



Our Story in **Knottingley**

A long-term commitment to people and place

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Who are we

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is a community wealth building charity with a successful track record of delivering impactful regeneration work since 1999.

We work with communities, local authorities, and governments to deliver community-led regeneration projects which make a real difference to people's lives.

There are 5.7m people living in Britain's coalfield communities, and we target the most deprived 30% to ensure our resources achieve the greatest impact.



Our approach

When we stopped receiving UK government funding, we developed an innovative **community wealth building model** to sustain our work.

By investing in property, we generate income to fund local delivery that meets the real needs of communities.

Our approach is simple: listen first, build from the bottom up, and support people and organisations over the long term.



2013

Hill Top investment in Knottingley

In 2013, we bought two properties on the Hill Top site in Knottingley for £1.6 million.

This was a long-term investment in the area — giving us a base to build from and the chance to support the community in a more direct and lasting way.

2021

Supporting a vital local service

In 2021, we partnered with Community Shop and gave them one of our properties at Hill Top, choosing not to charge rent.

Since then, we've forgone £70,000 a year in commercial rent so they can continue providing affordable food and support to local people.

2022

Weeland Park completed

In 2022, we completed Weeland Park in Kellingley — funded by £1.6 million of our own investment and £1.6 million from Leeds City Region.

This industrial development provides high specification units for SMEs and this generates income that helps fund our work in the Five Towns.

2026

Opening the CRT Knottingley Hub

In 2026, we're opening the CRT Knottingley Hub.

We took the decision to use our remaining property on the Hill Top parade to deliver community benefit rather than rental income — creating long-term social value by investing around £50,000 each year into local people and organisations.



Working alongside Knottingley and the Five Towns — for the long term

Since 2013, each decision has built on the last — shaped by what local people need and what will make the biggest difference over time.

But buildings and investment are only part of the story.

Alongside these decisions, we have worked with people and organisations across Knottingley and the Five Towns. Supporting health and wellbeing, creating opportunities for young people, and helping local groups grow and reach more people.

Supporting people to live healthier, happier and more confident lives

Across Knottingley and the Five Towns, we work with individuals to build healthier habits, confidence and new opportunities.

We work alongside people in the Five Towns for the long term — listening first, understanding what matters locally, and making sure the right support is there when it's needed.

How do we help people?

Health & wellbeing

From gentle activity sessions to social groups, we create opportunities for people to stay active, build confidence and improve overall wellbeing close to home.

Nutrition

Access to good food matters. We support initiatives that help people eat well, learn new skills and improve education around diet and nutrition.

Connecting communities

Our Community Connectors help local groups, services and residents link up — strengthening networks so support is easier to find and reaches more people.

Bringing in further support

Where needs go beyond what we offer directly, we help bring in trusted partners — from housing and debt advice to stop-smoking services





Young people & Sport

Through regular sessions in Knottingley and across the Five Towns, young people have opportunities to stay active and develop skills.

Since 2021, we have engaged 2210 young people from across the Five Towns in sport, including 6 boys from Knottingley who represented their country at our annual CRT Home Internationals at the Manchester City Academy.



Hear from somebody we have helped!



Backing local organisations

Strong communities already have dedicated local organisations doing vital work.

Our role is often to support those organisations — through funding, practical help, connections and shared learning — so they can reach more people and strengthen what already exists locally.

Since 1999, the Coalfields Regeneration Trust has invested over £13.4 million of grant funding in to the Five Towns.

Today, through our free membership programme we work with 16 charitable organisations across the Five Towns — including 6 operating in Knottingley:

Members working in Knottingley include:

Ferrybridge Community Centre Association, Warwick Community Group, Kellingley Welfare FC, Ropewalk Methodist Church, Knottingley Foodbank and Veterans Allotment Wakefield CIC.



Hear from
one of our
members!



“From local businesses to community buildings, health, and skills — CRT has invested £4 million in Knottingley since 2013, creating long-term opportunities for all.”



Looking ahead in Knottingley: introducing the CRT Knottingley Hub

The CRT Knottingley Hub brings people, support and community activity together under one roof.

It's a welcoming, accessible space where local people can take part in activities, get support, and connect with others in their community.

Alongside this, the hub provides space for local organisations and groups — making it easier for services to reach people and work together in one place.

From everyday wellbeing support to community-led activity, the hub is designed to respond to local needs and grow over time — shaped by the people and organisations who use it.

“This Hub isn’t the end of our work in Knottingley — it’s another step in a long-term commitment to the community and its future.”

Andy Lock, Chief Executive
Coalfields Regeneration Trust





Find out more
about the CRT
Knottingley Hub!





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