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# Fostering in Barnsley



## Are you ready to make a change?

Barnsley needs more people to come forward for all types of fostering. However, there is currently an urgent need for more long-term carers. For children who are unable to return to their birth families, adoption is not always the right or possible option. Therefore, they need a loving, safe and nurturing home until they reach an age where they can go on to live independently.

The work of our long-term foster carers is essential to providing a child or young person with a sense of belonging, normality and family membership. This enables them to develop stable relationships, feel cared for, and be encouraged and supported in developing their ambitions and aspirations.

Concerned that being single, in a same-sex relationship, not married, too old, or living in a rented property, are possible reasons why you would not be considered? Don't be. Have a chat with the team or come along to an information evening to find out more.

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Call 01226 775876 or email [fostering@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@barnsley.gov.uk).



# Welcome What's inside...



It's summertime at last, and the Tour de France Grand Depart is upon us. We're about to put Barnsley on the global stage, and show the world what we have to offer.

We celebrate our new sporting heroes, we also remember our old military heroes, as we reflect on the First World War on its 100th anniversary.

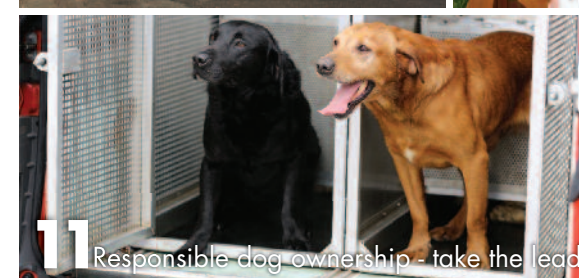
We'll also take a glimpse at what Barnsley has to offer this summer, by taking a tour of our heritage sites for afternoon tea, hearty lunches and gorgeous antiques.

Thousands of you have told us what you want from your new town centre, so we'll share some of your views and suggestions, and let you know what's coming next in the regeneration plans.

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# Walking route takes in Le Tour



Offering amazing views over Penistone and Barnsley to the north, as well as reservoirs and the Peak District National Park, this walk of 6.8 miles (11 kilometres) is well worth the effort despite some challenging terrain, which can be steep in places. Walkers are advised that field paths along the route can be wet and muddy, with stiles, and some sections along minor roads have no footway. For these reasons it is not suitable for those with pushchairs or mobility impairments.

Walkers can use all of this route, but horse riders and cyclists may only use the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) and bridleway sections (Penistone to Mossley Road, and Hartcliffe to Hillside Lane).

## How to get there

Public transport: from Barnsley interchange frequent connections to Penistone by bus and rail. By car: park at the TPT car park close to Tesco store at Market Lane, Penistone.

## Directions

**1** Leave the TPT car park, cross in front of the Tesco store, and go up the ramp. Take time to enjoy the oak-framed market hall. Go past the garages and play area then turn right at the road junction (Schole Avenue). Turn left onto Bluebell Avenue and follow the estate road uphill, crossing straight over at the crossroads, then turn left onto Chapelfield Lane. As the road bears left (at the junction with Pengeston Road) go straight ahead along the public bridleway (known as Schole Hill Lane). Go between the buildings and keep bearing left on the track until you get to the road.

**2** This is a short road section with no pavements so take care. Turn left onto Hartcliffe Road, then immediately right onto Brockholes Lane. Take the first left onto Joan Royd Lane, over the stone bridge and uphill. After 500 metres turn right onto the bridleway (an uneven track between two walls). Follow the bridleway uphill to the junction with Mossley Road.

**3** Turn left onto Mossley Road. After 65 metres turn right onto the footpath down the track to Judd Field Farm. This is the joint highest point of the route (320 metres). Follow the path around the farm buildings and head downhill next to the field boundary. Go through the gate into the wood (The Hollins) and follow the path downhill. At the track near the corner of Mortimer Road you will see the former railway line on an embankment and bridge ahead of you. Bear right briefly along the track then left onto the dismantled railway line. The public house at Midhopestones is 100 metres away under the railway bridge. This is at the sharp turn where the Tour de France route leaves the A616 and follows back roads into Sheffield.

**4** Turn right and follow the dismantled railway line (Barnsley Boundary Walk) for 1.5 km through woodland and out into the fields. You will be running parallel to the A616 and Tour De France route where it comes down from Langsett. Cross the access track to

Alderman Head Cote Farm, and in another 200 metres turn right down the small railway embankment and over a stile. Follow the footpath uphill, under the pylon line, and over stiles to Nether House. Go between the buildings and straight on across the field. Follow the path between the buildings at Lower Belle Clive and down the track to the road.

**5** Turn right onto the road (Hartcliffe Nick) and after 110 metres turn left onto the bridleway through the bilberry bushes and trees. This is the joint highest point on the route. Please give way to any horse riders you meet. Follow the

bridleway through the gate, keep to the field edge then downhill on the stone track to the road.

**6** Turn left onto Hillside Lane and continue downhill for 300 metres. Turn right onto the TPT at the former level crossing. From here it is a level walk back to Penistone. Take the path beside the skateboard park to the TPT car park.

For information about the Trans Pennine Trail in Barnsley or other walks, cycle routes and rides contact 01226 772142 or [publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk)



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# FAB apprenticeships

Research shows that 44 per cent of employers nationally intend to take on one or more apprentices in the next five years, according to the National Apprenticeship Service, while 47 per cent of employers creating apprenticeships are small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

In Barnsley, a new service is helping the borough's SMEs to find the right apprenticeship candidates, allowing employers to focus their energies on running their businesses.

Funded by Leeds City Region local enterprise partnership, First for Apprenticeships Barnsley (FAB) is an impartial agency which has access to more than 50 apprenticeship programmes delivered by a range of training providers in the area.

This means FAB staff can source the best training options for businesses that run apprenticeship schemes. The scheme is delivered by Barnsley College from its Skills Hub on behalf of Barnsley Council.

