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Barnsley – the place of possibilities
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Welcome to our first Barnsley Spotlight magazine of 2022

Keeping you up to date with information and what's going on in our wonderful borough.

Many exciting things are happening across the borough and there are some fantastic projects that benefit you and your families. Please carry on reading through the magazine to find out more.

Thank you again for your continued support and commitment to making sure Barnsley can recover and move on from the pandemic. The impact on families, communities, businesses, and services has been devastating.

As we move into 2022, there's renewed hope if we continue to work together to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in Barnsley. You can read more on page four.

We're keen to know what you think about our Barnsley Spotlight magazine. It would be great if you can fill in the feedback form on page 8, or complete the online form at surveys.barnsley.gov.uk/s/BarnsleySpotlight.

We'll see you again in early summer for our next edition of Barnsley Spotlight.







Sarah Norman, Chief Executive of Barnsley

Council

Budget 2022/2023 update

Our proposed budget was presented to Full Council on 24 February 2022 and may have been subject to amendments. Visit barnsley.gov.uk/Budget for the latest information. The information below is correct at the time of printing.



£27 million investment in day-to-day frontline services.



Over £56.2 million of one-off capital investment across

the borough.



£19.1 million

for social housing to make sure that homes are maintained to a decent standard.



15,000 households

on the lowest incomes will continue to receive additional council tax support.



A new clean up team

to pressure wash pavements, repair, replace street furniture and replace waste bins.



Additional grass cutting

in parks and open spaces, cultural venues, cemeteries and the crematorium.



£30 million

Principal Towns and Local Town Centres programme including a £10 million upfront boost to kick start the programme from 2022 2023.



Significant investment in adults and children's social care

including employing additional childrens social workers.



£2 million

on top of the annual £15 million programme to improve our highways and roads.

Biggest ever investment plans will grow ambition in Barnsley

Our own 'levelling up' plan has been laid out in a new Place-based Investment Plan which outlines how we'd invest up to £260 million right across the borough.

We're focused on providing essential public services and developing Barnsley as a great place to live, work and invest. We've been doing levelling up in Barnsley for many years, but there are new opportunities for us to grasp. Levelling up isn't just about business outputs, it's about improving your lives, focusing on giving you and your family a better future.



Last year, Barnsley's 2030 vision was launched driving Barnsley to be the place of possibilities, and now, these hugely ambitious investment plans set out how we'll get there. This places us in a strong position to secure funding through a range of sources including the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Renewal Fund.

There are eight key themes for investment in the plan:

- Vibrant and resilient places
- Culture and visitor economy
- Innovation, enterprise and growth
- Skills, education and employment
- Sustainability and net-zero carbon
- Transport and mobility
- Digital
- Housing, land and development

The plan includes our £30 million investment into our Principal Towns and Local Centres, on top of the £5 million we've already invested, helping your high streets to thrive into places you're proud of. It also lays how we want to develop your much-loved culture and visitor economy attractions.

We know that 70.7% (correct as of the end of September 2021) of working-age people in Barnsley have a job – this needs to be higher, so if you're a young person you have something to aspire to.

This is why we're working with partners across the borough to develop and grow by launching a new work and skills hub to bring together employment and skills support, investing in digital infrastructure and better connectivity, and building better, sustainable homes to run alongside better transport links across the borough.

Kathy McArdle, Service Director for Regeneration and Culture, talks about her passion for seeing Barnsley thrive:

"This is an ambitious plan that cuts right across the whole borough. We know that if we stand still, our borough's economy will standstill. We'll be working as hard as we possibly can to make this plan a reality, by seeking every national and regional funding opportunity, and bringing in other investments in the borough.

"It seeks to give everyone the chance to have a better future – starting in the early years. The plan prioritises giving your children and young people better education and enrichment opportunities so they are the best they possibly can be.





"It's an absolutely massive and unprecedented level of investment, and we're excited about that because now it's time for you all to believe in the possibilities of Barnsley and to look to the future with excitement and optimism."

