



# We Are Wakefield Newsletter

October 2022

YOUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWS AND  
OFFERS FROM THE  
WAW COMMUNITY

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winners of the Yorkshire Legal Awards –Small Firm of the Year 2022

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Thornton Jones Solicitors are a high-street law firm with traditional values that hinge around delivering the best client care possible. With offices in Wakefield, Ossett, Garforth, and Sherburn in Elmet, their friendly and welcoming approach along with giving exceptional service has led to some rather fantastic customer reviews.



Clare Thornton collecting the award for Best Small Law Firm of the Year 2022 from Shappi Khorsandi

Yorkshire Legal Awards judges commented that

*“The winner of [small] Law Firm of the Year is a fantastic high street practice with big ambitions after an impressive two years. Feedback from clients is a particular highlight, while its staff are encouraged to demonstrate the firm’s values in everything they do through a transparent reward process that is delivering results.”*

For more information on Thornton Jones Solicitors, including the services they offer, visit their website at [www.thorntonjones.co.uk](http://www.thorntonjones.co.uk) and find them on social media by searching for Thornton Jones Solicitors.

# BBC Make A Difference awards FINALIST!

make a  
**difference**  
awards

*with your local BBC radio station*



We made the final 4 out of hundreds of nominations for the BBC Make A Difference Awards Best Community Group category. It was wonderful to be amongst such inspirational people!

Huge thank you all our staff, volunteers and of course YOU our wonderful supporters. We have had over 1000 Wakefield women utilise our service since May 2021, we hope that we can continue to support these women and reach many more!

Cat- our Founder and CEO - " Thank you to all the amazing women that attend our walks, events, courses etc YOU ARE WONDEFUL and you are the reason that I do what I do. I feel what you feel, I stand with you... we need each other"



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Have your business seen by our pantomime audience of 31,000!

This year's pantomime, Dick Whittington, will light up the stage for 68 performances across six weeks. Every year, enthusiastic audiences young and old come together for this festive spectacle and you could spotlight your business in the popular programme.

## Programme Advertising Prices

*Half page:*

**£200 +VAT (with artwork supplied)**

Artwork specifications: H 148mm x W 210mm with 3mm bleed, 300dpi, full colour, high resolution PDF or JPEG

*Full Page:*

**£350 +VAT (with artwork supplied)**

Artwork specifications: H 297mm x W 210mm with 3mm bleed, 300dpi, full colour, high resolution PDF or JPEG

**Artwork design available for an additional £50 +VAT**

The deadline for supplying artwork is Friday 28th October 2022. The deadline for copy and imagery may be earlier if not supplying complete artwork.

# **Advertise in the Theatre Royal Wakefield Pantomime Programme**

## **DEADLINE FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Contact Sarah to find out more or to take up this opportunity

**Tel: 01924 334 115**

Email:  
[development@theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk](mailto:development@theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk)



# Would you like to sponsor an Oak tree at The Wakefield Business Awards?



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**Please feel free to  
take me home and plant  
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of growth, to celebrate the  
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Would you like to sponsor an Oak tree at The Wakefield Business Awards?

You will be making the event beautiful yet sustainable as you sponsor a junior Oak tree as a table centre piece and a symbol of growth.

Sponsorship is £100. The tree will be planted after the event and will carry your branding at the event as shown below. You'll also be listed in the event brochure.

Thanks to

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who have already pledged their support.

Contact us via email - [info@wearewakefield.co.uk](mailto:info@wearewakefield.co.uk)

## Leeds Beckett University's Knowledge Exchange and Help to Grow Programme

Leeds Beckett University is committed to helping our business community in the region through the services and support they provide. Leeds Business School at Leeds Beckett has recently launched a brand-new professional space, the Knowledge Exchange, as a place for businesses to connect, collaborate, co-create, share, learn and innovate. Housed in Leeds Beckett's state of the art Rose Bowl building, the Knowledge Exchange is a professional place where businesses can work, hold meetings, and connect.



If you would like to use the space when you're in Leeds, please get in touch at [KE@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:KE@leedsbeckett.ac.uk).

You can also join the Knowledge Exchange Community by visiting <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/business-services/>

Leeds Business School at Leeds Beckett is also leading on the government funded Help to Grow: Management programme, intended for senior leaders in small and medium-sized regional businesses. The scheme aims to support entrepreneurs in enhancing their business' resilience and recovery from the impact of COVID-19. It aims to support the business leaders in developing their potential for future growth, by embracing principles of sustainability, productivity and social inclusion.

