



Community Open Door Fortnight

**Programme of activities
21st Sep - 4th Oct 2026
Birstall & Birkenshaw**



During Community Open Door Fortnight some local community groups and voluntary organisations would like to welcome you in to see what they do, have a chat, take part or become a volunteer.

This programme is just a small snapshot of a wide range of activities available in the area. Read on to discover what's happening on your door step, meet new people and get involved.

FIND VOLUNTEERING

Visit our website to view and apply for volunteer roles:
tslkirklees.org.uk/volunteering-home/



Sign up to our monthly newsletter:
<https://bit.ly/Volunteering4U>

NEED SOME HELP?

Get in touch to make an appointment for an in-person or phone/video chat.



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text or WhatsApp 07776 588691



volunteer@tslkirklees.org.uk

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Opening doors, connecting people, supporting you



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Supporting you and your community to be safe, connected and well.

We can help:

- Build your confidence
- Connect you to local groups and activities
- Connect you to volunteering, training and employment opportunities
- Support you to feel safer in your community.

To access support, please call us or visit our website.



Tel: **01484 225224**
kirkleescommunityplus.co.uk





What Kirklees Families Together is

Here in Kirklees, we recognise that family life can be rewarding but not always easy. The need for help and support can come at any time.

Families Together is designed to bring services together to work with families from conception, through childhood, into adolescence and up to 25 years if that young person has SEND (special educational needs and/or disability).

Kirklees Families Together offers information, advice, help and support from a range of services. This can include access to:

- help being a parent or carer
- emotional wellbeing and mental health support
- services for children under 5
- support and activities for children and young people
- adult learning and support for employment

You can access services delivered through Best Start Family Hubs across Kirklees, offering support from pregnancy and early years through to starting school.

You can also access advice and support for your child's development and wellbeing.

Batley and Spen Birstall Family Hub

14A Fieldhead Crescent,
Birstall, WF17 9BP
(also known as Fieldhead Co-
location)

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday,
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

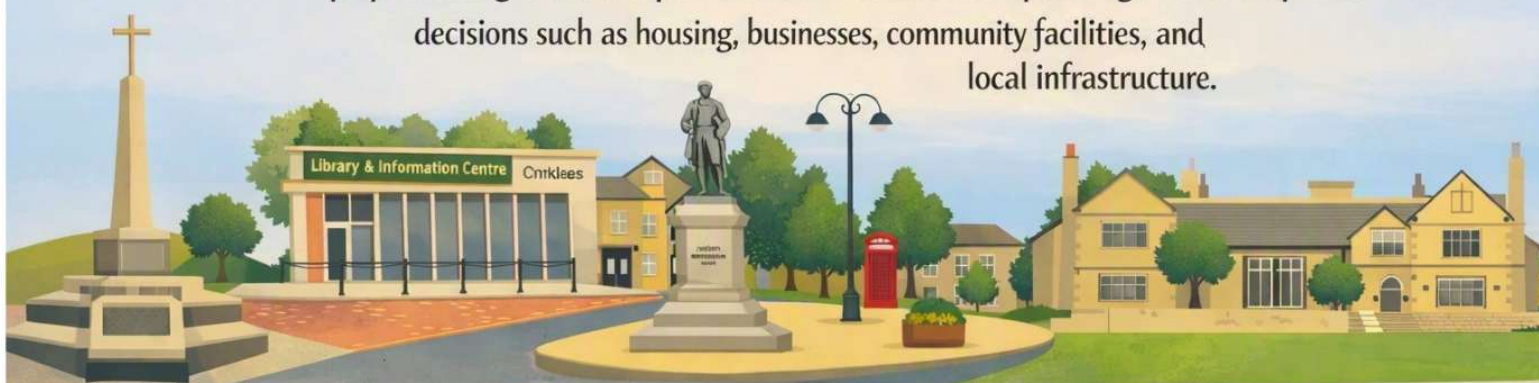


Help Shape the Future of Birstall!

The Birstall Neighbourhood Forum is running a public consultation and **we want to hear from everyone who lives, works or spends time in our village.**

Your views will help build the evidence needed for the Forum to become officially **designated**.

