

Child poverty numbers hit a record number last year

A RECORD number of children were living in poverty in Barnsley last year, the latest figures show.

Figures from the Department for Work and Pensions show 13,901 children under 16 in Barnsley were living in relative poverty in the year to March – up from 13,418 the year before and the highest since comparable records began in 2013/14.

It meant 31 per cent of children in the area were in households whose income was below 60 per cent of the average income, and also claimed child benefit with at least one other household benefit.

Across the UK, 2.7 million children were living in relative poverty, including 313,918 children in Yorkshire and The Humber.

This national number increases to over 4.4 million children when looking at income after housing costs and including kids aged between 16 and 19 in full-time education – the highest number since national records started in 2002/03.

Charity Save the Children has warned that without immediate action, this could be the ‘first Labour government that oversees a significant rise in child poverty – a record no-one wants’ – and

described the latest data as ‘a source of national shame’.

The End Child Poverty coalition added the data should be seen as a ‘stark warning’ to government, adding record-high numbers of children in poverty ‘isn’t the change people voted for’.

The government’s own impact assessment, published on Wednesday, estimated welfare reforms planned by Chancellor Rachel Reeves could see 250,000 more people, including 50,000 children, fall into poverty by 2029/30.

Charities urged a U-turn on the plans, saying the announced cuts to disability and incapacity benefits will ‘push more disabled people into poverty and worsen people’s health’.

Oxfam’s domestic poverty lead, Dr Silvia Galandini, said: “These latest poverty figures are as damning as they are heartbreaking.

“This is before yesterday’s brutal cuts, where the Chancellor chose to remove vital security and safety from those who need it the most instead of taxing the super-rich. It is unconscionable that the government is cutting social security while wilfully ignoring the huge potential revenue of a tiny tax on the super-rich, one that is overwhelmingly backed by the British public.”

Approval for passes

FREE bus travel for Barnsley’s under-18s was approved at a meeting this week.

The scheme, which was first mooted in January, will be available to anyone living in the town aged five to 18.

Young people will be able to access free bus travel from Monday to Sunday, between 7am and 9pm, as long as the journey starts or ends in the Barnsley area and is within South Yorkshire.

On Wednesday, cabinet bosses approved the scheme which the council has set aside £5m for, with an additional funding pot of up to £1m from South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

It will go live at the start of August.

Commenting, Wombwell councillors Brenda Eastwood, Robert Frost and James Higginbottom said: “We are delighted that as part of Barnsley Labour’s balanced budget for 2025/26 there is funding set aside to provide



free bus fares for Barnsley youngsters from August.

“This will enable local kids to access vital education and leisure opportunities.

“It will also make a huge difference to finances, putting more money in the pockets of local families.

“For example, a family with two children will save almost

£800 per year in school bus fares alone.

“We’re looking forward to seeing this scheme rolled out for the start of the summer holidays and local families feeling the benefit.”

APPROVED: Couns James Higginbottom, Robert Frost and Brenda Eastwood.

Fundraiser will follow speech from councillor

By Jack Tolson

A LOCAL councillor is encouraging her colleagues to take part in a joint fundraiser to raise money for a sexual abuse charity.

At last week’s full council meeting, Coun Leyla Nayeri bravely shared her own experiences of sexual abuse while presenting a motion for more to be done to stop the issue before it even begins.

While this motion was deferred, Coun Nayeri says she is looking forward to working with cabinet members to ensure an updated, agreed motion that lays out some clear, achievable resolutions for the council.

In the spirit of moving forward and working together for a valuable common goal, Coun Nayeri invited all councillors to join her in fundraising, collectively walking, running, or some other similar activity, 4.545 miles.

This is one mile for every recorded case of sexual abuse in South Yorkshire in the latest 12-month period.

This joint fundraising is for White Ribbon, supporting the goal of ending sexual harassment, sexual violence, and sexual assault.

Having spoken to Couns Hannah Kitching and Steve Houghton, both have supported this and encourage all members to support however they can.

Coun Nayeri said: “I want to thank my colleagues from all parties for joining this in any way they can, from both support in the distance to cover, the kind words of support, or donations.

“In just the first six days, we have covered 182.91 miles of the 4,545-mile target, and councillors have also generously donated £170 towards White Ribbon UK.

“With the deadline being May 22, the next full council, I’m looking forward to seeing what we can achieve.

“I chose running at first because everybody knows my love of running.