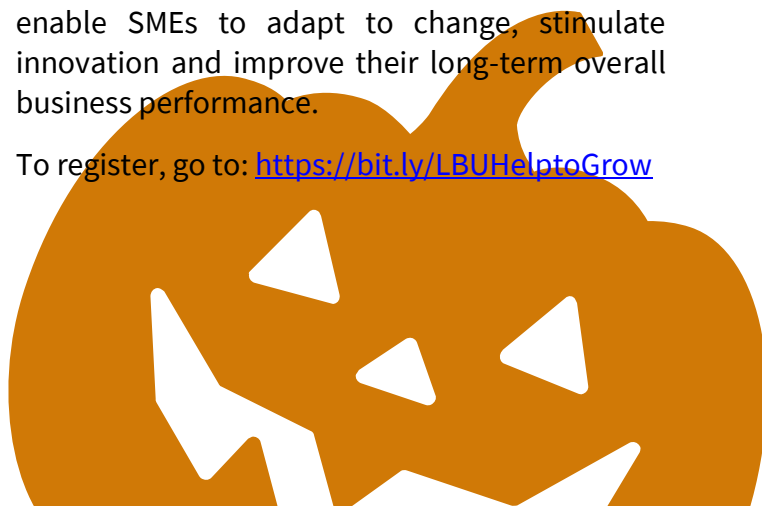
Help to Grow: Management is a 14-week programme, delivered by a consortium of business schools across the UK. The course has been accredited by the Small

Business Charter (SBC), and is financed by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS). With 90% of the programme

costs funded, businesses pay a symbolic fee of £750 to secure a place on this sought-after three-month course. The ambitious targets set by the Chartered Association of Business Schools (CABS) and BEIS seek to support 300,000 SMEs nationally over the programme's lifespan.

The programme has seen over 100 businesses from our region embark on this learning journey with Leeds Business School. Although the course is run by university business schools, it is highly practical and seeks to further enhance leadership skills within small businesses across a range of critical business topics - such as productivity, marketing, leadership, sustainability, and finance. The key objective of the scheme is to enable SMEs to adapt to change, stimulate innovation and improve their long-term overall business performance.

To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/LBUHelptoGrow>







THE NOSTELL ESTATE



## Office 11/12 – Rear Walled Garden



Office 11/12 is situated on the Nostell Estate in the Walled Garden and offers modern, contemporary offices suitable for medium sized (6-8 people) businesses. The development has the benefit of water, electricity, and mains drainage. Access is also available to the fibre network along with the latest data communication links.

The dimensions of Office 11/12 are 870 Sq. ft. and features include air-conditioning, kitchen area, bathroom facilities, as well as adjacent parking spaces. Additional parking is available in the Prison yard just a short walk from the office, at side of the Walled Garden, with the added benefit of 5 electric charging points on the Estate.

24-hour access is available with key card entry anytime out of usual working hours (Monday – Friday 8.00am until 5.00pm). The Estate also benefits from a modern on-site security system covering all areas 24/7.

A viewing would be recommended so you can get a feel for the unique estate atmosphere and impressive surroundings here at Nostell Estate. Tenants can enjoy Meridian Café, Nostell Estate's very own café, which is open Monday to Friday. Other benefits include access to the beautiful Nostell Priory parklands and pathways, networking opportunities, ample parking, and access to major road networks (M62/M1). We also have facilities for tenants to bring their dogs in to work with dog shower and waste bins.

Private meeting rooms are also available to hire with discounted rates to all tenants.

Rates and lease breaks can be discussed with Peter Molyneux, Estate Director.





ONE STOP SAFETY  
TRAINING SOLUTIONS

## Driver Cpc course

Courses run Monday to Saturday, we will try our very best to accommodate to your availability. Based in Castleford.

We try to give customers the best price possible £70pp for 7 hours or  
£315 for 35 hours

Location: 133 Leeds Road, Glasshoughton, Castleford, WF10 5JT



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# WAKEFIELD EQUALITY FIRST



Workforces should be inclusive and provide opportunities for all in terms of race, religion, gender, age, orientation and even, education.

It is key that employers promote a culture of inclusion where diversity is embraced, and equality is provided for individuals and workforces to reach their true potentials which ultimately increases business productivity and success.

### **About our speaker Jodie:**

Following her mental breakdown (which she now refers to as her mental breakthrough!), Jodie Hill decided to set up her own employment law firm where her values around mental health and diversity & inclusion would be the foundations of the firm and are embodied in everything she and her Tribe do.

