

Lollipop newsletter

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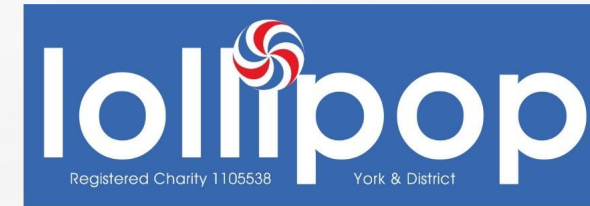


LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Cover photo: Lollipop Family Christmas get together at Melodie Park, Dec 2021.

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Lollipop Christmas Party

On 12 December 2021 Lollipop families, friends and supporters came together for an afternoon of festive fun at Melodie Park. It was super to see you all in person singing, laughing and enjoying each other's company!



Our Christmas Prize Draw* and 'Name the Gnome' competition raised an amazing £848.50 for Lollipop!

Thank-you so much to everyone who bought tickets and joined in with all our games and activities!

See some highlights from the day on the next page...



*The **£100** top prize in our Christmas Prize Draw was won by David Brown. Congratulations!

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Christmas highlights...



Christmas bake-off competition winner, Ruta Janovicius, with her delicious Oreo cake! Yum!



'Name the gnome' winners, Bobbie & Amelie, with 'Grumpy the Gonk' (kindly donated by Dunelm York)



[Twelve Days of Christmas](#) Sing & Sign finale with 'I Can Play' – click on the link to watch the video.



Special [message from Father Christmas](#)

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Deaf Services Fair coming soon!



Plans for Lollipop's Deaf Services Fair are full steam ahead!

- Do you have any degree of deafness from mild to profound?
- Do you have a D/deaf friend or family member?
- Perhaps you work with or support D/deaf people?

Whatever your connection, we'd love to welcome you!

Come along to find out more about the support and opportunities available to the local D/deaf community. Visit stands from local charities, organisations and services to discover what's on offer, ask questions and perhaps share your own experiences and ideas for the future.



LOLLIPOP Deaf Services Fair

WED 6 April 2022

6-8pm

Temple Hall

York St John University

If you or someone you know would like to host a stand at the fair please contact Heidi Davies for more information: servicemanager@lollipopyork.org.uk

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Pizza Express Pizza Party!



WHEN: **Sunday 13 February 2022 10.00-11.30am (approx.)**

WHERE: [Pizza Express](#) York Designer Outlet, St Nicholas Avenue, Fulford, York, YO19 4TA

WHAT: Exclusive Private Party for members and siblings aged 5 and over

Join us for some lively fun and games while learning how to make your very own pizza! The host will have you tossing dough and adding your favourite pizza toppings* from a selection of yummy ingredients! Once cooked you'll get to enjoy your own creation before tucking into some heavenly Italian ice-cream!

** If your child has any food allergies the chefs will recreate their pizza with uncontaminated ingredients and cook it separately to ensure their safety.*



Harrogate Pizza Party – Nov 2018

Check your email invitation for full details and **BOOK BEFORE WED 9 FEB to avoid disappointment!**

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NEW dates for your diary!

Toddler Group



Our free, friendly toddler group is moving to a new day and parking-friendly venue! The next session will be held on **Wed 16 February, 10.30am – 12 noon** in the Discovery Room at [New Earswick Folk Hall](#) (Hawthorn Terrace, York, YO32 4AQ) Find out more at: [Lollipop Toddler Group](#)

Due to a new activity that was just TOO good to miss, we've rejigged our programme for this term. This means that our March activity will be a music workshop with a twist and our climbing wall activity has been rescheduled for April.

Music Workshop



Have you heard of a Gamelan? Join this special music workshop on **Sun 13 March** to discover the delights of an amazing instrument all the way from Indonesia! **10am – 12 noon** for 4-10 years; **1.30 – 3.30pm** for 11-18 years at York's [National Centre for Early Music](#) – more info and email invitations coming soon!

Climbing Wall



Scale the exciting state-of-the-art climbing wall at [Clip N Climb](#) (York Leisure Centre) on **Wed 27 April, 5 – 6pm** – further details coming your way after half term!

Don't worry, we haven't forgotten about our 'Escape Room' trip – Deb is working hard to rearrange this for the summer term so we'll let you know the new date ASAP!

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Young designers needed!

Could you design our next THANK-YOU card and win a £10 voucher?

When an organisation or individual sponsors Lollipop, makes a donation, or performs a little act of kindness to support our work, we send them a card to say THANK-YOU!

