



Community & Business Partners

Business Support, Community Impact

IMPACT REPORT

January - February

2023

Community

One of our long-standing mentors kindly purchased 10 of our £6 food boxes. These boxes contain over £40 of produce.

Our mentor wanted to offer their support to those who may not be able to afford to purchase one.

We have already gifted one of these prepaid food boxes to help one of the members that often comes to us for free food but no spare money to get a box for themselves.

Thank you to our mentor for this very kind gesture.

THANK YOU YUSUF!

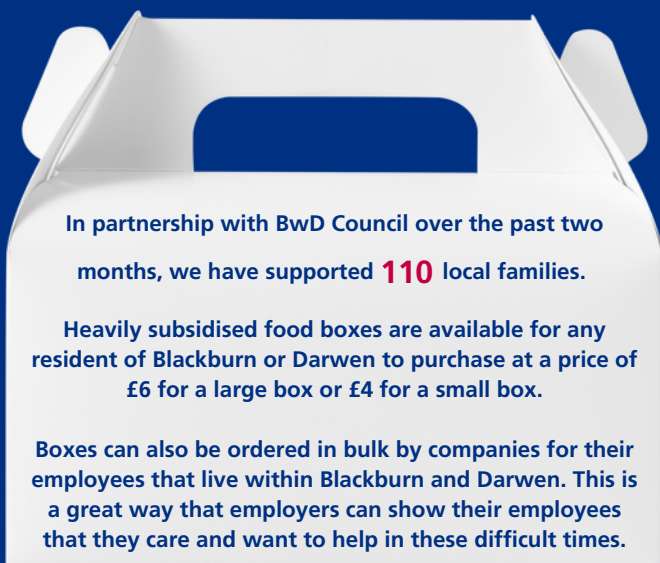
We received a generous donation of more than 30 large boxes filled with thick, fleece throws, bedding, snoods, fleece blankets and hoodies.

To support the Earthquake crisis in Turkey and Syria, we immediately packaged up over 150 hoodies and throws, and 1000 antibacterial wipes, liquid solution and plasters.

CBP's own Yusuf Musa arranged for a container to be flown to the Syria/Turkey border last week and fly there himself to help the distribution.

We are so proud of you Yusuf, keep safe!

We have additional hoodies and blankets still available and we will be distributing them to our local community and other who may need them over the coming weeks.



In partnership with BwD Council over the past two months, we have supported **110** local families.

Heavily subsidised food boxes are available for any resident of Blackburn or Darwen to purchase at a price of £6 for a large box or £4 for a small box.

Boxes can also be ordered in bulk by companies for their employees that live within Blackburn and Darwen. This is a great way that employers can show their employees that they care and want to help in these difficult times.



During January and February, 248 families have benefitted from another of our food projects, where portions are paid for in advance by the individual to help with budgeting.

The value of food received far outweighs the £6 cost, so helps to make household finances spread further.

Lidl Food

The total equivalent amount that has been donated, collected and distributed in January and February is a staggering **1955** meals!



EVENTS

22nd March – Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing Event - Recruiting and Retaining your staff

29th March - Your Business Bootcamp: Bitesize with KUB - Digital Marketing

Discount Code CBPMEMBERKUB

26th April – Your Business Bootcamp: Bitesize with Voice It PR - Power of Podcasts

24th May – Your Business Bootcamp: Main Event at Burnley Football Club

31st May – Your Business Bootcamp: Bitesize with Greg Marshall - Bid Writing



Tier 1 Visa (Home Office) Programme
Four entrepreneurs endorsed:

We've had a busy few months working with entrepreneurs who have come to the UK to switch from a start-up visa to a three-year innovator visa. This means that they have met the required business targets in their first two years and can now stay in the UK for a further three years to continue to grow their innovative businesses, creating employment and growing our UK economy.

We've endorsed a broad range of companies from jewellery manufacturers through to an engineering company and a property company. Each has an innovative business idea, not seen before in the UK.

One entrepreneur we endorsed was a Doctor from Pakistan.

His area of specialism is nephrology, and his business idea is certainly innovative and may be a 'game-changer' for many people. With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, he remained in Pakistan to use his skills where needed and the same again when the floods came. Fast forward to the start of this year and he is ready, with the support of our mentors to develop and grow his business.