Apprenticeships are flexible programmes that mix training in the workplace with teaching in the classroom or workshop, followed by exams and practical assessments. There are a range of

benefits that apprentices can bring to employers, including:

- higher productivity (apprentices are trained with the skills and knowledge for the job, enabling them to work efficiently and effectively)
- higher employee satisfaction (apprentices are motivated to learn, progress and get the most from their job)
- lower staff turn-over (apprentices repay the investment made in them by showing loyalty to the business)
- more than 80 per cent of people are more likely to use a business if it offers apprenticeships to young people.

FAB can help employers to match an apprenticeship candidate with the right course of study for both them and their employer's business needs. There is a qualification or course of study for most career paths and the many options include IT and telecommunications, motor vehicle maintenance and repair, food production and cookery, dental nursing, bricklaying and joinery.

To find out more about FAB visit [www.firstforapprenticeshipsbarnsley.co.uk](http://www.firstforapprenticeshipsbarnsley.co.uk) email [info@firstforapprenticeshipsbarnsley.co.uk](mailto:info@firstforapprenticeshipsbarnsley.co.uk) or phone 01226 216839.

## Advice on finding an employer for an apprenticeship

**Online:** the National Apprenticeship Service [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk) has apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies nationally and locally. Search job vacancy websites and research companies you are interested in to seek vacancies. Visit Barnsley young people's I Know I Can website [www.iknowican.co.uk](http://www.iknowican.co.uk)

**Local newspapers:** check adverts for apprentice or trainee vacancies.

**Business directories:** these give a good idea of the number of companies in particular trades and can signpost you to opportunities in related professions.

**Ask around:** tell your friends and family you're looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship. Ask them to ask around and you'll be surprised how many people connect with employers in this way.

**Direct contact:** one of the most successful ways of finding an employer is to contact them directly by visiting or telephoning. Be well prepared with your research, personal presentation and what you are going to say. Have a copy of your CV ready to send by post or email.

# Creating a better town centre



In January 2014, Barnsley Council announced a £41 million investment into town centre regeneration plans. Work on a brand new central library and refurbished markets is set to start soon.

As well as attracting investment from businesses, it will safeguard Barnsley's jobs and create new ones. The scheme is funded by the council, we're not waiting for a developer to invest, so there's nothing to hold up the development.

The money for the scheme isn't from the council's revenue budget, so it won't have an impact on the council's ability to maintain essential services.

When we add the brand new college building into the picture, the total town centre investment totals £57 million, creating a more vibrant environment for people to study, work and spend their spare time.

We've been asking you what you want from your new town centre, and we'll take all your comments into account as we develop the plans.

We've had feedback from almost 1,000 people, and here's what you told us:

**What would you like to see as part of the town centre regeneration plans?**

"A better and more up to date indoor market."

"A variety of shops and plenty of choice."

"Somewhere that children can play safely."

**How would you describe Barnsley town centre?**

"Busy, but lacking that WOW factor."

"Tired, good potential, excellent location."

"I like Barnsley because it is not flat and has a lot of heritage."

## Moving the outdoor market

The first step is the move of the outdoor market into the shopping precinct. We'll do this so we can safely demolish central offices and strengthen the outdoor market area to create a town centre square.

There will be 40 fixed stalls along Cheapside, May Day Green, Queen Street and Peel Square. The new stalls will be built in late summer, and the traders will move in November, ready for the busy Christmas trading period.

*Keiron Knight, open market trader, told us what he thought about the planned move:*

*"Change is progress, and we need to move with the times. Every market trader I speak to about this can't wait - they think it's a good move that will increase our trade. Everyone wants to get on with it."*

*See the plans and tell us what you think at our drop-in-shop at the Civic on Eldon Street.*

For more information and regular updates visit [www.barnsley.gov.uk/betterbarnsley](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/betterbarnsley)

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# Central Library - Open door

**Last month central library re-opened at its temporary new home at Wellington House on Wellington Street.**

The location may have changed, but what's on offer is still very familiar with a dedicated children's area, study area, fiction and non-fiction collection.

Offering much more than just books, the library is a place for communities to gather, for people to learn and find new jobs. That's why people visiting the library can make the most of the public computers, free Wi-Fi service, study areas, meeting rooms for hire and café.



There are some new features too, including a fixed iPad station, tourism information touchscreen, and free phones to access other council services.

Here's what people said about the new library space:

**"It's better than I expected it to be. It's wonderful to see the same staff."** Sue Duda

**"I'm pleasantly surprised. It looks very nice."** Laura Bisby

**"It's very nice. I like the restaurant and will be looking forward to using it. The lifts are great for people with buggies, wheelchairs or shopping bags on wheels."** Louise Kelly



## A library for the future

The planning of the new purpose-built £4 million library, part of town centre regeneration plans, has got underway.

The new vibrant library will be for the people of Barnsley. Therefore, to make sure it meets the needs of current and future library users a design group has been established that includes residents who currently use the library.

Over the coming weeks and months the group will be looking at what the new library will look like, what it will offer, how people will feed their knowledge in future and what else can happen in libraries.

The location of the new library will be included in the town centre development prospectus published at the end of July, with the aim that the new library will open in January 2017.



For regular updates about the development of the new central library visit [www.barnsley.gov.uk/betterbarnsley](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/betterbarnsley) or sign up to the libraries e-newsletter by emailing [barnsleylibraryenquiries@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:barnsleylibraryenquiries@barnsley.gov.uk)

## Enter the mythical maze... if you dare!

**Nessie, Medusa and Yeti are just some of the characters young readers will meet when they embark on this year's Summer Reading Challenge.**

The UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries is back from Saturday, 12 July to Saturday, 6 September. The challenge to children aged four to eleven is to read six or more books of their choice throughout the summer to help them find their way around a mystical labyrinth of fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology. Along their way they can collect stickers and rewards every time they've read a book.



