up!

We are busy preparing to open our very own pop-up shop this month.

From 16–21 November, between 9am and 4pm, we will be at the Newlands Shopping Centre in Kettering and everything on sale will have been created through our MyEnterprise Programme.

The items on offer will include handmade jewellery, laser-cut coasters, Christmas gifts, keyrings,

PALETTO LOUNGE

We are Paletto's choice

We are delighted to announce that Paletto Lounge in Corby has chosen Teamwork Trust as its Charity of the Year.

The team is already busy planning a programme of fundraising events and activities over the coming months, helping to raise money and awareness for the people we support.

Ashlee Duncan from Paletto Lounge

T-shirts, mugs, bags and personalised items. But there's much more to the project than selling products.

Our members will be running the shop themselves, designing uniforms, creating displays, serving customers and operating the tills.

It's a fantastic opportunity to gain real retail experience, learn about customer service and build confidence, while adding valuable skills to add to their CVs.

We hope you'll pop along, say hello and support our members!

said: "We are really excited to put together a year of fun activities and events to raise money for this amazing charity."

Teamwork Trust Fundraising Executive Judy Caine added: "I am really looking forward to working with Paletto, who are so enthusiastic and have some wonderful ideas to fundraise for our charity."

We want to give a huge thank you to everyone at Paletto Lounge for their support. Keep an eye on our social media for details of upcoming events.

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EMPOWERING EVERY ABILITY TOGETHER

Hands-on history brings the Battle of Naseby to life

By the Corby 'Journo Club' team

Teamwork Trust members have been learning about a key moment in British history with a talk and tour of the Battle of Naseby.

They were visited by Julie Bell, from the Naseby Heritage & Education Fund, who explained the background to the battle and showed some of the weapons and armour that might have been used by the soldiers.

Members had the chance to try on some of the uniforms – which were very heavy to wear – and handle weapons such as guns, pikes and swords.

Sam also gave a demonstration of how to drum and explained how different drumming patterns were used to communicate across the battlefield. Another item brought in was the regimental colours, a very large flag displayed during battle to identify the army. It was also used to communicate through different patterns of waving.

Members learned how defending the flag was a matter of honour and that soldiers would protect it to the death.

As a follow up to the talk, later in the month some members visited the site of the battle, where they were given a tour.

They learned how different the fields would have looked at the time, with no hedges separating them and no main roads nearby. In fact, they were told the route of the A14 was redirected to avoid cutting through the

Our members followed up their in-centre talks on the Battle of Naseby by visiting the place it all happened

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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. These 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

Our Trustees

Our trustees Ceri, Bianca and David answered questions from our Corby members

They may not be familiar faces at the centres every day, but Teamwork Trust's trustees play an important role in helping the charity grow, develop and provide the best possible opportunities for members.

With Trustees' Week taking place from 9–13 November, members at our Corby centre have been finding out more about three of them, asking about their experiences, proudest moments and a few surprising facts.

Taking part were Chair of Trustees Ceri Davies, Finance Trustee David Owens and Bianca Stringuini, who serves on Equality, Diversity & Inclusion.

For all three, becoming a trustee was an opportunity to make a difference.

When asked by members why she helps, Bianca's response was simple: "The work that Teamwork does, and all of you."

David, a chartered accountant, was keen to put his professional experience to good use, saying: "I think the opportunity to give back and share my skillset was one of the key aspects of becoming a trustee."

For Ceri, a particular source of pride has been watching the charity develop.

"I think the proudest moment for me about being part of Teamwork is just seeing how it's transformed into a modern and progressive organisation. From when I joined at the start of 2019 to where we are now, it's transformed phenomenally."

David shares that pride, particularly in Teamwork's improved financial stability over recent years.

But the members' questions also revealed there's much more to our trustees than meetings and decision-making.

Bianca is originally from Brazil and speaks five languages, while David reckons he could have been a professional footballer or cricketer. Ceri, meanwhile, is a keen cyclist who completed an impressive 137-mile ride from his home to Sheringham in a single day.

Different backgrounds, experiences and a few unexpected talents, but all three share a commitment to helping Teamwork continue making a difference to the lives of its members.

And Trustees' Week is the perfect opportunity to thank them, and all our trustees, for the time, skills and dedication they give to the charity.

If you have skills that you think would be beneficial to us and you are interested in becoming a trustee at Teamwork, please contact us by emailing enquiries@teamworktrust.co.uk or get in touch via our website.

Teamwork socials

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

Market Harborough

As part of their work to increase independence, some of our members planned, organised and, most importantly, thoroughly enjoyed a train journey and day out in Market Harborough.

RADIOHEAD
STAFF

Ryn recently completed his apprenticeship with us and became our Living & Learning Coordinator. A slideshow on our Facebook page highlights exactly what Teamwork means to him.

We have newly-qualified PAT testers! PAT testing is part of our My Enterprise programme, and these members can now offer a real service that local businesses can book.

Click on the pictures to find out more

Teamwork testimonial

Ife has made amazing progress since she joined Teamwork this summer

Ife's journey at Teamwork Trust began when she attended work skills training sessions with Isebrook School, delivered by our Transition Lead, John. She then took part in several taster sessions before officially joining in May.

Since then, she has made wonderful progress, particularly in her confidence, communication and social skills.

When Ife first joined us, she was very shy and lacked confidence, especially when taking part in group activities. Over time she has become much more comfortable and has really come out of her shell.

Her confidence has grown through our Life Skills programme, where she has enjoyed baking, shopping and household tasks, as well as developing new skills through the Wellbeing Programme and salon sessions.

Baking has become a particular favourite, and Ife now actively seeks out staff to discuss the activities she would like to try and regularly asks what is planned for future sessions.

Katie, from our Living & Learning team, said: "Ife has developed her ability to express her preferences and make choices, whether that is deciding what to bake or selecting songs and activities during afternoon sessions.

"It has been lovely to see her finding her voice and becoming more involved in group activities."

Ife has also made several friendships and enjoys spending time with her peers. She often asks after the people she has formed connections with and is now much more confident when communicating with both staff and other members.

Monica, also from our Living & Learning team, added: "It has been a pleasure to watch her confidence and independence grow. Her kind and friendly personality is shining through more each week, and we are incredibly proud of the progress she has made."

Teamwork fundraising

A huge thank you to Paul and Sean from Plumbase in Wellingborough, who recently completed a 17-mile trek across the Peak District to raise funds for Teamwork Trust.

Their challenging route followed the Wandering Wildflower Walk, passing the historic B-29 'Bleaklow Bomber' crash site near Snake Summit. Their efforts raised an impressive £465.

Plumbase, which chose Teamwork Trust as its Charity of the Year, had previously raised £2,165 through a range of activities, including a race night, bake sale, World Cup sweepstake and golf day. Their latest efforts take the fundraising total to more than £2,600!

We are incredibly grateful to Paul, Sean and everyone at Plumbase for their energy, generosity and continued support.

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