We know our Lollipop members love getting creative so we're inviting you to come up with a new thank-you card design with a **Lollipop theme**...

You could:

- Use the same colours as our logo
- Include lollipops in your design
- Draw something or someone that reminds you of Lollipop!

To enter this competition, send your picture to admin@lollipoppyork.org.uk by **Friday 25 February** with the subject line 'Design Competition'. The winner will be revealed in our next newsletter. Good luck!



Our original thank-you card was designed by Lollipop member Lexi (now aged 9) when she was just 5 years old!

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Digging for York treasure!



On 22 January Lollipop members were invited to be trainee 'diggers' for the day at Jorvik DIG. Loads of fun was had learning about archaeology and unearthing exciting objects from York's hidden history!



The lovely staff at Jorvik DIG are keen to make their amazing attraction accessible to D/deaf people and did a fabulous job making our families feel welcome!

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IMPs interactive story telling



IMPs (Inclusive Music Projects) is a year-round programme run by Accessible Arts & Media.

It provides fun, inclusive music activities for children and young people from York and the surrounding area.



This half-term, join Tom and Lisa for a multi-sensory take on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Their interactive session will bring the classic story alive with drama games, theatre scenes and soundscapes.

There will be lots of musical instruments to explore and colourful materials to play with during the session. And most importantly, loads of fun to be had!

IMPs HOLIDAY CLUB Interactive Story Telling

WHEN: Tues 22 Feb 2022
10am-12pm
WHO: Ages 8+
WHERE: [New Earswick Folk Hall](#)
COST: £10

Please contact Accessible Arts & Media to book your place.

EMAIL: imps@aamedia.org.uk
PHONE: 01904 626965

All IMPs holiday clubs are fully inclusive. You don't need to be a member of IMPs, or have any experience in music or theatre and drama to take part. Their **face-to-face sessions** are all **COVID-secure**. If you find social distancing tricky, or you need 1-1 support, you must bring your own support.

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Exploring disability & difference through art

York Explore Library has been hosting a Disability Art Exhibition featuring submissions from talented members of the public!

The 'Not Going Anywhere' exhibition includes paintings, drawings, collage, film, photos, poetry and sounds that explore accessibility, disability and experiences of living through lockdown in Yorkshire.

The exhibition can be viewed in two ways:

- In person (until the end of February 2022) in the [York Explore Library](#) café
- Online at <http://sidbaility.net/gallery>

The organisers would love to know what you think. So if you've anything to share, suggest or just want to connect with them, email tar@sidbaility.net.



'Do you hear me?' (A4 photo with collaged and digital elements) – Alfie Fox.

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Have a cuppa at the Deaf Café



Deaf Café is a monthly group that provides opportunities to meet and spend time with other people who are Deaf or who have hearing loss.

Whether you use British Sign Language (BSL) or oral communication, all are welcome!

WHEN:

Monthly on Tuesdays from 10.00am – 12 noon

8 Feb, 8 March, 5 April, 10 May, 7 June, 5 July

WHERE:

York and District Deaf Society

[376a Huntington Road, York, YO31 9HP](#)



For more information email Annalee at:
annalee.green@york.gov.uk

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Fundraising news

We did it! Thanks to ASDA customers and Lollipop supporters championing our cause we bagged **first place in the ASDA York Green Token Scheme!**

It was a race to the finish but polling closed with Lollipop receiving over 60% of the vote! We're so grateful to each and every one of you who shared the link with friends and family and voted for us every week to help us secure the top place donation of **£500**.



Music to Our Ears

Tony and Mary Pickard (friends of [Lollipop Ambassador Paul Whittaker](#)) have also kindly donated **£250** to help us provide more music making opportunities for D/deaf children and young people.

Thank-you to ALL our supporters. We couldn't do what we do without you!

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Fundraising news continued...



Magic Little Grant

Lollipop recently received a [Magic Little Grant](#) through the partnership between Localgiving and Postcode Neighbourhood Trust:

- [Localgiving](#) is the UK's leading membership and support network for local charities and community groups.
- [Postcode Neighbourhood Trust](#) is a grant-giving charity funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Our project received £500 to fund member activities in 2022. As requested by our members this will go towards climbing, an escape room challenge, pizza making and swimming over the coming months!