To read the plan type 'Place-based Investment Plan' into the search bar on our website barnsley.gov.uk.

Let's continue to stay safe as we learn to live with COVID-19

I want to start by thanking you all for the enormous effort you've made to follow the rules and guidance over the last two years, and for showing consideration for others.

other, which Barnsley is well known for, and we can now begin to get back to doing many of the things we love and have missed. However, my advice is to do this as safely as possible.

As long as COVID-19 is still present and causing illness, fortunately relatively mildly in most cases, it can still overburden the healthcare sector and adversely affect schools and businesses. And sadly, a small minority of people will still become severely ill with it, especially those who are still unvaccinated.

Although it is tempting to want to put COVID-19 behind us, it is too early to say the pandemic is over and we still need to take some care in how we go about our daily lives to reduce disruption and illness.

Letting fresh air into indoor spaces by opening a window helps reduce how much virus is in the air and face coverings protect the wearer as well as others. I'm still choosing to wear mine in crowded spaces and ask that you all consider this small action of kindness if you are able to.

Our vaccination uptake has been amazing so far. Eight out of ten people have now had two doses of the vaccine and more than half of everyone eligible has now gone on to get their booster. The older you are, the more likely you are to have

had your booster by now. We know this booster dose is absolutely crucial to topping up your immunity against COVID-19, whether you're 18, 48 or 88. So if you haven't had yours yet, now's the time.

It's this spirit of looking out for each I also want to remind those who are still unvaccinated that it's never too late to come forward. Whether you've got questions, you're nervous or it's just one of those things you've not got round to sorting, the local NHS vaccination services are always there to welcome you.

> Whether you're yet to have your first COVID-19 vaccination, or you're due a second or booster dose, there are lots of opportunities at walk-in clinics and bookable appointments through the NHS National Booking Service. Call 119 or visit barnsleyccg. nhs.uk/covidvaccine for more information.

We know how to look after each other in Barnsley, so I'm sure plenty of people will carry on with that caring approach and some basic COVID-19 prevention measures.



Barnsley Director of Public Health

Remember! Hands, face, space and fresh air.

COVID-19 is still with us, and staying safe still matters.













Having a job is more than just income. It's about having a purpose and motivation, supporting good health, and having a sense of belonging.

It's areat news then that Barnsley has record levels of new businesses! With support through our Enterprising Barnsley team, 1,070 new jobs have been created since April 2021, and more than one million square feet of commercial property space has been occupied.

Our Employment and Skills service are working closely with partners across the borough so that you can get a job that's right for you regardless of your background or starting point.

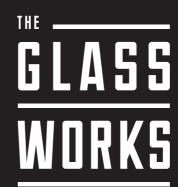
Junction 36

Junction 36 is a very attractive location for businesses and investment. The £60 million Hermes site will create 1,400 new full-time jobs and 300 temporary roles at peak periods, including a range of highly skilled roles.

Sustainable development for the future

We're working hard with developers on recovering and improving greenspaces across the borough. The Local Plan will only reduce the amount of green belt land by 1% to 2% while driving forward jobs and housing growth in the borough.







Since opening in September, The Glass Works has been the new heart and soul of Barnsley town centre, and there is much more to come in 2022.

Barnsley town centre has an exciting calendar of events planned this year, with themes from Fashion & Lifestyle to Food & Drink, and Music & Sport to Children & Families — Barnsley is giving you the best opportunity to create those special moments throughout 2022.

To find out more about all Barnsley's amazing events programme visit: barnsley.gov.uk/events.

Outside of our fantastic events programme, there are always great moments to be had at The Glass Works. Whether it's coffee and a catch-up at one of the many cafes, shopping 'til you drop and finding the latest fashions or socialising with friends and family on your next great night out - there is truly something

For 800 years, Barnsley Markets have been providing the people of Barnsley with value, quality and tradition, and now there is an easier and more convenient way to shop there. Click & Collect Barnsley is a new online shopping service that enables people to buy from and support local businesses including Barnsley Markets. New refrigerated and ambient collection lockers have been installed in Barnsley Markets and collection hubs in our Principal Towns libraries- shoppers can order from independents via the ShopAppy website and collect at a time and location that suits them.