The scheme, now in its 11th year, aims to encourage and enthuse children to read for pleasure during their leisure time. Last year 1,676 children took part across Barnsley.

It's open to all children who have a library membership. It's free to join the library and the Summer Reading Challenge, just pop along to your nearest library or visit [www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsleylibraries](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsleylibraries)

## Little bookworms



**Young cubs, with a little help from their parents, are invited to join their local library's Bear Club.**

The club, for children up to four years old, runs across all Barnsley libraries. It exists to give every child a flying start in life, helping young readers to discover the joys of reading and rhymes, by encouraging all families to enjoy books with their children from an early age. It also gives free books to youngsters up to the age of three.

Join today by popping in to your local library or visit [www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsleylibraries](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsleylibraries)



## Pupils get their first choice secondary school

As a new academic year begins in September, figures collated by education officers at Barnsley Council show 93 per cent of 11-year-olds in the borough got a place at their first-choice secondary school.

In total just under 99 per cent of Barnsley's 11-year-olds were offered a place at one of their three preferred secondary schools, with the small number who didn't indicate a preference allocated a school by education officers.

These statistics for Barnsley are in line with previous years, and consistent with one of the council's key aims of improving people's potential and achievement. Ensuring young people have the right skills and qualifications to access, training and employment opportunities will be important to the future of the borough.

For more information on applying for a school place for your child, whether primary or secondary, visit [www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

You've told us that you want to hear news from us more regularly, so we've created a supplement that will go inside Barnsley Chronicle every other month. It's called Open News. Look out for it in coming weeks for the latest news directly from us.





# Drop it, and you'll cop it...

We have often stated that cleaning up after people who drop litter or fail to clean up after their dog costs the council in excess of £1million a year. Given the ongoing pressure on our budget, this is money that could increasingly be better spent elsewhere on critical services.



Litter immediately detracts from the look and feel of a place. We are working hard to develop the town centre with a new market, public realm and spaces, a new central library and further improvements that see us investing £41million alongside the college's £16million sixth form development.

Knowing that we need to tackle the litter issues in town, but with no additional money to spend on recruitment, we have taken a new approach. Since mid-May we have been working with a private

company, 3GS who now work alongside regular enforcement officers in the town centre. The new officers carry body cameras while on duty, so that all enforcement activity can be monitored, and have powers to hand out penalty fines for offences such as littering, dog fouling and spitting. For every £75 fine they issue, the company will keep £40 to cover staff costs. This means that we have additional patrols in the town centre at no additional cost to the council or to the taxpayer.

This is an innovative and cost-effective way to address a continued blight on the environment. We will monitor activity, making sure that fines are being issued in a fair way; the town centre environment and local residents taking priority over income generation.

**Remember, if you don't want to get a fine, don't drop litter and clean up after your dog.**

# Better ways to pay

We are always looking at better ways to help you pay for our services. We have recently introduced Pingit, which allows you to make payments using an app on your mobile phone or tablet device. We also take debit/credit card payments as well as direct debits for regular payments such as council tax and business rates.

You can also use our automated payment line on 0845 075 8518, which accepts all cards except American Express and diners cards.

All of the methods above save us, and you, money, which is why we try to encourage people to use them.

We are also stopping accepting cheque payments, as these are the most expensive transactions to process. Fortunately, very few people now use them, and we are working with those that do to find better alternatives.

For information on ways to pay, visit [www.barnsley.gov.uk/ways-to-pay](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/ways-to-pay)

# Responsible dog ownership – **take the lead**

Dogs are a very popular pet, with almost 10 million living in 25 per cent of UK households.



You'll see plenty of dogs out and about with their responsible owners in Barnsley, but sadly, there are some exceptions.

We caught up with our recently-appointed dog warden Adam, who has some good advice for the borough's dog owners.

"Most owners assume their pet will never go missing. However I pick up at least one dog each day, sometimes three or four. These are just dogs that have been captured, either by me or members of the public. Other calls come in to report dogs roaming in various locations," Adam says.

**It is a legal requirement under the Control of Dogs Order 1992 that dogs wear a collar and identity disc when in a public place, even if they are micro chipped**

Adam urges: "Please report found dogs by calling 01226 772468 or 07979 414483 out of hours. Using Facebook could lead to problems as there is no real proof of ownership."

Identification is important for dogs and it is a legal requirement under the Control of Dogs Order 1992 that they wear a collar and identity disc when in a public place, even if they are micro-chipped. The disc must show the owner's name and address. Dog wardens can enforce this law and fines of up to £5,000 can be given by the courts for each offence.

There's also a legal requirement for people who find a dog to report it to the council. Not many people know this and with the rising popularity of social networks such as Facebook, people increasingly use these to advertise missing or stray dogs.



Neutering your dog can make it less likely to roam and if it does still manage to get out, it can't breed. Letting your dog out alone for exercise is also a bad idea - as well as possibly causing traffic related accidents it may also foul footpaths and play areas, which is highly undesirable.

**A micro-chipping event is being arranged during the summer, in conjunction with the Dogs Trust and RSPCA.**





# A home from home

Across the borough, people have opened up their homes and lives to help adults who need support or care live a fulfilling life in their communities.

They are all part of Barnsley's Shared Lives service, which matches the interests and personalities of both the carer and the person being cared for to ensure the arrangement has the best chance of working. It helps people, who may have previously lived in a care home or struggled living alone, through the support of being a part of every day-to-day ordinary family life, do things they may have never had or lost the confidence to do. One of the people who is enjoying the benefits the scheme brings is Elaine.

Arts and crafts, drama, an active member on the Mencap forum, helping out at a local nursery and trips out with friends, are just some of the many activities in Elaine's busy weekly diary. The people who have helped give her the confidence to get out and about are mum and son team, Marlene and Aaron.

"We've known Elaine for a long time. She used to come to stay with us for respite, before she came to stay with us permanently, just over a year ago," says Marlene. "People can sometimes look at people with learning disabilities and struggle to see past the disability to see the potential that lies beneath. She loves travelling independently on the bus to get out to all her activities – although I do have to remind her to take some time out at the weekends to relax and recharge."

