



Hi there

Summer is in full swing, and plenty is happening at Marmalade Trust... from launching something new and getting a head start on Christmas, to brilliant support from our partners and more ways to learn about loneliness.

Here's a little peek at what's been happening and what's coming next.

Introducing Marmalade Connect



We're excited to be piloting **Marmalade Connect**, our new one-to-one support project for people experiencing significant loneliness.

Built on what we've learned through Marmalade Connections, it offers personalised support to help people take practical steps towards feeling more connected.

The pilot is already underway, with the first full cohort beginning in **February 2027**. A huge thank you to [Impact Q](#) for funding the pilot and helping to make this next step possible.

We'll be hosting a **Marmalade Connect launch event in January**, with sign-up details coming soon for anyone who'd like to learn more.

Your donations help us continue developing projects like Marmalade Connect and support more people experiencing loneliness.

[Donate to keep the impact going](#)

Christmas is starting early... 🎄

It might still feel like summer, but preparations for Christmas are already getting underway at Marmalade Trust.

Christmas Cheer returns

[Christmas Cheer](#) brings people together across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, connecting those who may otherwise spend Christmas Day alone with people from their local community and our wonderful volunteers.

From September, we'll be opening referrals and recruiting volunteers for doorstep visits, meal hosting, driving and venue lead roles. **Keep an eye on your inbox for more details.**



Help make Christmas less lonely nationwide

[Community Christmas](#) helps people find welcoming places to go and things to do over the festive season through our nationwide map of events and activities.

This year, we're looking for **corporate volunteers** to help research what's happening across the UK and add these opportunities to the map. It's remote, flexible and requires no specialist experience.

Could your team spare some time to help? Get in touch at
info@marmaladetrust.org

Our partners are making a difference 💛

As a small charity, the support of our partners and fundraisers helps make our work possible. Here are a few brilliant ways people have been supporting Marmalade Trust recently.

Tour de Tingdene 🚴

This September, the Tingdene team are taking on a huge **250-mile cycling challenge** in support of Marmalade Trust, and they're already making brilliant progress towards their fundraising goal.

[Support their challenge](#)

Womble Bond Dickinson

The WBD Bristol team took on **Pen y Fan and the Brecon Beacons**, smashing their original £1,000 fundraising target and raising over £2,000 for Marmalade Trust.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part!

Something for your organisation

Following the huge interest in our workplace training after the **Loneliness Awareness Week [webinar](#)**, you can now book our **CPD-accredited Loneliness Awareness Training** for your organisation.

Designed for teams, the training helps people better understand loneliness, feel more confident talking about it and build more connected, supportive workplaces.

[Enquire about training](#)

Until next time 💛

Thank you for being part of the Marmalade Trust community. We've got lots more to share over the coming months, and we're glad to have you with us.