BARNSLEY ARTS &

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The three unmissable Barnsley Museum venues have just unveiled a stunning exhibition from Graham Ibbeson. They feature a number of the legendary local artists most famous works including Laurel and Hardy, Morecambe and Wise, and Victoria Wood - not one to be missed!

Even more exciting attractions are set to open this spring, all of which are brand new additions to Barnsley. Nando's will be opening their doors on 9th March with River Island and Fridays joining them in the next few weeks, adding to the diverse fashion and food line-up of the town centre and The Glass Works. Also opening within The Glass Works this spring is the state-of-the-art NHS Diagnosis Centre, which will provide vital scan, check, and test services such as ultrasound and X-rays. Later this year will also see the long-anticipated opening of Cineworld, Starbucks, The Botanist and Cruise Fashion,



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Introducing Steven Skelly, **Community Curator** at Barnsley Museums

Barnsley Museums work with residents and communities across the borough. Here is Community Curator, Steven Skelly to tell you a little more about what they do and why...

Tell us about the work of **Barnsley Museums and your** role as Community Curator?

When I was six years old, I went to

my very first museum with my dad and that was at Cannon Hall. I was mesmerised by all the history on our doorstep and ever since I've been hooked. My role at Barnsley Museums is funded by Arts Council England as part of the National Portfolio Organisation programme, and it's primarily to work for the people of Barnsley by collecting and preserving their heritage. I curate exhibitions, run museum groups, support communities and work across the borough collecting objects and stories that are retold in the galleries of the museum. I'm the collector of a big memory box for 250,000 people and it is fair to say it can be quite hectic. It's more of a lifestyle than just a job but it's my life mission to work



at the museum in my hometown. Every day is totally different and it's a privilege. One day I'm out looking at historic war memorials and another I'm putting Pokémon figures on display in Experience Barnsley.

What makes Barnsley such a special place to live, work and study?

Barnsley is home. I remember living

in Manchester for many years and as my car drove from the great Pennines into the green hills of Barnsley I would always smile and say, 'Barnsley is home'. Although Barnsley has its challenges, I feel many people feel the same way as I do. The people of Barnsley have a deep and ancient bond with the place, and we love our heritage. There is a pride in our green hills once walked on by Romans or Vikings, a pride in our struggles through hard times and a pride in our hard work in the great industries of linen, glass, coal and iron. Barnsley has influenced the world, welcomed many people and made many great things, even fancy tins, tiny glass beads and the best tennis balls were all made here. There's something in the character of Barnsley, we've had a lot of knocks, but we are distinct, and it is the job of the museum service to shout about this and share the story of the town far and wide. I must admit, every time I think we know most things about Barnsley I'm constantly surprised

by some epic story of how Barnsley has influenced the world. These hills of coal have produced many a diamond.

What exciting things are coming up at Barnsley Museums?

Our new exhibition **Barnsley** Serves the World: Stories from the Slazengers Factory opens on Saturday, 9 April at Experience Barnsley. It's a celebration of the people who worked at the great factory near Kendray and the amazing tennis balls they made for Wimbledon. The exhibition will include films, art installations and social history. We also have a cool exhibition at the Cooper Gallery from Saturday, 19 February featuring the work of The Caravan Gallery, with whimsical documentary photography of quirky Britain taken from a yellow caravan on tour. At Cannon Hall Museum a new exhibition opens featuring portraits of the Spencer Stanhope family who once owned the great hall. Lots to enjoy – so please do come and visit some of your fascinating free museums and beautiful heritage sites in Barnsley.

Multi-million investment to transform local high streets across the borough

Plans to invest up to £30 million in our local high streets and other local priority projects over the next five years have been welcomed by residents across the borough.

We've already invested £5 million into our six Principal Towns and ten Local Centres to help them thrive.

Now we're looking to secure another £30 million planned over the next five years for the next stages of our Principal Towns and Local Centres plan. Recently we've been asking people for their views on this work with lots of feedback to a series of local surveys.

