



Community & Business Partners

Business Support, Community Impact

IMPACT REPORT

March - April 2023

Community

THANK YOU TRUTEX

We have received another large donation of school uniforms that will need quite a lot of sorting. The picture only shows half of the boxes we have received! Stay tuned for an update on how this will be used in our next Impact Report.



THANK YOU YUSUF!

As you know from our last Impact Report, Yusuf who works at CBP, flew out to volunteer on the border at Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquake that happened in February. We sent several boxes of blankets and hoodies over and are grateful to be making a difference, however small.



We've just completed our end of year figures for 2022-2023. Through the three streams of food support available from CBP we've calculated that we have distributed 52.5 tonnes of food this year!



That's the equivalent weight of around 52 small cars!

In partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Council, over the past two months we have supported 224 local families with our heavily subsidised food boxes.



These 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.



We have delivered 10 food boxes every week for the past few weeks to ARC, a local organisation which supports asylum seekers and refugees to help them to support their clients. The feedback has been amazing and we will continue to support them.

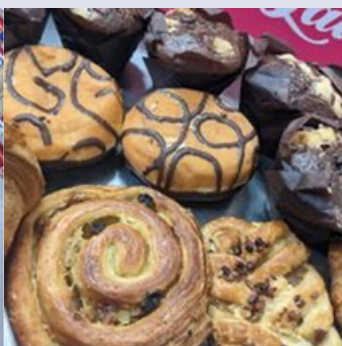
During March and April, 160 families have benefitted from our other food project, where portions are paid for in advance to help with budgeting.



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

Lidl Food

The total equivalent amount that has been donated, collected and distributed in March and April is a staggering 1,875 meals!



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Mr Chika Woka, a Nigerian national, has been awarded an Innovator entrepreneur visa in testament to his work over the last two years in establishing his start-up business, following our initial endorsement.

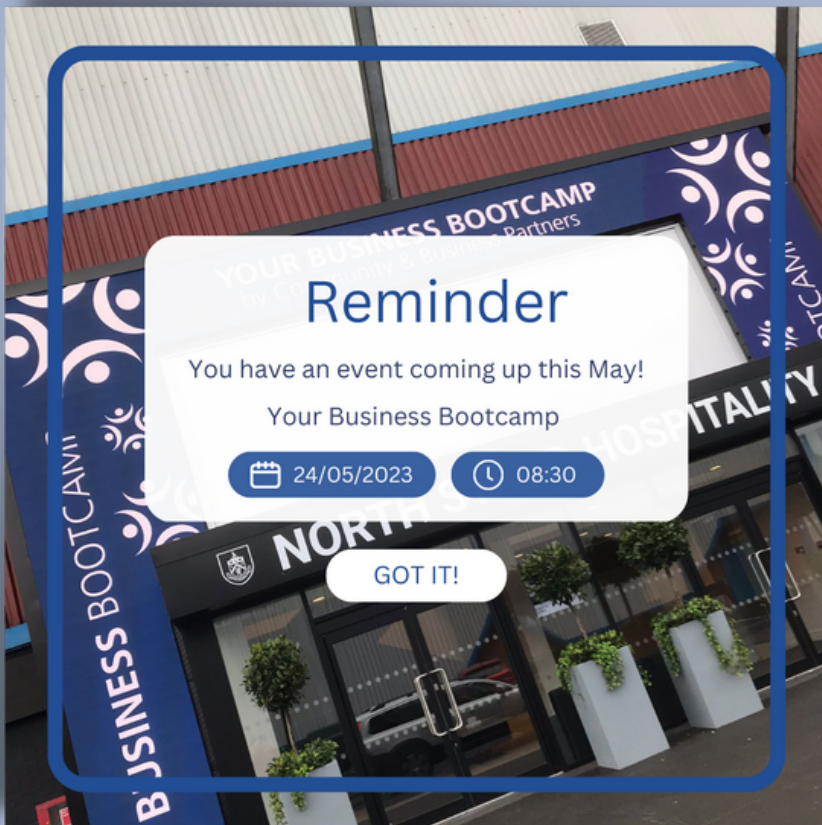
We will support him over the next three years to help his business create GDP, jobs and innovative solutions to the UK Market.



