

**Healthy  
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**Cost of Living Crisis  
Community Support**

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Metropolitan Borough Council

# Current Position

**69.1%**  
Working age residents in employment.



**28.1%**  
Economically 'Inactive' of which **32.5%** are long-term sick.



**16.9%**  
adults are identified as having debts that overtake their income.



**24.5%**  
Children in relative low income families.



**27.3%**  
pupils eligible for Free School Meals.



**19.2%**  
Households in fuel poverty.



**26,653**  
People claiming Universal Credit of which **38%** are in work.



**11.5%**  
of population claiming Local Council Tax support.



**11%**  
of households experiencing hunger.



- Most adults are **spending less** on non-essentials.
- Most adults are using **less fuel** such as gas or electricity in their home.
- Around one in 50 adults reported that they are **using support from charities including foodbanks.**



**94% increase**  
in the cost of food.



**82% increase**  
in gas or electricity.



**77% increase**  
in the cost of petrol and diesel.

\*Source – Tackling the cost of living crisis – Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022

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# Current Position

## Household Support Grant April 2023 to March 2024

- **Barnsley Council received £4.7m allocation**
  - Community funding is £800,000 from this
  - **Other things the funding has been used for is:**
    - Providing Cost of Living payments to residents who receive Housing Benefit only
    - Providing vouchers to children who receive free school meals in October and February half term
    - £40 voucher to support households with the cost of energy if they receive Council Tax Support
    - Dedicated advisor with Citizen's Advice Barnsley
    - Funding for Warm Homes team to help with improving energy efficiency and for Warm Homes Officers



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# Current Position

## Household Support Grant April 2023 to March 2024 – Community Funding

- **Breakdown of how we are using the community funding**
  - £420,000 allocated to 36 different organisations across the borough
  - £180,000 allocated for dedicated fuel support service – due to launch September 2023
  - £200,000 allocated for a second round of funding for community providers – aimed specifically at winter support



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# Current Position

## Central Area

Current Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) and Free School Meal (FSM) households by ward

Ward	LCTS %	LCTS Ranking	FSM %	FSM Ranking
Central	17.47%	15	3.79%	15
Dodworth	13.40%	17	2.38%	19
Kingstown	22.25%	6	6.03%	10
Stairfoot	25.08%	5	7.02%	3
Worsbrough	25.17%	4	6.50%	6



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# Current Position

## Central Area

The schemes that are currently available in Central Area are:

- Mind, Body and Spirit
- Centrepont
- Barnsley College
- Oakwell Rise Primary Academy
- SWYFT – Kendray Hospital
- Kendray and Worsbrough Family Centre
- Oakhill Primary
- Worsbrough Community Pantry
- Caring for Kendray Community Pantry
- Stairfoot Food Bank
- Hope House – Trussell Trust food bank spoke
- St George's Church – Trussell Trust food bank spoke

Borough wide there are additional schemes:

- Age UK Warm Homes Advisor
- DIAL Warm Homes Advisor
- Beacon SY Carers
- Berneslai Homes – Tenants First
- Citizen's Advice Barnsley
- Community First Credit Union



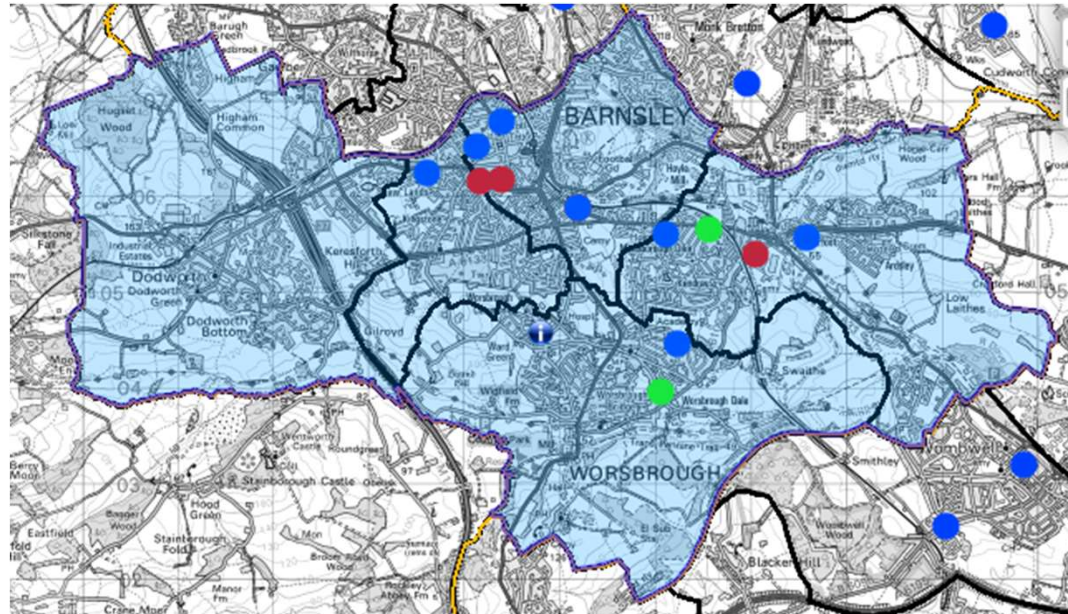
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# Longer Term

## Barnsley Food Plan 2022 - 2025

**Our Vision – For everyone to have access to nutritious food that benefits their health and wellbeing**

### Priorities for 2022 to 2025:

- Food Access
- Education
- Diet related ill health
- Food Environment
- Sustainability



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# Longer Term

## Barnsley Food Plan 2022 – 2025 – What are we doing?

### Healthy Holidays Programme

- Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays
- 36 clubs across the borough
- Food and Activities for IRO 10,000 Barnsley children in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

### Good Food Partnership – Community Pantries

- Storehouse and Field 12 month pilot at Shafton with 70 members
- Looking to assist the start up of new pantries

### Community Shop on the Go

- Groundbreaking mobile food market which takes high quality food to areas of need across the borough
- Successful pilot at Station House, Thurnscoe with 131 customers in the first paying week
- Planning to expand this provision to other areas across the borough in the immediate future

### Grant Funding

- Household Support Grant and SYMCA funding available



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# Longer Term

## Barnsley Food Plan 2022 – 2025 – What are we doing?

### Food support differences

#### Food Bank

- Crisis support
- Free to access
- Provides a food parcel to last 2/3 days
- No choice in food
- Number of parcels can be limited depending on source

#### Food Pantry

- Small membership fee
- Provides a variety of food, some include ambient, chilled and frozen but could just be ambient
- Mainly surplus food
- Person chooses their own food
- Can access longer term
- Sustainable as membership fees continue to fund provision

#### Community Fridge

- Free to access
- Surplus food
- Heavily reliant on volunteers collecting food and re-stocking
- Sustainable as it only runs from surplus food and no requirements to feed certain numbers



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## Sustainable Schemes

### What does sustainable look like

#### Society - Working with key partners

- Area Councils and Community Development officers
- Good Food Partnership
- Other organisations
- Community groups / Volunteers

#### Economy

- Short term funding
- Pricing Strategy – Viable and Equitable
- Sustainable income / expenditure

#### Environment

- Local need
- Location
- Maximising utilisation of available resources



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# Thank you

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