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Welcome to the latest edition of Our City.

Communities across York are continuing to show how supportive, adaptable and resilient they are. We want to take this opportunity to thank you again for your efforts through what has been an unprecedented time.

Caring for York

Following early public consultation, the 2022/23 'Caring For York' budget has now been agreed by elected members at Full Council. The consultation took place last year, with hundreds of residents and businesses sharing their thoughts through online and offline surveys.

York continues to move forwards with recovery from the pandemic. This new budget reflects the Council's ongoing commitments to economic recovery, communities, frontline services and action to address climate change whilst making savings and efficiencies where we can.

To support some of the most vulnerable groups in York's community, the new budget will provide an additional £9.2m investment for adult social care

and children's services in the face of rising demand.

The £4.7m of extra support for Children's Services will help provide a better start for York's children and young people. There will be more resources for children's safeguarding, improving school attendance, protecting fostering and adopting support, and helping young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

The effects of the pandemic are still felt by many. To address these challenges and help York's recovery, the Council will invest £1.1 million, including;

- **£200k** for Covid-19 recovery in local communities
- **£100k** holiday hunger support to children
- **£150k** for households on the lowest incomes via the York Financial Assistance Fund
- **£150k** extra mental health support
- **£100k** for education catch-up for children who have become used to being away from school
- **£50k** to support York's bid for Great British Railways HQ and Devolution
- **£50k** to continue to support local business recovery
- **£50k** for sustainable travel incentives



This year's budget investment also focuses on long-term recovery, infrastructure and the environment, including:

£43m for the York Central scheme – key to future economic prosperity and the housing York needs

£11m to progress regeneration schemes, such as Castle Gateway

£63m to progress our Outer Ring Road, with cycling and walking improvements

£66m to improve our road network and accelerate flood defences delivery

£126m to deliver more and affordable housing

£30K for winter gritting

£150k for a Local Transport Plan which moves towards zero carbon by 2030 and tackles city centre congestion and pollution

£50k to support residents with the lowest incomes by extending the winter fuel voucher scheme

£30k to support City Centre Access measures

£20k to support making York an Anti-Racist and Inclusive City

An update on the government's £150 energy rebate

We are advising residents to sign up to pay Council Tax by direct debit so that eligible households can receive the rebate as swiftly as possible.

Earlier this year the Chancellor announced that households paying Council Tax in bands A to D would receive a one-off £150 Council Tax energy rebate to support families as food and energy prices are rising. Our teams are standing ready to get this money into the bank accounts of residents as soon as possible in April.

Those who are signed up to pay by Direct Debit will be able to receive the payment direct to their bank account in April without having to do anything. This is because we will have the necessary bank account details to make the payment to eligible households.

In April we will provide an application form to enable eligible residents who pay Council Tax by standing order or by another method to provide bank details so we can pay the £150 rebate. We will share more information as soon as this option becomes available.

Please note that our customer centre is extremely busy at the moment. We will be sharing updates on this through local media, social media and our website.

For the latest information visit www.york.gov.uk/CouncilTax



Public health update

York's public health leaders have thanked local residents and businesses for their continued efforts to minimise the impact of the virus.

Fiona Phillips, Assistant Director of Public Health, explained: "We want to thank the people of York for your hard work and support during these times of extreme challenges. In York we've carried out over 74,000 assisted COVID tests, our teams have handed out over 500,000 lateral flow tests and more than 164,000 people have now received at least one dose of the vaccine.

"Restrictions have now lifted and free testing, at our sites with lateral flow test and PCR tests have now ended. Contact tracing systems have also now ended, so be aware that any calls you receive claiming to be from contact tracers will be scams.

"If we've learnt a lesson from this pandemic, we hope that it is to be considerate and think of others who might be more vulnerable than us."

Things you can do:

- Over 75 or in an at risk category? You can now access a second booster jab
- 5-11 year olds can access one dose of the vaccine from 4 April
- If you haven't had your 1st, 2nd or 3rd dose of the vaccine it's not too late. Getting vaccinated protects you and those around you. You can find out more about getting your vaccine at www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/grabajab
- Wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitiser
- Wear a face covering in busy public spaces
- Stop viruses hanging around with good ventilation and/or letting fresh air in

What changes in the health and care system will mean for you

Integrated care is about giving people the support they need, and joining up the Council, NHS, and other partners to remove traditional divisions between hospitals and family doctors, physical and mental health, and NHS and Council services. Too often in the past, these divisions meant people experienced disjointed care.