Our first exclusive members day event!

It was fantastic to see so many of our members in one room, networking together and understanding more about the direct impact they are having on the local community and environment.

A huge thank you to Peter Dickinson for facilitating a workshop on the day and Tubbs for cooking such excellent food with items that feature in our food boxes.

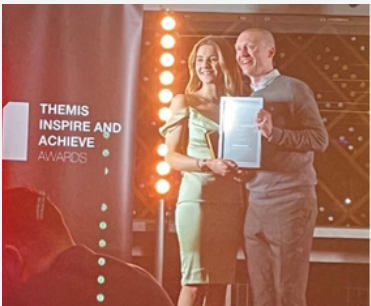
We hope you enjoyed the day and keep your eyes peeled for our next exclusive member's event in the summer.



In February Jaydee, our Operations Director attended the Themis Awards, after judging the Inspire and Achieve, Apprentice Awards.

We were so impressed by one of the winners that we have invited a young female engineer to speak at our upcoming event this month, helping to showcase her journey and giving her the opportunity to upskill and present in front of others. A great way to give back and support our younger generation.

You may also spot our newest member giving out this award.



We are currently working with DMS4All, supporting individuals to find employment, or set up self-employment after completing an intense 8-week bootcamp around Digital Marketing.

We are reaching out to employers who may be recruiting for positions with a digital focus or mentors offering mock interviews to give individuals the best experience in their career journey.

340

Volunteer hours
this period

Over the last two months Amanda Meachin, our CEO, has volunteered over 35 hours of her time and expertise to support a number of other Community Groups, Charities and Committees, across Lancashire.

Specific areas of impact include:

- Help and advice on how to set up a CIC
- How to attract interest in your organisation via Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Social Governance
- Helping to allocate grant funding to support over 20 other community groups in Lancashire
- Interviewing for a Community Engagement position for a local Charity and
- Getting some expert legal advice for a local organisation facing a huge safety problem.

Environment

CBP have a long-standing relationship with Nimtech, who are based at the Crown paint manufacturing site in Darwen.

Nimtech very kindly donate top quality paint to us when a particular product is available. Joanne and Victoria donned their overalls to attend Nimtech HQ to fill our own buckets with paint – a win, win for the environment, because the buckets are also reclaimed from Bright Blue Foods (a local bakery).

Joe and Vic decanted **46 buckets** with brilliant white matt emulsion (**460 litres**) and **360 litres** of Shed and Fence paint.

The unwanted surplus paint is diverted from the waste stream and redistributed for reuse at a fraction of the retail cost and is accessible for all.

That's **820 litres** of paint not going to landfill!

Community
Repaint!

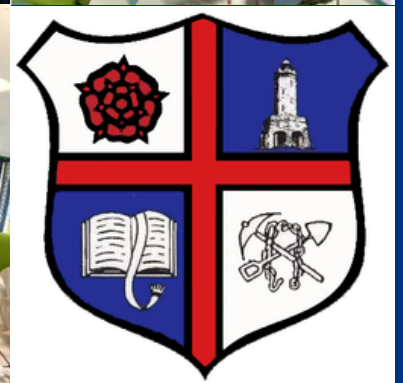


We were contacted by Lower Darwen Primary School to see if we could hold a school trip for their Year 4 class (64 children) who have been learning about the environment and how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

They came into SAMS with t-shirt bags they had made and filled them with our resources. The children then went back to school and got crafty in-line with their topic.

We also showed them our food hall and explained the different food projects we run. Lots of questions were asked and they learned all about food waste and how to help others.

It was safe to say the children thoroughly enjoyed their school trip to SAMS

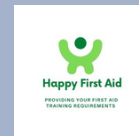


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Making a Difference

Thank you for helping us make that difference
and being part of our membership team.

Take a look at our latest members....



With your CBP Membership, you get huge benefits and discounts on any mentoring and coaching support with our team of specialists, businessmen and women who have been there and done it.

Keep an eye on our website for all upcoming events.

CBP membership will give you FREE entry or up to 50% off the ticket price for you and your team.