

# Brownsover Community Association



# Who we are

- Small group of Brownsover residents
- Open to anyone who lives or works in Brownsover
- Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Always looking for new members and/or people with ideas or suggestions.
- Find us on Facebook
  - [www.facebook.com/groups/191783370859215/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/191783370859215/)

# What we do

- Work with Rugby Borough Council under a Service Level Agreement
  - Point of contact for information, concerns, problems etc.
- Aims of the BCA
  - Improve quality of life for Brownsover residents
  - Establish effective networks and partnerships





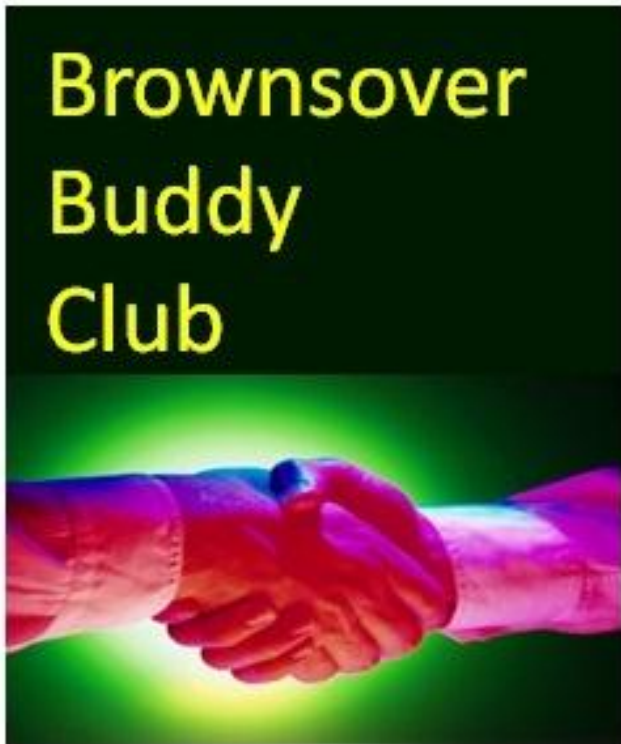
# What we do

- Support local organisations
  - Christ Church
    - Teddy Bears
    - Rugby Foodbank
    - Christmas Hampers
  - Brownsover Art Group
  - Youth Work
    - YMCA
    - On Track
  - Brownsover Buddy Club