"Just like every family, we go away on holidays together and have fun going out on day trips - where Elaine and I will often have sing-a-longs with everyone else on the bus."

Aaron, who became a Shared Lives carer after being introduced to it by his mum, Marlene, said: "One of my best memories was when I first met Elaine. She is very caring and will always ask if you are 'okay', a bit like a big sister. We really enjoy playing pool and air hockey together. It has been great to help her become more independent. I don't look at Elaine as a service user; she has become a member of our family."

Like with all roles, the people who choose to become Shared Lives carers do so for a wide variety of reasons and come from all walks of life, usually with some experience of caring. The qualities every one of Barnsley's shared lives carers have is an abundance of enthusiasm, motivation, and commitment about the support they provide to the people they've welcomed into their homes.

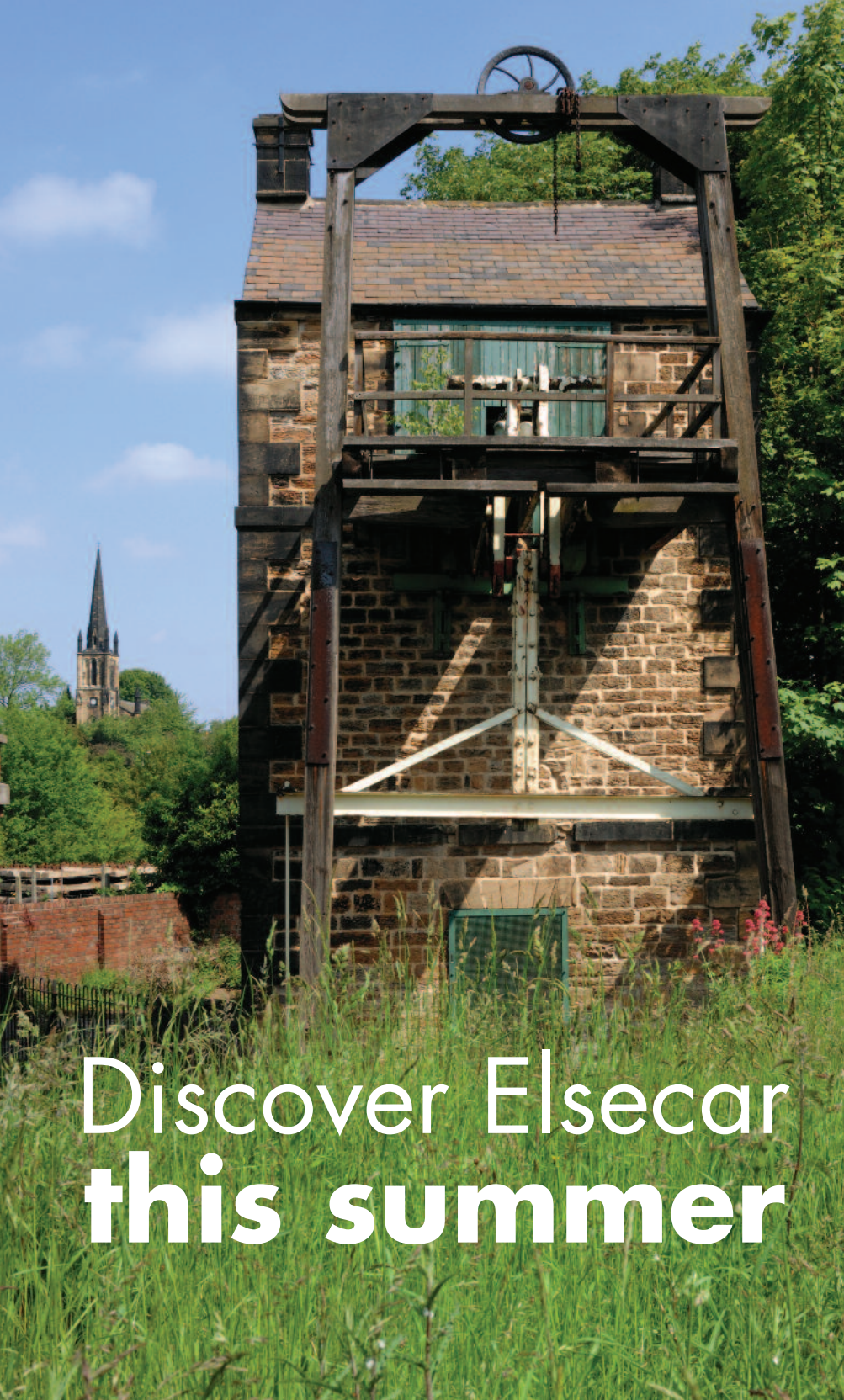
Shared Lives carers provide support for lots of different people in a wide range of situations. People supported in shared lives arrangements may have learning or physical disabilities, they may be older people, people with mental health problems or disabled children becoming young adults.

Shared Lives carers receive financial support based upon the needs of the person they support.

You can find out more about Barnsley Shared Lives service and how you can become a part of the 'family' by visiting [www.barnsley.gov.uk/sharedlives](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/sharedlives), calling the team on 01226 775023 or emailing [catherinesellars@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:catherinesellars@barnsley.gov.uk)







# Discover Elsecar this summer



Enjoy fascinating days out at Elsecar's many attractions this summer.

Witness the restoration of the Newcomen Beam Engine, as experts conserve what has been described as 'the most important piece of industrial heritage in the world'. The engine was originally installed at the direction of the rich and powerful Earl Fitzwilliam of nearby Wentworth Woodhouse, as he created his industrial village of the 1790s.

Explore the various shops and cafes that are housed within the former colliery workshops. Craft fairs, antique fairs and more take place most weekends.