Integrated care systems (ICSs) are new partnerships that meet both health and care needs across an area, coordinating services and planning in a way that improves health and reduces inequalities between different groups. York's new ICS will replace the current Clinical Commissioning Group system. We'll be sharing updates with residents as these plans develop.

Grants supporting local businesses

Throughout the pandemic, over £110 million has been provided to local businesses by way of business support grants administered and boosted by the Council.

The spread of the Omicron variant during December 2021 saw the Council distribute the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant to support hospitality, accommodation and leisure businesses, with one-off grants of up to £6,000. For those businesses severely impacted by Omicron but not eligible for this grant, the Council opened another round of its

Additional Restrictions Grant.

Register to receive our weekly business bulletin for the latest updates: www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates.

Businesses can get in touch with the Economic Development Team for advice and support: economicgrowth@york.gov.uk.

York projects selected for more than £590,000 funding

The Government have announced that two York-based projects will receive a share of the £200 million Community Renewal Fund.

Archaeology On Prescription, which has been awarded £122,123, is run by the York Archaeological Trust to help people develop skills and improve their confidence through working with archaeological excavations.

The second project is the 'Street Life' programme run by the University of York. The project, which has been awarded £469,765, aims to reconnect local communities with Coney Street in the city centre.

Credit of Alex Holland,
University of York

Shop local support small business

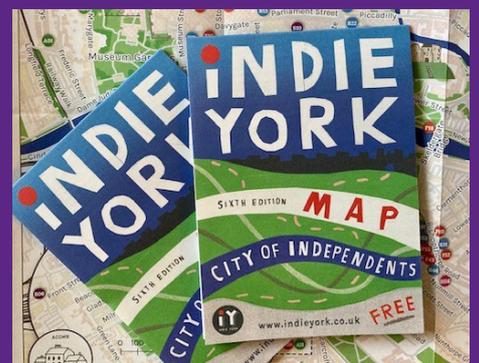
York has a thriving independent business community, with 65% of the city's businesses being independently run.

IndieYork (York Independent Business Association) is a not-for-profit association supporting over 230 local business members. The last two years have been a uniquely challenging time for their member businesses. It is now more important than ever to support our city's small businesses to ensure their future. By supporting local businesses, you are helping to keep our local economy strong, supporting sustainable goals by shopping within walking distance, limiting packaging waste and supporting local employment.

The new IndieYork map and mobile friendly website, covering retail, food & drink, culture, health & wellbeing, stay & services sectors, will help to guide you find the many local independent businesses in the city.

"IndieYork. Working together for the good of us all."

www.indieyork.co.uk
[@indieyorkmap](https://www.facebook.com/indieyorkmap)
[@indieyork](https://www.instagram.com/indieyork)
[@indieyork](https://www.tiktok.com/@indieyork)





Book a place in the future

A £7.7 million City of York Council investment will transform how libraries support local communities and resident wellbeing. Alongside Explore York Libraries and Archives, the Council will deliver services at the heart of local communities to tackle isolation and loneliness, and ensure people who are struggling can access support closer to home

The significant investment package will see:

- a new £5 million library learning centre delivered in Clifton
- a new permanent library for Haxby and Wigginton
- capital investment in the Acomb Library learning centre

Clifton's new Library Learning Centre at the former Clifton Without Junior School will expand from 270 square metres to over 1400m of multi-purpose space with 15,000 books, evening events, a Reading Cafe, a Children's Library, and a community partner area.

The new building will enable crucial services to be delivered closer to local communities, including with partners, such as the much-loved local charity The Snappy Trust - dedicated to the development of children and young people with disabilities. Anne Stamp, CEO of the

Snappy Trust, said, "We're delighted to be a part of this exciting new development. It will open up many opportunities for the Snappy children and young people to grow, and mirrors our intentions to deepen our connections with the York community, further developing local partnerships and learning programmes."

The new community space will also feature the Home Tuition service, which minimises school disruption for children, the Council's York Learning service, supporting adult learning, career advice and apprenticeships. Whilst local charity Accessible Arts and Media will support arts and creative media learning.

Sarah Garbacz of Explore York, said, "We are delighted. This huge investment not only meets the needs of our current customers, but also enables us to deliver more and better, attracting new audiences."

