

New Year, New Opportunities

As we welcome 2025, I want to start by acknowledging the incredible community spirit we see every day in Holbeck.

Over the past year, I've witnessed firsthand how people living in Holbeck continue to connect with us and the services we offer to help create and sustain a local community anchor that is here for everyone. It's a community built on a foundation of compassion, solidarity, and a shared desire to create a better future for all and the Holbeck Together team are proud to be part of this.

I also share my thanks for the continued support of local businesses. Through their dedication and generosity, we've been able to extend the reach of our work, activities and support in Holbeck – making a real difference every day to the lives of local people. From directly funding posts such as our Volunteer Co-ordinator (thanks to Irwin Mitchell Charitable Foundation), to helping out at our community Christmas dinners, our local business partners remain a vital part of



helping us create a stronger, more empowered Holbeck—one where individuals can thrive, families can flourish, and opportunities are within reach for everyone.

Additional thanks to Leeds Building Society, Leeds United, Northern Monk, TransUnion, British Gas, SC Johnson, United Living, and of course, the wonderful children from St Lukes Primary School Choir who sang for us at our lunches.

Thank you also to our existing grant providers. With continued work to secure grants and generous donations, we have exciting plans to expand our community wellbeing and outreach programmes, with more initiatives aimed at addressing the specific needs of Holbeck's diverse residents.

We also plan to work even more closely with local organisations, ensuring that Holbeck's residents have the resources they need to thrive.

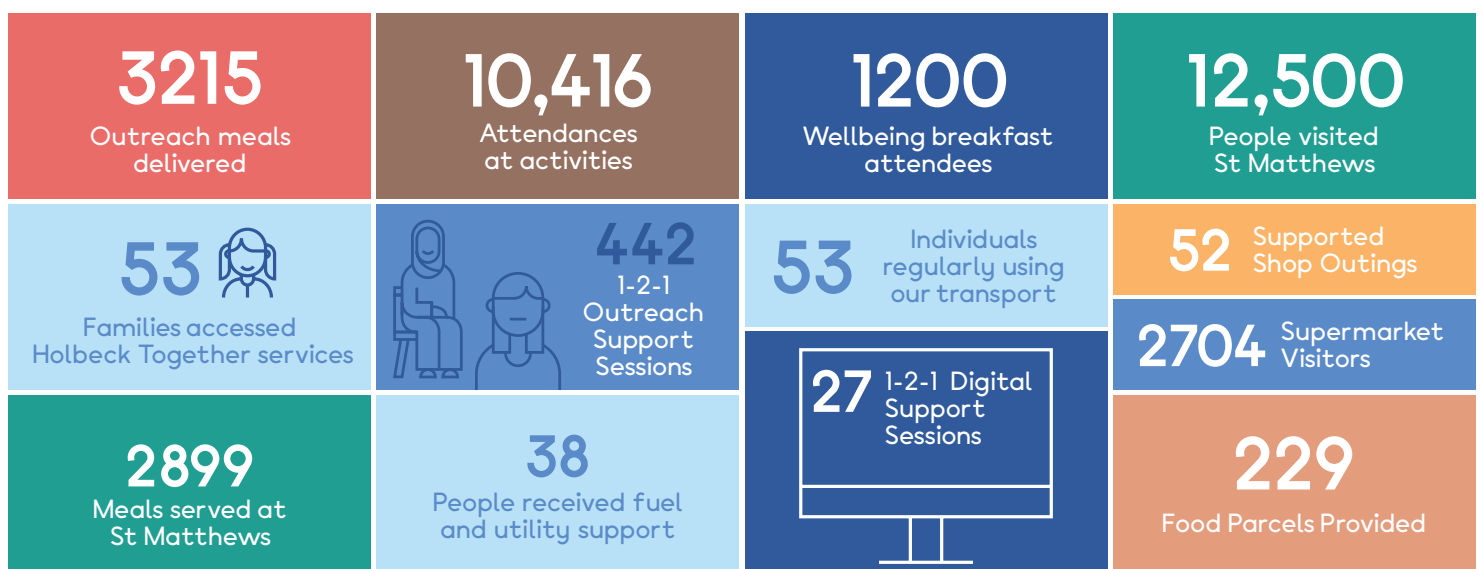
None of this would be possible without your continued engagement. We are here for you, and we welcome your ideas about how we can help you and your neighbours in 2025.