Take a walk along the Trans Pennine Trail by Elsecar's 1790s canal. Enjoy a stroll around the award-winning Elsecar Park, taking in the pitch-and-putt, children's play area and Georgian reservoir, formerly the site of 'Elsecar by the Sea'.

Travel back to the age of steam on the railway, which currently operates a passenger service every Sunday, running between Rockingham Station and Elsecar, through some extremely historic and scenic countryside alongside the Dearne and Dove Canal.

The summer activities will culminate in a weekend of fun in the first ever Elsecar Heritage Festival on the weekend of 6 and 7 September.

For more information please take a look at [www.visit-barnsley.com](http://www.visit-barnsley.com) or call 01226 740203.



## Free school lunches on the menu

**School meals managers in Barnsley are finalising preparations for the introduction in September of free school lunches for all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2.**

As part of their preparations, catering managers have reviewed the menu options the service will provide to schools. Parents and carers of eligible children have been surveyed over their intention to take up the government's offer. Indications locally are that most parents will take up the offer which, the government says, will save eligible families an average of £400 per year.

In planning for the change, the Department for Education estimates almost nine out of ten children in England who are eligible will take up the offer of a free school lunch.

Public health managers in Barnsley emphasise that eating a nutritious meal at lunchtime has important health and educational benefits for children. As well as increasing concentration and physical stamina, a balanced meal at lunchtime is an important part of a child's overall diet, and can help reduce health inequalities that lead to issues including childhood obesity.

As well as raising academic standards by boosting attainment, it is hoped the introduction of a free school lunch for younger pupils will also teach children at an early age about healthy eating habits.

**For more information visit:**  
[www.barnsleyschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.barnsleyschoolmeals.co.uk)

## Watch yourself during the World Cup

This World Cup season you can take action against prostate and testicular cancer.

The number of men in Barnsley who are diagnosed with prostate and testicular cancers is no higher than in the rest of England, but more men die of prostate cancer here than in other parts of the country. This is sometimes because men don't see their doctor soon enough.

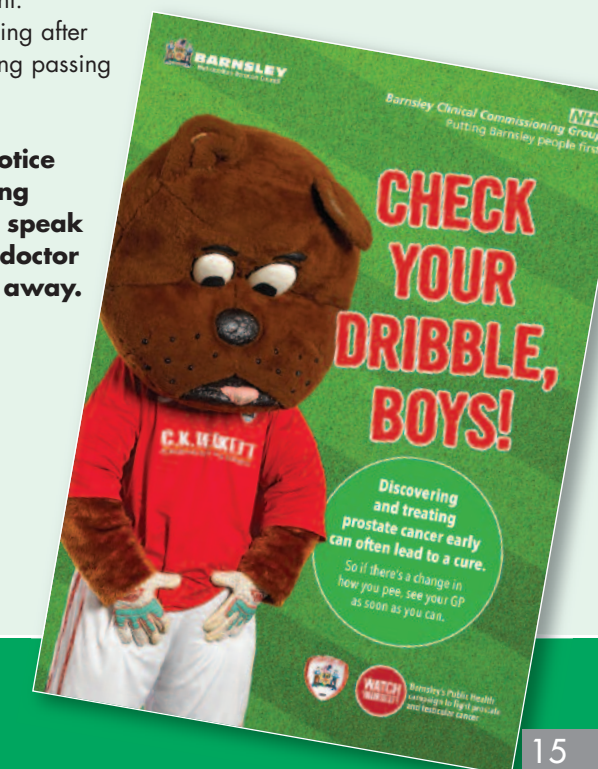
### Signs/symptoms of testicular cancer are:

- Lump or swelling in your testicle.
- Dull ache or sharp pain in your testicle or scrotum which may come and go.

### Signs/symptoms of prostate cancer are:

- Having to rush to the toilet to pass urine.
- Poor stream when urinating.
- Stopping and starting when passing urine.
- Difficulty passing urine.
- Passing urine more often than usual, especially at night.
- Dribbling after finishing passing urine.

**If you notice something unusual speak to your doctor straight away.**







# Get on the tea trail

Many people will agree that there's nothing like a nice cup of tea and a slice of cake to top off any day out. In fact, treating yourself to something tasty can be a trip out in itself.

Whether it's a cream tea in the sunshine, or something a little more substantial, Barnsley's Museums offer great tea rooms and cafes in stunning locations.

**Experience Barnsley Museum** and **Discovery Centre café** offers great value home-made food, sandwiches freshly made to order and delicious homemade cakes. It's a good place for breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea when visiting the museum, which is open seven days a week.

**Elsecar Heritage Centre** is a wonderful place to explore, with a range of **cafes and tea rooms** to choose from as an eclectic mix of interesting shops, from handmade chocolates and old-fashioned sweets, to a treasure trove of antiques. Cream Tea Specials are available aboard the Heritage Railway at certain times of the year.

The **Pavilion Café** is the perfect place for refreshments when visiting the Georgian country house and beautiful grounds at **Cannon Hall Museum park and gardens**. You may also find seasonal produce for sale in the walled garden.

The **Millers Tea Room** at **Worsbrough Mill and Country Park** uses the fabulous organic flour milled on site to make wonderful cakes and other produce. There is an outside seating area overlooking the courtyard, and newly installed play area making it a good stop off point for families and dog walkers. You can even buy the flour and other Worsbrough Mill products such as oats and muesli.

Excellent value hearty lunches, delicious home-made food and cake, make **Impressions Café** at the **Cooper Gallery** a popular place for lunch. Located on Church Street in Barnsley, you can also enjoy high quality art exhibitions or shop for unique gifts made by regional and local artists.