Once designated, the forum will develop a shared vision for the area and prepare a neighbourhood plan that can influence local planning and development decisions such as housing, businesses, community facilities, and local infrastructure.



www.listeningtobirstall.org.uk



Find us on **Facebook**



birstallforum@gmail.com

Welcome to Community Open Door Fortnight 2026

Welcome to Community Open Door Fortnight, taking place across Birstall and Birkenshaw from 21 September - 4 October 2026.

For two weeks, local community and voluntary organisations will be opening their doors to welcome residents, sharing what they do and invite you to get involved.

Whether you're looking to meet new people, discover a new interest, volunteer your time, or simply find out what's happening in your local area, this brochure is your guide to the opportunities available on your doorstep.

Simple actions that can help us live healthier, happier and more connected lives. Throughout these pages, you'll find opportunities to connect with others, be active, keep learning, take notice of the world around you and give back to your community.

You might choose to try a new creative or physical activity, learn a new skill or share existing skills with others, visit a community café, or find a volunteering role that matches your interests.

Whatever you choose, even a small step can make a big difference to your wellbeing and help strengthen the communities we all share.

Browse the programme, you may discover a new interest, make lasting friendships, find a meaningful volunteering role, or simply enjoy spending time with others in your community.

Disclaimer:

The activities, events and opportunities featured in this brochure are shared on behalf of partner organisations/groups as part of our community news round-ups. Kirklees Council or Fresh Futures have not independently checked, verified or assessed the activities listed and inclusion does not constitute endorsement, recommendation or approval of any organisation, service or event. Any questions, bookings or requests for further information should be directed to the organisation concerned.

Community Directory

Community Directory is a Kirklees Council web page: www.kirklees.gov.uk/CommunityDirectory (or Google: 'community directory')

Residents can find details of:

- Over 2000 local **community organisations**
- An average of 400 **events** in our What's On
- Hundreds of regular **activities** in our Things to Do

All sections can be searched by area, category and key word.

We try to list nearly all the voluntary and not for profit organisations in Kirklees. Your group may be in the Directory already, but if you'd like to check, or would like to include your activities and events, please contact us: **community.directory@kirklees.gov.uk** or **Tel: 01484 221000** (ask for Community Directory).

Monday

Birstall

Lucy Scott Yoga - gentle yoga class

Birstall Community Centre, Market Street,
Birstall, WF17 9EN
hello@lucyscott yoga.co.uk

Booking required
9:30am - 10:30am

Free

Pop Into St Pats Lunch Club

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Low Lane,
Birstall WF17 9HD

12pm - 2:30pm

Free

Coffee Morning at Wilton Park Conservatory

Butterfly House, Woodlands Rd,
Batley WF17 0AS

10am - 12pm

Free

Fieldhead

Baby Boutique

Birstall Family Hub
14A Fieldhead Crescent,
Birstall, WF17 9BP

8:30am - 4:30pm

Free

Gamechangerz Youth Club

Fieldhead Co-Location,
Fieldhead Crescent, WF17 9BP.
Text Helen 07580140054

Booking required
5:45pm - 6:45pm
(Term time only)

**Volunteers
needed!**
Free

Howden Clough

Community Wardrobe

Howden Clough Community Centre,
Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY
Kimberly Thirkill 07742251565

Booking required
Please arrange with the organisers

Tuesday

Birkenshaw

St Paul's Call-in

St Paul's Church, Bradford Road,
Birkenshaw, BD11 2DR

10am - 11:30

**Volunteers
needed!**
Free

Birstall

Local History Group

Birstall Library, Market Street,
Birstall, WF17 9EN

10:30am - 11:30pm
(Monthly - 15th
September)

Free

Coffee Plus Talk

Birstall Library, Market Street,
Birstall, WF17 9EN

10:30am - 12pm
(Monthly - 29th
September)