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Fun and games

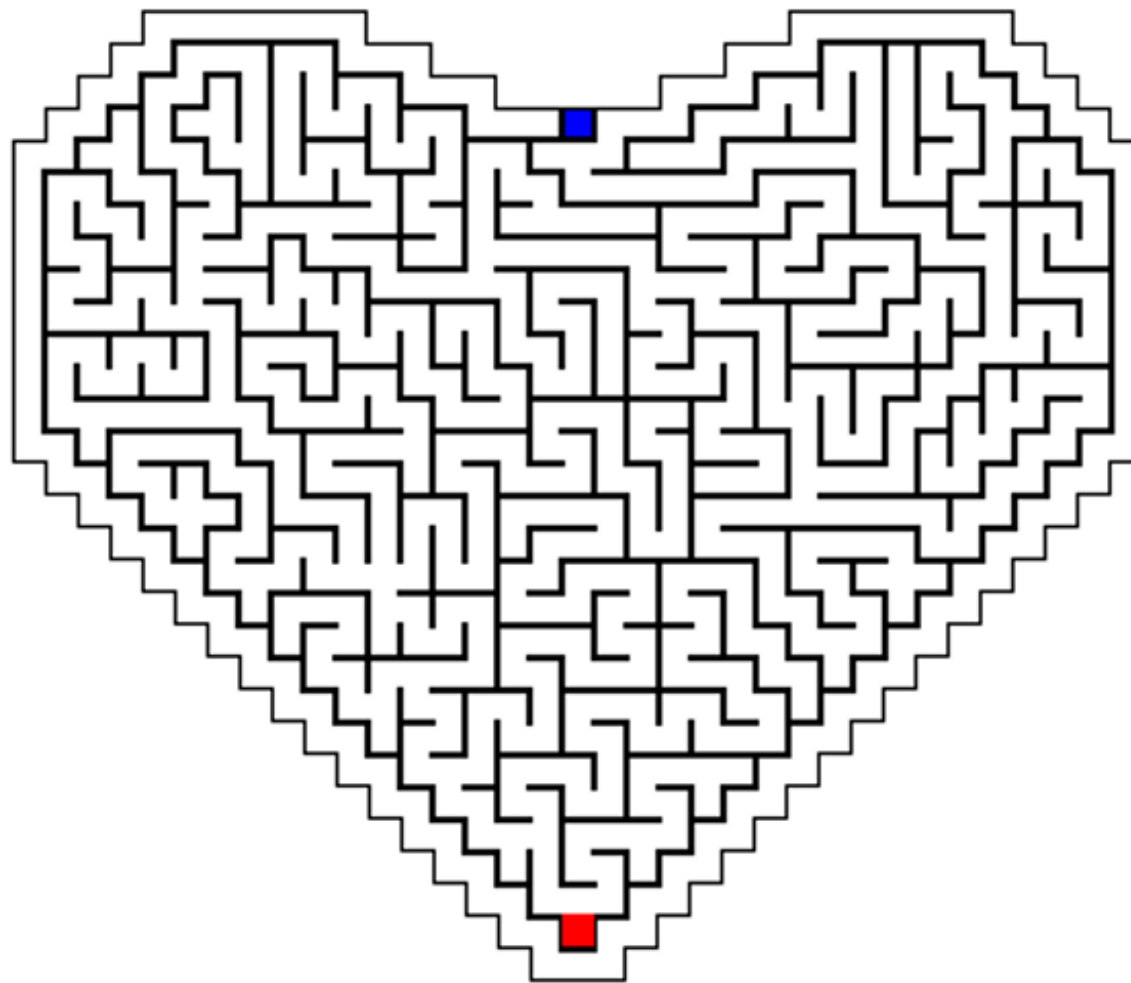
It's Valentine's Day soon so we've got some loved-up puzzles for you this month!

THE LOVE MAZE

Can you trace the route from the blue square at the top of the maze to the red square at the bottom?

VALENTINE'S QUIZ QUESTIONS

- What date is Saint Valentine's Day?
- What flower is traditionally given on Valentine's Day?
- Who is the Roman God of Love?
- Saint Valentine is the Patron Saint of Love and what else?
- How do you sign 'I Love You' in BSL?



We'll reveal the answers in our next newsletter. **GOOD LUCK!**
Answers to our Christmas puzzle on the next page...

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Festive Fun

Did you solve the maze in our Winter edition?

Well done if you helped to reunite Santa with his reindeers in time for Christmas!

Here's the route we took...



BONUS POINTS

Give yourself extra points if you managed to name all 9 of Santa's reindeers:

**Dasher, Dancer, Prancer,
Vixen, Comet, Cupid,
Donner, Blitzen, and of
course, Rudolph!**

THANKS FOR READING...SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

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