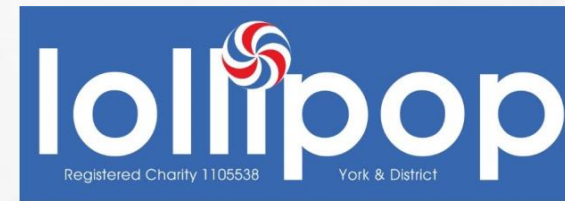


Summer 2023 newsletter Issue 24



LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)
Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Cover photo: 'DEAFinitely Lollipop' Dragon Boat Team, 9 July 2023 – see inside for details

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Lollipop member selected to train for England paralympic football team

Nine-year old Lollipop member, Drew Field, attended an England Para Football Talent Day in June and was chosen to join their Talent Hub!

As Drew's mum, Ann-Marie, explained:

"The FA hold twelve of these Talent Days nationally from April to June each year. If successful for the England Para Football Pathway you either go to the Talent Hub or Regionals, hopefully progressing through each stage, ultimately to play football for the England Para Deaf Senior Team! Even if there isn't the opportunity to play for the team it can also open up doors to work within a football environment."

Drew played in the West Riding Disability League last season and is massively excited to begin his Talent Hub training sessions at the Sunderland Foundation of Light this September.

Have you always dreamed of playing for England? Don't just dream, visit:

<https://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/disability/performance-pathway>



Drew at the Talent Day at the West Riding Ground in Leeds.

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Toddler activities

This term, our lovely Lollitots have been getting active at [Agility](#), creative 'down on the farm' with the marvellous [Mini Munchkins](#), and enjoying brilliant BSL nursery rhymes with [Sign with Sarah-Jade](#)!

[Agility tots](#)



[Mini munchkins](#)



[Baby signing](#)



Click on the red links above for more fab photos!

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Junior activities

Our junior members have been letting their imaginations run wild building Lego inventions at [Minifigs and Bricks](#), performing cool science experiments with [Sublime Science](#), and tackling the awesome ninja warrior course at [Agility](#) (a primary school activity organised jointly by Lollipop and York Teachers of the Deaf).

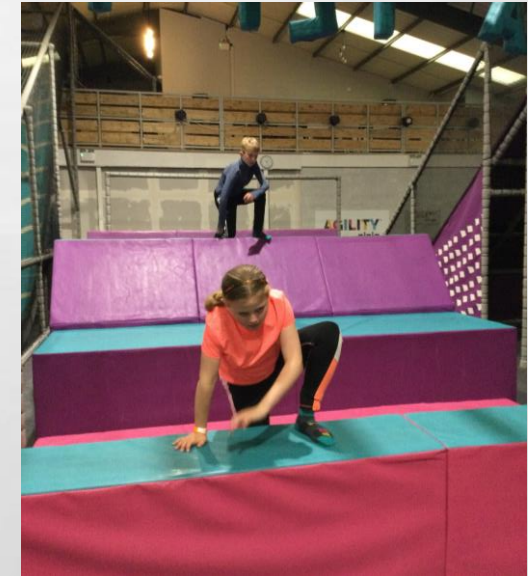
Lego Party



Sublime Science



Agility



Click on the red links above to find out more!

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Youth activities

Our oldest members have been getting super sporty this term with not ONE but TWO golfing activities – crazy mini-golf plus supersized golf played with footballs (followed in turn by pizza and artisan burgers and hotdogs – yum!) We also co-launched a **NEW Deaf Young Adults drop-in** in Scarborough...see next page to find out more.

Puttstars



Footgolf



NEW Young Adults Club

We recently joined forces with Coastline Sight & Hearing to launch a NEW Deaf Zone for young adults aged 15-25, kindly funded by the National Deaf Children's Society.



Lollipop volunteer, Sophie (left), is working with [Coastline Sight & Hearing](https://www.coastlinesighthearing.org) to host and run a range of activities:

- Every first Saturday of the month
- 10.30am – 1pm
- At Unit 1, The Street, 12 Lower Clark Street, Scarborough, YO12 7PW

For further info about these drop-in sessions please call **07751 428131** or **email:** info@coastlinesighthearing.org

lollipop **National Deaf Children's Society**

DEAF ZONE YOUNG ADULTS CLUB

COASTLINE Sight & Hearing

Age 15 to 25 Activities Arts & Crafts session- Cooking Sessions- Board and Video games- Sports Socialising- Refreshments.

Every First Saturday of each Month at the Street Scarborough Unit 1

YO127PW From 10 30 to 13 00

Tel 07751428131 Email info@coastlinesighthearing.org

www.coastlinesighthearing.org

A collage of four images: a board game with a ship, a group of people standing and talking, two people practicing archery on a field, and three wooden cooking utensils (spatula, spoon, and fork) on a striped cloth.