For more information, places to go and things to do go to [www.visit-barnsley.com](http://www.visit-barnsley.com)





# We remember them



## Albert Shepherd VC

Royston-born Albert Shepherd was a 20-year-old private in the 12th (S) Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps when, in November 1917 at Villers-Plouich in France, he rushed and captured an enemy machine-gun placement. Despite this heroic act, the

company continued to come under heavy fire. Pte Shepherd took command of the company when all the officers and NCOs had become casualties, and ordered the men to lie down for cover. He then went back some 70 yards to get the help of a tank before returning to his company and leading them to their objective. For his bravery, Albert received the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious honour for gallantry that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

Albert died in 1966. There is a memorial plaque to him in Royston cemetery where he is buried, and his Victoria Cross remains on display at the Royal Green Jackets Museum in Winchester.

In his honour, plans are well underway to rename Royston Civic Hall to the Albert Shepherd Memorial Hall. Look out for further information on the council's website and on Facebook and Twitter.

## July 28 2014 will be the hundredth anniversary of the start of World War 1, during which nearly ten million combatants lost their lives.

While we honour each and every person that has ever put their life on the line in serving their country, the hundredth anniversary of the war gives us reason to highlight two particular examples.

### The Barnsley Pals

Pals battalions remain a unique concept to the First World War. In response to Kitchener's "Your country needs you" rallying call, local communities raised - and sometimes even paid for - battalions of volunteers to serve on the Western Front. These volunteers had enlisted in local recruitment drives on the promise of being able to serve alongside friends and colleagues rather than regular army regiments.

The 1st Barnsley Pals was raised on 17 September 1914 by the mayor and town. The 2nd Barnsley Pals was raised shortly after on 30 November 1914. Their first major role was in the Somme campaign. On the first day of the battle in the advance on Serre (1 July 1916) the 1st suffered 275 casualties, while the 2nd suffered 270. The remnants of the battalions remained active throughout the rest of the war.

The Barnsley Pals Centenary Square at the side of the town hall is an award-winning public area that was named in honour of those brave volunteers.

# On the road

Barnsley Council has done a lot to protect road maintenance funding in the midst of government spending cuts.

The former 'worst first' maintenance strategy, used for the past 10 years has been changed - we now also treat roads in a reasonable condition to prevent them requiring more expensive treatment in a few years' time.

Any maintenance carried out aims to add 10 years to the life of the road.

## Road usage



77.5% by car, motorcycle & goods vehicle



18% by public transport



4.5% by cycle/on foot

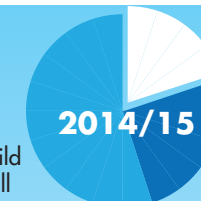
## We spend

£1.95m on roads

£1.00m on footpaths

£0.75m on enhancement of the town centre to build on the work already completed around the town hall

Any material excavated during the scheme construction is also recycled into new roads, meaning that no waste has to go for landfill. This saves money and the environment.



## We maintain

130km of A roads

73km of B roads

800km of unclassified roads

1,373km of footpaths

The town centre Urban Centre Infrastructure contract (£3.36m) also starts in June. It covers both roads and footpaths and is partly funded by the ERDF.

Spending is made up from the council's maintenance budget, one-off government grants and Department for Transport funding.

Information about roads in the maintenance programme can be found at [www.barnsley.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/roadworks).

# Academy Schools in Barnsley

Academies are integral to the government's strategy for improving schools. Classified as independent schools funded directly by the government, they have more freedom over their finances, curriculum (they don't have to follow the national curriculum), term times, and staff pay and conditions.

Primary, secondary and special schools may all apply to the Department for Education to convert to academy status and priority is given to those which inspection body Ofsted judges to be outstanding or performing well.

The government sees the academy system as a means of driving up education standards, bringing about faster improvement, and giving head teachers more autonomy. Academies are still subject to inspection by Ofsted and their exam results are included in school league tables.

In Barnsley, 23 primary schools had converted to academy status as at April 2014. The council has formed productive working relations with our new sponsors, namely Cooperative College, Outwood Grange, Navigate, National Academies, National Education, St Mary's, and Wellspring trusts.

The council is determined that all schools in the borough, whether academy or local authority maintained, work in partnership and collaboration for the good of all their students. Within this principle the council has developed criteria to which all academy sponsors have agreed to adhere when they take over a school in Barnsley. These include a proven track record of school improvement in challenging contexts, fair access to the school for all pupils in line with local and national codes of practice, extended opening to allow community access to facilities. Academy sponsors should also commit to maintaining an open dialogue with the council, and working with the Barnsley Challenge Partnership to maintain a focus on borough-wide challenges.

The Barnsley Challenge envisages that all schools in the borough will be judged as 'good' or better by the end of 2016 and that every child achieves the skills and qualifications they need to access employment and other opportunities.



# What's on

To book your place or for more information contact the individual venues.

## The Civic

Box office and enquiries: 01226 327000  
enquiries@barnsleycivic.co.uk  
www.barnsleycivic.co.uk

Until 12 July, daily. **Bike show.** Free admission.

Until 12 July, daily. **Eliza Southwood.** Free admission.



28 June, 10am to 5pm. **AdVintageous.** Admission £1.

29 June, 3.30pm. **Arthur's Dream Boat.** £7, £6, £5.

2 to 6 July. **Fulcrum.** Free admission.

11 July, 8pm. **Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys.** £12, £10.

12 July, 7.30pm. **Life Cycle.** £12, £10.

13 and 14 July. **Mr Magik's House.** £7, £6, £5.

18 July, 7.30pm. **The Civic Scratch Night.** 'Pay what you can afford'.

18 July to 22 August, daily. **Rory Garforth.** Free admission.

18 July to 22 August, daily. **Enlightened.** Free admission.

23 July to 15 August. **What is Left?** Free admission.

26 July, 1pm and 3pm. **Shadowthief: The Story of Bob Robber & Dancing Jane.** £5.

28 July to 1 August, 10am to 3.30pm. **Make a Show in a Week Challenge!** £35 per child for full week.

27 August to 6 September **National Union of Mineworkers Banners Exhibition**



## Lamproom Theatre

01226 200075  
enquiries@barnsleylamproom.com  
www.barnsleylamproom.com  
Twitter @lamproomtweets

25 to 28 June, 7pm. **Cinderella & Rockerfella.** Adults £7, concessions £5.