Thrive Law was born in 2018, when Jodie was just 29 and is uniquely positioned as the only employment law firm that adopts this unique approach blending D&I wellbeing with employment law and HR advice, in the UK.

Jodie is passionate about creating an environment where both her and her team can Thrive. Her mission is to educate and empower employers to create their own thriving cultures. Outside of Thrive, Jodie is founder and chair of This is Me Yorkshire, a global business led mental health initiative, she is a Law Care Champion, a member of Neurodiversity in Law, and in 2020 was appointed as a member of The Law Society's Employment Law Committee.

Jodie appears on regional and national TV and radio, most recently Channel 4's Steph's Packed

Lunch. She has appeared on BBC world and regional news, Sky news and ITV news as well as featured in the Guardian, Times, Independent to name a few!

Jodie is also a proud ambassador for the Women in Law UK, was featured on the Northern Powers future List 2019 and has been nominated for Northern Power Women's Entrepreneur of the Year 2022.

Jodie is a keen advocate for all things D&I and wellbeing and writes regular print columns for local and national press and is a legal expert for many radio stations across the UK.

**Join us at our event and hear from our fantastic speaker Jodie who will be speaking about...**

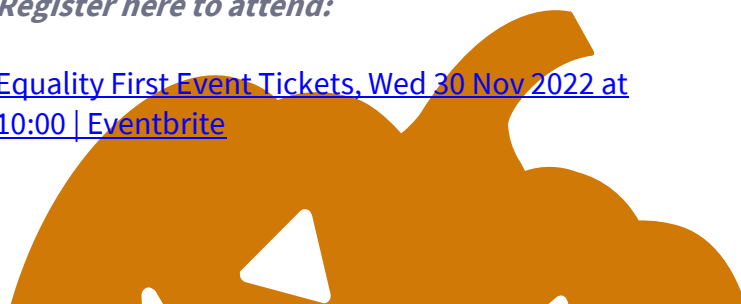
- How Jodie overcame a mental breakdown and how this became her "breakthrough"
- How Jodie launched her own law firm at only 29
- The challenges Jodie overcame
- The importance of finding your network

**Venue: Wakefield Theatre Royal on Drury Lane/Westgate**

***\*\*This event is being delivered in partnership with Wakefield First & We Are Wakefield, working together to support local businesses across the Wakefield district\*\****

***Register here to attend:***

[Equality First Event Tickets, Wed 30 Nov 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)





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Breakfast Networking Event  
Friday 4th November 2022  
9.30am to 11.30am

Join us for a morning of networking & collaboration at Featherstone Rovers. Our key speaker will be Raph Taylor of Camphill College on how they aspire to partner with new businesses to benefit SEND students.



Featherstone Rovers RLFC Ltd.  
Millennium Stadium, Post office Road,  
Featherstone, West Yorkshire, WF7 5EN  
Non-members welcome for a first taster session

November takes us to Featherstone Rovers RLFC for our First Friday event on the 4th.

Hear from key speaker, Raph Taylor of Camphill Wakefield on work placements, partnerships, and aspirations to partner with new businesses. He'll be telling us about how partnerships are mutually beneficial, and how their SEND students come with a range of existing practical and employability skills.

You will get to experience the facilities at Millennium Stadium with an optional stadium tour after the event and a chance to meet some of the players and Percy the Pit Pony!

All pop up stands are now booked for this event.

Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/431636936697>

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Christmas Networking Event

Friday 2nd December 2022

3pm to 5.30pm

MEMBERS ONLY!

Join us for an afternoon of  
Christmas bubbles, nibbles &  
networking at The Quarry.  
There'll be a special  
performance from "Nearly  
Bubl " to get us in the festive  
spirit and some other special  
guests along the way.  
Christmas jumpers  
encouraged!



The Quarry Restaurant & Bar, Horbury  
WF4 5NF



## Can you believe it's almost Christmas!?

We Are Wakefield members are invited to a festive afternoon of networking and celebrations as we bring 2022 to an end.

It's been a massive year for WAW and we would like to thank you for being part of it.

Welcome drinks, nibbles and a festive twist as our key speaker slot goes to Mr Christmas himself, (Nearly) Bubl  to get us into the spirit!

A not-to-be-missed get together for the We Are Wakefield business community.

Get it in your diary, dust off your Christmas jumper and book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/443294645217>

Get in touch with the WAW community! All our members are listed [here](#)