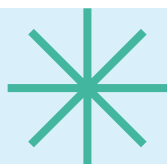
As we move into the New Year why not check out what Holbeck Together has on offer over the coming months (see full schedule on the inside back page) – or why not enquire about volunteering and get involved in 2025!

Thank you for being part of our continued story.

Elissa Newman
Chief Officer

MAKING AN IMPACT IN 2024





Christmas Round-Up: A festive season full of cheer

The festive season in Holbeck was in full swing in December with a wealth of activities, lunches and parties. From the Holbeck Together Christmas Market and Light Switch On through to the 25 craft-lovers who came together to make beautiful wreaths — there was something for everyone.



Community Christmas Party Evening

Following the loss of our much-loved Vice Chair Anne Hopper in 2024 this community gathering over Christmas felt like a fitting celebration and tribute to the contribution Anne made to the Holbeck community during her lifetime.

Over 70 people attended from all age groups with people enjoying balloon modelling, face painting, a mixture of sing-along entertainment for the adults and party games for the children. A wonderful buffet was also prepared by Leeds United. It was an uplifting, fun and joyous occasion so thank you to Anne's family for supporting this event.

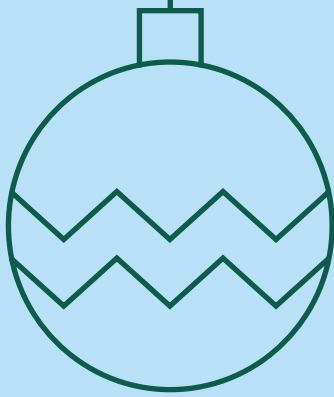


Festive Lunch at Leeds United

Christmas Lunch at Leeds United Gary Speed Banqueting Suite has become a permanent fixture for our clients. Everyone was treated to 5-star service and a delicious meal. It's great to see Leeds United continue their commitment to the charitable sector and South Leeds. Thanks again for your wonderful hospitality.



Follow for latest news and events



Christmas Lunches

The Christmas lunch events were also well attended with support from a number of local businesses on the day who volunteered their time to help serve, wash up and generally make it a special time for everyone attending.

Companies included: Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, TransUnion, British Gas and Northern Monk. And of course, the wonderful children from St Lukes Primary School Choir who sang for us at our lunches.

Christmas Market

Over 300 people attended Holbeck Together's Christmas market – mainly with the aim of catching a glimpse of Santa before the big day! They also got to enjoy browsing 20+ stalls with a mixture of knitted goods, freshly baked treats, sweets, personalised gifts, and of course, a festive tombola.

The entertainment was great with live performances of Christmas songs and a dance performance from Holbeck Together's Friday Dance On group!



Morgan's Annual Fundraising Event

Jonathan Morgan and his family joined Holbeck Together as volunteers during the pandemic and have since held an annual fundraising event that has raised funds for Holbeck Together and Re-establish.

A whopping **£26,925** was raised on the night and we are so thankful to be receiving 50% of these donations alongside Re-Establish.

Thank you to the Morgan family for your generosity of time and continued commitment to Holbeck Together.



Support & Advice



Welcome Spaces

Staying warm this Winter may be a challenge for some with rising utility bills.

Community partners across Holbeck and Beeston have joined together to provide welcoming and warm spaces over winter.

You can pop along to St Matthews Community Centre for a warm drink and some social activities, such as reading, or tabletop games on the following days/ times.

Monday 10am-12pm
Tuesday 10am-12pm
Thursday 10am-12pm
Friday 10am-12pm

Other spaces opening up for free include:

- Health For All at The Bridge Café
- Health For All at Beeston Village Community Centre
- Joanna's Project, Leeds
- Cloth Cats, The Holbeck, Snooker room
- Cottingley Approach - Cottingley Community Centre
- St Luke's Church, Malvern View, Beeston, LS11 8PD
- Women's Health Matters
- Basis Yorkshire

Supported by Leeds Community Anchor Network



Introduction to Marie – Being You Leeds

Hi, my name is Marie and I have recently joined Holbeck Together as a Community Wellbeing Development Worker linked to the 'Being You Leeds' project.

