



NEWS



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NEETS ART TRAIL 2025

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NEET grows

Summer sales and bedding plants



Over the summer we have been busy! Summer plant sales and hanging baskets were a complete sell out. We also welcomed our new Retail Assistant/Support Worker Lucy who was excellent with the customers and has great horticultural knowledge.

Here is a bit about her first summer at NEET: 'I joined Neet in May and have loved getting to know the wonderful team and all the gorgeous plants in the shop. The summer bedding sales were amazing (helped along by the sunny weather) and it was lovely to meet all the customers and be a part of the Spring Fair. We've since been busy gardening around the site and potting up thousands of winter bedding plants. I'm already looking forward to the shop reopening for the winter season.'

WINTER BEDDING



We have been busy this autumn planting our winter bedding for Bradford council. Keep your eyes peeled for our plants in the Bradford area during the upcoming months!!

Yorkshire in Bloom

Milo and Evie attended the ceremony to receive the awards with big smiles on their faces! The team worked hard preparing for Yorkshire in Bloom by tidying the site, including weeding, planting and creating beautiful displays - all the hard work paid off as we won GOLD!



I was little scared
so up But I am
so Brave so up get
the Award I am so
happy and smile

NEET grows

WYOG Annual Organic Show

What a fantastic result from the WYOG Annual Organic Show 2025 held in Saltaire! We showcased some of our organic fruit, vegetables, flowers, and produce that the NEET team have grown, nurtured, and created over the past year. Overall we won an incredible 20 certificates, along with Best in Show and Best in Fruit for our Physalis!!

We have been using the harvested fruit and veg to create wonderful and tasty dishes!

Below are some of the fruit and vegetables we have been harvesting, some were for the organic show! We have also been apple picking in our orchard and making tasty apple juice.



Harvesting



ACHIEVEMENT - Annabelle has sown and nurtured a Cantaloupe Melon after a failed crop last year - it grew big and was absolutely delicious- she shared it with her peers and was enjoyed by all!



NEET makes

Site makes

We continue to use nature, growing and seasons as inspiration for our work. Over the summer we have learnt many new skills such as wool weaving, crochet, print and paper making. We've been lucky enough to be joined by a fantastic local artist, Nicola, who has introduced us to new mediums and has been integral in getting the NEET makes team involved in a local exhibition.

We're getting enterprising, making a lovely selection of handmade items to sell at our upcoming events, and every penny made will help us learn exciting new skills and techniques. We are also very much looking forward to showcasing our artwork as part of the 'In Full Colour' exhibition held at South Square from the 14th Nov- 1st Feb 26. We would love to see you there!



Spring fair

What a wonderful day we had at our Annual Spring Fair. It was a brilliant turn out and great to see so many faces. The NEET Team served up delicious wood-fired pizzas stone-baked in our outdoor pizza oven, as well as crafting beautiful afternoon teas that went down a treat! It was lovely to see people buying our fabulous hanging baskets and summer bedding plants that have been potted and nurtured by the NEET Team.

It is a great opportunity to showcase the wonderful woodwork and craft creations that the team create on site across the year. Thank you to everybody that came to support us!



NEW TOILETS!



Maintenance

The team have been working hard dismantling the old toilet units and replacing them with new ones! They look fantastic! We are also excited for the new kitchen space, we hope it will be a great addition to NEET so that we can cook even more tasty treats and recipes.

NEET eats

York Food Festival

The NEET team were invited to host a pop up cafe and shop as part of the fabulous York food festival. The pop up was right in the historic centre in the wonderful St Crux Church tucked at the bottom of the world famous Shambles. The team had a great experience sharing the NEET story with visitors and customers. We also did a hands on apple juice workshop and sold homemade cakes and crafts. The team also took the chance to experience the food festival market and tasted some wonderful foods.



Great Yorkshire Show

The team were so honoured to be asked again to demonstrate at the great Yorkshire show! Lots of the team visited over the four days. We also held a demonstration in the main food hall on Friday in the sweltering heat. Visitors loved the team's commitment to home grown fresh food. We also managed a good look at the animal classes in the show and a little of the showjumping!



Chocolate factory



I really enjoyed York chocolate story
I went with my kitchen group it was amazing
day out, it was very interesting to learn about
chocolate, and also make chocolate to take home
it was a wonderful day out.

Shumaya Yasmin

Community and events

Northcliffe Arts Takeover

Our immersive art trail in Northcliffe Woods was a great success! Staff member Leo and the team have been coming up with loads of creative ideas and they all came to life on the day. The sound horn is fully complete as well as the willow archway. Next up is the tree gazing net where you'll be able to have a cosy lay down in the woods and appreciate the wonderful energy that Northcliffe woods offers.

Scan the QR code on the front page to take a look at the event!



Meet our Mothers

What a fantastic book and a truly inspiring project! It was great to be a part of the whole project from a gem of an idea to the launch. Team members, Wayne and April had a piece about their mother's favourite Pork Pie and Peas recipe! Chef tutor Richard also had a section about his mums' lamb stew, which his children call, Grandma Beryl's Lamb Stew! NEET are very proud of the team. Not only this but much of the photography and cooking for the book was actually shot on location at NEET! In the book you will see some beautiful images of the site including the outdoor kitchen, orchard and polytunnels.



"An interactive cookbook celebrating Bradfords heritage."

NEET is recommending the book and the amazing augmented reality that is truly game changing in a cookbook!

We can't wait to cook all the recipes in our kitchen and learn about the inspiring stories of mums, love and sharing that love through their favourite recipes!



Community and events

Meet our Mothers launch

We were so proud to be invited to the Meet our Mothers book launch, it meant that we were involved right from the concept to the launch and everything in between! The launch was held in the impressive Beacon Arts Space in Lister Park. Recipe contributors, creators and members of BD25 team were also there. The NEET Eats team created amazing canapes based on recipes in the book to serve at the event, we displayed them on handmade wooden serving boards made on site. A real collaboration and representation of all the work we do at NEET. The serving boards will be available to purchase at the Christmas Fair.



Activities week!

Once again we had a great sunny activities week full of bubbles, cricket, mini golf, archery in the tunnels, bowling in the green pod, egg and spoon races and much more!



Mollie has been practicing her photography skills and taken some beautiful photos here that she wanted to show!

She hopes to enrol onto a Photography course in the near future to practice even more and to hone her skills!

We think her photos are fantastic!

Bonsai Bonanza

A normal looking house sits on the corner of Heaton Woods, no less than a 15 minute walk away from the NEET site. The garden, however, hosts an unlikely site: a miniature forest-scape of bonsai trees containing a myriad of varieties! Mr Tony Bray has been growing bonsai trees for over 50 years, and he's been kind enough to share his wealth of knowledge with the NEET team. On Wednesday afternoons a small group have been walking down to see Tony and his dog Patty to help manage his bonsai garden by bringing trees into his conservatory and pruning, clipping, shaping, root hooking, feeding and air-layering!



Final word



We would love to see you at

NEET Art Exhibition

'In Full Colour'

exhibition held at South Square from the 14th Nov- 1st Feb 26.

Christmas fair

5th December at 11:30 - 3:30PM at NEET!



Placements and volunteering

At NEET we welcome placements and volunteering opportunities for those interested in working in health and social care settings! Alex has been a volunteer at NEET and is an all round lovely person, here is what James has to say about working with Alex:

"I like working with Alex at NEET because he is nice and he makes me happy! He helps me fill the compost in the pots to put the plants in." - James!



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