“I recently completed the Tokyo Marathon, and I’m already planning for the next one.

“The chance to run for something as valuable as White Ribbon felt like a perfect fit.”

A link to the fundraiser can be found on the Chronicle website.

Active travel plan is signed off by bosses

By Jack Tolson

BARNSLEY Council’s ruling cabinet members approved around £2.6m in funding for its active travel schemes at a meeting this week.

The funding, from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, will support a number of projects in the town.

A total of £988,000 was accepted in revenue funding for the development of a future pipeline of schemes, £987,000 was accepted from the tranche five of the SYMCA’s scheme and a potential £800,000 was also accepted at Wednesday’s meeting.

Coun James Higginbottom said: “This is for funding for things such as traffic models, new data collection systems, feasibility work, consultancy staff and funding for the active travel hub operation.

“Secondly, we have over £500,000 from Active Travel Tranche Five.

“This funding is for the development of active travel schemes to upgrade a pedestrian crossing and to develop schemes in the vicinity of schemes.

“Third there is a £460,000 which will pay for bike storage in local community centres.

“In total there is around £2.6m in total funding to support our activity travel programme.

“There is no financial ask from the council to progress the recommendations.

“I think it goes to show that when it comes to matters to transport, Barnsley is a council that delivers.”

Council leader Sir Steve Houghton added: “I want to express my thanks to the team.

“Pro rata we do really well out of SYMCA compared to other places.

“Significantly because we deliver schemes when others don’t.

“It’s more investment in Barnsley which is always a positive thing to have.”

Crews are busy

AN accidental garden fire which spread to rubbish in Wath-upon-Dearne was extinguished on Wednesday night.

Firefighters from Dearne station arrived on Doncaster Road, at 7.40pm, to tackle the fire.

■ A vehicle was torched in Athersley North on Wednesday night.

A fire crew arrived on Ollerton Road, at 9.05pm, to tackle the blaze.

■ A deliberate fire was started in Wombwell on Wednesday night.

Upon arrival on Aldham House Lane, at 8.10pm, the crew from Cudworth station extinguished the blaze.

PART TIME RECRUITMENT

JOB VACANCY: PRIVATE LIVE-IN CARER REQUIRED

We are looking for a compassionate and experienced Private Live-In Carer to support an 88-year-old gentleman with dementia in his beautiful bungalow.

- Role Includes:**
- Personal care assistance
 - Meal preparation
 - Medication supervision
 - General companionship (24-hour supervision not required)

- Job Details:**
- £750 per week
 - One week on, one week off
 - Includes meals & a comfortable double bedroom
 - Access to Sky TV & internet

- Requirements:**
- Enhanced DBS check
 - Two references
 - Experience in dementia care preferred

Please contact **Sharon** on **07767 763091** for an initial chat.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that application has been made by Sangha Retail Limited to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to VARY A PREMISES LICENCE in respect of Harrals, 32 Eldon Street, Barnsley, S70 2JB on the following terms: Amendment of the premises plan to include new sitting area and moving toilets. Exit to Victorian Arcade for emergency use only.

Any person wishing to make representations about the proposals outlined above can do so in writing to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, PO Box 634, Barnsley, S70 9GG or licensing@barnsley.gov.uk by midnight of 28th April 2025.

Dated: 1st April 2025
Notes: 1. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. A person guilty of this offence is liable on summary of conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

2. The application is available for inspection by contacting licensing@barnsley.gov.uk.

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www.barnsley-chronicle.co.uk

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BARNSLEY (BARNLSY SOUTH EAST AREA) (TRAFFIC REGULATION CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2018 (AMENDMENT NO.13) ORDER 2025

The above-named Order will come into effect on 7th April 2025 and will close part of Fitzwilliam Road at Darfield to through vehicular traffic from a point 159 metres north east of its junction with Doncaster Road to its junction with Rotherham Road. Only vehicles requiring access to premises will be permitted. Pedestrian cycle and equestrian traffic will be permitted along the full length.

It will also prohibit vehicles waiting at any time on part of the south eastern side of Fitzwilliam Road, from Doncaster Road, north easterly for 159 metres and on the northern side from Doncaster Road for 15 metres and from a point 120.50 metres north east of its junction with Doncaster Road north easterly to its termination at the access to the cycle route, including the turning head.