Being You Leeds provides groups and activities focused on supporting people's wellbeing. These fun, welcoming groups run seven days a week, including weekends, and are based around activities chosen by group members.

I am excited to begin my journey with Holbeck Together, consulting with the local community to help provide local groups and courses to support adults 16 years + with their wellbeing.

I have three grown up children and three grandchildren and have lived locally for 40 years.

I love learning new things and am very artistic. In my spare time I have an allotment and enjoy making stained glass and knitting and sewing and also yoga!

I hope to meet many of you in the coming months and if you have any ideas you'd like to talk to me about my contact details are below.

Please get touch!

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HERE
TO
HELP

Meet Chris



Chris is Holbeck Together's Community Engagement Worker – here to help you this winter.

The impact of winter goes beyond physical health. Snow and ice can disrupt access to essential services, and the season may take a toll on our mental health. Many people go out less during winter, leading to feelings of isolation, changes in diet, and reduced physical activity.

Winter can also bring colder temperatures that can affect our health, increasing the risk of heart attack, stroke, flu, falls, and hypothermia.

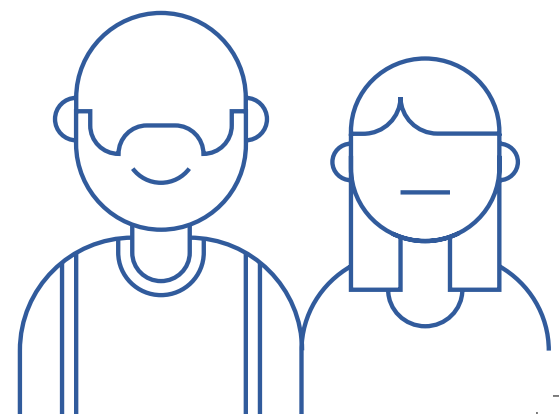
Chris is available to assist you in a number of ways this winter and throughout the year:

- Visiting you to tell you more about our services on offer
- Advice on housing support and benefit
- Being an advocate for you and helping you with appointments and navigating the system

- Small home repairs
- Referrals to other organisations
- And much more

All of this support is free so please reach out – we are just a phone call away!

You can call and speak to Chris confidentially on 07896 346 480 or email on chris@holbecktogether.org





VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS THANK YOU MEAL

In December our volunteers enjoyed a well-deserved festive evening at St Matthews Community Centre. It was an evening of fun and laughter whilst enjoying wonderful food kindly prepared and provided by Ranie at Jah Jyot, alongside drinks kindly provided and served by our partners at Northern Monk.

Holbeck Together staff were there to serve the food and enjoy time with our volunteers.

We can't do what we do without you so a huge thank you for your continued support!

STRONGER TOGETHER

We would like to say a huge thank you to Bam Nutall Ltd, British Gas, Northern Monk, We are Boutique Media, Northern Power Grid, Corstophine & Wright, TransUnion, Irwin Mitchell, United Living and SC Johnson for their support this festive season.

From October to December 2024, these companies have 'donated' 185 volunteering hours. Not only have they given up their time to help us at Holbeck Together they have also generously donated food, gifts, toiletries, toys and winter warmer packs which have been greatly appreciated by our clients.



HOLBECK TOGETHER JOINS FORCES TO SUPPORT eVISA TRANSITION

Holbeck Together is partnering with 100% Digital Leeds and Leeds Refugee Forum to support the government initiative of eVisas.

UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) are developing a digital immigration system. This means that eVisas are replacing physical documents with an online record of a person's immigration status. This is known as an eVisa.

The documents being replaced are:

- biometric residence permits (BRP);
- biometric residence cards (BRC);
- passport endorsements, such as indefinite leave to enter wet ink stamps; and
- vignette stickers in passports, such as entry clearance or visa vignettes.

Holbeck Together are providing support to enable people to access digital equipment such as smartphones and tablets, in order to create an email and use apps that will be required to apply for an eVisa.

