



## The Green Space at Braunstone Town Case Study John

### John's story:

John has been volunteering at the Buzzing Roots community garden in the outskirts of Leicester since 2024.

A kind, warm-hearted man who loves music (he's a big fan of The Sound of Music), he grew up a stone's throw away from the garden in Braunstone.

John has learning difficulties that make him reliant on in-person support.

When the local voluntary action centre he depended on lost funding and moved its services online, John was isolated, losing both his social connections and vital help. Eighteen months ago, John found the garden. The plot was entirely overgrown, but John showed up religiously through the winter to help clear the space.

Now it's a vibrant, thriving hub, and for John it's become a link to the community. Visitors to the garden will often find John in his favourite spot, with wellies on and rake in hand. As well as finding happiness in the garden, John has found connection – he comes every week and it's clear he is beloved by his fellow volunteers.

