

Highlights & Kentmere Institute proudly present .....on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

From the company who brought us our first play 'Haddock & Chips' - A Carole W Production



The Bench, written by playwright and journalist Jeff Brown, former presenter of BBC Look North, is a heart-warming tale of love, loss and football.

This play is pure fiction: a tale of two young people, with the odds stacked against them, just trying to do the right thing. It tells the story of complete strangers whose paths cross on a park bench. In the ensuing weeks, they find that - despite their very different lives - they have more in common than they think.

Vicky is struggling as a single mum and carer for her mother. Adi is an Afro-French footballer, the local team's recent multi-million pound signing with the world seemingly at his feet. But he hides a traumatic past and appears unable to make friends – or score goals – until he meets Vicky. Many people are giving them advice, but in the end, Adi and Vicky must resolve the age-old dilemma of whether to follow their heart or their head.

**Suitability:** 14+

“The obvious enjoyment of the sold out audience was shown by frequent bursts of laughter and complete silence in the serious sections, topped off with a standing ovation. You do not have to be a football fan to follow or enjoy this play, which may open your eyes to some aspects of the game, apart from it being an endearing story.” [The British Theatre Guide](#)

