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BD5 is a community magazine focused on local issues. If you have community matters you'd like researched or discussed, or if you have local news to share with your neighbors, please contact carlton@bradfordtrident.co.uk or ruth@bradfordtrident.co.uk.

The magazine is published three times a year—in August, December, and April. The team requires your contributions at least one month in advance to compile the magazine.

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Community Venues and Climate Responsibility

Mayfield Community Centre photovoltaic solar arrays, June 2025



Bradford Trident continues to invest in your community building to make them accessible, comfortable, welcoming and to minimise their greenhouse gas emissions (contribution to climate change).

In 2023, with support from a range of funders including: Garfield Weston Foundation, Clothworkers Foundation, Power to Change, Sports England, England Cricket Board and others, Trident completed a major retrofit of Parkside Sports Centre, including:

- extra roof insulation,
- LED lights throughout,
- a large array of solar panels,
- a battery installation to enable the use of renewable energy into the evening and
- Installation of Air Source Heat Pumps to replace the old gas boilers.

These improvements and switching from gas to renewable electricity to heat the building have resulted in a £24,000 reduction on the annual energy bills, with gas usage reducing by 90% preventing 19 tonnes of CO2 equivalent greenhouse gas emissions, whilst mains electricity usage has remained the same.

In the last year, Trident has completed a similar retrofit for the Mayfield Centre with support from: Power to Change (Resilient Communities Fund), Northeast and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub (Energy Project Enabler Fund) and the Social Investment Business (Energy Resilience Fund). Improvements have included:

- extra roof insulation,
- LED lights throughout,
- an additional array of solar panels and
- a 60 kilowatt-hour battery installation.

This has already seen mains electricity usage drop by 1/3, which could realise annual savings of £10,000 and prevent 2.7 tonnes of CO2 equivalent greenhouse gas emissions.

This year, the Trident Facilities Team are carrying out a similar retrofit to Park Lane Community Centre and some improvements to Edwards Street Business Centre, with ambitions for Woodroyd Health and Children Centre next year. Trident is committed to halving our greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, compared to 2022, and a Net Zero Carbon operation by 2040.

Saving energy and money in your home

For a typical house and usage (based on a typical three-bedroom semi-detached gas-heated house and average gas tariff of 6.3p/kWh and electricity tariff of 25.9p/kWh), the average energy bill is around £1,600 a year. Space heating and hot water heating account for about 77% of the energy consumed.

Bills are still nearly double what they were in February 2021 - a significant increase that continues to impact many households. While the sharp jumps are past, fluctuations continue. Typical heat loss rates for an uninsulated three-bedroom gas-heated semi-detached home. 33% Walls, 26% Roof, 18% Window, 12% Ventilation (draughts), 8% Floor, 3% Doors.

- Draught-proofing windows and doors can save £40 and 110kg of carbon dioxide a year.



(Reference source: Energy Saving Trust July 2025;
<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>)

Insulation

- Insulating a house will help to keep a home cool in summer and warm in winter.
- Insulation increases the speed a home heats up as less heat is lost through the building.
- If a home has no loft insulation, installing 270mm of new insulation could save £230 and 600kg of carbon dioxide a year.
- Topping up your loft insulation from 120mm to 270mm and installing cavity wall insulation could save you up to £250 and 700kg of carbon dioxide a year.

Hot water cylinders

- Topping up your hot water cylinder insulation from a 25mm to an 80mm jacket could save around £40 and 160kg of carbon dioxide a year.
- Switch it off
- Avoiding standby and turning appliances off when you're not using them could save up to £45 and 40kg of carbon dioxide every year.

Lighting

- Replacing a 50W halogen bulb with an LED will save around £90 over the bulb's lifetime, and that doesn't include the savings from reduced bulb replacement.

Water

- The average household water and sewerage bill in Great Britain is around £605 per year.

For more tips and advice, visit Energy Saving Trust <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>
Yorkshire Energy Doctor <https://yorkshireenergydoctor.org.uk/>

BALSAM BASHING IN THE ROUGHS



In the afternoon, we all headed down to The Roughts, where it has become overrun by Himalayan Balsam. This rapidly growing invasive plant spreads further each year and often outcompetes native plants. We were able to remove a significant area near the pathway, and it felt satisfying seeing what we'd achieved at the end of the day.

*Karen Sroda, Business
Administrator at N-Gen Energy
Solutions, said:*

In celebration of Volunteers' Week (2–8 June 2025), Urban Ranger **Kristian Eastwood** joined forces with a team from **N-Gen** Energy Solutions and the 'Friends of Bowling Park' community group to carry out a day of environmental improvements at Bowling Park.

The team of volunteers rolled up their sleeves to complete a variety of tasks aimed at enhancing the park's natural beauty and community spaces. Activities included cleaning park signage, planting shrubs and flowers, weeding cobbles, restoring a bench and filling in some woodland potholes.

"Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get out and volunteer in the fresh air and experience the wonderful surroundings of Bowling Park. The day fostered great relationships with the local community and brought many benefits, including team building, a sense of pride, and the chance to give back. As a resident, I was proud to be able to make improvements to the park".



George Taylor, a volunteer from the Friends of Bowling Park, said:

“The Friends of Bowling Park are committed to preserving and improving the beautiful green space at the heart of Bowling. It was a privilege and a lot of fun to spend the day with the N-Gen volunteers, who demonstrated strength in numbers and brought energy and enthusiasm to the tasks, making significant improvements”.

A huge thanks to the team for their amazing efforts.

To find out more about Friends of Bowling Park, visit <https://friendsofbowlingpark.co.uk/>

For more information about plans for the hydrogen production plant, visit <https://bradfordhydrogen.com/>

Or for more information about volunteering opportunities with Better Place Bradford, please email kristian@bradfordtrident.co.uk.



BRADFORD 2025 CITY OF CULTURE



The Ladies Tea and Chat Group had a six-week programme of various arts and crafts with Duncan, an established artist.



The ladies painted pottery, made mobiles, and finally created a fantastic artwork that will be displayed at The Woodroyd Centre.





Park Lane Centre, Park Lane, Bradford BD5 0LN

Tel: 01274 768075

"Leaders and staff are committed to providing high-quality care and early years education to children and their families." Ofsted September 2024



"Language development is a key focus, and songs, stories and rhymes form part of the routine."

Ofsted September 2024

15 hours FREE childcare for 2-4year-olds

Morning Sessions: 8:25 - 11:25

Afternoon Sessions: 11:55 - 2:55



"The physical environment incorporates children's interests and is well planned to provide choice and challenge." Ofsted September 2024

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<https://www.bradfordtrident.co.uk/family-community-services/park-lane-nursery/>





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Park Lane Centre Reception:01274 768061

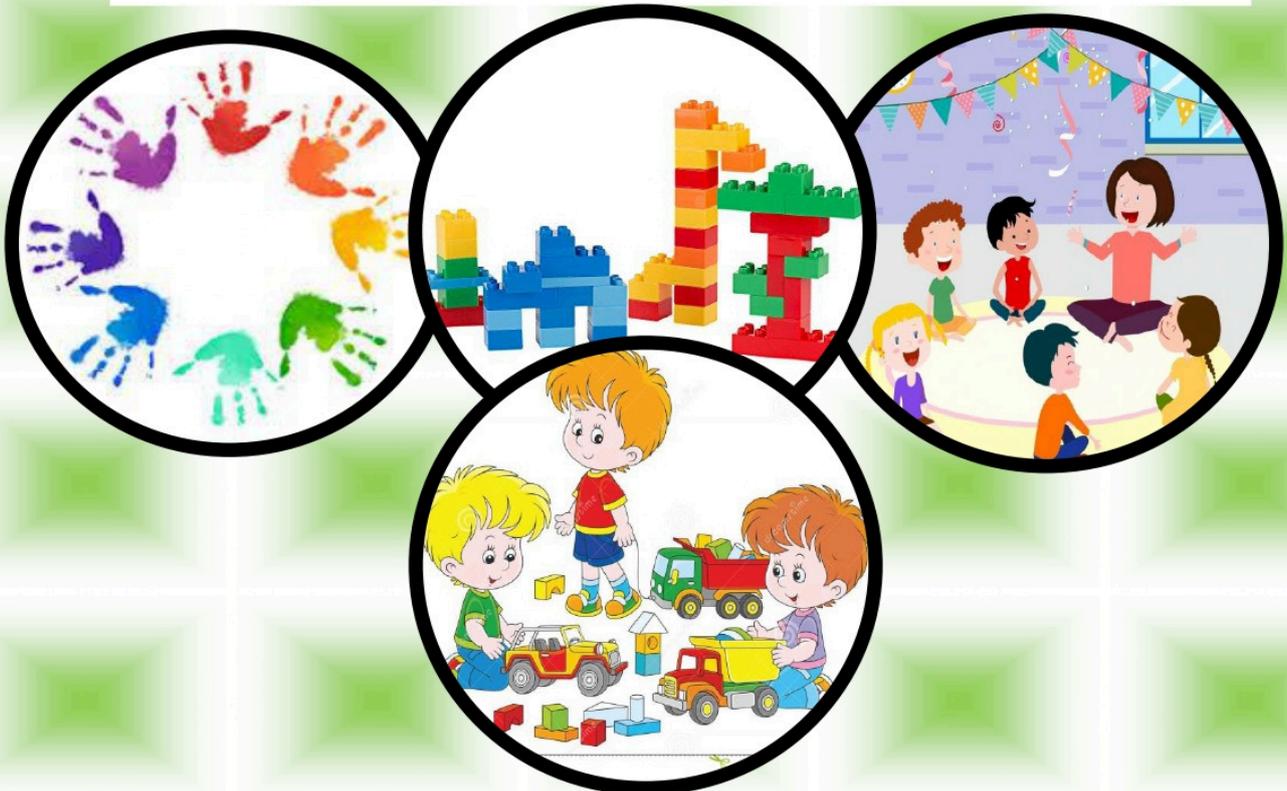
Playgroup at Park Lane Centre

Term Time Only

All parents are welcome to attend our play group.

