



Community & Business Partners

Business Support, Community Impact

IMPACT REPORT

November - December

2023

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Community

Lidl donate their surplus bakery items and sometimes frozen produce to us on a daily basis.

In the months of November and December we have given out the equivalent **2430** meals for **FREE** in our local community.

This is gratefully received each day and there is always a queue for this food. We are looking to open this up for an extra hour in the New Year.

To support our community further, we have hired a cook! Annie from Bean Fresh Food Café has been cooking hot dinners every Tuesday! These portions are huge, warm and are ready to eat upon collection, can be warmed up for an evening meal or they can be frozen. We have been selling the portions at £1.50 and it is safe to say they have been a sell out each week! We have made the meals suitable for most dietary requirements and will hopefully help a little more in these colder months.



The BwD Food Club is in high demand.

We have been delivering food boxes to other community hubs who have been then distributing to those in their local community. It has certainly kept us busy here at HQ which is great however it is sad to see so many people needing this help. However, this is exactly why we are here and what we love doing.

431 food boxes have been distributed within the borough.

WE DID IT!

We are delighted to announce that we **WON!**

The Prosperity, Learning & Employment – Group Award!
And we were finalists for the Community Involvement Award!

The team at CBP attended the Community Volunteer Awards at King Georges Hall in November.



Blossoms has launched!

Our community clothing shop opened its doors on 1st December; we aim to provide affordable clothing to the community with a mix of both new and seconds. Liaising with suppliers; we were able to receive donations of new clothing that can be bought from our shop Blossoms at CBP. As well as this, some quality items have been donated to help stock our shop.

Our goal is to promote affordable clothing for the community, environmental awareness of recycling and reusing clothing and upskilling opportunities to gain work experience.

We are still on the look out for more volunteers, to help promote upskilling and work experience within the shop. If you know anyone who wants to volunteer, or if you or your staff would like to, please contact us.

A heartfelt thank you to Scott Hannah and Streetwise & Conscious for their incredible generosity in donating 500 T-shirts to our Community Clothing Store, Blossoms!

For every ten T-shirts sold, it is paid forward by donating an essential rucksack to the homeless. Each pack includes socks, thermals, toiletries, water, blankets, and sanitary items. It's not just about clothing; it's about providing essential care and warmth to those in need.



Events

YBB ONLINE 31ST JANUARY SAVE THE DATE

Our first Your Business Bootcamp Bitesize of the year will be facilitated by our fantastic mentor Adam Botterill, he has extensive experience in Sales, Strategy and People. As well as being a mentor and coach he runs his own business Equal Employer which aims to remove the bias from the recruitment process.



Our aim is to give you as much exposure as possible, if you are interested in speaking at any of our face-to-face or online events, please let us know.



CBP has contributed towards a profound impact on one of our clients' lives by successfully completing our company's inaugural Indefinite Leave to Remain application. This significant milestone grants the Chinese entrepreneur the invaluable right to reside, work, and study in the UK indefinitely. Their eligibility hinged upon meeting critical business milestones stipulated by the Home Office, which our client not only met but exceeded through remarkable accomplishments and target achievements.

"The CBP team has been incredibly supportive from the start" commented entrepreneur Ms. Qiong Zhu.



MEMBERS CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

It was great to see so our members having a laugh at the Holmes Mill Boiler Room Bowling Alley, we hope you got to meet some new members and make some key connections. Thank you to all the attended and keep your eyes peeled for your exclusive member events in 2024.

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YOUR BUSINESS BOOTCAMP

YBB in November was a great success with 90 people in the room learning from our fantastic speakers many of whom were members.

In addition we invited **5 students from Blackburn College** and **5 students from Burnley College** to learn and network in a business setting.

These tickets were completely free to the students and taken from our CSR fund that all our members contribute to.



Lucas has passed!

Last year, CBP recruited our finance apprentice. Lucas has been working hard throughout the year on AAT Level 3, all this has paid off and he has now passed!

Lucas studied at Burnley College, who are CBP Members.



Do you or your staff members have time to volunteer?

Would you like to opportunity to support your local community SAMS, Food at CBP, Community RePaint and Blossoms are looking for new Volunteers?

During the months of November and December, CBP volunteers have contributed over **254** hours of their time.

Contact us if you would like to arrange for you or your team to #givesomethingback



Welcome Our New Apprentice

Our commitment to recruiting apprentices means we welcome Marley Dunleavy to the team, who has been with us a couple of months now.

Marley joins us as Events and Marketing Apprentice with Blackburn College and has actually produced this impact report himself, for the first time! Great job Marley



Environment

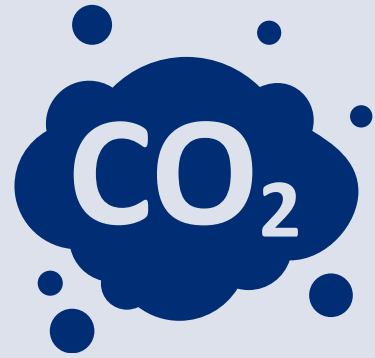
Active Lancashire recently donated some disused wheels to our Scrapstroe. We invited the team along for an upcycling workshop where we turned the wheels into festive wreaths!

This is a great way to create a sustainable, affordable decoration to display in your home or gift to somebody else this Christmas, and would also make for an enjoyable activity with children.

Wheels are available to purchase from SAMS, or you can collect from the Active Cycles shop for a small donation.

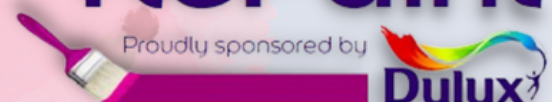
Every 1kg of waste food saved from landfills saves an equivalent of 700g of CO₂.

We have saved 2,500 kg of food in November and December which is the equivalent of 1,750 kg of CO₂!!



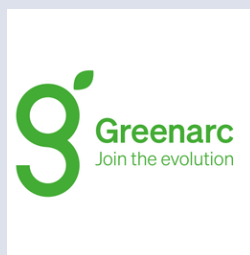
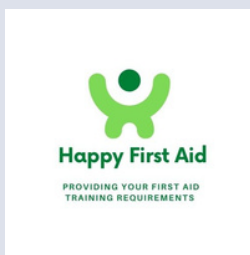
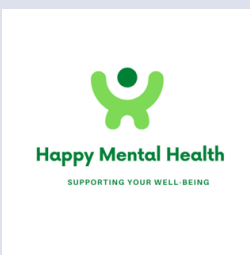
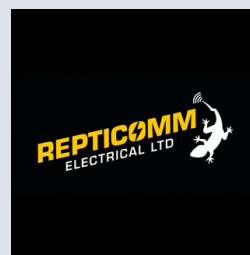
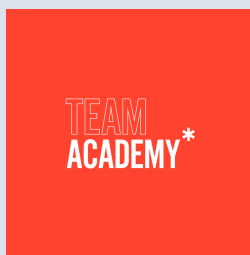
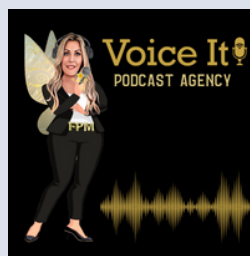
Although we have not received any new donations of paint for our Community RePaint Project we have saved our customers lots of money by giving them access to our donated paint! Without our Community RePaint project here in Blackburn there are many people who would not be able to afford to decorate their homes. We are looking to extend our RePaint project in the new year with more paint saved from going to landfill.

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