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BIG NAMES, BIG AWARDS, BIG BOOST FOR HALIFAX

SUMMER 2026 is already shaping up to be a good one. It promises to be Piece Hall's most ambitious and varied season to date, with many major artists confirmed to perform in the iconic courtyard.

From **Shed Seven** to **Billy Ocean**, **CMAT** to the **Sex Pistols**, organisers hope the incredible range of acts will beat last year's success... can they sell more than 185,000 tickets? Maybe! The venue was awarded major industry honours at the Northern Music Awards last year. Piece Hall is officially "Inspirational Venue of the Year"!

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

NOT EVERYTHING'S PERFECT. We know that and so do you. The spiralling cost of living, exacerbated by foreign wars and a host of other issues, is causing families to struggle, making this a difficult and challenging time for many of us. But it's how we deal with such times that becomes the hallmark of who we are. There are those, most prominently Reform UK, who want to use these difficult times to make divisions worse – and to create new divisions between us for the sake of narrow political advantage.

Farage has been playing this game for decades. Put simply, he is a grifter who stokes division for his own benefit. A snake-oil salesman who cares not one jot for the chaos he leaves behind.

There is, however, another way. A better way. And that is for communities to come together, working to make life easier, being determined to leave no one behind, and being clear that scapegoating and racism are not the answer.

We are certain that the overwhelming majority of people in Halifax reject the racism and hatred of Reform and want to live in harmony, peacefully with their neighbours. We hope this paper will give you a little insight into just how much good work is going on in Halifax by local people determined to build a better future based on friendship and respect.

Let us together reject the politics of hate in May's elections and redouble our efforts to make our town a beacon of hope.

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MORE SECURITY FOR FAMILIES RENTING IN HALIFAX

THE UK's Renters' Rights Act 2025 – the most significant overhaul of private renting laws in decades – has officially become law. For renters in Halifax, where housing insecurity, rising rents and poor-quality accommodation have become pressing issues, the legislation promises a major shift.

WHAT THE NEW LAW DELIVERS

The Act introduces sweeping reforms aimed at giving tenants more stability and fairness. The biggest change is the end to “no fault” evictions, preventing landlords from removing tenants without reason. Rent increases are now limited, and bidding wars are banned. Landlords can no longer discriminate against tenants with children or pets. Tenants also now have stronger rights to challenge unsafe or poor-quality housing, including dangerous hazards like damp and mould, setting a “Decent Homes Standard”. Implementation will be phased, with the abolition of Section 21 and conversion to periodic tenancies scheduled for May 2026. Other changes – including a national landlord database and strengthened enforcement – will follow later this year.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR HALIFAX

Of the nearly 100,000 households in Calderdale, 16% are privately rented, and 14% are rented from housing associations. Local people have welcomed the reforms, emphasising that Halifax has seen a rise in homelessness and housing instability linked to no-fault evictions. Families have been pushed into temporary accommodation, including B&Bs, after receiving short-notice eviction notices. Many tenants have also been reluctant to report damp, mould, or unsafe living conditions for fear their landlord might retaliate with eviction. With Section 21 evictions ending, tenants will be able to speak up without risking their home. More protections against unfair evictions, stricter rent rules, and better housing-quality standards could make renting safer and more secure for thousands of households.

Not everyone has been in favour of the changes that will give families much-deserved security in Halifax. Three Reform UK MPs voted against the Bill, and Nigel Farage, the party's leader, did not bother to turn up to vote. For many in Halifax, the Renters' Rights Act offers long-awaited reform – a chance for families, low-income renters, and young people to enjoy greater security and fairness. If implemented effectively, the Act could reduce homelessness, improve living conditions, and provide a more balanced rental market. For Halifax, it marks the beginning of a potentially transformative chapter – one that could redefine what it means to rent a home in the town.