Donations for
refreshments

Knit and Natter

Birstall Library, Market Street,
Birstall, WF17 9EN

1pm - 3pm

Free

Community Jigsaw Drop in	Birstall Library, Market Street, Birstall, WF17 9EN	3pm - 4:30pm	Free
Boxing for SEND	Training Cave, Carr Mills, Bradford Road, WF17 9JX. info@trainingcave.co.uk	Booking required 5pm	Free
Howden Clough			
Chair Yoga (Heartland Yoga)	Howden Clough Community Centre, Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY	10:30am - 11:30am	£2
Coffee Morning Community Library available	Howden Clough Community Centre, Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY	11:30am - 12:30pm	Donations
Gardening Group	Howden Clough Community Centre, Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY Karen 07736465341	10:30am	Volunteers needed!
Fieldhead			
Baby Boutique	Birstall Family Hub 14A Fieldhead Crescent, Birstall, WF17 9BP	8:30am - 4:30pm	Free
Gamechangerz Youth Club	Fieldhead Co-Location, Fieldhead Crescent, WF17 9BP. Text Helen 07580140054	Booking required 5:45pm - 6:45pm (Term time only)	Free
Wednesday			
Birkenshaw			
Parkinsons Support Group	The George, Bradford Road, Birkenshaw, BD11 2AH Paul Brooke parkinsonsgroupbirkenshaw@gmail.com	Booking required 1pm - 2:30pm (Monthly - please email to confirm date)	Free
Birkenshaw Bowling Club	Bradford Road, Birkenshaw BD11 2AH	1pm - 3pm & 5pm - 7pm	Free
Birstall			
St Peter's Welcome Space & Lunch	St Peter's Church, Kirkgate, Birstall, WF17 9PB	11:30 - 2pm (food served at 12pm)	Free

Fieldhead			
Baby Boutique	Birstall Family Hub 14A Fieldhead Crescent, Birstall, WF17 9BP	8:30am - 4:30pm	Free
Midwife Clinic	Birstall Family Hub 14A Fieldhead Crescent, Birstall, WF17 9BP	Booking required Call 01924 541316 to book	Free
Face to Face Antenatal Classes	Birstall Family Hub 14A Fieldhead Crescent, Birstall, WF17 9BP	Booking required Please book on eventbrite	Free
Howden Clough			
Stay & Play	Howden Clough Community Centre, Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY	9:30am - 11am	Volunteers needed!
Visually Impaired Tennis	Batey Sports & Tennis Centre Windmill Lane, Howden Clough, Batley WF17 0QD Lucy Goetz 07912603295 lucy@wedotennisco.uk	Booking required 12:45pm - 2:45pm	First session free. £5 afterwards
That Bread and Butter Thing	Howden Clough Community Centre, Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY hello@breadandbutterthing.org or text 07507 237 311 with your full name, postcode, and the name of the hub you will be collecting from.	Booking required 2pm	£8.50 for 3 bags of food. Healthy Start Vouchers accepted as payment
Thursday			
Birkenshaw			
Card Craft	The George, Bradford Road, Birkenshaw, BD11 2AH	12:00 - 2:30pm (Last Thursday of the month - next session 24th September)	First session free. £3 or £5 depending on the craft
Birstall			
Birstall in Bloom	Birstall Community Centre, Market Street, Birstall, WF17 9EN. Joanna 07792221149 mail2joanna@yahoo.co.uk	9am - 11am	Volunteers needed! Free

Coffee Morning	Birstall Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, Birstall WF17 9EJ	9:30am - 11am	Donations for refreshments
Movement & Games in Chairs (MAGIC)	Birstall Community Centre, Market Street, Birstall, WF17 9EN	1pm - 3pm	Volunteers needed! £3
St Peters Stay & Play	St Peter's Church, Kirkgate, Birstall, WF17 9PB	12:45pm - 2:45pm (Term time only)	Please check with the organisers
Bell Ringing	St Peter's Church, Kirkgate, Birstall, WF17 9PB	7:15pm	
Morley And District Concert Band. New players of brass and woodwind instruments welcome	Birstall Community Centre, Market Street, Birstall, WF17 9EN. Thomas Pitts, 07736301010 conductor@morleyanddistrictconcertband.co.uk	Booking required 7pm - 9pm	Open rehearsals during the fortnight. To join permanently £75 a year
East Bierley			
Walking Rugby	East Bierley Playing Fields, Hunsworth Lane, BD4 6RL. Paul Brooke parkinsonsgroupbirkenshaw@gmail.com	1pm - 2pm	£5
Fieldhead			
Baby Boutique	Birstall Family Hub 14A Fieldhead Crescent, Birstall, WF17 9BP	8:30am - 4:30pm	Free
Midwife Clinic	Birstall Family Hub 14A Fieldhead Crescent, Birstall, WF17 9BP	Booking required Call 01924 541316 to book	Free
Face to Face Antenatal Classes	Birstall Family Hub 14A Fieldhead Crescent, Birstall, WF17 9BP	Booking required Please book on eventbrite	Free
Thrive 55 (Active Ageing)	Birstall Family Hub 14A Fieldhead Crescent, Birstall, WF17 9BP	10am - 11am	Free
Howden Clough			
Games Group	Howden Clough Community Centre, Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY	2pm - 4pm	
Food Share (ID required)	Howden Clough Community Centre, Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY	5pm	£2

