

# TWERTON AND WHITEWAY



SPRING 2025

## Community Network Newsletter

It might not be summer quite yet but spring is definitely in the air! Amazing what a bit of sunshine does for our mood and our energy levels, and things just feel more possible and hopeful.

If you're a gardener or just enjoy plants, it's an exciting time of year - **Overgrown** is a new gardening club from **Blooming Whiteway** at **Bath City Farm** you can join, as well as **Timebank's** gardening and allotment clubs. The Farm have also got plant sales coming up in April and May (see calendar below).

If you're more of a crafty type why not try crochet? Mondays 10.30-12.30 alternating between the Southside Centre and the Velo Lounge cafe on Moorland Road. Join **Bath Crochet** on Facebook to stay in touch.

After the success of our first **Big Brekky** at the **Southdown Methodist Hall** in January we're having another one, this time at the **Lighthouse Centre** on the High Street. Poster below!

The lovely team at **Banes Parent Carer Forum** run regular meet ups in our area and the next one is at Bath City Farm on 25th March 10-12. No one should struggle alone caring for children with additional needs.

See the other side for info on the upcoming **Dragon's Den** event, the return of the **Twerton Flower Show** and some pictures of the community organising workshop in February.

Have a great spring time everyone!

You can always message us (Kate and Sally, the Network Coordinators) with feedback, suggestions, or to get involved, on [hello@twertonandwhiteway.org](mailto:hello@twertonandwhiteway.org) or **07398 589680 / 07961 869970**



### Dates for your diary

- 20 March** Drop-in Employment Support- 'Achieve in B&NES'  
11am - 1pm Rose Cottage, Twerton
- 22 March** Twerton & Whiteway Big Breakfast >>>>  
10am - 1pm Lighthouse Centre, Twerton
- 29 March** Bath City FC v Hemel Hempstead 3pm Twerton Park
- 5 April** Community Repair Cafe  
11am - 1pm Southdown Methodist Church
- 5 April** Spring Fayre 11am - 3pm Bath City Farm
- 12 April** Bath City FC v Dorking 3pm Twerton Park
- 21 April** Bath City FC v Chippenham 3pm Twerton Park
- 26 April** Plant Sale 11am - 2pm Bath City Farm
- 3 May** Community Repair Cafe  
11am - 1pm Southdown Methodist Church
- 24 May** Plant Sale 11am - 2pm Bath City Farm
- 7 June** 'Dragons Den' event: Funding community projects  
4-7pm [Exact timings TBC] Centurion Pub
- 7 June** Community Repair Cafe  
11am - 1pm Southdown Methodist Church
- 14 June** Twerton Flower Show 12-4pm Pennyquick Park



## TWERTON & WHITEWAY BIG BREAKFAST

10AM - 1PM  
SATURDAY 22ND MARCH

LIGHTHOUSE CENTRE, TWERTON HIGH ST



GLUTEN FREE AND  
VEGGIE/VEGAN OPTIONS



Hear and share local updates  
and ideas for our area while  
enjoying a free brekkie

## February Community Organising Training

Community organising is the work of bringing people together to take action around their common concerns and overcome social injustice. This is what the Twerton & Whiteway Network is all about.

A professional trainer came and ran a 2-day workshop on the principles of community organising and ways to make action plans. Thanks to the 30 people who live and work in the neighbourhood who could join us - your energy and passion was amazing! There were a lot of ideas around more community and youth spaces, better food provision, and more meaningful communication with those who have more power. Some of these ideas are already getting off the ground....watch this space.

## Did you know?

Every Thursday in Twerton there is a free **Guitar Group** for all levels, run by Nick Gardham & TimeBank Plus: 10.30am - 12pm at Quebec Community Room, Dominion Road

AND a free **3-course meal** dished up by Bath Community Kitchen: 6.30pm at Lighthouse Centre. For more info on these and other weekly events, see the 'What's On' page on our website..



## Dragons Den Comes to Twerton



On Saturday 7th June at **The Centurion**, the community (you!) and some well-known local 'Dragons' will come together to hear about and vote on ideas for community projects. The money that we all raised at **Whiteway Fun Day 2024** (£745) combined with a grant from the Cobalt Trust of £5000, have created a pot of money that can go back out into the community as 'small grants'. This is the first round. Anyone who has an idea for a local project (new or already existing) can apply to pitch it to receive £300 of materials or equipment. Projects will need to show community benefit, and 10 of these projects will be chosen by the community on the day. For more details, including what counts as 'community benefit', come along to the **Big Brekky** on March 22nd or email us at [hello@twertonandwhiteway.org](mailto:hello@twertonandwhiteway.org)

## Knives Take Lives: Emma's Bleed Kits



Anyone on Facebook will likely have seen the amazing efforts of Emma Williams, who has fundraised over £10,000 for 'Bleed Kits' to be installed across the community. This is in response to concerns around safety, especially for young people and those at increased risk of harm from knife crime and other injuries. The kits can stem a severe bleed and help save lives while someone is waiting for the emergency services. Emma has got businesses to sign up to have the kits installed, and is selling raffle tickets (with an AMAZING list of prizes!) for a fundraising event at **The Centurion** on 26th April - save the date! Massive well done and thanks to Emma for her tireless work for the community.

## Back to our roots with the Twerton Flower Show

Local artist Diana Ahmed has had the inspired idea of reviving the 'Twerton Flower Show' that used to take place annually in days gone by. On Saturday June 14th at **Pennyquick Park**, she will be reinvigorating this old tradition with some slightly unconventional twists, including crafts galore, fancy dress, kids' entertainment, and more. The event will be free, and is a chance to celebrate the growers and makers of our community and to take pride in what our area produces. Plus, a fun day out for the family! More info coming soon...