THE NEW RULES

- **End to ‘no-fault’ evictions:** Section 21 scrapped – landlords must give a valid reason.
- **Faster repairs – Awaab’s Law:** Legal deadlines to fix serious hazards.
- **Higher home standards:** Private rentals must meet the Decent Homes Standard.
- **Protection from eviction by rent-hike:** Stricter rules on increases and the right to challenge unfair rises.
- **No more rental bidding wars:** Rent can’t be pushed above the advertised price.
- **Fairer access to pets:** Requests must be reasonably considered.
- **New Ombudsman:** Free, faster complaint resolution – decisions landlords must follow.
- **No discrimination:** Bans against families or benefit claimants outlawed.
- **Fairer eviction rules:** Clearer grounds – more security for renters.
- **Tougher enforcement:** Councils given stronger powers to act on bad landlords

£20 MILLION FOR MIXENDEN AND ILLINGWORTH

MIXENDEN and neighbouring parts of Illingworth have just secured a major boost.

The area has been awarded £20 million through the government's Pride in Place programme. The long-term investment will be delivered over the next decade, offering the community a rare opportunity to reshape local services, revive public spaces, and drive meaningful regeneration.

The funding is designed to be community-led, with local residents given a strong voice in deciding how the money is spent. A new neighbourhood board will help steer priorities, ensuring that investment reflects the needs and ambitions of people who live and work in the area.

Early discussions suggest a focus on improving public facilities, restoring well-used community buildings, and supporting projects aimed at boosting wellbeing, youth provision, and local pride.

Funding will complement the North Halifax Strategy, which seeks to create a more vibrant, connected and opportunity-rich area for current and future generations.



One facility that could benefit is the Mixenden Activity Centre. Separately work is already being explored to develop the centre into a thriving space for families, young people and local groups.

Sustained funding over ten years allows Mixenden to build lasting change rather than relying on short-term

grants. Improvements to green spaces, and support for local businesses are all being considered.

Already residents have shared some suggestions including: community clean-up initiatives, land development, improved SEND provision, a new local gym, and a youth boxing club.

HAVE YOUR SAY: JOIN THE BOARD!

Anyone interested in being on the Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board has until **Sunday 7 June 2026** to apply. **To find out more visit:**

new.calderdale.gov.uk/jobs/volunteering/volunteering-opportunities/pride-place-volunteer-board-members

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BREAKFAST CLUB SAVED ANDY'S LIFE. NOW HE HELPS OTHERS

FOR OVER 25 years Andy suffered from drug and alcohol addiction. Despite a long marriage and good manufacturing job, at the age of 47, his life broke down. He found himself divorced, unemployed and homeless. Like many suffering from substance abuse in Halifax, he visited the Basement Project's free Wednesday morning breakfast club. This visit gave him a second chance.

"I'd lost everything. I came to the free breakfast club and realised I could get help. I enrolled onto the recovery programme. It changed my life."

Andy is now a community coordinator with the

organisation. In fact, all of those working there have lived experience of addiction and recovery. They are best-placed to help others, and their breakfast club has become a lifeline for many struggling with addiction, and the challenges that come with it: mental health, confidence, and sense of belonging.

The atmosphere is warm, informal, and completely free from judgement. Some come in just for a chat, a coffee, or to sit somewhere amongst friends. Others come because they need hope – and hope is something the Basement community gives out generously.

You can feel the impact in the stories people share. "Within five minutes of walking in," one woman explained, "I realised I wasn't a bad person. I just needed help."

Others described how they felt after discovering this new community: "I was still scared, but at least I wasn't scared on my own anymore." And, "They didn't just help me get sober – they helped me want to live again."

In a town with some challenges, The Basement Recovery Project is proof of what happens when people look after one another – quietly, consistently, and with genuine care.

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Photo: Ellis Robinson



CMAT, The Sex Pistols featuring Frank Carter, Madness, Billy Ocean and Tom Grennan

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FROM ITS origins as a cloth-hall in 1779, The Piece Hall has been re-imagined as a vibrant public space, and its revival has turned this historic landmark into a thriving destination for tourism, music, arts and community life.

The Piece Hall’s ambition is to cater to wide-ranging tastes – from indie and rock to classic pop and metal – and to deliver ever more memorable nights for long-standing fans and new audiences alike.

If they pull it off, their success could have significant economic and community impact on Halifax: as part of the borough’s regeneration

and cultural strategy, The Piece Hall creates more than £10 million per year in local economic benefit, provides free-to-enter access for all and hosts a broad range of cultural, educational and community activities.

Gigs at The Piece Hall can generate around £100 of local economic benefit per attendee. The Charitable Trust reinvests profits into the upkeep of this Grade I listed building, ensuring the venue continues to thrive as both a cultural and economic asset for the region

WHAT A LINE-UP!

