## People of Houlton, we're more than just new homes

The 'People of Houlton' initiative brings together 21 local community groups under a consortium to enhance collaboration and support among them. This network aims to leverage the collective knowledge, experience, and ideas of its members for community betterment. The consortium emerged from shared goals like fostering positive change, personal and communal growth, leadership, building support networks, creating lasting impact, and cultivating a sense of community.

At its launch, all groups participated, creating an energetic and open environment for exchanging ideas and tackling common challenges. The consortium plans quarterly meetings to provide updates, recognise community achievements, share group stories, offer specialised training, and address challenges confidentially. Additionally, there's a digital platform for ongoing resource sharing, leader information, volunteer opportunities, training events, and coordinated community activities. In essence, 'People of Houlton' is about enhancing the community's collective strength, welcoming new members, and ensuring that everyone's contributions are recognised and valued for greater positive impact.





Passion

Social

Banielle Worden, member of the Houlton Women's Institute and Houlton Events Team exclaims: "Being a dedicated participant in various community groups, the People of Houlton consortium has successfully united our diverse groups under a single collaborative banner. This unity has opened avenues for idea exchange, resource sharing, and collective effort. As a result, the Womens Institute and the Guides have forged a robust partnership, enhancing volunteer efforts, co-hosting speakers, and orchestrating events through combined resources. With eager anticipation, I look forward to organizing the 2024 Family Fun Day, confident in the knowledge that I'll have the backing of all the vital community leaders."