Friday

Birkenshaw

Welcome In Coffee Morning

Birkenshaw Methodist Church,
Bradford Road, BD11 2AQ.
Dorothy Ryan 07711544257

10am - 12pm

Charges apply
to refreshments

Birstall

Stay & Play

Birstall Methodist Church Chapel Lane,
Birstall WF17 9EJ

9:30am - 11am
(Alternate weeks -
next session 2nd
October)

Free

Macmillan Coffee Morning (one off event 25th September)

Birstall Library, Market Street,
Birstall, WF17 9EN

10:30am - 12pm
(One-off event 25th
September)

Donations

Over 50s Boxing

Training Cave, Carr Mills, Bradford Road,
WF17 9JX. info@trainingcave.co.uk

Booking required
3pm

£5

Boxing for SEND

Training Cave, Carr Mills, Bradford Road,
WF17 9JX. info@trainingcave.co.uk

Booking required
5pm

Free

Fieldhead

Fieldhead Stay & Play (For children under 5 years old)

Birstall Family Hub
14A Fieldhead Crescent,
Birstall, WF17 9BP
Lynne Colbeck 07958213001

9:15-11:15
(term time only)

**Volunteers
needed!**

Baby Boutique

Birstall Family Hub
14A Fieldhead Crescent,
Birstall, WF17 9BP

8:30am - 4:30pm

Free

Midwife Clinic

Birstall Family Hub
14A Fieldhead Crescent,
Birstall, WF17 9BP

Booking required
Call 01924 541316
to book

Free

Baby Weighing

Birstall Family Hub
14A Fieldhead Crescent,
Birstall, WF17 9BP

9:15 am - 11:15 am
(term time only)

Free

Howden Clough

Craft Group

Howden Clough Community Centre,
Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY

11am -12:30pm

£2.50

Community Wardrobe

Howden Clough Community Centre,
Leeds Road, Birstall, WF17 0HY
Kimberley Thirkill 07742251565

Booking required

Please contact the organisers

Saturday

Birkenshaw

The Hub (Breakfast at St Paul's)

St Paul's Church, Bradford Road,
Birkenshaw, BD11 2DR

10am - 12pm
(2nd and 4th
Saturday of the
month)

£2-5
(Free for under
12 years old)

Birstall

LEGO Club

Birstall Library, Market Street,
Birstall, WF17 9EN

10am - 11:30am

Free

Fieldhead

Food Share

Fieldhead Co-Location,
Fieldhead Crescent,
WF17 9BP

10am

Requested
donation £2
(Bring your own
bags)

Sunday

Birkenshaw

Birkenshaw Bowling Club

Bradford Road, Birkenshaw BD11 2AH

2pm - 4pm
(Next session:
Sunday 27th
September)

Free

Connect (11-18s)

St Paul's Church, Bradford Road,
Birkenshaw, BD11 2DR
Emily.tidball@leeds.anglican.org
07442301253

4pm - 5:30pm
(Next session:
Sunday 27th
September)

Free

Birstall

**Gardening for adults & crafts
for children at Wilton Park
Conservatory**

Butterfly House, Woodlands Rd, Batley
WF17 0AS

12pm - 4pm
(1st April - 31st
October)

Free



Access support to start a community group

Share your ideas to connect people in your community and influence change through your local knowledge and experience.

Connect to faith, community groups and other voluntary sector organisations for support and training.

Get tailored support for your community needs.

Contact us to find out how we can work together.

Tel: **01484 225224**
kirkleescommunityplus.co.uk



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COMMUNITY ANCHOR

Nurturing Ideas

Governing Documents

Policy Writing

Funding

Income Generation

Volunteers

Finding Space

Networking

As Anchor organisation for Birstall and Birkenshaw, we support community groups to develop and overcome the challenges on the way to becoming successful and sustainable.



Are you pregnant or do you have children under the age of four?

You could get help to buy fruit, vegetables, pulses, milk and infant formula.

You could also get free Healthy Start vitamins.

Apply online for NHS Healthy Start
www.healthystart.nhs.uk



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