June launches with a strong mix of indie, rock, and legendary pop performers. **Shed Seven**

will open the season on the 6th with a special fan-thrilling “Maximum High” 30th Anniversary event.

Madness then headline on 11 and 12 June, accompanied by **Hollie Cook** on both nights, with additional support from **The Beat Featuring Ranking Jnr** on the first night and **The Skints** on the second.

The next day, Yorkshire favourites **Embrace** will return to a hero’s welcome, bringing local pride and anthemic energy with them. One of Britain’s most influential songwriters, **Paul Weller**, follows on 14 June, in a rare intimate performance.

The programme is packed with internationally recognised names. **The Beach Boys** arrive in Halifax on 17 June, joined

by **10cc** for a rare double-bill. **Amy Macdonald** follows on 18 June, supported by **The Coral** and **Nathan Evans** with **The Saint PHNX Band**. On 20 June, rising star **Ethel Cain** brings her atmospheric, emotionally rich sound, followed by **Belle and Sebastian** on 21 June as the band celebrate 30 years of their iconic albums *If You’re Feeling Sinister* and *Tigermilk*.

As the season moves into July, **James Arthur** brings his chart-topping hits and powerful vocals on the 4th, while soul icon **Billy Ocean** headlines on 10 July with support from **Marti Pellow**. The **Sex Pistols** featuring **Frank Carter** will grace the stage the following day. With her powerful vocals

and humorous anthems, **CMAT** returns on July 17. The month also includes an appearance from the legendary **James Taylor**, and later **The Flaming Lips** alongside **The Beta Band**.

August continues the momentum as high-energy, glam-pop **Scissor Sisters** are confirmed to headline on 9 August. Indie-pop sensation **Bastille** will round off the summer on 28 August. Alongside these big-name performers, a range of other acts including **Deacon Blue**, **The Wombats**, **Gary Numan**, **Skunk Anansie**, **Garbage**, **The K’s** and **Alex James’ Britpop Classical** will also appear, helping make 2026 one of the most diverse and exciting years in The Piece Hall’s live-music history.

“HALIFAX NEEDS SHOUTING ABOUT”

EMBRACE DRUMMER ON UPCOMING HOMETOWN SHOW



Photo: Simon Walker

“HALIFAX IS somewhere that needs shouting about. It’s definitely on the up now!”

So says Mike Heaton, drummer of the band Embrace, a group famously from Halifax. 2026 marks thirty years since they signed their first record deal, and they’re headlining at Piece Hall to celebrate.

IT ALL BEGAN IN HALIFAX

Mike grew up in nearby Liversedge and now lives just outside Halifax. “One of the first gigs we ever played was in Halifax, in a

bar called Hangovers.” What a contrast then, to now be playing a homecoming gig at the wonderful Piece Hall, the great live venue in the town centre.

“Go back five years and anyone below Derby wouldn’t know where Halifax was. Piece Hall has made a massive difference. When you talk about cities that artists are playing now, people have actually heard of the town. It’s put Halifax on the map.”

It’s not the first time Embrace have headlined

there – in fact they performed two shows at Piece Hall in 2019 and 2023. For Mike and the band, both shows would easily make it into their top 10 gigs of all time. “That’s a big deal after a thirty-year career,” Mike remarks “It’s because they’re special shows, they’re local. Everybody is in such a joyous mood. And, touch wood, we had great weather for both.”

And what is a Halifax crowd like?

“You get a great mixture of the local fans and the

hardcore Embrace fans from the whole of the UK. Piece Hall has that pull. Everybody is absolutely looking for a good time. As soon as you walk on that stage, you know it’s going to be a great show.”

BRINGING CALDERDALE TOGETHER

Mike also believes in the power of live music for bringing together the Calderdale community. Any divisions are forgotten at the show. “Anyone with any political persuasion can come to the show and

have a good time. I’d like to think that Embrace pulls people together for a joyous occasion.”

After thirty years in the game, Embrace shows also bring together all generations. “We get a lot of younger kids coming with their parents now. We’ve got grandparents, their children, and their children’s children coming to the show. It’s a multi-generational show.”