“We are excited about proposals for Explore’s new library at Oaken Grove Community Centre, as the library service shares similar values and ambitions to our own in serving the local community. Thanks to the investment by the Council, we are looking forward to a long and successful partnership with the new library.”

Pat Wilford, Trustee of Haxby & Wigginton Youth & Community Association, commented

“Each Explore Centre will vary depending on local needs but residents recognise the key role that the local library can play in social inclusion, providing a safe, welcoming, accessible place where people can meet and engage in activities.”

90% of Clifton residents favour the move from the current site which - as the library does not require the whole site - also makes 2,500 square metres available for low carbon, 100% affordable homes. Further consultation on those proposals will take place in the coming months.



Explore York Libraries

All Explore libraries and reading cafes are now fully open with activities and events returning to support local communities. Call into your nearest library, stay for a cuppa, and find out all the ways Explore Libraries are here for you!

You already know about the books. We have a great selection of physical and e-books with new titles arriving daily. But there is much more!

Explore Libraries and reading cafes have a lively, creative vibe, a growing programme of workshops, events and exhibitions and - in our reading cafes and main Explore centres - you can enjoy delicious home cooked food!

Visit Explore’s website to find great events and activities for all ages at your nearest library or reading cafe; events like children’s storytime, Lego club, craft group or reading group. To browse one-off events, see our Eventbrite page for dates, costs and booking information.

Explore Libraries have free wi-fi, computers, and printing. You can print from your own mobile device or from home by emailing printers at Acomb, Clifton, Tang Hall and York. If you need digital support or advice, staff are here to help.

There’s never been a better time to visit your library or get more involved as a volunteer or Community Member. Help shape our future: we’re here for you and for everyone in York.

For more information explore.york.gov.uk



Tree planting at York Community Woodland

**Insulate your
home to save
energy & money**

Back in December 2021, City of York Council and Forestry England, were joined by seven local school children from Poppleton Ousebank Primary School to plant the very first trees in the York Community Woodland.

By the end of 2023, more than 50,000 trees will be planted supporting local ecosystems, increasing biodiversity and creating a 'carbon sink' absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Our woodland team is working with Forestry England to host tree planting events and encourage tree planting across the city, to support York's net-zero carbon goal and to shape the woodland for generations to come.

As the plans for York's woodland progress, there will be multiple opportunities for residents to get involved in shaping and enjoying this new community space.

Alongside the thousands of new trees that will be planted in the woodland, the Council has set a city-wide target to increase tree canopy cover in York from 10.3 to 13 per cent by 2050, which would see around 400,000 trees planted in total. We can reach this target if every home in York which has space, in a garden, allotment or park, planted just one tree each!

To commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and support the city-wide tree canopy target, the Council gave away free trees to residents in February. Around 500 trees were available, courtesy of the Woodland Trust. Residents registered to collect a tree with such enthusiasm, that all 500 trees were allocated in under six hours!

With energy prices rising there's never been a better time to take a closer look at the heat and energy you use in your home.

Did you know up to 35% of heat can be lost through your walls and 25% through the roof? The Council's Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) can help to save energy and money! Funding can support new insulation measures in cavity walls, loft and attics along with renewable energy heating systems like Air Source pumps and solar panels (subject to availability).

If you own or rent a home with a low EPC rating, and your household income is below £30,000, we can help.

Get in touch for more information

www.york.gov.uk/HUG

01904 552300

betterhomes@york.gov.uk

Flood defence progress in the city

Over 1,700 properties are better protected thanks to the Environment Agency's most recent works.

The Foss Barrier upgrade has been completed, along with the works around Memorial Garden and North Street. Ongoing projects nearing completion include those near St Peter's School, Marygate, Clementhorpe and Bishopthorpe. Flood schemes at Clifton and Rawcliffe are also taking shape. Construction will start this year on the Foss storage area, beyond Strensall towards Rydale.



This will slow the water into York to reduce flood risk. The Council's own flood defence scheme in Fulford is progressing at pace, with a planning application due to be submitted in Spring.

Join us

at the community flood hub on Wellington Row every Wednesday, 10am – 4pm, @ yorkfloodplan@environment-agency.gov.uk

Disabled Access improvements

Visit: www.york.gov.uk/DisabledAccess for improved information and maps to help residents confidently plan a safe and accessible visit to the city centre.

