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New Impact Review Highlights How Highgate Newtown Community Partners Is “Building Belonging” in Camden

Highgate Newtown Community Partners (HNCP) has published its Impact Review 2025, showcasing how the charity is helping residents of all ages feel connected, supported and part of community life across Highgate and neighbouring areas.

The Impact Review marks the first full year of activity in HNCP’s new community centre on Bertram Street. Every month more than 1,000 people come through HNCP’s doors, with over 170 bookable activities across all venues, including 22 play sessions for babies and toddlers and around 400 affordable meals served at community lunch clubs. There are now more than 4,300 HNCP Club Card members.

From under-5s playgroups and after-school sports to creative classes, youth programmes and community laundry and hairdressing services, the report shows how local residents are using HNCP’s spaces for everything from exercise and socialising to practical support. A Pay What You Can model and a Pay It Forward Fund help ensure that cost is not a barrier to taking part, with donations directly funding free or low-cost places for people on very low incomes or facing crisis.

Young people are a major focus. In 2025, HNCP ran seven weekly under-5s sessions across five venues and eight after-school activities each week at the new centre, alongside an Education+ partnership linking nine Camden schools to extra learning, enrichment and a summer camp for pupils facing additional challenges. Feedback from parents shows that 97% rated sessions 9 or 10 out of 10 and 85% reported their child was more able to engage positively with other children.

Food and shared meals are another cornerstone of HNCP’s work. The Kitchen at Bertram Street hosts intergenerational cooking clubs, health-focused workshops and sessions for refugee and local families, while five weekly community lunches across local venues provide low-cost, freshly cooked meals and vital social connection.

HNCP also works closely with faith and community partners across the borough, who provide space, volunteers and practical support for lunch clubs, stay-and-play sessions and other activities rooted in local relationships. The Impact Review includes lived-experience perspectives from Camden residents and statements of support from local councillors and partners, underlining the role of community organisations in tackling isolation and inequality.

The full Impact Review 2025 is available to download at: <https://hncp.org.uk/impact-review/>

Notes to editors

Highgate Newtown Community Partners (HNCP) is a local charity based in north Camden, providing affordable, inclusive activities and support for people of all ages, with a focus on building belonging, supporting young people and strengthening community connections.

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