“I can’t wait to play it again this year. It’s a real honour to be asked.”



MUSIC MAKING HISTORY

HALIFAX’S local music scene is getting a boost from **Hind and the Jaffa Cakes**, a band formed at the St Augustine’s Centre. The group provides a platform for

local musicians, including refugees and asylum-seekers, to perform and build connections through music. On stage, you’ll see Palestinians, Jews, Kurds, Iranians, and Brits, people

of all faiths and no faith. They make music that celebrates their diversity, drawing upon a huge range of cultures and traditions.

The band has played at local festivals and events, blending contemporary styles with the diverse stories of its members. Organisers say the project

is about more than music – it helps bring people together and fosters community spirit.

Their success is being recognised nationally. The band has helped to put the Calderdale music scene on the map after being announced as the UK’s first Band of Sanctuary.

CHALLENGING HATE, BUILDING COMMUNITIES



HOPE not hate is Britain’s leading anti-fascist and anti-racist organisation. We believe in the good in people, and that when given an option, people will always choose HOPE over hate.

We want to build a Halifax that is free from hate.

A Halifax where young people can grow up with a decent future.

A Halifax where people can be proud of who they are, and build communities that are strong and proud.

If you want to help us build that future, then please join us and together we can make HOPE not hate grow in Halifax.

For more information, contact chrish@hopenothate.org.uk



LIFE-CHANGING SUPPORT IN THE HEART OF OVENDEN



LAST YEAR, the Noah's Ark Centre in Ovensden was awarded £242,000 from the Department of Health and Social Care to operate as one of just 24 Early Support Hubs across the UK, strengthening its role as a vital community lifeline.

The funding was part of a national government initiative to expand early mental-health intervention for young people. In Halifax alone, hundreds are expected to benefit as the centre bolsters its free, drop-in services.

A COMMUNITY ANCHOR

The Noah's Ark Centre continues to grow, offering practical, emotional and financial support to thousands across Calderdale. With its new Early Support Hub funding, the team hopes to reach even more young people before their struggles become crises.

A SAFE SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Early Support Hubs provide open-access support for 11-25-year-olds, offering guidance on school stress, relationships, employment, financial worries, and general wellbeing. Crucially, young people can walk in without a doctor's appointment or referral, preventing problems from escalating and reducing long-term pressure on health services. Alongside its new hub status, Noah's Ark holds an existing NHS contract to deliver counselling. Its professional support workers are already embedded in most schools across Calderdale, delivering early help where it is most needed.

MORE THAN MENTAL HEALTH: LIFE-SAVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Beyond counselling, Noah's Ark operates a busy money-advice service that has become indispensable during the cost-of-living crisis. Its *Budget Like a Boss!!!* course helps residents rebuild financial stability by understanding debt, spending, and long-term money management.

The centre assists with Debt Relief Orders, emergency food support, energy-efficiency referrals, broadband and phone-bill reductions, and access to essential household items. Staff say the results can be transformative – and in some cases, life-saving.

One of the most powerful examples comes from the centre's carpet-fitting initiative, which supplies flooring to families in crisis. For many, the impact is far more than cosmetic.

THANK YOU!

When Jenny, a Halifax mum fleeing violence with her son, arrived at Noah's Ark she was insolvent, in debt, and mentally unwell. But within weeks they had a support plan in place, with counselling, money-management training and even new carpets.

In a message to staff at the centre she wrote: "You and your team have changed my life. You're all angels, absolute angels."

■ noahsarkcentre.org.uk

ROBERT'S STORY: THE HALIFAX COMMUNITY GARDEN GIVING HOPE TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEN ROBERT first stepped into the Outback Community Kitchen and Garden, he was looking for something to fill the lonely days that followed the loss of his parents. Three years on, Robert is a dedicated volunteer who spends his time planting and tending vegetables, gaining new skills with every season and a renewed sense of purpose.

Robert describes the garden as a "thoroughly enjoyable and necessary green space" in the middle of a densely built-up part of Halifax. He values how people from different backgrounds come together, without pressure, to grow things and support one another. Volunteers are as young as 15 years-old, using the space as a break from school for one afternoon a week. Their oldest volunteer is 90!

