



## 'Uniting Communities Through Sport' Newsletter January 2020

Welcome to the first Community Team newsletter of 2020  
Happy New Year!

### The Dogs Dinner

The Community Team had a busy December, organising a Community Christmas dinner. Christmas can be a time when people who might be socially isolated, lonely or have little or no family feel it most. We partnered up with the Jo Cox Foundation to put on the community dinner as part of their Great Winter Get Together campaign #mincepiemoments. The campaign aims to raise awareness of loneliness and isolation in the winter months and encourages people to do something in their community, it could be organising a small lunch or simply sharing a mince pie with a neighbour.

50 people from the local communities of Batley, Birstall and Dewsbury came for an afternoon of food, togetherness and entertainment by Batley Community Choir. The trustees from the Charity arm of the club cooked a 3 course dinner, while the volunteers from the Community Team and More in Common served the food for the afternoon.

We would like to say a special thank you to RJ Moulton, Asda & Tesco for their generous food donations. Many thanks to all that made this possible, we cant wait until next year!



## New Community Team Kit!

We are very excited that we have a new Community Team kit coming soon. As well as our previous kit sponsors Fox's, Farrar Windows, Creative Scene & AJ Winner Plasterers, we welcome new sponsors The Jo Cox Foundation, More in Common, PPG & The Crescent. Many thanks for all our sponsors continued support!

## School Coaching

The Community Team Coaches have continued to provide PE, Lunch & after school clubs throughout the start of the new school year, at Staincliffe, Healey, Batley Parish and now Park Road School.

Children learn multi-sports skills as well as football, cricket and rugby, over 1,500 children have benefited from these sessions, highlighting the importance of fitness. Free taster sessions are available, if you want your school to try us out, get in touch!

## Battler at the Christmas lights

Battler and the community team went out and about to Batley & Birstall Christmas lights switch on, to spread some Christmas cheer and give out some FREE junior season tickets! We still have some available, so if you want a free junior season ticket get in touch!

## Sporting Memories Reminiscence Café

The Community Team have partnered up with already established group Dewsbury Memories, to bring a brand new memories group to Batley. The drop in session is centred around rugby league and local history and runs on the last Friday of every month at 10am at the Fox's biscuits stadium. Cuppas and biscuits provided!



## Job Fair

We have partnered up with Volunteering Kirklees to bring a Job Fair to Batley, where there will be local businesses, voluntary groups and training providers showcasing available opportunities. Fox's Biscuits, PPG, Ikea, Qualtech Resourcing & Kirklees Council will be in attendance as well as voluntary opportunities from More in Common, St Annes Befriending Services, Oxfam & RVS and Careers and training providers C & K Careers, GMB, Sportworks & LAB Project. Come and join us in Rons Lounge, 11am until 2pm on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## Empowering Mothers Against Grooming

This free course provided by Empowering Minds, has been run successfully in Bradford over the course of 2019. The 4 week workshops teaches mothers how to spot the signs & symptoms of grooming online, as well as how to protect their children on the internet.

All children and teenagers who are using social media and gaming platforms are at risk of this growing threat. The course start date is 22nd January at 10am, Call now to book your free place 07475 019009 **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** refreshments provided

## Space to Grow Allotment Project

An exciting new project is about to begin with St Annes Community Services & Barfield Education, to create a new allotment space between Batley & Dewsbury. The Space to Grow allotment is aimed at bringing members of the community together and creating a growing space to promote mental health and well being. We are looking for members of the community to co-create this space, if you would like to cultivate your green fingers then get in touch with us or Zhuleka at St Annes in Dewsbury.



**Jobs, Volunteering & Training Fair**  
Friday 14th February 11am - 2pm  
Fox's Biscuits Stadium, Batley  
Looking for a new opportunity in 2020?  
Come along to meet a range local employers, learning providers and voluntary groups!

Make 2020 your year!

Logos: Community Learning Works, Kirklees, Annes, tsi, Sportworks, Oxfam, PPG, GMB, C&K careers, Qualtech, Royal Voluntary Service, More in Common, FOXS, IKEA, LAB Project



**EMPOWERING MOTHERS AGAINST GROOMING AND RADICALISATION**  
OUR BESPOKE WORKSHOPS WILL:  
- Explore practical techniques to use and understand the internet  
- Explore signs and symptoms of Radicalisation & Online Grooming  
- Explore Online Safeguarding

**This course covers the tools you need to help protect your child & learn important techniques for all mothers**

Week 1: Wednesday 22nd January 2020  
Week 2: Wednesday 29th January 2020  
Week 3: Wednesday 5th February 2020  
Week 4: Wednesday 12th February 2020

2 hours a week 10am - 12pm  
**Call or email to book your FREE place**  
**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
**refreshments provided**  
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## Community Gym

Just a reminder that our community gym session run weekly, the pay as you go sessions are easy going, fun and only £2 per session. A new youth club style Sunday session for boys will be coming in February, so keep a look out for that on the Bulldogs Community Team pages on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

## Volunteer Group

Do you have an idea for a project or event that will benefit the community? Do you want to be involved in designing and delivering a project? Get involved in our volunteer group, this is a great opportunity to have your say and do something positive in your community! The first meeting of this group will be in March, get in touch now to become part of this new and exciting initiative! Email [clare@batleybulldogs.co.uk](mailto:clare@batleybulldogs.co.uk)

The Community Team are available to come to your events, to get in touch with us or stay updated, follow us on social media or if you would like further information email us:

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**Community Gym**

Want to get fit, but don't fancy a big gym?  
At Bulldogs Community Team gym you can get fit in a fun and friendly environment!

Over 55's  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8am - 9.30 am

Ladies Only  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9.30am - 11am  
Wednesday 6 - 7pm

Open Class  
Wednesday 7pm - 8pm

First session free, £2 after!  
Contact Sharaz 07956 830684  
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Would you like to design and deliver projects, that benefit the local community?

**THEN WE NEED YOU!**

The Community Team are inviting people to join this new and exciting group

Everyone welcome



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