

PORTLAND PATHWAYS

Our community employment and mental health service based in Kirkby, Mansfield, Newark, Sutton and Worksop.

594 referrals **UP 68%** **108** new job starts **UP 62%**

327 Rebuilding Mental Health course enrolments **803** 1-2-1 counselling hours delivered

UP 65% **UP 164%**

HEALTH & WELLBEING IMPACT

(Warwick Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale)

LOW WELL-BEING MODERATE WELL-BEING HIGH WELL-BEING

Proportions of customers in each group before and after intervention

BEFORE
PORTLAND
PATHWAYS
INTERVENTION



AFTER
PORTLAND
PATHWAYS
INTERVENTION



DISTANCE TRAVELLED

32% reduction in Low Well-being

28% improvement in Moderate Well-being

4% improvement in High Well-being

PORTLAND COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERING

7798 volunteering hours **UP 12%**

£85K in value added savings **UP 23%**

2190 attendees benefited from the Newstart Arts & Activities Programme

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

£112,900 in donations of equipment, services and funding **UP 165%**

WOODLAND ADVENTURE ZONE

Our fully accessible forest adventure.

1046 Portland Charity sessions with participants from FE, Day Service, Pollyteach & FE Residential.

840 external participants

POLLYTEACH SCHOOL

Alternative provision for key stages 2-4.

120 learners in total **31** learners with Education, Health and Care Plans



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IMPACT REPORT 2023-2024



ALL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WILL HAVE A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITY



WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR & CEO



Dr Dawn Green
Chair



Dr Mark Dale
Group CEO

2023-24 has been a year of steady progress for the Charity. Across the country demand for specialist education places continues to grow and our teams in Portland College and Pollyteach School are working hard to meet rising demand for places in the region and to extend the curriculum offer of our education provision.

With continued uncertainty in the adult care sector and the national issue in staff recruitment affecting all providers, we have not been able to expand our Portland Freedom services despite demand from local commissioners.

In our community offers we have been excited to open a new Pathways Centre in Newark, whilst the number of people benefitting from our Newstart Outreach programme has continued to grow.

A major milestone was the purchase and refurbishment of a new Nottingham City building enabling us to bring our outstanding specialist education closer to a large population centre and to expand the number of places we can offer.

We have just bought an exciting young company, Jumpstart AP Ltd, which offers motor vehicle servicing and gym/fitness instruction qualifications to school age learners.

On our main campus in Ashfield we completed a new Manufacturing Centre where young people can acquire realistic work experience in a professional workshop environment. A further exciting aspect is the new centre is our first 'carbon negative' building - it produces more energy than it uses.

We are so proud to lead Portland Charity but, of course, it is a massive collective endeavour. We offer our admiration and thanks to all the participants in our programmes, our amazing staff teams, our wonderful volunteers and trustees and the commissioners and grant making bodies who believe in our mission and support us financially.

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Parent

“I HAVE ENJOYED PORTLAND SO MUCH THEY GAVE ME A PLACE TO BELONG AND HELPED ME LOTS, MAKE ME HAPPY. HELPED MY INDEPENDENCE AND I LIKE WORKING IN THE CAFE AND GOING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY.”

Learner

“ABBIE'S CONFIDENCE AND SELF-WORTH HAS GROWN THROUGH HER TIME AT PORTLAND AND HER SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP AT MANSFIELD MUSEUM. IT HAS BEEN LOVELY TO WATCH HER BLOSSOM INTO THE YOUNG ADULT THAT SHE HAS BECOME.”

Parent

PORTLAND COLLEGE

Total learners

250

UP
11%



Duke of Edinburgh
Award completions

12

Silver
Award

18

Bronze
Award



Achievement Rates for Accredited Qualifications

96%

Vocational

86%

Personal Social
Development

90%

Sports
Leaders

94%

achieved their
Health & Well-being
targets

PORTLAND FREEDOM CITIZENS

Number of young people supported through our CQC registered care services.

111

Day Service

73

Short Breaks

24

Residential
Learners

30

Independent
Living