Twice a week, the Outback Community Kitchen and Garden run a market stall selling their produce at extremely cheap cost. Each week there is a free lunch for volunteers using food grown in the garden, followed by a member-based affordable food

pantry for members of the local community.

The community kitchen fosters a culture of cooking health from scratch. They provide Halifax families with "From Plot to Plate" cooking sessions in the summer, while in the winter they give "cooking on a budget" courses.

Other local charities and organisations can use the space too. Special educational needs and mental-health support providers often visit the garden for activity days. Children come with local primary schools and nurseries for outdoor learning and much-needed community events during half term.

For Robert, this mix of nature, friendship and gentle structure has helped him develop a brighter outlook. It has shown him that even after a difficult period, small steps in the right environment can make a very real difference.

In a neighbourhood where green space is limited, the Outback has become a source of care and resilience for the people who nurture it and for the people it nurtures in return.





ANGELS OUT AT NIGHT

FOR 20 years, the Halifax Street Angels have been a familiar sight on Friday and Saturday nights, offering support to vulnerable people in Halifax town centre.

Since launching in November 2005, the team has been patrolling Halifax late at night, helping anyone in need – from those affected by alcohol or drugs to people who have been spiked, injured, or victims of crime. Volunteers provide first aid, offer practical support such as flip-flops and phone chargers, arrange taxis, and create a friendly presence to help keep streets safe.

The Halifax Street Angels work closely with local police, town centre venues, and other partners to reduce anti-social behaviour and enhance Halifax's night-time safety. Their efforts have been credited with a reported 42% drop in

violent crime within the first year of operation and have contributed to the town earning its "Purple Flag" award for a safe and vibrant night-time economy.

CAN YOU HELP THE ANGELS?

Despite their vital role, without more volunteers, they may have to cease operating. They particularly need male volunteers to balance the team.

Each year, the Halifax Street Angels log approx 13,000 volunteer hours supporting 3,000 people. Their presence eases pressure on emergency services and helps make Halifax a safer, more welcoming place after dark. New volunteers should go to halifaxstreetangels.org for more information.

POLICE AND COLLEGE BREW UP TOGETHER

GET THE kettle on and the conversations flowing... that's the goal with the new community initiative by Calderdale College and West Yorkshire Police. Now students have the chance to sit down with local officers in a relaxed, informal setting.

The scheme, *Cuppa with a Copper*, invites students to drop in, raise concerns and get to know their neighbourhood policing team. Launched in 2025, the partnership gives students a rare chance to discuss topics including knife crime and the consequences of carrying a weapon, as well as road safety.

The initiative is part of



West Yorkshire Police's broader plan for community engagement with residents of all backgrounds. The force's neighbourhood teams across Calderdale, Leeds, Bradford, Kirklees and Wakefield have been increasing local drop-ins, youth engagement sessions and community dialogue, to make policing more

responsive and rooted in local needs.

The College's Further Education Liaison Officer PC Steph Robinson says the initiative provides a valuable bridge between young people and the Police, strengthening trust and breaking down barriers between the two groups.

HALIFAX WORKERS CELEBRATE NEW RIGHTS AT WORK

WORKERS ACROSS Halifax are celebrating a new law that gives them increased protection at work. The Employment Rights Act, which passed last year, will give workers greater rights and protections at work.

This comes after new polling that shows the majority of people in Halifax believe that workers are not treated fairly and they should be entitled to greater protection and rights.

The Employment Rights Act gives us the biggest shake-up in workers' rights for a decade and it signals a decisive break from the Tories' race to the bottom on employment standards that has done so much damage to our living standards and productivity.

By tackling the scourge of zero-hours contracts and fire and rehire, delivering day-one rights to statutory sick pay, and boosting family-friendly and flexible working, the Act offers the biggest upgrade to workers' rights for a generation. Everyone needs jobs they can build a life on.

As well as clamping down on bad bosses, the Act will also give workers a stronger voice at work. And crucially, it will make it easier for workers to benefit from union representation.

REFORM OPPOSE NEW RULES

The five Reform MPs did not support these new rules. In fact, Reform want to reduce workers' rights even further.

When they say that they are on the side of ordinary working people, remember, they failed to back better conditions and rights at work.

