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The Official Newsletter

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*Happy New
Year and thank
you from all at
BACKUP
North West!*

Updates from the CEO

There has been a lot happening leading up to the holidays. We have, like many others, been affected by new Covid absences with over 20% of our workforce off. The teams have been fantastic and continued to deliver all our front line services. I want to share with you a few snippets of good news.

- We had a huge amount of generous donations throughout November & December, at head office and through out the projects. Many thanks to you all!
- Loft House, our new project, opened on the 23rd December.
- We now have our very own Patron, the fabulous Sophie Willan!
- On Christmas Eve, we received news we have successfully won a grant from the Bolton fund on Christmas Eve, of £15k for the social Enterprise, The Van.
- Investors in People. In November Backup were finalists for 3 awards at the Investors In Peoples Awards., 'Third Sector of the Year' and 'Employer of the Year - Gold'. We won the third award, 'Leader of the year', which went to Maura! There was an article in the Bolton News, go and check it out - [Charity chief Maura Jackson is a Leader of the Year Investors in People Award winner | The Bolton News](#).
- Maura and her husband Ian were also winners at the She Inspires Awards 'Couple of the Year'.
- Our new website is here (backup-charity.org.uk) have a look if you haven't already, it features what our services do, how to get in touch, video made by some of our service users amongst lots more!

The new year has begun which means we are 30 this year. Backup will be celebrating as well as delivering more and better services to those who need us the most, young people who are homeless.

Please see our 30th Anniversary year logo!



BACKUP NORTH WEST Patron



"Backup North West provides outstanding support - both practical and emotional - to young people experiencing (or at risk of) homelessness or from a care background and I feel honoured and inspired to be their Patron.

Not only have I had the pleasure of partnering with Backup on several outreach projects over the years, I have also been a beneficiary of their organisation when I was a teenager, so I know first-hand how important and life changing their support is to young people.

I'm excited to continue to support the organisation, work with their young people and fly the flag for one of Bolton's most important charities."

SOPHIE WILLAN

Multi Award Winner and Nominee
Actress, Writer and Comedy Legend.

Guardians

We are delighted to have hit our target of 30 Guardians for the 30th celebrations. We are working with some fabulous people and businesses. We have been joined by Carole Neales at Clearwater Properties, Amy Varle from Socially Homes, Laura Barret from Stone Brook Mortgages and Lesley Morgan from FM perfumes. We are soon to be joined by Peel Holdings. It's lovely to see new Guardians and some that have been with us since the start of this scheme 5 years ago. Every penny of the money they give assists a young person in crisis. No admin or running costs at all are used from this.

- Amity Law
- Amy Varle
- Awk Computers Ltd
- Bolton at Home
- Boo Coaching and Consulting Ltd
- Carroll & Partners/Carroll Hollman Insurance Brokers
- Clearwater Property Partners
- Cura Accounting
- Dani Wallace
- Environmental Leadership Ltd
- Fieldings Porter Solicitors
- Johnstone Wealth Management
- Ian & Jayne Hill
- Irwell Valley Housing Association
- JOG Consultancy
- Kathryn Wilkinson Wealth Management Ltd
- Key Control Services

- Ladderstore
- Lady Showbiz
- Lesley Morgan FM
- Lisa Forshaw
- Maura Jackson and Ian Stockley
- OwlTree Web Solutions
- Peel Holdings
- Perpetual Fostering,
- Smarter Technologies
- Spice Valley
- Stigma Clothing
- Stonebrook Mortgages
- Surestore
- University of Bolton
- Wall to Wall Carpets
- Windowworld

Thank
you!



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Maria Passarello



This year is going to be packed with lots of fundraising activity, bringing new events, challenges and appeals whilst gaining new supporters and awareness of our work.

A big Backup welcome to Lucy Fisher who is joining us as a Fundraising Officer to promote and raise funds for our charity.

We will start the year with Let's Do 30 for £30 Challenge

As we are celebrating 30 years of our service we will continue this challenge throughout the year. The target we have set is £30,000 and we will be asking Schools, businesses, community groups and the public to support this challenge.

Supporters taking part will be asked to keep 30 in mind when taking on the challenge. These are a few ideas:

Walk 30 miles in 30 days

Give up smoking/drinking for 30 days

Donate your 30th birthday/anniversary money to Backup.

Schools - Hold a 30 minute Silence

Businesses – What can your staff do in 30 minutes to raise £30 for Charity?

If anyone would like to take on this challenge and are in need of idea's, please contact Fundraising.

Unwanted Gift Appeal

We are in need of unwanted gifts to use for raffle prizes at events. Believe it or not we love the gifts that you don't, they really do make thousands for us in raffle ticket sales.

Please ask everyone you know if they have any gifts they don't need there is a loving home at Backup for them.

Pearls of Wisdom

We have asked a number of our stakeholders/ supporters to share any Pearls of Wisdom they have and they will be shared monthly on the website and social medias. Here's our first one featuring the lovely Brandon.





Ladies Festive Lunch

Our annual Ladies Lunch had a festive theme this year located at The Last Drop Village Bolton.

With 171 ladies attending, 14 stalls selling a variety of goods and a scattering of celebrities, a fabulous day was had by everyone.