This is the first step towards making it easier for residents and visitors with accessibility concerns to find out the information they need to plan ahead and enjoy our city.

The Council is improving information available for disabled access (including toilets, paving, parking and information).

We are also working to:

- Develop or investigate sustainable delivery solution for city centre businesses

- Review the operation of taxis
- Explore how cyclist access and travel around the city centre
- Understand and respond to access needs of city centre residents

Stay up to date with latest news by signing up to residents email updates at www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates

Garden waste season has started early

Visit: www.york.gov.uk/WasteCollectionCalendar to see when your first garden waste collection of 2022 will take place soon.



85 zero-carbon homes planned for Fishergate

Residents' involvement has helped inspire the designs for 85 zero-carbon homes off Ordnance Lane.



Each home will be able to generate energy from renewable sources to power the property. As part of the Council's Housing Delivery Programme of 600 homes, at least 40% will be for social rent or shared ownership.

The designs of these Passivhaus-standard homes follow three co-production sessions between residents, local stakeholders and Stirling Prize-winning architects Mikhail Riches.

Find out more

[www.york.gov.uk/
HousingDeliveryProgramme](http://www.york.gov.uk/HousingDeliveryProgramme)

New ways to apply for a home and manage your tenancy

A new IT system called Open Housing, has launched to connect and improve the way the Council, customers, staff and contractors work together. New features will be added later in the year.

Open Housing allows tenants and housing contractors to set up their own accounts on the system. Eligible residents wanting to apply for Council housing in York can now do so on Open Housing. New applications will be assessed against a new York-based lettings system. Residents currently on the Council's housing list have been notified of the changes to come.

Find out more at

www.york.gov.uk/OpenHousing

Properties signed over to community groups

Multiple properties, previously owned by City of York Council, have been signed over to community groups or listed for sale to secure their futures.

The changes include public space in Dringhouses, a new lease for the sports and recreation facilities in Rowntree Park, an extension to the lease for the Poppleton community centre and two properties advertised for freehold sale.

Council joins UN's Centre of Excellence

York has joined the United Nation's (UN) International Centre of Excellence as the first English member in recognition of our ambitious and innovative Housing Delivery Programme.

Like York's programme, the UN's seeks to promote best practice on tackling the climate emergency whilst reducing fuel poverty.

By joining this influential network, the Council will share its experience whilst gathering international best practice to replicate here in York.

York Outer Ring Road project progress

The York Outer Ring Road scheme, led by City of York Council, will improve the city's highway network, reduce congestion and move car journeys out of the city centre.

Following feedback on the extensive public consultation that was carried out in 2020 and through listening to the comments received, changes have been made to improve pedestrian and cycle provision. The provision of a safeguarded orbital pedestrian/cycle route will help to improve safety and access for active travel, linking into local communities and facilities along the network.

A planning application for the scheme detailing the revised proposals is due to be submitted in late spring 2022.

Find out more at www.york.gov.uk/YORR



IT ReUse devices for residents

A York IT donation partnership is urging residents and businesses to donate devices to help keep more people safe, connected and supported. Over 220 people have already had a securely wiped device from the city's IT ReUse partnership, saving over one tonne of e-waste from landfill. Reusing devices means recipients can more easily access information, stay connected and get the support they need.

Please drop off unwanted devices at York Community Furniture Store or find out more at www.itreuse.org.uk



Could you change a child's life?

We are looking for people who can offer a child or siblings a permanent, safe, loving home. We welcome people from all walks of life, regardless of race, religion, sexuality or marital status.

Find out more at our online information events www.oneadoption.co.uk/events



One Adoption North and Humber... your local council's adoption service 0345 305 2576



York: Ideal Home for Great British Railways

York has submitted a bid to become the new home of Great British Railways.

A competition to find the first headquarters of Great British Railways was announced by the Department for Transport in February. The competition seeks bids from towns and cities that have a rich railway history and are strongly linked to the network, with the aim that the first headquarters will take pride of place at the heart of a new era for Britain's railways.

York is a great fit to be at the heart of the rail industry because:

- It's connected to one third of the UK by rail
- It's already home to 14% of the UK's Rail industry and 1 of 12 national digital signalling centres
- It's the city which has driven over 180 years of rail innovation

- 13 of the UK's top rail industry educators are located within an hour of the city
- There is first class collaboration and partnership on York's rail campus
- And there's investment yet to come in the station front, and York Central!

