



Community & Business Partners

Business Support, Community Impact

IMPACT REPORT

September - October

2023

Community

We had a huge donation from Lidl of frozen items.

This included plenty of frozen fruit and veg, as well as treats like pizzas, ice creams and nuggets. We distributed this to our local community from our van.

After the queues had gone for this amazing food, we gave the remainder to East Lancs Hospice to save it from being thrown away.

Sandra works as a cook at the hospice and expressed how much the residents and staff of the hospice will love this treat.



How lovely! Two lovely ladies that come to collect food turned up with a box of treats for us to share with the team. They said they wanted to treat us because "we are nice and help lots of other people".



Due to the increased demand for food support, CBP have increased the available amount of our own £6 food boxes to 30 per week.

During September and October, we have distributed 210 boxes, supporting an additional 210 households.

Louise and Martin from Nightsafe reached out to us after seeing all our homeware items advertised online following a pop up shop for the local community.

They asked if we could kindly donate some things to help support the refugees that they work with and we didn't hesitate.

Louise took some towels, hoodies, dressing gowns and a bathmat to support four of her families in Blackburn.

Martin took some towels and dressing gowns for the five families he supports in Darwen



Community

We are delighted to announce that CBP has been shortlisted as a finalist for the Following Awards at this year's Community Volunteer Awards:

- The Prosperity, Learning & Employment – Group Award
- Community Involvement

We are looking forward to the awards evening on Thursday 2nd November 2023 at King George's Hall and will share the outcome in the next impact report.

Keep your fingers crossed.



CBP have been distributing food for the past couple of years in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Council.

September saw the project grow to the next level to include deliveries and CBP members .

The Fitmill CIC jumped at the opportunity to support their local community by becoming a delivery / collection hub, ordering and receiving **33** food boxes in October for customers to collect from them.

In total this period, CBP have distributed **463** BwD food boxes supporting 463 households throughout the borough.

The Blackburn with Darwen Food box project bridges the gap between those in food crisis and those being able to fully support themselves using traditional supermarkets by providing food boxes at a highly subsidised cost.

A flyer for the BWD Food Club. The title 'BWD FOOD CLUB' is in large green letters. Below it, it says 'HIGHLY SUBSIDISED FOOD BOXES AVAILABLE TO BWD RESIDENTS DELIVERED WEEKLY TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HUB'. There is a photo of various fresh produce like carrots, oranges, and leafy greens. Below the photo, it says '£4 or £6 boxes containing £30-£40 of food'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'To order your box or for further information please contact Community and Business Partners. The Fitmill' and 'Your nearest hub and collection time is.' with contact details '01254 291271' and 'sams@cbpartners.org'. Logos for Sainsbury's, Blackburn with Darwen Council, and Community & Business Partners are at the bottom.

A logo for The Fitmill Hub CIC. It features a green bar chart icon above the text 'THE FITMILL HUB CIC' in white. Below this, the tagline 'Forging Strong Connections and Building Healthy Communities.' is written in white on a black background.

As one of Europe's leading food retailers, Lidl works closely with its stores to distribute unsold surplus food to local communities.

In partnership with two of our local Lidl stores, we have distributed a staggering **2,830 meals** during September and October



Events

North West HR Employers Forum
22nd November

CBP Christmas Party

A chance to say thank you to those
who support us.
5th December



Third Sector Peer Group

With your support we have launched a pioneering support group to empower leaders in the not-for-profit industry to navigate the growing challenges facing the sector.

Led by industry experts, the Third Sector Peer Support Group brings together professionals dedicated to making a difference in their communities, offering them a platform to share knowledge, resources, and experiences.

As demand for services within the not-for-profit sector continues to rise, professionals working in the field often find themselves grappling with unique challenges.

The sessions are fully funded by Community & Business Partners, using their own community fund, which is built from our unique CBP Membership contributions.

A huge thank you to all our members for making this possible.



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.



Volunteer hours this period



230

Do you have time to volunteer?

Would you like to opportunity to
support your local community?

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

We supported EBP North West on their Mock Interviews & Meet the Professionals Event at St John Fisher and Thomas More Roman Catholic High School and also UNITY College.