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Summer fun

Our summer term ended with a **fun-filled garden party** hosted by Lollipop and [York & District Deaf Society](#) – a perfect afternoon with circus entertainment from [Jenni High-Hoops](#), soft play for the little ones, and a yummy BBQ for all the family! But the summer fun doesn't end there...



Over the summer holidays, [York Squash Club](#) are offering **FREE squash sessions** for people aged 11+ with any degree of D/deafness.

Dates:

- Tues 25 and Thurs 27 July
- Tues 1 and Thurs 3 August
- Tues 22 and Thurs 24 August



Time: 2.00 – 3.20pm

All sessions are fully funded by the City of York Council and equipment can also be provided free of charge. **Advance booking essential.** To book or find out more please contact Club Coach, Matt Bridson:

Tel: 07949 289 536

Email: coaching@yorksquashclub.com

For more **exciting summer holiday clubs** check out the 'Useful Resources' at the end of this newsletter!

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Lollipop members take on BSL challenge

Back in May, two of our members set themselves a British Sign Language challenge to raise funds for Lollipop – learning 250 signs between them in just two weeks!

They set themselves a fundraising goal of £200 and totally smashed it, raising a staggering **£820** – an absolutely amazing achievement and great way to raise deaf awareness.

Every aspect of the challenge from choosing what signs to learn, to writing the blurb for their fundraising page was their own work.

We're all so very proud of them for coming up with the idea and putting in the practice every night. What an inspiration!

Visit Hannah and Phoebe's fundraising page here:

www.gofundme.com/f/help-support-the-deaf-community-in-york



Lollipop members and school friends Phoebe Rankin (left) and Hannah Wray.

The [British Sign Language GCSE consultation](#) is live until 8 September and the Department of Education is seeking views on proposed content. Please read and respond by clicking on the link above (BSL video translations are included).

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Deaf Advocacy Service

Vicky Dixon from Community Links has put together a proposal for a much needed Deaf Advocacy Service in York (and possibly North Yorkshire). She's seeking feedback from D/deaf adults and young people aged 16+ to help make this a reality.

What the service will do

Provide information, advice and guidance to D/deaf* people aged 18 and over to solve everyday problems that arise as a result of:

- Communication barriers
- Health inequality
- Financial inequality
- Social inequality
- Discrimination

How the service will work

The service will employ one person to deliver the service in 4 different ways:

Drop-in
sessions

Outreach

Advocacy

Community
Engagement



Vicky Dixon, Team Leader, Community Links

Please [give your feedback](#) to help Vicky complete the proposal and get funding to provide this vital service. You can find out more from Vicky in this short [signed and captioned video](#).

* People who identify as: D/deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, Deafened or Deafblind who communicate via BSL, spoken English, Sign Supported English (SSE), written English, non-British Sign Language or any combination of these.

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NEW Deaf Club at York College

York College and University Centre recently launched a new [Deaf Club](#) to celebrate National BSL Day. The club was set up by BSL and Communication Learning Support Specialist, David Bradley, and BSL Tutor, Cheryl McBride – who you will all know as Lollipop's Parent Liaison Officer!

The club meets once a month on campus (during term time) and is open to anybody from the D/deaf community in York and the surrounding areas.

It provides an opportunity for members to chat with other deaf people and enjoy activities such as a chess club, movie night and quiz night. Guest speakers will also be invited, and it is hoped there will be opportunities to play sports like football and tennis too.

Membership of the York College Deaf Club is FREE and you can follow the organiser to stay informed on future events [here](#).

For further details email: Cheryl: parentsupport@lollipoppyork.org.uk
or David: dbradley@yorkcollege.ac.uk



Cheryl McBride and David Bradley
Co-organisers of the new Deaf Club at York College

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All the fun of the Deaf Services Fair!

A HUGE thank you everyone who hosted a stall or came along to support our Deaf Services Fair in May. It was a fab evening and wonderful to see so many new and familiar faces!



Photos by Lollipop & Leah Jackson, a former Lollipop member. Read on for the FULL list of charities, organisations and services who attended or sent resources for us to display...

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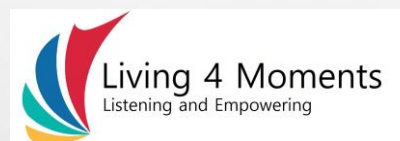
The fair showcased the wide range of services and opportunities available to the local D/deaf community.



EWING FOUNDATION
for deaf children

Harrogate Deaf Society

healthwatch
York



Leeds and York Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust



 **SignVideo**

Sign With Sarah-Jade

#toylikeme

York & District Deaf Society (YDDS)



Click on each of the logos above to find out more...

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Here's just some of the lovely feedback!

*"What a fabulous event.
Well done and thanks so
much for having us!"*

**Alison Jones,
Accessible Arts & Media**

"SUPER!"