4 July, 7.30 pm **An evening with Dan Jarvis MP, interviewed by Christa Ackroyd.** £10.

5 July, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. **Songbird.** £12.

6 July, 7.30pm. **The Lamproom's Got Talent - Grand Final.** £10.

10 to 12 and 14 to 19 July, 7.30pm. **From Grimethorpe With Love.** Adults £11, concessions £10.

26 July, 7.30pm. **The John Reilly Band.** £11.

## Cannon Hall Museum

01226 790270  
cannonhall@barnsley.gov.uk

Until 29 June **Spring is Here!**

3 August, 7 September, 2.30pm **Informal Tour of Cannon Hall**

4 June **Flower Power Plant Fair** £3 (children free)

12 July to 12 October **Masterstrokes**

19 July to 25 July, 7.30pm **Robin Hood Outdoor Theatre** £10 adults, £6 children

5 August **Masterstrokes: Talk by Jenny Alexander** £5, £3 for Friends

Tuesdays from 22 July to 26 August, 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm **Masterstories**

Wednesdays from July 23 to August 27, 11am to 1pm **Baking Workshops** £5 per child

10 August, 11am to 4pm **American Civil War Living History Display**

10 August, 11am to 4pm **Craft and Plant Sales**

24 and 25 August **His Majesty's 33rd Regiment of Foot Living History and Battle of Waterloo Re-enactment**

24 and 25 August, 11am to 4pm **Summer Craft and Plant Sales**

21 September, 11am-4pm **All Things Pear!**

21 September, 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm **Pop up Portraits at Pear day**

## Cooper Gallery

01226 242905  
coopergallery@barnsley.gov.uk

Until 5 July **Tour De France: Flag and Bunting Making**

Throughout June and July **Bagatelle**

Until 30 August **The Hidden Art of Barnsley**

Until 1 July **Football Hunt**

Until 30 August **Mick Wilson to Just For Kicks**

21 June, 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm **Barnsley Art on Your Doorstep Workshops**

23 July to 15 August **What is Left?**

26 July 11am to 12.30pm **Barnsley Art on Your Doorstep Lecture**

28 July 10am to 12pm, 1pm to 3pm **Billie's Bucket**

29 July 10am to 12pm **A musical journey**

29 July, 1pm to 3pm **Traditional tales**

30 July, 10am to 12pm **Australian Tale**

31 July, 10am to 12pm **Junk Stories**

31 July, 1pm to 3pm **Choose your own adventure**

7 and 8 August, 10.30am to 12pm and 1.30pm to 3pm **Storytelling Upstairs at the Cooper Gallery**

12 August, 10am to 11am, 11.15am to 12.15pm, 1pm to 3pm **Tiddler The Storytelling Fish**

14 August, 10am to 11am, 11.15am to 12.15pm **Henry's Holiday**

14 August, 1pm to 3pm **Enchanted Ocean**

15 August 10am to 11am and 11am to 12pm **The Snail And The Whale**

9 August, 11am to 12.30pm **Barnsley Art on Your Doorstep Lecture: From Coal to Canvas**

16 August **Barnsley Art on Your Doorstep Workshops** 10am to 12pm Weaving; 1pm to 3pm Bag Making

23 August to 25 September **The Last Full Measure of Devotion**

23 August to 11 November **Poppy Making**

Saturdays 6 September to 1 November **Autumn Art Sale**

13 September to 24 December **Cooper 100**



## Elsecar Heritage Centre

01226 740203  
elsecarheritagecentre@barnsley.gov.uk

22 June **LAMFEST Radio Rally**

29 June, 10am to 4pm **Craft Fair**

5 and 6 July, 9am to 4pm **BBR Summer National Event**



13 July, 10am to 4pm **Antiques Fair** £1.50/£1 concessions

26 July, 10am to 4pm **Wedding Fair**

21, 23, 25 July, 11am to 3pm **Mighty Bridge Building**

27 July, 10am to 4pm **Craft Fair**

28, 30 July, 1 August, 11am to 3pm **Archaeology Diggers**

10 August, 10am to 4pm **Antiques Fair** £1.50/£1 concessions

4, 7, 9 August 11am to 3pm **Stars of the Stage: Victorian Theatre Making**

12, 14, 16 August, 10.30am to 1pm **Bobbing Barges and Bombarding Battleships**

19, 21, 23 August, 10.30am to 1pm **Magical Map Makers**

6 to 7 September, 10am to 4pm **Elsecar Heritage Festival Weekend**

6 to 7 September, 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm, **Pop up Portraits at The Elsecar Heritage Festival Weekend**



## Experience Barnsley

01226 772500  
experiencebarnsley@barnsley.gov.uk

Mondays to 14 July, 10am to 11.30am **Under fives fun** £3

Thursdays to 17 July, 4pm to 5.30pm **Museum Break In!** £3

Wednesdays 23 July, 13 August, 24 **September Family History Surgeries**

21 June, 11am **Orgeave - The Truth?**

24 June, 11am to 1pm, **Tea Dance**



28 June and Saturday 5 July **'On yer bike'**

24 June **Barnsley Town Centre Criterium Race**

29 June **Artisan Fayre**

1 July, 11am, 1pm and 3pm **Cart Before Horse**

2 to 5 July **Continental Market**

4 July **Independents Day**

3 July, 1pm to 3pm **Archaeological Finds Identification**

14 July, 7pm to 9pm **The Friends of Barnsley Archives social evening and talk** £2

19 July, 11am **MISC101**

Monday to Saturday from 21 July to 30 August, 11am to 1pm **Around the World in Six Weeks** £1