It was such an interesting day meeting lots of Year 11/12/13 young people, some looking to become Police Officers, Electricians, Police Detectives, Criminologists, Pilots, and those who have no idea what they'd like to do.

Great sessions in helping to prepare students with a real feel for the interview process, hands-on experience with a person they don't know from the world of work.

The students also benefited from feedback on their performance to help improve going forward.



We have welcomed a new volunteer to the
Scrapstore!

Meet Jess, Jess has recently moved back to Lancashire as she has been living in Birmingham for several years.

Jess has worked at The Birmingham Scrapstore so as you can imagine with her creative mind and knowledge, she will fit in perfectly with our team here in Blackburn.

Jess will be donating every Monday to help bring in and display our fabulous scrap resources.



#Backintheday

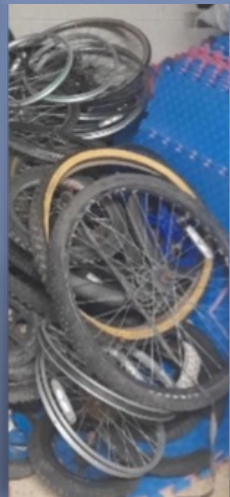
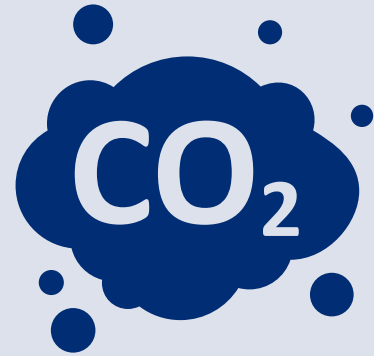
Did you build a Bogie or a Go
Cart?

We collected all these (and
more) wheels from CBP
Members Active Lancashire for
our Scrapstore.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle by
the trolley load at SAMS or buy
a kit from a well known online
retailer for £90?
(that's just for the wheels and
the axles by the way, no wood
included!)

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

We have saved 2,953.8 kg of food in
September and October which is the
equivalent of 2,067kg of CO₂!!

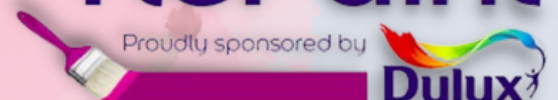


During September and October, we
saved 235.75 litres of paint from going
to landfill and helped to spread a little
bit of colourful joy to local residents.

We also received a delivery of an
additional 640 litres of paint from Dulux

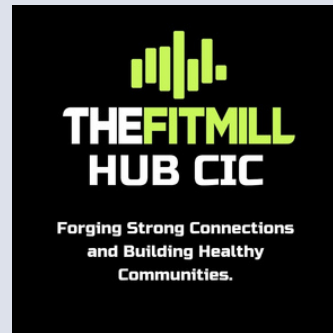
Community RePaint

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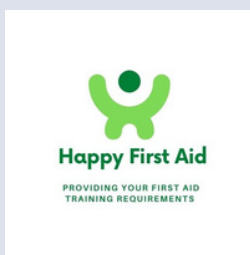
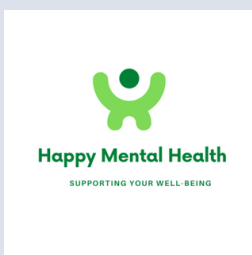
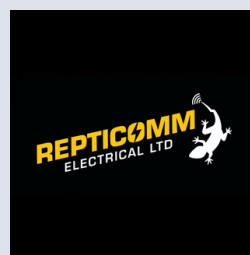
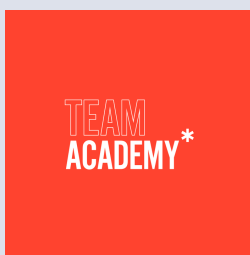
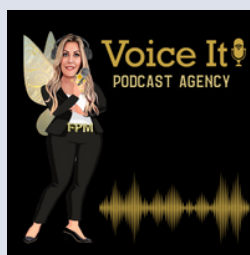


CBP MEMBERS

Please welcome our new members!



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