In April, two Pakistani nationals were endorsed by CBP. If granted visas by the Home Office, following our strict business plan assessments, they will be able to establish their innovative businesses in the UK.

You may have seen recent news regarding the Armed Forces Business Academy for Veterans.

Your membership will be helping support this activity and we will tell you more about this in the next Impact Report as this is set to be a very exciting project.



Our 'Your Business Bootcamp' event is taking place on 24 May 8.30am-2pm.

Our highly anticipated event has been designed specifically to help business owners, entrepreneurs, and start-ups get the support and resources they need to scale up their businesses.

It's a not-to-be-missed event that includes expert panels, networking opportunities, and valuable resources to help you take your business to the next level!

We're expecting this event to be a sell-out. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity - sign you and your colleagues up before it's too late!

Your Member's Discount is CBPMEMBERSHIPBB23



We've had support from Karen Todd on 15 March. Karen, who works for Cotswold Fayre, encourages their employees to volunteer.

Karen helped us to sort out a donation of beautiful wool offcuts, preparing them for our Scrap Store members to take away.



Sadly, one of our long-serving volunteers and friend Moira Chambers passed away earlier this month.

Moira had been volunteering for us for a decade. She will be sadly missed.

Her family opened a Just Giving Page to ask for help with funeral costs. It goes without saying that CBP made a donation which was gratefully received.

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 volunteer hours this period

It was lovely to see our Volunteer Meghan back this week. She only seems to come in when it's not raining!

Meghan has been volunteering for us for over 7 years now and does nothing but laugh and make us laugh when she is here.

Watchtower Programme

Watchtower Programme is funded by LCC and delivered partially by CBP, designed to work with both businesses that are making redundancies and those that are recruiting. We work with both parties to match suitable candidates who have been made redundant with businesses that are recruiting.

We have to date engaged with over 70 individuals affected through redundancies; tracked over 20 back into employment; and have engagement with over 30 businesses.

We also engage with job centres, housing groups and attend Expos to meet as many people as possible in order to support them



This month Amanda Meachin, our CEO, has given 21 hours of volunteering time to help other organisations and groups.

This includes supporting her village Parish Council in Laneshaw Bridge, contributing time helping to shape a Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise Alliance for Blackburn with Darwen, and supporting the newly-formed Food Alliance.

She has also advised a partially-sighted young woman, who wants to set up her own Scrap Store inspired by our very own SAMS.

Also, for those of you that don't know (there'll not be many), Amanda is a lifelong Burnley fan. She's been watching the Clarets since 1978! To celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March, she took part in the 'No Nay Never' Podcast, talking about what it's like to be a female football fan... you can listen [here!](#)

Up The PREMIER LEAGUE Clarets!

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Environment

We've been so lucky this month and have received loads of paint from the Community RePaint Network.

1,355 litres of DULUX gloss, masonry paint and emulsion are now displayed on our shelves for the community to purchase at a very reduced rate.

Community RePaint is a UK-wide paint reuse network, sponsored by Dulux, that aims to collect this leftover paint and redistribute it to benefit individuals, families, communities and charities in need at an affordable cost.

An economical and sustainable option that benefits the community!



Community
RePaint!

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Keep an eye out for a save the date for the summer holidays - where we will be bringing together CBP Members and SAMS for a unique networking day.

We received a HUGE donation of cleaning products from Robert McBride that we will be distributing to the community.

We are looking for a manufacturer of washing liquid and fabric softener to add to these cleaning products. If you know of a company that manufactures and can donate, please let us know!

All our donations save products from going to landfill and/or being wasted unnecessarily.



We are all MAD

Making A Difference

Thank you for helping us make a difference
and for 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 <https://cbpartners.org/>

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