

# the BARNABAS beat

Issue 4 - June 2023



## Annual General Meeting & Governance



On Monday 27th March, we held our Annual General Meeting in the Garage. It was great to see our members again to formally review the 2021/2022 financial year. We also provided an update on governance and thanked Helen Morrell for her service over the last three years. Helen has now stepped down from the Board to pursue other interests, but will remain an active supporter of Barnabas over the coming months and for some of our upcoming events, including the CEO Sleepout.

Since our AGM, John Jones has stepped down from the role of Chair and will now focus on helping the charity to manage its HR and Leadership. A vote took place at the Directors meeting in April 2023, and Emma Shields (pictured) has now stepped into the mantle of Chair. We wish Emma all the best for the coming year.

## School Holiday Activities - Easter and May Half Term

### Positive activities for young people

At Easter, young people took to the water for Paddlesports, tried their hand at Archery and Team Challenges. They made cheesy pasta, crafted their own puppets and learned acting skills.

Number of interactions with Young People at Easter

**46**

During May half term, young people enjoyed more water sports and paddling. They made pizzas from scratch, and learned bike maintenance. They practiced their hair and nail skills and took part in street games.

Number of interactions with Young People in May half term

**67**





# Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

We had a brilliant day on Sunday 7th May, celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. With the support of a grant from Northumberland County Council's Community Coronation Fund, we were able to provide a stall as part of the town's larger celebration event. Our stall focused on good old fashioned family games and outdoor fun. Our tin can alley, and twister went down a treat - as did our free sweets and coronation themed specs, and whistles! Everything was free so no pressure on parents having to find pennies to pay for rides and treats.

Our JASS group also made some coronation themed pom poms to help decorate our Wellwood House base. A colourful splash of red, white and blue if we ever did see!



# A Night Under the Stars for CEO Sleepout

## Fighting Poverty & Homelessness in Northumberland

We're not sure we can sum up just how much we love CEO Sleepout in words! This amazing charity tirelessly works to raise awareness of poverty and homelessness across the entire country. Sleepouts have already taken place across the land, including Newcastle and more recently, our own beautiful Northumberland. On Thursday 1st June, the nine-strong Team Barnabas took on the challenge to spend a night rough sleeping within the grounds of the amazing, new Lilidorei attraction at Alnwick Gardens.

Fundraising is still ongoing, but at last count there was £13,767 raised for the 4 charities taking part: CEO Sleepout, Barnabas Safe & Sound, Alnwick Garden Trust, and Walking for the Wounded. Sincere thanks to everyone who took part, donated to the cause and supported our fundraising journey.



After a short presentation from Gill Monaghan about Barnabas' work in the community - our former resident, Danielle spoke so passionately about her experience with Barnabas nearly 20 years ago. It was really very inspirational and enjoyed by all. Thanks Danielle.



# The Community Foundation - Giving Network

## Barnabas Safe & Sound shortlisted to receive support

The Community Foundation for Tyne & Wear & Northumberland hosted a special evening where their Giving Network members had the opportunity to give a share of £18,494 to 4 shortlisted Charities within the region - including Barnabas Safe & Sound.

The Giving Network is a great way for local people who may not be quite ready to set up their own trust, but would like to get involved in community giving with the support of the Foundation.

Hayley Brown and Gill Monaghan attended the event to present information about our work.



**At last count,  
pledges for  
Barnabas  
totalled:**

**£4,519**

Well done also to the other amazing charities taking part:

Action Station

BRIC

Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre

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