Our Principal Towns work is all about making sure you have local access to shops, markets, restaurants and a diverse night-time economy so you can enjoy your leisure time in your communities.

We've developed new Town Investment Plans for each of our Principal Towns: Cudworth, Hoyland, Royston, Penistone and Wombwell. Goldthorpe already has a Town Investment Plan after it was chosen as one of the towns to be supported by the UK Government's Towns Fund.

The plans will be used to attract further investment by setting out a proposed £30 million five-year programme. This will help levelup our local economy and create a network of economically viable High Streets throughout Barnsley.

The proposed plans cover a range of areas such as business growth, environment, transport links and employment and skills, and feedback from the surveys in each area has helped shape these plans to meet local people's needs.

It's the next stage of the Principal Towns Investment Programme which was set up in recognition of the key role of high streets and urban centres across Barnsley.

This has already given us more than 60 projects either completed or underway. These include more than 500 local shop-front transformations, as well as community art projects and new public spaces created.

The Principal Towns programme achieved national recognition as a finalist in the Local Government

Chronicle (LGC) Awards.

Teresa Williams from the Principal Towns Team said: "It's so exciting to see such positive change happening in our local high streets and communities. I think local people and local business are really seeing the benefit of Principal Towns investment in their local area, and these exciting new investment plans show that we've only just seen the beginning."

Ian Miller, a director at Handle Trade in Royston which recently benefited from a full shop front refurbishment with funding from Principal Towns, said: "I think it's great that Barnsley Council had the foresight to invest in local high streets and encouraging people to shop locally.

"Since this Principal Towns scheme started we've had the pandemic, so it's really helping with the recovery. Despite the pandemic we could already see the signs of growing confidence and people wanting to shop locally. We've grown from two staff before the pandemic to four now, and a more welcoming shop front has played a big part in helping achieve that."



To find out more about Barnsley Museums visit barnsley-museums.com.

Tell us what you think

We hope you enjoy reading the Barnsley Spotlight Magazine; we'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas. You can complete the online form at surveys.barnsley.gov.uk/s/BarnsleySpotlight or you can fill in the form below.

Pop it in an envelope and write Barnsley Spotlight on the front and post this back to us. No stamp is required.

Have you heard of Barnsley Spotlight, the council's magazine delivered to homes up to three times a year?	Yes, I have heard of it and always read it Yes, I have heard of it and sometimes read it
	Yes, I have heard of it but don't read it No, I haven't heard of it
1a. If you have answered yes, how well informed, would you say, Barnsley Spotlight keeps you about Barnsley Council's activities?	Very informed Fairly informed Not very informed Not at all informed I don't read it
2. How do you currently find out about Barnsley Council and the services we provide?	Council website Barnsley Spotlight Magazine Printed information provided by the council (e.g. leaflets, flyers, public notices) Council emails and e-newsletters Direct contact with the council (e.g. contact with staff, public meetings and events) Council's social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube) Other (please specify) Social media pages outside the council (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) Advertising on billboards/buses etc. From your local councillor Local media (e.g. newspapers, TV, radio) Word of mouth (e.g. friends, neighbours, relations) Do not find out any information
3. Are there any other ways that you would like to find out about what's happening in the council, and across the borough?	
4. Do you use the internet, at least occasionally?	Yes No
4a. If yes, how do you access the internet?	On my mobile phone On my laptop or computer On my tablet On my smart TV Other (please specify)
5. It's the good people of Barnsley that make our borough the place of possibilities to live, work, study and visit. Please tell us in a few words what you love about Barnsley?	

Proud to Care

Hi, I'm Steph and I work in reablement for Barnsley Council.

Our team works with people in the borough to help them recover and regain their independence so they can start doing the things they love again and keep living independently in their own homes.

As a reablement practitioner, my role is to help them through the process from start to finish. We set goals to work towards, helping them to get back to their everyday lives as much as possible, and I visit them regularly throughout to make sure they get the right care and support they need.

