



# Partnership Impact Report: The Hillside Stonebridge Community Initiative

**Organisation:** Brent Hub Enterprise Center & Destiny House International (DHI) **Partner:** The Elderly and Disabled Charitable Trust UK (TEDCT UK) **Location:** Hillside, Stonebridge, London NW10 **Reporting Period:** Commenced Early 2025 (Ongoing)

## 1. Executive Summary

The Brent Hub Enterprise Centre, an **established, multi-purpose community centre** managed by Destiny House International (DHI) for several years, is delighted to report on the vital collaborative partnership established earlier this year with The Elderly and Disabled Charitable Trust UK (TEDCT UK). This initiative, focused in Hillside, Stonebridge (NW10), strategically leverages the strengths of both organisations to address critical community needs. Through this partnership, the Hub now successfully hosts the new **Community Food Pantry**, which is **run entirely by TEDCT UK**, providing essential nutritional support. This new service is seamlessly integrated alongside the Hub's existing community activities, such as the dedicated **Over-65s Social Cafe** and **Weekday Keep Fit Classes** (run by the Hub/DHI). This collaboration ensures that the Brent Hub remains a high-impact, accessible centre, offering comprehensive support, physical wellbeing, and combating social isolation for our most vulnerable residents.

## 2. Partnership Commencement and Structure

While the Brent Hub Enterprise Centre has been an **established cornerstone of the Stonebridge community for years** under the management of Destiny House International (DHI), the partnership with TEDCT UK was **formalised in the first half of the current year (2025)**. This alliance was specifically created to **introduce the Community Food Pantry** and expand the Hub's social welfare capacity, leveraging TEDCT UK's focus on supporting the elderly and disabled through this critical new food aid service.

The collaboration is structured around three key service pillars operating from the Hub:

1. **The Community Food Pantry: Exclusively led and operated by TEDCT UK**, this new service is critical for addressing local food poverty and ensuring access to healthy provisions.
2. **The Over-65s Social Cafe: An established inclusion initiative run by the Brent Hub/DHI** that utilises the Hub's café space to reduce loneliness and provide a local centre for companionship and resource sharing.
3. **Wellbeing and Activity Sessions:** These are **pre-existing services offered by the Brent Hub**, such as Keep Fit Classes, that the partnership's target demographic now seamlessly benefits from, promoting holistic physical and mental health.

### **.3. The Community Food Pantry Initiative (Run Exclusively by TEDCT UK)**

The Food Pantry is a vital component of the Hub's social relief efforts and is made possible through the dedication and resourcing provided **solely** by The Elderly and Disabled Charitable Trust UK. This service offers a sustainable and dignified approach for residents to access essential supplies.

#### **Key Achievements:**

- **Expanded Reach:** The new Pantry service has significantly increased the reach and consistency of food aid delivery to vulnerable families, elderly residents, and individuals with disabilities in the Stonebridge area.
- **Targeting Hardship:** The pantry directly addresses the impact of the rising cost of living by consistently supplying staple goods, fresh produce, and sanitary items.
- **Referral Integration:** The pantry serves as a central referral point, linking users to the broader support services available at the Brent Hub and through TEDCT UK.

The continued presence of the Food Pantry at the Brent Hub Enterprise Center ensures maximum accessibility for the Hillside Estate community, particularly for those with limited mobility.

### **4. Brent Hub's Established Social and Activity Offerings**

The Brent Hub uses its existing cafe facilities to host the **Over-65s Social Cafe** and coordinates a range of essential health and wellbeing activities, such as the **Weekday Keep Fit Classes**. These are **long-running services provided by the Hub** that the partnership's target demographic actively benefits from. Loneliness and isolation are significant concerns for this demographic, and these dedicated services directly combat these issues while promoting active lifestyles.

#### **Impact and Offerings:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Benefit to Attendees</b>
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<b>Tea and Companionship</b>	Provision of free hot drinks and a relaxed environment for conversation, companionship, and social interaction within the Hub's cafe space. ( <b>Hub/DHI Service</b> )	Directly combats loneliness and fosters a sense of community belonging among seniors.
<b>Weekday Keep Fit Classes</b>	Dedicated movement and fitness sessions, <b>run by the Brent Hub</b> , offered during the week, encouraging physical activity tailored for older adults.	Promotes physical wellbeing, mobility maintenance, and healthy ageing in a supportive environment.
<b>Information Point</b>	Availability of <b>Hub and TEDCT UK personnel</b> to provide basic information on local services, benefits, and support for the elderly/disabled.	Increases access to vital resources and connects seniors with necessary advice.

The Hub's established social and activity programs ensure it provides a warm, non-judgmental atmosphere, acting as a soft entry point for elderly individuals who may be reluctant to seek formal support.

## 5. Conclusion and Future Outlook

The strategic partnership between the Brent Hub Enterprise Centre (DHI) and The Elderly and Disabled Charitable Trust UK has generated significant positive impact since its commencement this year. The seamless integration of the **new Food Pantry (TEDCT UK)** with the **established social and physical activities (Brent Hub)** has demonstrably enhanced support for the Stonebridge community. Moving forward, the partners aim to solidify the service schedule, develop dedicated welfare workshops, and recruit a consistent stream of volunteers to meet the growing need for both nutritional, social, and physical support.

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