A bid for York is a bid for the north and for the future of rail. The public will have their say in an online vote, so we need all those who love York - residents, businesses and visitors alike - to back the city's bid!

#DestinationGBR
#YorkGBRHQ
#Yes2York

Railway station works start

Enabling works to improve the arrival experience at York's famous railway station have begun.

In 2021 a planning application was approved to transform the frontage of York Railway Station to provide an improved transport interchange and public spaces around the station for people to enjoy. The full scheme, which is valued at over £25m, is funded by the West Yorkshire-Plus Transport Fund and the Leeds City Region Transforming Cities Fund. It will encourage people to use sustainable transport to get to the station, and make the entrance more welcoming and inclusive.

Now initial works to divert the utilities from Queen St Bridge have started, later in the year the bridge will be removed as part of the project. Work is also taking place to appoint a contractor to deliver the main works, which is programmed to start in late 2022.

The council is working closely with partners Network Rail, LNER, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and ARUP on this project. Find out more at www.york.gov.uk/StationFront

Guildhall restoration continues at pace

The Guildhall has been at the heart of York's social, business and civic life for centuries, and it has been transformed into a modern 21st century space.

High quality repairs have helped to safeguard the building, including:

- rebuilding upper levels of the stone tower
- refurbishing the windows
- restoring mosaic flooring.
- reviving a piece of history and repairing the 18th century mosaic tiles

A River Water Source Heat Pump has been installed that will to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of the refurbished York Guildhall.

The Guildhall will become a City centre hub for business, enterprise and events. The building will also be open to the public for tours and will also be used for Council and Civic events.

The Guildhall will be reopening after Easter. Learn more at:

www.york.gov.uk/GuildhallProject



York Central

Work to bring thousands of homes and jobs to one of the most important and attractive regeneration sites in the country, York Central, is really picking up pace.

The landowners Network Rail and Homes England are expected to be starting work on constructing the access to the site and creating a new spine road and pedestrian and cycle paths to finally unlock the 46ha redundant railway sidings in the coming months.

With planning permission granted in 2020, preparation works have been underway throughout 2021 to clear the site, lifting rail lines, clearing vegetation and demolishing disused buildings ready to put the necessary infrastructure in place to unlock the site which it is hoped will deliver up to 2,500 new homes and space for up to 6,500 jobs.

We are closer than ever before to bringing this important brownfield site into use to benefit the city and continue to work with the government and wider partners to attract jobs and even more investment to the city. The York Central Partnership is committed to keeping the community informed about the works and will be providing regular updates.

Preferred location chosen for Haxby Station

Towthorpe Road (North-East Haxby) has been chosen as the preferred site for development of a railway station in Haxby.

Towthorpe Road site was selected as it has a much stronger case for the station location. Considerations included the ownership of the land, deliverability within the Department for Transport's required timescales, potential connectivity, and ease of access.

The original Haxby Station closed in 1930 and it has been a long-held aspiration for City of York Council, Haxby Town Council and local-residents to bring a station back to serve the town and its neighbouring villages.

A further public consultation is planned during the next development stage to better understand any local views and consider measures to minimise the impact of building works on the site. A bid for government funding to build the station will be submitted later this year.

Find out more on the project at www.york.gov.uk/HaxbyStation.

Castle Gateway plans submitted

A planning application has been submitted to transform the castle car park, Eye of York and the wider area into a new, world-class public space.

The plans include:

- A new open space to gather, play and enjoy the fountains, and also host large scale events throughout the year
- A park that will transform the Foss riverside, and create a new link behind the Castle Museum into Castle Gardens and the new bridge to Castle Mills
- A path around the base of Clifford's Tower that will allow people walk around the motte, and also serve as an act of remembrance to commemorate the 1190 Jewish massacre
- The Eye of York, which will retain the central oak tree and lawn, whilst increasing biodiversity, providing seating and a performance space for music, theatre and public speaking
- A route through the former car park area that will reinstate the historic Castlegate approach that linked the city with the castle area
- Tower Street, in front of the Hilton hotel, becoming a shared space for pedestrians and cars, with blue badge parking provided

Find out more

Watch the new flythrough of the designs, learn more about the application and see updates on the project at www.york.gov.uk/CastleGateway.