HALIFAX VOTERS AGREE:

- Making sure the minimum wage is a real living wage that people can live on: **81%** agree, **19%** disagree
- Ensure all workers have the right to sick pay, paid from the first day of sickness: **71%** agree, **29%** disagree
- After 12 weeks on a zero-hours contract, workers will have to be offered a guaranteed-hours contract based on the hours they have been working: **70%** agree, **30%** disagree

THE NEW RULES

- Ban exploitative zero-hours contracts by offering all workers a contract that reflects their normal hours of work and compensation for cancelled shifts
- Ensure workers have the right to sick pay, paid from the first day of sickness including the lowest paid
- Ensure all workers are protected from being unfairly sacked after six months in a job (at the moment workers have to wait two years for this protection)
- Make it easier for people to have flexibility in their patterns and hours of work
- A right to parental leave from day one of employment
- Establishing the Fair Work Agency to ensure people get their rights



Photo: Matt Radcliffe

WHEN HORAMAN* first arrived in Halifax, football became his bridge to a new life. What began as a simple love for the game has grown into a mission to unite people from around the world.

Horaman, from East Kurdistan, Iran, leads St Augustine's FC – a team made up of local residents and people seeking sanctuary. The squad regularly draws more than 40 players, representing over 10 different nationalities and languages. "Football is an international language," he explains. "After the first kick, you can speak as many languages as you want."

A TRUE HALIFAX WELCOME

Horaman's journey began shortly after he arrived in the UK with limited English and few connections. He grew up supporting Persepolis FC in Iran. One of his first memories in Halifax was trying to attend a local FC Halifax Town match – only to discover he couldn't afford a ticket at the gate. In true Halifax spirit, a local man stepped in to offer him a ticket.

Horaman has channelled that experience into creating opportunities for others. Under his guidance, the football team has become a vital community programme – offering fitness, friendship, and a sense of home for people who have fled conflict or persecution, and local people in need of support.

A PLACE TO FORGET YOUR PROBLEMS

Training sessions are full of energy and provide an hour of respite. For the local lads struggling with their mental health, it gives them a much-needed outlet to focus only on the game. For those seeking sanctuary, the hour is a precious time when they do not need to worry



Photo: Matt Radcliffe

about their visa status – some can wait in limbo for years for a decision. "We play to feel alive, to make friends, to be part of something," says Horaman. "Football gives us hope."

The team also takes part in local tournaments, including the Sanctuary Shield, a friendly but competitive Refugee Week match against Halifax Friendly FC. St Augustine's FC lifted the trophy in 2022, and although they lost it in 2024, the spirit of solidarity across the town remains.

Beyond the pitch, the impact is clear: the programme helps newcomers improve their wellbeing, practice English, and build relationships that extend into everyday life. It's a simple but powerful reminder that community doesn't always need translation – sometimes, it just needs a ball and an open field.

■ All adults and abilities are welcome. Contact for more information: staugustinescentrehalifax.org.uk
**names have been changed*

SOWERBY BRIDGE DOES US PROUD



JONNY HAD trained boxers in Halifax alongside running his window-cleaning business for years. A Sowerby Bridge man himself, he wanted to set up a space for local kids and adults to enjoy the sport.

In 2023, he seized the opportunity to use the newly opened Foundry Street Community Centre as a base for a boxing gym. The club now runs sessions three to four times a week for all ages and genders, with boxing, CrossFit, and running on offer. With help from coaches Molly and Mark, the Sowerby Bridge gym punches above its weight and does the town proud. They have had multiple Yorkshire champions, and often head down to London and beat the big clubs there, putting Sowerby Bridge on the map.

Jonny recognised the importance of the boxing gym in the town to give young people something to do. "There were no youth clubs around, nothing for kids to do."

Some of the teenagers are in the boxing gym four times a week. "Without it, let's be honest, some might

be out on the streets in the evening causing problems". Jonny mentioned one young person who often got into trouble at school. "The school rang me to say how much of a positive impact the boxing club was having on them," Jonny said. "Not only that, they're really good. I told them that they could really go somewhere with this. I reckon they'll be national champion one day." The boxing club teaches discipline, commitment, and resilience to the young people who use it. The tireless work that Jonny, Mark and Molly put into the club is an asset to our community. And even after running the club most evenings after his day job, Jonny still finds the time to clean the community centre's windows free of charge!