Every Tuesday from 9:15am-10:15am.

In the main hall at Park Lane Centre.





Writing Home

Writing Home is a creative writing program inspired by Tower of Now.

We're looking for people who have recently moved to Bradford to get involved in a series of workshops inspired by Tower of Now.

If you are interested in meeting other people who have moved to this vibrant and diverse city, and are up for talking and writing about your relationship with Bradford as a place you've begun to call home. We'd love for you to come on this creative journey with us!

All languages are welcome, and participants can use translation tools within the sessions.

Taking place each Saturday in August, between **13.30 and 15.30**

Any questions, please email [*engagement@bradford2025.co.uk*](mailto:engagement@bradford2025.co.uk)

By 'recently moved to Bradford', we mean that you might have moved here from elsewhere in the UK, migrated for work, or are seeking asylum, or are a settled refugee. In any event, if you have come to the Bradford city district within the last five years, then this opportunity is for you.

WELLBEING WALKING GROUP

When: Every Wednesday

Where: Meet at Parkside Sports Centre, Parkside Road, BD5 8EH

Time: 10:30 am and ends at 11:30 am

- Do you want to improve your health with like-minded people?
- Have an opportunity to socialise? Meet others? Feel isolated? Alone?
- Suffer from poor health? Want to improve it?
- Walk in an environment that is familiar to you and close to home?
- Suffer from any chronic illnesses such as pre-Diabetes, Diabetes, Heart Disease, or high Blood Pressure?





Then join the Wellbeing Walking Group every Wednesday

In partnership with Living Streets and West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Bradford Trident is excited to offer a new series of walks in the BD5 area. Open to all, these accessible weekly walks are social, tailored to all abilities, and designed to improve people's wellbeing. There's no limit to the number of walks people can attend – come just once or as many times as you like!

***All weather equipment, Water for the walks & refreshments will
be provided!***

***For more Info and to book your place, contact: 07925 454977 or email:
women_of_fortitude@yahoo.com***



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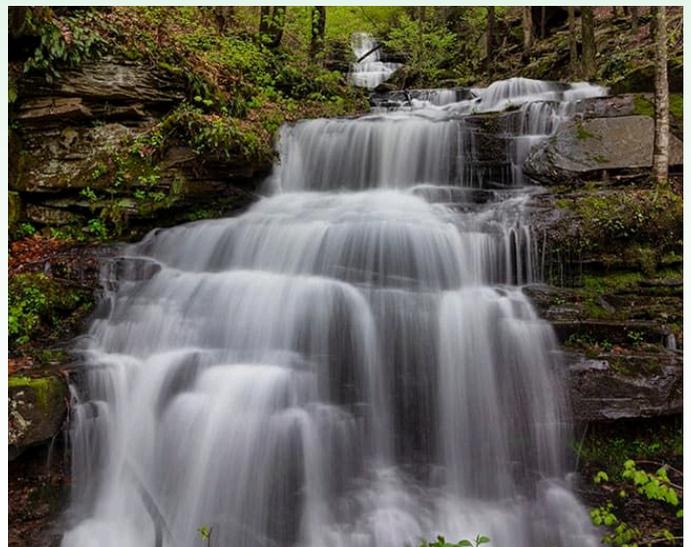


BD5, LET'S GO OUTSIDE

In Bradford's heart, where children thrive,
You'll find the likes of BD5.
With parks and paths, and trees that sway,
It's full of spots to laugh and play.
At Horton Park, they come, bright-eyed,
Down the caterpillar slide.
Nature's play in every nook,
Bees and bugs for those that look.
Kettlewell Snicket leads the way,
Play hopscotch to start the day.
Ladybird and snail of stone,
Sit atop, on your way home.
Burnett Avenue's where you might,
See the cherry blossom bloom so bright.
Owls and squirrels carved in stone,
A quiet place to call your own.
Mayfield Centre and playground,
Swing and slide and spin around.
Books to share, a place to rest.
Sparrow box and tea pot nest.
Shine St. Stephens, bugs find home,
Habitats for them to roam.
Plants and flowers, walk of grace,
A warm and friendly welcome space.
Jane Binns Park, two globes so wide,
A tunnel crawl and narrow slide.
Children giggle, run and spin,
This green space they play within.

West Bowling Centre brims with cheer,
With herbs and blooms throughout the year.
Fruit and veg you'll often find,
Mud kitchen and sand combined.
The Roughts call out with woodland song,
Where carved wood creatures hide among.
A bench, a squirrel, an owl and a boar,
A wonderous place to come explore.
From park to garden, trail to tree,
A Better Place is what we see.
BD5, let's go outside,
Where joy and nature coincide.

Poem written by Kristian the Better Place Urban Ranger.





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*Subject to availability

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Thursdays 10.30-3.30pm