Bootham Park

Proposals to secure public access to the grounds and improve the pedestrian and cycle access through the former Bootham Park Hospital site have been agreed with the NHS Property Services and their preferred development partner Enterprise Retirement Living Limited

As a result of this work, subject to planning approval for Enterprise Retirement Living Limited being granted planning permission on their plans to provide a 170 home independent living retirement community for older people, it has been agreed that:

- approximately £1.9 million will be invested in works and improvements, at no cost to the public purse, as part of the developer's £75 million investment into the project
- pedestrian and cycle routes linking with the upgraded cycle and pedestrian route on Marygate and Scarborough Bridge will be preserved and improved
- there will be public, educational and sports use of the lawns with new paths and facilities to enhance their use
- an 11-a-side football pitch and a 7-a-side football pitch will be provided
- the landing place for the Air Ambulance will continue
- the historic boundary railings will be protected and restored

Find out more

www.york.gov.uk/BoothamPark

Active Travel England coming to York

The Department for Transport has announced that its new 'Active Travel Unit' will be located in York. Active Travel England (ATE) will focus on supporting active travel and raising the standards of cycling and walking infrastructure.

ATE being based in York will bring multiple new jobs to the city and recognises York's longstanding expertise in sustainable travel. Chris Boardman MBE, an Olympic gold medal-winning cyclist, will be leading the agency as the first Active Travel Commissioner for England.

Veterans' Breakfast Clubs

Members of York's Armed Forces community are being invited to pop along to a breakfast club for the chance to meet other veterans.

The Armed Forces and Veterans of All Ages Breakfast Clubs allow members of the armed forces family to meet face to face in a relaxed, safe and social environment.

There are no fees and people only have to pay for their own breakfast. The sessions are open to all members of the Armed Forces family, including regular members of the Army, Navy and Air Force, reservists, service leavers, veterans of all ages and their families.

For more information visit www.livewellyork.co.uk and search for 'Armed Forces Community'.

Tackling childhood inequalities

City of York Council is one of three local authorities in the North of England partnering with the charity Nesta to tackle childhood inequalities.

The new campaign, Fairer Start Local, will bring together specialist teams from Nesta and the local authorities of Leeds, Stockport and York. They will work together to develop new ways of ensuring that all children aged 0-5 have a fairer start in life. Fairer Start Local will focus on developing innovative ways of supporting stable and secure family relationships, boosting the mental and physical health, increasing access to high quality childcare and improving home learning environments.

In York, the programme will initially focus on working with communities, promoting free health reviews for two-year-olds and improving data to help identify areas and communities with the greatest needs. Projects will include extending a pilot programme to offer parents of two-year-old children pre-booked appointments for health reviews rather than waiting for them to book.

Help and advice for bills and finances

As bills and prices rise, the council is helping residents to find the best advice and support available. If you are struggling with your household finances please know that you are never alone.

Working together with partners, impartial support and information is available for residents to:

- feel more confident about managing money
- get good information and advice
- find financial support
- get the best deal on gas, electricity and internet bills
- find good debt advice.

You can find more information at:

- www.livewellyork.co.uk/talkmoney
- www.york.gov.uk/BenefitsAdvice
- call our Benefits and Contributions Advisors on 01904 552044

CYC Health Trainers



York Health Trainers can help you with health and lifestyle changes including quitting smoking, reducing alcohol intake, healthy eating and being more active.

- www.york.gov.uk/CYCHHealthTrainers
- 01904 553377
- cychhealthtrainers@york.gov.uk

Private fostering? Get in touch

Organisations responsible for helping to keep local children safe from harm are reminding residents that they need to get in touch if someone else is going to be looking after their child/ children for longer than 28 days.

Taking care of someone else's child for more than a month if you're not a close relative is called private fostering. Anyone entering a private fostering arrangement needs to let York

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) know, so they can help to keep the child safe.

Contact York Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on ☎ 01904 551900 or email @ MASH@york.gov.uk and they can talk you through the next steps.

