

the BARNABAS beat

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the big scoop Northumbria's Police & Crime Commissioner opens "The Garage"



On Monday 31st October, we welcomed Kim McGuinness to our town centre base for a very special occasion - the official opening of "The Garage".

We welcomed a fantastic group of friends, supporters, young people and like-minded professionals to share the day with us.

The Garage, which is currently open as a drop-in youth club 2 nights per week on Thursday and Friday is an amazing asset to the town and offers young people a safe space to hang out with their friends - somewhere they can be themselves. It is our aim to expand the opening hours in the coming months, subject to funding and community support.

Kim McGuinness & Hayley Brown

Kim McGuinness told us "This is an incredible space that does vital work in creating opportunities for young people. It's vital because over the last few years, and especially in the wake of Covid-19, young people have struggled more than ever. At a time when youth services are declining, young people have missed their rights of passage, making it harder for them to develop relationships and build communication skills. Being able to come here gives young people the chance to be the best version of themselves. I am sure there will be a succession of young people who will be grateful for their time spent with Barnabas."



A gift to celebrate a milestone birthday

On our special opening day, we also received a very festive gift from Weir Insurance. It's a special year for them, as they celebrate 50 years of providing insurance services - so, in-keeping with the theme we took delivery of 50 fantastically festive baubles to help us decorate our youth spaces this festive season.

Pictured here: Hayley Brown, Manager and Karen Weir, Weir Insurance



Team Barnabas took on the Great North Run - and WON!

On 11th September, 9 runners took on the infamous 13 mile Great North Run course to support our work within the local community. This was the first year, since the pandemic, runners were able to enjoy the original iconic city to coast route, finishing in South Shields (for fish & chips? We would!)

This is the most runners we have ever had taking part - we were totally bowled over by their training commitment, and fundraising efforts. We checked in with a few runners afterwards - "sore legs but worth it" was the consensus.



£ raised
2,801

Curry on Barnabas - Community Fundraising Night



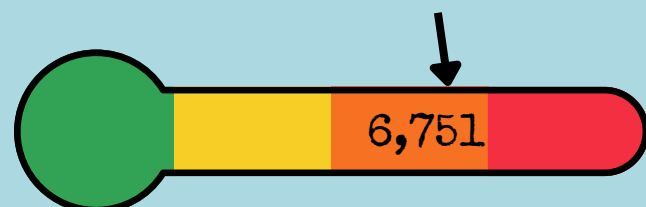
On 25th October we hosted a tasty fundraiser at The Manzil Restaurant! 43 guests joined us for a night of fundraising fun and delicious food.

We tried our hand at the Quiz, crossed our fingers for the raffle, and wished real hard to win the lucky number draw! A great night with an amazing bunch of local supporters.

£ raised
506

Our 10k in 2022 Community Fundraising Target

If you would like to donate to Barnabas, simply scan the QR code provided to make a safe & secure gift to our project via Wonderful's fundraising platform.

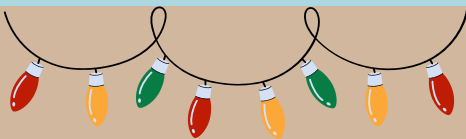




Supporting Young People during the Festive Season

Christmas is undoubtedly a time for great joy, but we know all too well that this is not the case for all people. For many reasons, young people struggle over the festive season. Some are estranged from family, or have no-one around to spend Christmas with. We are all living in unprecedented times, and the cost of living crisis is affecting us all. We know this makes it so much harder to support the causes close to our hearts.

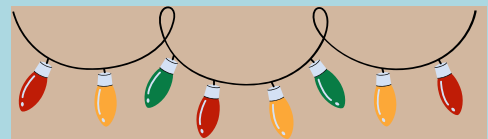
We want to assure our supporters that we will continue to provide essential support to young people in need, financial hardship and housing crisis. We will be there for young people this Christmas by:



Ensuring each young person in our supported housing project receives a home cooked Christmas meal or access to essential food.

Providing youth club drop ins over the festive break in our safe and warm "Garage".

We will provide one to one support to young people in our supported housing.



Providing our residents, some of whom will not receive gifts, with a token gift/voucher to open on Christmas Day.

Visit our website



Christmas Coffee Morning Wednesday 7th December 10am



Join us in our fab new "Garage" for a delicious cup of coffee, festive homemade cakes and bakes, and a good old chat. Everyone welcome - we're a friendly bunch!



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