On my first visit, I will assess how they manage in their home and do day-to-day tasks. This could be anything from seeing how someone makes a cup of tea, accesses their bathroom or gets about their garden. We then chat about how I can help support them, focusing on their strengths to find out what they can manage independently and where they want to feel more confident.

As part of our support, we may link in with other services in the community to give the people we're helping the best chance at enjoying life in good health.



I really love my job, it's rewarding to go on a journey with someone and be part of helping them get back to doing the things that matter most to them.

If this sounds like the sort of role you'd be interested in, visit our Proud to Care webpage barnsley.gov.uk/ProudToCare.

Men in Barnsley are getting help for their mental health

"I can say, wholeheartedly, that Andy's Man Club has saved my life."

Watch what the sessions are all about at bit.ly/AMCBarnsley.

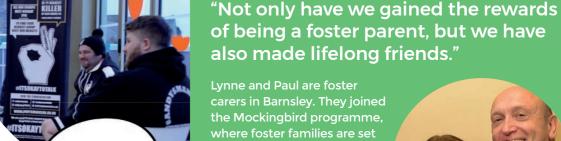
In November 2021, we welcomed Andy's Man Club to Barnsley, a mental health charity that runs support sessions for men over 18. Men can come together in a safe space to talk to each other and tackle the stigma around male mental health.

The sessions have been hugely popular, with around 30 men attending each week. The demand has been so high that Andy's Man Club is looking to open a second location in Barnsley.

Search Andy's Man Club Barnsley on Facebook or email info@andysmanclub.co.uk.

You can also find more information by typing 'alrightpal' into the search bar on our website at barnsley.gov.uk.

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Sessions

are FREE

7pm every Monday*at the

Library@theLightbox

Lynne and Paul are foster carers in Barnsley. They joined the Mockingbird programme. where foster families are set up in a structure like an extended family model. We

have three Mockingbird foster families get vital peer support and guidance alongside

social activities and sleepovers.



Lynne and Paul said: "As a foster family, we always look forward to our meetups with other families in our Mockingbird constellation. The children have a brilliant time playing together, and we love to catch up over a cup of tea."

Could you provide a loving home to a Barnsley child? You can find more information by typing 'Foster Barnsley' into the search bar on our website barnsley.gov.uk or call 01226 775 876.













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A stroke is treatable – don't ignore 'feeling unwell' says survivor

A stroke survivor is asking people not to ignore 'feeling unwell' after she spent three days in intensive care fighting to recover from a stroke she didn't realise she was havina.

Mandy Rylance, 60, was taken ill in September 2020 at Buzz Bingo in Barnsley where she has worked for 39 years. She said:

"On the day, I'd been at work since 8am. At 11.20am I went to check my emails and my son rang me, then at 11.50am I started to think 'I don't feel too good.'

"I didn't have a headache or anything but I just got on the floor and touched my face and it didn't feel right. One of the staff found me and phoned an ambulance. I became aware that I couldn't talk properly. I just kept thinking 'I don't feel very well. If I stay on the floor for ten minutes, I'll feel better.'

"I was telling the staff to go back to work and not to worry, I would be alright. Like a lot of people, I thought it would just go away. I was not even aware I was having a stroke. If I'd been at home, I would have just laid on the bed and would never have got out of it again."

Mandy, who helps manage a team of 35 staff at work and is also a first-aider, was bluelighted to Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield and spent three days in intensive care where she was given intravenous blood clot treatment.

She was then transferred to a specialist stroke ward where she stayed for 12 days. She said:

"I couldn't use my left arm and lost some sight in one eye. When you've had a stroke, everything's strange. It feels like you've been abducted by aliens."

When she returned home to Royston in Barnsley, she was cared for by South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's award-nominated Integrated Community Stroke Rehabilitation

Service. Mandy, who has a son and is grandma to a five-year-old,

"The team never missed a day with me and helped me through exercises to build up strength in my arm and leg. I've got a walking stick now and although I drop things all the time, I've managed to do a phased return to work and am now back full-time which is great as I love my job."