For more information visit www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/private-fostering.htm

Partnership to tackle cabinet vandalism

The Council has joined forces with Virgin Media O2 to repair vandalised broadband cabinets. During the six month trial Virgin Media O2 will repaint and restore vandalised cabinets across York, where up to 200 cabinets are vandalised each year. You can report graffiti online or directly to Virgin Media by calling ☎ 0330 333 0444 or visiting www.york.gov.uk/ReportGraffiti

Social care recruitment

The Council has launched a national recruitment campaign to attract qualified children's and adults' social workers to join its teams. Social workers with a wide range of experience, specialisms and expertise are needed to help support children, families and adults in the York area.

Anne Coyle, the Council's Interim Director for Children's Services, explained: "Social workers have

the opportunity to change people's lives for the better, which is why what our teams do every day really does matter.

"We're looking for children, family and people centred social workers who are driven to make the difference to individuals and families, to our team and for themselves. If that could be you, get in touch!"

Find out more

about opportunities in Children's Social work visit www.york.gov.uk/WorkingInChildrensSocialCare

To find out about working in Adults Social Work visit www.york.gov.uk/WorkingInAdultSocialCare

**HELP TURN
A DIFFICULT
START INTO A
BRIGHT FUTURE**



Planning for the Platinum Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.

Communities across the United Kingdom are being encouraged to celebrate Her Majesty's historic milestone; 4 days of celebration, from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022, include an extended bank holiday, public events and activities, together with time for reflection.

Celebration events will be planned across the country to mark the milestone, including the 'big jubilee lunch', street parties and beacon lighting.

To help support residents who would like to get involved in the celebrations the Council has launched a new page of their website with advice and guidance on ways to celebrate.

Planning an event?

If you would like to plan a street party or event you will need to complete a simple form to let the Council know about your plans. You can find the form, and other useful information on the new page of the Council's website.

Fees will only apply for closures if you are planning to charge to admission to your event and for a small deposit you can borrow a 'Road Closed' sign from the Council depot. You'll only need a licence for your event if you are planning to sell alcohol.

www.york.gov.uk/YorkCelebratesJubilee

Royal Navy gifts HMS York Funnel Badge to the city

In October, Royal Navy Commodore and Naval Regional Commander for Northern England and Isle of Man, Phil Waterhouse ADC gifted The HMS York Funnel Badge, a piece of naval history, to the City of York.

The Funnel Badge survived when HMS York (D98), a Type 42 Destroyer, was decommissioned in 2012 and then later scrapped following 30 years of service. The city's link to the Royal Navy continues with HMS Dragon, which was featured in the latest James Bond film, No Time to Die.

The Funnel Badge, which includes a 'red cross with lions passant', derives from the coat of arms of the City of York. The badge has been installed in West Offices, in recognition of the city's link to the Royal Navy and in support of the Council's continued work as part of the Armed Forces Covenant.



City of York Council communications survey

We want to make sure you are as well informed as possible. To help get you the information you need please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us. Your feedback will help us deliver important information to residents across the city, in the most efficient ways.

You can complete this survey online at

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OurCityCommunications

If you do not have access to the internet, you can fill out the survey on the following pages and return by freepost. This survey will close on Sunday 1 May 2022. Any submissions received after this date may not be counted in the responses.

You can find the privacy notice for this survey at data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/consultation-privacy-notices

FREEPOST RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ
Communications survey
City of York Council
West Office
Station Rise
YO1 6GA, York

Overall, how well informed do you think we keep you about the services and benefits we provide?

- Very well informed
 Fairly well informed
 Not very well informed
 Not well informed at all
 Don't know

Which is currently the most usual way you find out about us and our services?

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Council website | <input type="radio"/> |
| Council emails and e-newsletters | <input type="radio"/> |
| Council's social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Social media outside the council (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Printed information provided by the council (e.g. leaflets, flyers, public notices) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Council notice boards in council buildings | <input type="radio"/> |
| Our City | <input type="radio"/> |
| From your local councillor | <input type="radio"/> |
| Direct contact with the council (e.g. contact with staff, public meetings and events) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Advertising on billboards/buses etc. | <input type="radio"/> |
| Local media (e.g. newspapers, TV, radio) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Word of mouth (e.g. friends, neighbours, relations) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Do not find out any information | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="radio"/> |

How useful do you find the way you currently find out about us and our services?

- Very useful
 Fairly useful
 Not very useful
 Not at all useful
 Don't know

How well informed would you say Our City keeps you about us and our services and activities?