You can find out more about the transition by visiting the following website:

www.gov.uk/guidance/online-immigration-status-evisa



ONLINE FRAUD SUPPORT EVENT

Holbeck Together has been allocated some spaces at an upcoming event with Age UK and West Yorkshire Police to support older people with identifying potential online scams and fraud. The event will be an interactive experience with light refreshments available.

If you are interested in coming along to find out more about how to stay safe when online contact Sean at the Digital Hub.

Email
sean@holbecktogether.org
or call 0113 245 5553

Venue: Wellington Place,
Leeds City Centre
Date: 28th January
Time: 10:30-12:30

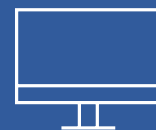
Places are limited to 15 people.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Free Information session.

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday, February 11 and we'd like to invite you to join us at 9.30am at St Mathews Community Centre for an information session about how to be safer and more responsible online.

You can get some top tips as well as ask any questions about how to stay safe and avoid scams and fraud.



DIGITAL HUB OPENING TIMES

Drop-in Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am-1pm for one-to-one appointments, help and advice. Located at St Matthews.

HERE TO HELP HOLBECK'S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY GROUP



- Are you an international resident living in Holbeck?
- Do you need support or advocacy?

The New Year is a great time to access the help available from our International Community Support and Advocacy Group. Nicole, who runs the group, is here to assist Holbeck residents with:

- Applying for citizenship fee waivers
- Settled status applications
- Universal Credit support

We're here to help you navigate these processes and connect you with the resources you need. Arrange an appointment with Nicole at St. Matthew's Community Centre, or drop in to chat with us.

— Bringing generations together in Holbeck

Parents and Tots Together: 2024 highlights

Our Parents and Tots Together group has had a year of child friendly fun, family support and huge community impact.

In the last year we have registered and welcomed 52 families to our friendly group, which offers structured free play with a range of toys and equipment, a healthy snack time, finishing with singing and stories.



Join us in 2025 to enjoy interactive activities to develop your child's social and emotional skills through early learning opportunities.

Get involved!
Monday's (term time only)
9.30am – 11am
at St Matthews

NEW GROUP



BABY STEPS: PARENTS AND BUGGIES WALKING GROUP

Starting Friday
24th January 2025

Setting off at 10am from St Matthews Community Centre. Arrive from 9.30am to get a free hot drink!

3 reasons you should join our Baby Steps Walking Group:

1. Enjoy yourself

Talk with other local parents and carers and enjoy a free hot drink.

2. Support your physical and mental health

Enjoy the physical benefits of walking such as burning calories and making your heart healthier. Also enjoy the mental clearness and relaxation that comes with spending time outdoors.

3. Purpose

Help to start your weekend the right way. Get out of the house and get active!

Partnerships and Collaborations

This year we have been lucky to have support from Yorkshire Children's Charity who have funded new equipment for our group including our new agility equipment to support co-ordination and balance as well as dressing up clothes which encourage our little people's imagination and role play skills.

In addition to this, Yorkshire Children's Charity have

provided further funds for a monthly pop-up soft play with Soft4Tots.

We're also grateful to our local Community Champion at Morrisons Hunslet who have supported some of our key events / celebrations during the year by donating breakfast items and gingerbread decorating kits.

For more information, please contact Leanne 0113 245 5553





Enjoy Sunday lunch with us

£6 Adults – 2-course
£3 Children – 2-course

- Sunday 26th January
Roast Beef
- Sunday 23rd February
Roast Chicken
- Sunday 30th March
Roast Beef

All lunches are served with Yorkshire Puddings, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Vegetarian option also available.

Booking essential – please book by the Monday before.

Family Film Afternoon **Moana**

Monday 17th February
1:30pm-4:00pm
Free Entry – chargeable refreshments

Limited Capacity - Please book by 13th February



STAY WELL THIS WINTER SUPPER CLUBS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY

As part of our support to ensure local older people stay warm this winter Holbeck Together are hosting a series of supper clubs on Thursday Evenings throughout the winter months at St Matthews Community Centre.

Each evening will feature a free of charge, hot and hearty 2-course meal followed by prize bingo.

Return door-to-door transport is also available free of charge.