Mandy is now also a member of the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Stroke Delivery Network's Stroke Survivor and Carer Panel. She said:

"I want to spread the word that I didn't expect a stroke to be like what happened to me. The symptoms are not always as dramatic as you might sometimes see them on TV - for example in the 'Act F.A.S.T.' adverts based on Face, Arms, Speech, Time.

"People in Barnsley don't come to hospital as quickly as they should when they're having a stroke. It might be something about being 'tough' which is a Barnsley tradition. But a stroke is treatable and the sooner you receive treatment, the better the outcome. Don't put off seeking medical care."

Data shows that the average time from when stroke symptoms start to seeking medical help for Barnsley patients is approximately 15 hours. This compares with a national and regional average of 3.5 hours.

- > Face
- > Arms or legs
- > Speech
- > Time to call 999



Barnsley Emergency Medicine Consultant James Griffiths said:

"We know that the people of Barnsley are stoic and sometimes don't want to bother anyone, but it is vitally important that, if they notice symptoms of a stroke - facial droop, arm or leg weakness or speech difficulty - they must dial

"This will give them the best chance of receiving the best possible care, which might involve being admitted to a Hyper Acute Stroke Unit in Doncaster or Wakefield. As with most conditions, getting the right patient to the right specialist at the right time is crucial in ensuring we get the best possible outcomes for Barnsley stroke patients."

A stroke strikes every five minutes in the UK - and can change lives in an instant. Yet the pandemic saw a significant fall in stroke admissions and 1,413 excess deaths from a stroke between 21 March 2020 and 22 January 2021.



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Sustainability at the centre of our plans for Barnsley

From what we do with our kitchen bin waste to how we heat our homes and public buildings; we all have a part to play in protecting our borough for future generations.

We're working hard to bring the council's carbon footprint down, and to help our whole borough work towards a greener future.

Over the last few months, we've expanded what you can put in your brown bin for recycling with plastic pots, tubs and trays now welcome alongside glass bottles, tin cans and plastic bottles.

We've also increased what you can recycle at our Household Waste Recycling Centres. Paper containers with metal ends such as Pringles tubes, hot chocolate, nuts and other products can now be recycled via dedicated containers at the site alongside food and drink cartons such as Tetra Paks.

Residents are helping us every day by taking the time to make sure more of these products are recycled.

We have a Positive Climate Partnership with key organisations and people around the borough to work together so we can achieve net-zero carbon by 2045. This means we will have reduced emissions to as low as feasibly possible and offsetting the remainder when it's absolutely necessary.

We've been working with the Centre for Sustainable Energy on a map for how we get there, and they've recently been doing some consultation with local residents and businesses on this.

There's lots we're already doing. There are now 58 Electric Vehicle Charging points for the public to use to help people switch to electric vehicles where possible. We're using electric vehicles in the council wherever possible too.

We've been adding solar panels, energy-efficient heating and other efficient improvements at public buildings including the Town Hall and our leisure centres. We've switched 33,000 street lamps over to efficient LED lighting, and the council only buys electricity from a renewable

We've also just approved a new development of council houses featuring solar panels, air source heating and such high efficiency that they won't need a gas supply at all.

energy tariff.

We'll continue working towards a more Sustainable Barnsley and we thank you for doing what you can to live sustainably, recycle right, and look after our beautiful borough for future generations.

Thank you for keeping our borough clean and green

Putting your rubbish into the right bin really does make a difference, and means we can recycle and dispose of it in the best way possible. We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who's done their bit to help keep Barnsley clean and green.

You can find out more about what goes in your bin and download your new 2022 bin calendar at barnsley.gov.uk/Waste.

7.9 million bin collections are made across Barnsley each year.

97.86% of waste was diverted from landfill in 2021.

Household waste

Paper, cardboard, newspaper and magazines

trays, glass bottles and jars, tins, cans and foil







Over 12% of grey bin waste could be recycled

of waste in Barnsley is recycled or composted.

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of grey bin waste is made up of food waste.

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