# Who we are...



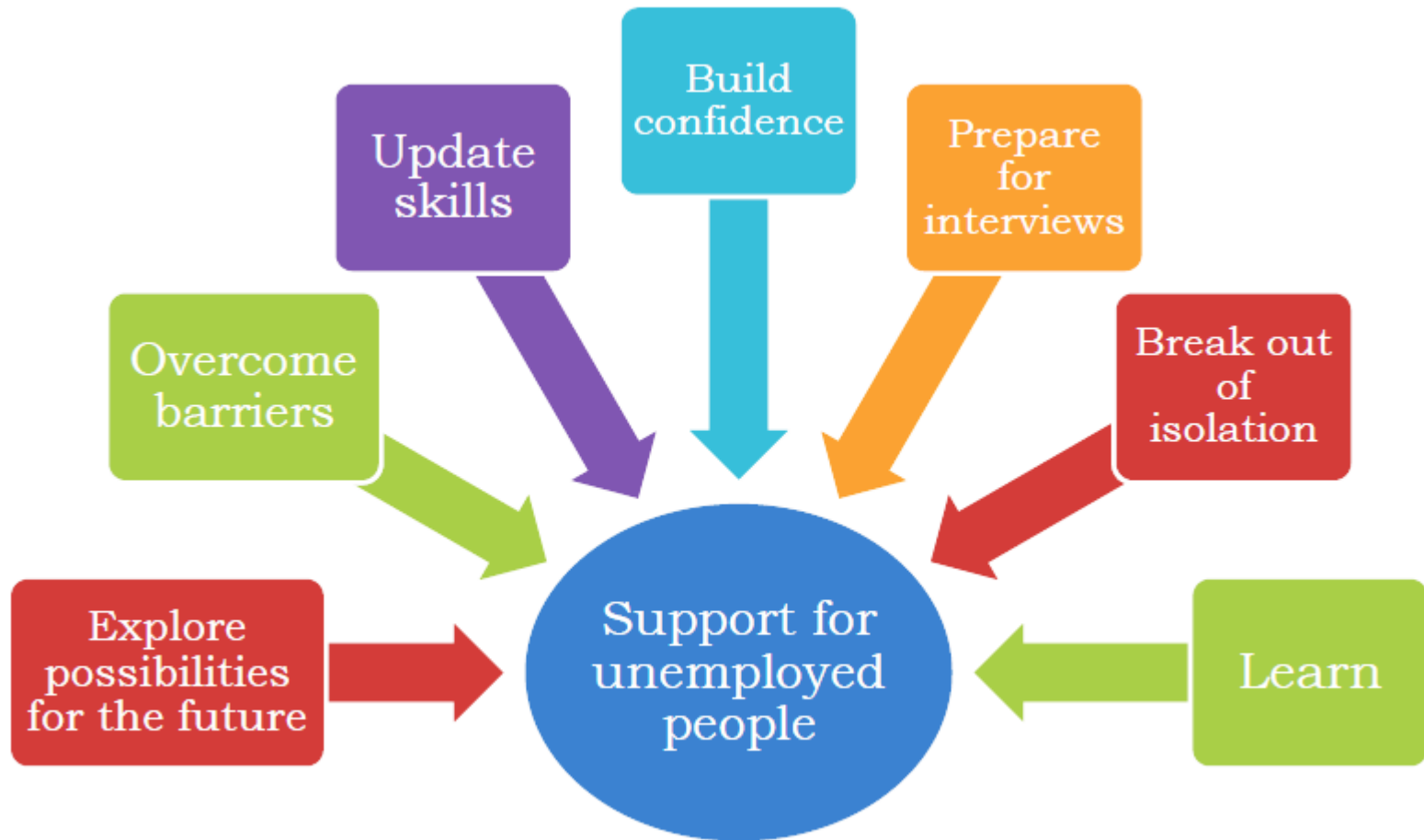
- In partnership with:
  - Brownsover Community Association
  - Christ Church – Brownsover
  - Boughton Leigh Children's Centre (Barnardo's)
  - Benn Partnership Centre

# Supporters

---

- Orbit Housing
- Warwickshire County Council
- Rugby Borough Council
- Local residents
- Heart of England Community Foundation

# Our Mission Statement





# More than a job club

- Relax with a cup of coffee.
- Spending time getting to know clients.
- Help with other issues.
- Signposting to other agencies.
- Supporting follow up actions – especially web based.
- Improving quality of life.
- Making it enjoyable for clients and staff.

# Opening Times

- Wednesdays 09.30 – 12.30 – every week
- Thursdays 09.30 – 12.30 – term time only
- IT Support Course
  - Tuesdays 09.30 – 11.00
- Buddy Plus
  - Thursdays 12.00 – 14:00
  - Social time plus custom IT support

# Staffing

- One professional - one morning per week
  - Gita Natarajan
- Five volunteers – one or two mornings per week
  - Stuart Bussey
  - Brian Clare
  - Charles Ball
  - Fiona Barrington Ward
  - Nigel Garwell (IT Support Course)

# Outcomes and Successes

- Over 85 attendees within 18 months
- 80% of those went into useful employment or further education.
- Noticeable growth in confidence, enabling mutual support with the group
- Growing volunteer base
- Growing links with other groups and agencies
- **More than just a job club!**



# Future Plans

- Future Plans
  - Other uses for the computer network
  - Possible projects with Buddy Club members
  - Closer relationships and co-operation with similar Job Clubs (already happening)
    - Benn Partnership
    - New Bilton
    - Overslade
    - Hillmorton
    - Newbold