- Thursday 23rd January
4pm-6pm
- Thursday 6th February
4pm-6pm
- Thursday 20th February
4pm-6pm

Should you wish to book these meals and transport – please do so by calling 0113 245 5553 with at least one weeks' notice.

Holbeck Together – Leeds United Match Day Appeal

**Saturday
1st February**

**Leeds United
vs Cardiff City**

Keep an eye out on Holbeck Together and Leeds United socials in the lead-up to the Leeds United vs Cardiff City game on Saturday 1st February as Holbeck Together will be there on the day raising vital funds for the charity.

If you or a family member is in attendance at the match, then stop by and say hello to one of our volunteer fundraisers who will be dotted around the ground and concourses during in the build-up the kick off on match day.

Weekly Schedule



Each meal service, shopping outing and event has limited availability and therefore must be booked in advance. All other services on the weekly schedule are available on a drop-in basis. For further information please call **0113 245 5553** and speak to Matthew.

All events are at St Matthews Community Centre unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Parents & Tots (Term time only) St Matthews 9:30am-11:00am	Coffee Shop St Matthews 10:00am-12:00pm Various Prices	Coffee Morning Ingram Court 10:00am-12:00pm Various Prices	Holbeck Community Shop St Matthews 9:30am-2:00pm £3.50 for 14 Food Items	Coffee Shop St Matthews 10:00am-12:00pm Various Prices
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Charity Shop St Matthews 11:30am-3:00pm	Charity Shop St Matthews 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-2:00pm	Shopping to Crossgates 9:30am collect 1:30pm return £7.00 Transport 5 Feb, 26 Feb, 19 Mar Charity Shop St Matthews 11:30am-3:00pm	Coffee Shop St Matthews 9:45am-11:30pm Various Prices	Dance On Yorkshire Dance St Matthews 10:00am-11:00am Free of Charge 55+
2-Course Lunch Delivery 11:45am-1:00pm £5.00 55+	2-Course Lunch Delivery 11:45am-1:00pm £5.00 55+	2-Course Lunch Delivery 11:45am-1:00pm £5.00 55+	2-Course Lunch Delivery 11:45am-1:00pm £5.00 55+	Fish & Chip Lunch Delivery 12:00pm-1:30pm From £5.50 55+
2-Course Lunch St Matthews 12:00pm-1:00pm £5.00 55+	3-Course Lunch St Matthews 12:00pm-1:15pm £6.00 55+	3-Course Lunch Ingram Court 12:00pm-1:15pm £6.00 55+	Baby Massage Jamyang Buddhist Centre 10:30am-11:30am February 2025 5-week programme Call Leanne on 01132455553 for further programme details	3-Course Fish & Chips St Matthews 11:30am-1:15pm From £6.50 55+
Community Support St Matthews 1:00pm-3:00pm Please book with Nicole on 0113 245 5553	Friendship Club Afternoon St Matthews 1:15pm-2:45pm Various Prices	Craft Group Afternoon Ingram Court 1:15pm-3:15pm £1.00 per person	Memories Café St Matthews 2:00pm-3:30pm Fortnightly	Bingo Afternoon St Matthews 1:15pm-2:15pm £1.00 per person