A Fashion Show was provided by Button Boutique and the models included our very own CEO, Jo Vickers and a female resident.

There has been great feedback from the event and best of all we raised £7050 net profit – which is awesome,

Date for next year's Ladies Pearl Lunch is Friday 10th June 2022 – Reserve your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Backup Christmas Bazaar

Monday 29th November, Spice Valley, Horwich Getting us all well and truly in the festive spirit was the Christmas Bazaar organised by JOG Consultancy on our behalf. Over 100 supporters came along to peruse the many stalls, enjoy the tasty curry snacks and a delicious cup of coffee and mince slice from our very own van. What a Happy Monday we had with £878.50 raised in 3 hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peaky Blinders Ball Saturday 19th March 2022 The Premier Suite, Whites Hotel Bolton.

Everyone is welcome to join us at our Peaky Blinder Ball to celebrate 30 years of preventing youth homelessness.

Tickets for staff members is £50 each. The theme of the event will reflect the 1920's era and our guests will be encouraged to dress as Flappers and Dappers but this is optional.

The night will start with a sparkling reception, 3 course meal and start to finish entertainment.

There will be a musical theatre performance, live swing band, silent auction with some amazing prizes on offer, luxury raffle and a live band to have you dancing till the early hours.

Staff can pay in 2 monthly installments. Please can staff contact Fundraising to book your tickets and direct other supporters to <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BHOJ>

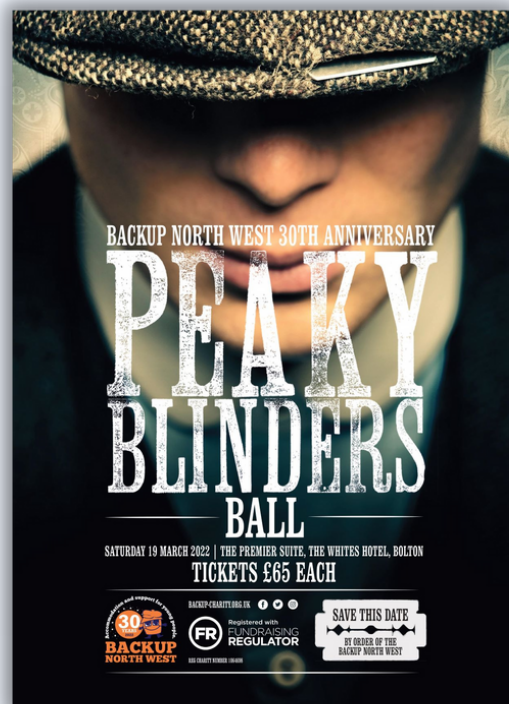
Sky Dive is Back

We have 10 places secured for 7th May 2022.

Experience the thrill of free fall from up to 15,000 ft, reaching a speed of about 120 mph!

A tandem skydive requires only a few minutes of training and is the safest and most popular choice for first time skydivers

Anyone that paid their deposit and still wants to take part, please contact Fundraising. We are asking that each person pays a deposit of £50 and raises a suggested £395 of which Backup will receive £195 as the £200 plus deposit pays for your challenge.



PREVIOUS EVENTS

Charlie's Travels

Saturday 8th January

Saturday 15th January

Saturday 22nd January

Saturday 29th January

Saturday 5th March

Tuesday 8th February

Saturday 19th February

Saturday 19th February

Tuesday 22nd February

Saturday 5th March

Saturday 12th March

Saturday 19th March

Saturday 26th March

Saturday 2nd April

Saturday 9th April

Saturday 16th April

Monday 18th April

Saturday 23rd April

Saturday 30th April

Park Run – Leverhulme Park

BWFC Home Game From 1.30pm

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Come and see us to
say hi, or volunteer on
the van with a
steaming hot brew
and a delicious
homemade cake!



Backup's 30th Anniversary

It's been 30 years now
Backups been opening their
door,
For young homeless people
With nowhere to go,
No roof over their heads
And not much to show,
Feeling vulnerable and scared
From their head to their toe.

You're safe now, don't worry
Come on in and shut the door,
A big sigh of relief
On the streets they are no more.

And as quick as a flash
We rise to our feet,
With a big massive smile
And a warm welcoming greet.
We'll guide you and support you
You've nothing to fear
Only Honesty and Empathy
With no Judgement here.

We're always here to listen
If you're feeling anxious or low
We have music and fishing, or to
the Gym you can go.
With staff and mentors to help
you
We are here to help you grow.

With a room of your own and warm
comfy beds,
Hot home cooked meals, at our project
called REDDS.
Are you experienced at cooking? you've
done this and more,
Then maybe a flat of your own, at our
project Front Door.
Loft House our new project, all shiny and
brand new
Named after a footballer, who scored
quite a few.
and with our support we will guide you
through.
For Lucas or Dispersed, you need
budgeting skills
With independent living to pay all your
bills.

BACKUP is amazing, we never give up
Selling cakes from our van and hot coffee
you can sup.
So don't forget we are a charity
Please keep us in mind
30 years helping the Homeless
We're one of a kind.
Happy Anniversary BACKUP NORTH
WEST
With each and every one of us
We're simply the best.

Verse by Diane Charnock, Back Up Support Worker