- Very informed
 Fairly informed
 Not very informed
 Not at all informed
 I don't read it

How interested are you in information about:

	Very interested	Fairly interested	Not very interested	Not at all interested
Council events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council tax and spending	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community consultations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council services available for residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decisions from council meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How well the council is performing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Licensing and planning applications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports and leisure activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voting and elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waste and recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please tick your top three choices for receiving information from us in the future:

- Council website
 Council emails and e-newsletters
 Council's social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube)
 Social media outside the council (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube)
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 Do not find out any information
 Other (please specify)

An insight to the life and duties of York's Lord Mayor



The current Lord Mayor is The Rev Cllr Chris Cullwick, assisted by his wife Joy, the Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriff and Sheriff's Lady, Cllr Ashley Mason JP and his wife Danielle. The Civic Party serves and supports the city in a wide variety of ways.

Cllr Cullwick says,

"Every day as Lord Mayor brings something new. From opening a new library in Dringhouses Primary, to celebrating Yorkshire Day with Lord Deramore's; from ribbon cutting at the opening of a new business to planting tansy plants and trees, we get involved in everything!"

"In the last few months have enjoyed participating in citizenship ceremonies and welcoming international delegations; delivering Christmas Cheer hampers; supporting numerous community events; taking initiatives to encourage

young leaders and entrepreneurs and celebrating 100th birthday parties"

"Through this year we have been especially keen to do all we can to recognise the fantastic work of all front line workers and volunteers."

"York Mind, SASH and Wilberforce Trust are the Civic Party's chosen charities for their term. Working with these local charities they raise funds through a variety of events including a Charity Ball at York Racecourse on 29th April."

Find out more online.

www.lordmayoryork.co.uk

Celebrate York's rich history with augmented reality family fun

York's rich history, from Roman times to the present day, is being celebrated in a free app, which will take you on a tour of the city, encountering some of York's most famous characters on the way.

Ideal for keeping younger members of the family entertained on a day out, you'll meet Anne Lister, Dick Turpin and Guy Fawkes among the cast of iconic York characters. Each one has an interactive augmented reality element, bringing history to life in front of your eyes!

There are eight characters to find in all. Once you have found a character, you can interact with them and share a photo on social media using #yorkquest

The 'Travel Through Time' quest is available all year round. The York Quest app is free to use and is available on Google Play Store or App Store.

Did you know

653 people visited the Mansion House during York Residents weekend

York and London are the only cities in England that have a 'Right Honourable' Lord Mayor

The history of the Lord Mayor of York goes back more than 800 years

York's Mansion House is the oldest in the country serving as home of the Lord Mayor since 1732

The Mansion House is open Wednesday to Sunday and York residents get discounted entry

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Significant progress on York's Local Plan

A framework to guide development and protect the quality of the city's unique historic, natural and built environment, has taken another significant step forward. The draft Local Plan is one of the most significant strategic documents for our city, as it will determine how York develops over the next 20 years.

Appointed government inspectors are continuing the examination of the plan, with phase 2 of the hearing sessions currently taking place.

www.york.gov.uk/LocalPlanExamination

Next steps this year:

- Phase 2 of hearings. Focussing on the spatial strategy, level of growth and supporting infrastructure
- Phase 3 of hearings. Focussing on Green Belt boundaries
- Phase 4 of hearings. Focussing on all other plan policies from affordable housing to climate change matters
- Local Plan adoption if the examination is successful and the plan is found sound.

For more information please call: 01904 551550

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www.york.gov.uk/ReportProblems

YORK STANDS WITH

UKRAINE

**York stands
with the people
of Ukraine at
this terrible
and deeply
worrying time.**

The response from York's residents and businesses has been immediate and heartfelt and we are working to support this humanitarian effort.

Residents who are looking for ways to support those affected by the current situation in Ukraine can view our refugee support page to find out how to help.

www.york.gov.uk/UkrainianRefugeeSupport



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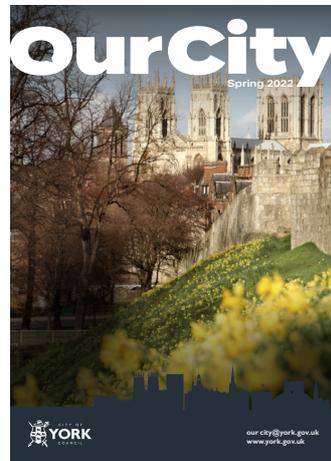
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