Return transport to and from your home is available for £5 per person

Events and Outings

Call Matthew on 0113 245 5553 for further info

Date	Event Information	Charge
Tues 14 January	Music Quiz and Karaoke Afternoon with Sue & Geoff – please book, Overs 55's Refreshments available. St Matthews C.C. 1:30pm-3:00pm	Free of Charge
Thurs 16 January	Stay Well This Winter Supper Evening – 2 Course Hot Meal Over 55's St Matthews C.C. 4pm-6pm – Transport Available for home collection, booking essential	Free of Charge – Transport Available
Mon 20 January	Group Outing – Showcase Cinema Outing, Birstall Pick-up / Drop off times TBC – dependent on film show times	£7.00 Return Transport
Tues 21 January	Bake Your Own Flapjack - Friendship Club Activity – refreshments included Please book, Over 55's. St Matthews C.C. 1:15pm-2:45pm	£2.50 per person
Thurs 23 January	Well-Being Breakfast Morning. No booking required, everyone welcome St Matthews C.C. 10am-11am	Free of Charge
Thurs 23 January	Stay Well This Winter Supper Evening – 2 Course Hot Meal Over 55's St Matthews C.C. 4pm-6pm – Transport Available for home collection, booking essential	Free of Charge – Transport Available
Mon 27 January	Group Outing – Crazy Golf and Bowling at Hollywood Bowl, Kirkstall Pick-ups from 10am at St Matthews. Return approx. 2:30pm	£8.00 Return Transport
Sun 26 January	2-Course Sunday Lunch. please book, everyone welcome St Matthews C.C. 12pm-2pm – Home delivery also available	Adult £6.00 Children £3.00
Wed 29 January	Have your say! Client feedback morning – free cuppa and cake! No booking required everyone welcome. Ingram Court. 10am-11:30am	Free of Charge
Tues 4 February	Music Quiz and Karaoke Afternoon with Sue & Geoff – please book, Over 55's Refreshments available. St Matthews C.C. 1:30pm-3:00pm	Free of Charge
Thurs 6 February	Stay Well This Winter Supper Evening – 2 Course Hot Meal Over 55's St Matthews C.C. 4pm-6pm – Transport Available for home collection, booking essential	Free of Charge – Transport Available
Mon 10 February	Group Outing – Batley Mill Shopping Outlet Pick-ups from 9:30am at St Matthews. Return approx. 3pm	£10.00 Return Transport
Tues 11 February	Valentines Craft - Friendship Club Activity with Sweet Treats and Chocolate Fondue – please book, Over 55's. St Matthews C.C. 1:15pm-2:45pm	£2.50 per person
Thurs 13 February	Well-Being Breakfast Morning. No booking required, everyone welcome St Matthews C.C. 10am-11am	Free of Charge
Mon 17 February	Family Film Afternoon – Moana – Free Entry St Matthews C.C. 1:30pm-4pm – Limited capacity, please book by 13 th February	Charge for refreshments
Thurs 20 February	Stay Well This Winter Supper Evening – 2 Course Hot Meal Over 55's St Matthews C.C. 4pm-6pm – Transport Available for Home Collection, booking essential	Free of Charge – Transport Available
Sun 23 February	2-Course Sunday Lunch – please book, everyone welcome St Matthews C.C. 12pm-2pm – Home delivery also available	Adult £6.00 Children £3.00
Mon 24 February	Group Outing – Showcase Cinema Outing, Birstall Pick-up/ Drop-off times TBC – dependent on film show times	£7.00 Return Transport
Wed 26 February	Have your say! Client feedback morning – free cuppa and cake! No booking required everyone welcome. Ingram Court. 10am-11:30am	Free of Charge
Tues 4 th March	Pancake Day - Friendship Club Activity. Make your own pancake with your favourite toppings – please book, Over 55's. St Matthew C.C. 1:15pm-2:45pm	£2.50 per person
Mon 10 March	Group Outing – Junction 32 Retail Park, Castleford Pick-ups from 9:30am at St Matthews C.C. Return approx. 3pm	£11.00 Return Transport
Tues 11 March	Music Quiz and Karaoke Afternoon with Sue & Geoff – please book, Over 55's Refreshments available. St Matthews C.C. 1:30pm-3:00pm	Free of Charge
Thurs 13 March	Well-Being Breakfast Morning. No booking required, everyone welcome St Matthews C.C. 10am-11am	Free of Charge
Mon 17 March	Group Outing – Showcase Cinema Outing, Birstall Pick-up/ Drop-off times TBC – dependent on film show times	£7.00 Return Transport
Tues 18 March	Prize Bingo - Friendship Club Activity – refreshments included. Please book, Over 55's St Matthews C.C. 1:15pm-2:45p	£2.00 per person
Mon 24 March	Group Outing – Hampsons Garden Centre & Meal at Wetherby Whaler Pick-ups from 9:30am at St Matthews C.C. Return approx. 3pm	£11.00 Return Transport
Wed 26 March	Have your say! Client feedback morning – free cuppa and cake! No booking required everyone welcome. Ingram Court. 10am-11:30am	Free of Charge
Sun 30 March	2-Course Sunday Lunch – please book, everyone welcome St Matthews C.C. 12pm-2pm – Home delivery also available	Adult £6.00 Child £3.00

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