1 August **All things Yorkshire**

2 August, 10.30am to 12.30pm **Scrapbooking for age 8+** £5 per person

9 August, 11am to 12.30pm **GB84-David Peace**

16 and 23 August **Sun, Sea and Sand-Barnsley Feast Week throughout the years**

6 and 7 September **40 years of running in Barnsley**

8 September, 7pm to 9pm **The Friends of Barnsley Archives social evening and talk** £2



## Worsbrough Mill Museum

01226 774527  
worsbroughmill@barnsley.gov.uk

29 June, 11am to 2.30pm **Milling Demonstration**

13 July, 1pm to 3pm **Hot Bulb Engine Demonstration**

19 to 20 July **Worsbrough Country Fair**



27 July, 11am to 2.30pm **Milling Demonstration**

30 July, 1pm **Bug Hunt** £5 per child

3 August, 1pm **Mill Tour** £3

6 August, 1pm

**Nature Trail** £5

10 August, 1pm **Mill Tour** £3

13 August, 1pm **Pond Dipping** £5

17 August, 1pm to 3pm **Hot Bulb Engine Demonstration**

20 August, 1pm **Bug Hunt** £5 per child

24 August, 1pm **Mill Tour** £3

25 August, 11am to 2.30pm **Milling Demonstration**

25 August, 10am to 4pm **Gift, Craft and Farmers Market**

25 August, 11am to 3pm **Ye Old Miller's Treasure Hunt** £3 per child.



27 August, 1pm **Nature Trail** £5 per child

31 August, 1pm **Mill Tour** £3

14 September, 1pm to 3pm **Hot Bulb Engine Demonstration**

28 September, 11am to 2.30pm **Milling Demonstration**

Find out more at [www.visit-barnsley.com](http://www.visit-barnsley.com)

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# Looking ahead



**Councillor Tim Shepherd is excited about his forthcoming year as mayor of Barnsley.**

"It's an important job; an important role for the town. There's a slight feeling of butterflies in my stomach knowing the history of the role and how well those who have come before me have served in their tenure."

Having worked as a councillor on and off since 1995, and having fulfilled a variety of community-based roles since leaving school and joining a Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, it's no surprise that Tim's theme for the year is service, community and county.

Tim's mayoress will be his wife of 40 years, former special education needs co-ordinator Julie, who he met when "I hit her with a badminton racket."

The couple enjoy walking and have tackled the West Highland Way, Hadrian's Wall, and the Yorkshire Wolds Way among others. Along with their two children and four grandchildren, they also enjoy ice hockey and are season ticket holders for the Sheffield Steelers.

The charities that will benefit from his year as mayor are Creative Recovery and White Knight Blood Bikes.

Tim says: "Charity should be local as much as possible, and both these charities benefit the people of Barnsley. The first is an arts-based project run by Hayley Youel, a young lady I used to line manage at the Forge Community Partnership. It helps people recovering from alcohol, drug and mental health issues. The other provides motorbikes to hospitals to allow them to get blood supplies from one to another quickly and

often out of hours. It would be great to see a bike based at Barnsley by this time next year, if not before."

As for personal ambitions, Tim would like to visit every state in the USA.

"I've done 30 so far, although some of them people may class as cheating. I've visited the 'four corners', where you can lie on a spot and every arm and leg is in a different state, and once I just crossed a bridge to step into Arkansas. As far as I'm concerned, that counts, and I can tick them off," he laughs.

If you would like to contribute to the mayor's charity or would like to check his availability for an event, please contact the Mayor's Office at [mayorsoffice@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:mayorsoffice@barnsley.gov.uk) or call 01226 773804.

## Need to contact the council?

Remember, our website at [www.barnsley.gov.uk](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk) is available all day, every day, and has plenty of information about our services. It also allows you to report, pay or apply online. We are currently updating the content of our pages, making it even easier for you to use.

**If you prefer to phone, here are some numbers you may find useful.**

Call us about anything to do with roads, pavements and car parks on **01226 773555**.

For a visit from Pest Control, call **01226 772050**.

Struggling to pay? Call our council tax helpline on **01226 774774**, the housing benefit helpline on **01226 774743**, or get some free financial advice from Welfare Rights on **01226 772360**.

Got a planning enquiry? Call **01226 772000**.

Got an enquiry about education or schools? Call **01226 773500**.

Have a disability and need a bus pass or a blue badge for your car? Call **01226 775656**.

To make an appointment at one of our offices, call **01226 787896**.

To report dog fouling, noise, abandoned vehicles or fly tipping, call **01226 772468**.

Call **01226 772045** for information about household bin collections, recycling, or our waste recycling centres. For commercial waste services, call **01226 772050**.

Council housing: Call **01226 787878** for repairs or **01226 775555** for general enquiries.

Call **01226 774200** at any time to report faults with street lighting.

Seen graffiti, litter, flyposting or some council land that needs a clean up? Call Neighbourhood Pride on **01226 775656**.

Worried about someone's welfare? Call child protection/children's social care on **01226 438831**, or for adults, call **01226 775656**.

### Other useful numbers:

Building Control  
**01226 772678**

Consumer Direct and Trading Standards  
**08454 040506**

Crematorium and cemeteries  
**01226 206053**

Families Information Service  
**0800 0345340**

Registrars  
**01226 773085**

Safer Neighbourhood Teams  
**101**

Social services and homelessness emergency line  
**08449 841800**

### Can't find what you need?

Call us on  
**01226 770770**

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## WANT TO MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR?

Barnsley's councillors hold regular advice sessions or 'surgeries'. These sessions give you the chance to raise any problems or discuss issues with them. If you want to find out when your councillor is next holding an advice session - ring: 01226 787890

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# Worsbrough mill & country park



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WORKING MILL & COUNTRY PARK

**A 17th century working water mill set in 240 acres of tranquil country park.**

Learn about the milling process, from beginning to end, explore the country park and 60 acre reservoir which is a haven for wildlife, enjoy the new play area, visit the mill shop to buy Worsbrough Mill flour and cereal products or relax in The Millers Tea Room with its wide selection of light lunches, coffee and cakes.

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