Documents about the Order are available to view at the Library @ the Lightbox, 1 The Glass Works, Barnsley and the Branch Library Church Street Darfield, Barnsley, during normal opening hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order you must before 16th May 2025 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CONSENT THE PLANNING (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES) ACT 1990 THE PLANNING (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS 2015

We hereby give notice that Lubrizol Limited, operating on land at Albion Road, Carlton Industrial Estate, Barnsley, S71 3HW, is applying to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, who for the purposes of the 2015 regulations act as The Hazardous Substances Authority, for an amendment to an existing consent to manufacture and store, at any one time, up to 200 tonnes of substances falling into Schedule 1, Part 1, section E categories E1-Hazardous to the aquatic environment (category 1) and E2-hazardous to the aquatic environment (category 2).

An amendment is required to designate additional storage areas within the current site boundary. There is no change to the overall quantity or category of materials consented.

This application will be determined by the Hazardous Substances Authority who have the power to reject it or approve it with or without conditions. Members of the public may inspect a copy of the application, by prior appointment, at the above address during the hours 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday until 29th April 2025. Telephone 07733002357 to make an appointment to view the application.

Anyone wishing to make representations in respect of this application should do so via the Planning Explorer portal at www.barnsley.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can email developmentmanagement@barnsley.gov.uk or write to Planning Development Management, PO Box 634, Barnsley, S70 9GG. Representations should be made on or before 30th April 2025.

BARNLSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14	
WOOD LANE, CARLTON TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order has been made to close Wood Lane from Carlton Road to Stocks Hill Close, from 7th April 2025 for approximately 5 days. Reason: New connection. An alternative route is available via: Carlton Road, Royston Lane, Woodroyd Avenue. Promoter: OCU Group, 0113 2274294.	
WHAMS ROAD, HAZLEHEAD TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order has been made to close Whams Road from Whams Lodge to Station House, from 7th April 2025 for approximately 3 weeks. Reason: Replacement of TPT bridge deck. An alternative route is available via: (A616) Sheffield Road, (A635) Penistone Road, Holmfirth Road, (A629) Lane Head Road, Penistone Road, Huddersfield Road, (A628) Barnsley Road, Thurlstone Road, Manchester Road, Whams Road. Promoter: BMBC Environmental Services, 01226 773555.	
TANKERSLEY LANE, HOYLAND COMMON TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION An order has been made to introduce a temporary 40mph speed restriction on Tankersley Lane from the Evri Depot to Black Lane, from 7th April 2025 for approximately one day. Reason: Enable works to telecoms mast. Promoter: Road Traffic Solutions, 01724848246.	
GREENFOOT LANE, WILTHORPE, WOODSTOCK ROAD, WILTHORPE, DEVONSHIRE DRIVE, WILTHORPE, WILLOW BANK, WILTHORPE, WILTHORPE AVENUE, WILTHORPE, WILTHORPE CRESCENT, WILTHORPE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS An order has been made to introduce the below restrictions: Greenfoot Lane – one-way closure between Huddersfield Road and Wilthorpe Avenue, allowing traffic to travel towards Huddersfield Road from Wilthorpe Avenue only from 7 April 2025 for approximately 1 week. An alternative route is available via Huddersfield Road/Wilthorpe Avenue. Woodstock Road (between Huddersfield Road and Devonshire Drive/Devonshire Drive (full length)/Willow Bank (between Smithies Lane and Devonshire Drive) – one-way closure allowing traffic to travel in a counter-clockwise direction only from Smithies Lane to Huddersfield Road, from 22 April 2025. An alternative route is available via Huddersfield Road/Cavendish Road/Smithies Lane. Wilthorpe Avenue – full closure between no. 61 and no. 67 from 12 May 2025 for approximately 3 days. Wilthorpe Crescent – full length closure from 12 May 2025 for approximately 2 weeks. An alternative route is available via Wilthorpe Avenue. Road closed during working day with access available outside these times. Closures may be intermittent and implemented as required. Reason: Water main replacement. Promoter: Yorkshire Water, tel. 0345 1242424.	
HOG CLOSE LANE, VICTORIA TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order has been made to close Hog Close Lane from Slack Top Lane to Upper Woodroyd Barn, from 10th April 2025 for approximately 1 day. Reason: Exchange water meter. An alternative route is available via: Slack Top Lane, Hey Slack Lane, Haddingley Lane, Piper Well Lane, Holmfirth Road, Penistone Road, Sheffield Road, Wood Royd Hill Lane, Hog Close Lane. Promoter: Morrison Water Services, 03451242424.	
WOOD LANE, CARLTON TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order will be made to close Wood Lane, from Carlton Road to outside house number one, from 14 April 2025 for approximately one week. Reason: gas mains replacement works. An alternative route is available via: Woodroyd Avenue/Royston Lane/Carlton Road. Promoter: Northern Gas Networks, telephone: 07813 343221.	
DALESWOOD DRIVE/DOBSYKE CLOSE/SWATHE VIEW/WHITE CROSS LANE/WHITE CROSS RISE, WORSBROUGH DALE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order will be made to close the full length of Daleswood Drive, Dobsyke Close, Swaithes View, White Cross Rise, White Cross Lane will be closed from White Cross Rise to Mitchell Close, from 14 April 2025 for approximately six weeks. The streets will be closed in phases as works progress. Reason: gas mains replacement works. Promoter: Network Plus Services Ltd, telephone: 07525 698401.	
FIR TREE, THURGOLAND TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order has been made to close the full length of Fir Tree, from 7 April 2025 for approximately five days. Reason: carriageway resurfacing works. Promoter: Barnsley MBC Environment and Transport, telephone: 01226 773555.	
PARKSIDE ROAD, HOYLAND COMMON TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order will be made to close Parkside Road from Sheffield Road to Skiers View Road, from 14 April 2025 for approximately four days. The road will be closed from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm Reason: carriageway resurfacing works. An alternative route is available via: Sheffield Road/Hoyland Road/Steel Lane/Skiers View Road. Promoter: Barnsley MBC Environment and Transport, telephone: 01226 773555.	
CARR LANE, GUNTHWAITE/HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, INGBIRCHWORTH TEMPORARY 40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION An order will be made to introduce a 40 mph speed restriction on Carr Lane for a distance of 50 metres from the junction with Huddersfield Road and Huddersfield Road for a distance of 50 metres either side of Carr Lane junction, from 18 April 2025 for approximately one day. Reason: telecoms works. Promoter: OCU Group, telephone: 07789 669357.	
NEVILLE AVENUE, KENDRAY TEMPORARY ONE-WAY RESTRICTION An order will be made to close Neville Avenue one-way only allowing traffic to travel from Doncaster Road in a northerly direction, from 14 April 2025 for approximately three weeks. Reason: footway resurfacing works. An alternative route is available via: Birk Avenue/Redhill Avenue/Doncaster Road. Promoter: Barnsley MBC Environment and Transport, telephone: 01226 773555.	
PARK STREET, WOMBWELL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order has been made to close Park Street from Mayflower Way to Wombwell Conservative Club, from 6th April 2025 for approximately 4 days. Reason: Electric upgrade. An alternative route is available via: Mayflower Way, Valley Way, Wath Road, Park Street. Promoter: Shadow Utilities Ltd, 07960648349.	
OLD MILL LANE, BARNLSLEY TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order will be made to close Old Mill Lane from Harborough Hill Road to Old Tannery Road, from 13th April 2025 for one night, between 17:00 and 05:00. Reason: Allow crane installation on site. An alternative route is available via: Old Tannery Road, Burton Road, Rotherham Road, Pontefract Road, Harborough Hill Road. Promoter: South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, 07825174018.	
PITT STREET, DARFIELD TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order will be made to close Pitt Street from outside No.2a to George Street, on 15th April 2025 for approximately one day. Reason: Remedial works to carriageway chamber. An alternative route is available via: Providence Street, Hope Street, Pitt Street. Promoter: Peter Duffy Ltd, 07929718243.	
MANCHESTER ROAD, STATION ROAD, DODWORTH TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order will be made to close Manchester Road/ Station Road for approximately 30mtrs either side of the railway crossing, on 13th April 2025 for one day between 00:01 and 08:30. Reason: Level crossing maintenance. An alternative route is available via Manchester Road, Mitchelson Avenue, Barnsley Road, Whinby Road, Station Road. Promoter: Chevron TM Ltd, 01777705053.	
GREENFOOT CLOSE, OLD TOWN TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE An order has been made to close Greenfoot Close for the full length, from 10 April 2025 for approximately 2 days. Access maintained for residents. Reason: Carriageway resurfacing. Promoter: BMBC Highways and Engineering, telephone 01226 773555.	
Matthew Bell Head of Highways, Engineering & Transportation Place Directorate PO Box 609 Barnsley S70 9FH Friday 4th April 2025	