Attendee

*"It was a lovely
event...we look forward
to joining you again next
year."*

**Carole Wood, Ewing
Foundation**

*We had a very enjoyable
evening, forging links with other
providers, meeting prospective
parents and children and
speaking to other professionals
who can support us in our
ventures...the interpreters were
delightful and helped us greatly.
Thank you so much. We look
forward to being involved again."*

**Kathryn and Mary, York
Inspirational Kids (YIKS)**

*"Thank you so much for
inviting me and being so
welcoming...it was great and
I got some really helpful
feedback."*

**Vicky Dixon, Inspire North,
Community Links**

*"What a great night for everyone!...I want to say a
big thank you for making my first experience doing
something like this so much fun. Looking forward
to doing it again next year!"*

Sarah-Jade Walker, Sign with Sarah-Jade

*"It's been really good...my Deaf
colleagues would absolutely love this!"*

**Sharon Rhodes, Communication
Specialist College Doncaster (part of
Doncaster Deaf Trust)**

*"Really good and
informative night, well
done and thank you"*

Attendee

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Summer fundraisers

ST CRUX

On 24 June we hosted our pop-up stall and café at St Crux Parish Hall. Lots of locals and tourists came to browse our books, plants and bric-a-brac or pop in for a tasty treat!



HUGE thanks to everyone who:

- stopped by to show their support;
- baked delicious cakes or donated items for sale;
- volunteered on what felt like the hottest day of the year so far!

Your efforts were SO worth it as together we raised an amazing **£803!**

DRAGON BOAT CHALLENGE

On 9 July, our brave team of paddlers (AKA DEAFinitely Lollipop) took part in the [York Rotary Dragon Boat Challenge](#).

It was a magical day with an absolutely amazing atmosphere and loads of support from the crowds. We even managed to win one of our heats and get a team photo in the [York Press](#).

Not to mention raising over **£2,000** in the process!

Head over to our [Facebook page](#) for more great pics from the day!



The Good Ship Lollipop may have completed its voyage but there's still time to help us reach our £3K target. Sponsorship for the Dragon Boat Race remains open until 1 September - we'd be so grateful if you could [show your support](#).

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make both events such a success!

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Community support

Acts of kindness from loyal Lollipop supporters and the wider community really help to support our work and raise awareness of what we do!

Tesco tokens

Earlier this year our application to the Tesco Community Grants Blue Token Scheme was successful.



Thanks to everyone who used their blue tokens to vote for us these past few months – as soon as we know the result, we'll let you know!

Bake sale and raffle



Lollipop members Phoebe and Hannah, helped by teacher Miss Rose (whose family are also members of Lollipop), organised a bake sale at [Archbishop Holgate's School](#), raising an amazing **£123** – well done girls!

THE YORK GHOST MERCHANTS

York Ghost Merchants also organised a raffle for us which raised a terrific **£104**.

Friends of Lollipop

Big thanks to former Chair of Lollipop, Penny McDonald, and the [Fylingdales WI](#) whose coffee morning in aid of Lollipop raised **£85!**



And last but not least, a huge thank-you to our good friend Phylis Evans who has supported Lollipop and the work we do for many years. We were blown away by her very generous donation of **£500** – thank you SO much for your support!

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That's grant-tastic!

Lollipop has been working hard to secure income from trusts, foundations and community funds to supplement our core National Lottery grant. Before the pandemic, charities could expect around 1 in 3 bids to be successful but some experts now put that figure closer to 1 in 8! **We think you'll agree that odds like that make these successes all the sweeter!**



£2,000 from the Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation for pre-school activities.



£500 from the Norman Collinson Charitable Trust for pre-school recreational activities.



£2,000 from the Sylvia & Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust for toddler activities & family BBQ.



£500 from the Magic Little Grant by Local Giving for raising outdoor aspirations.



£1,914 from the Nestlé Rowntree Employees Community Fund – many thanks to Phoebe Rankin's mum for nominating Lollipop for this!

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Easy ways YOU can help

If you're short on time, there are loads of simple ways you can support Lollipop that need not cost the earth or anything at all in fact!



CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND: For every pound Co-op members spend on selected Co-op products and services, 2p comes to Lollipop. So far, the scheme has raised over **£870** so HUGE thanks to all the Co-op members who have chosen to [support our cause](#). We'll be part of the scheme until 21 October 2023 so still plenty of time to sign up if you haven't already!



EASYFUNDRAISING: Earlier this year Lollipop registered with this, the UK's biggest charity shopping site. Over 7,000 brands donate to Lollipop for FREE every time you use [easyfundraising](#) to shop with them. We've already raised over **£336**! Visit [our cause page](#) and follow the steps to start turning your daily shopping into everyday magic!



PAYPAL GIVING: The examples above are completely FREE , but if you would like to make a one-off donation or set up a regular monthly payment to show your support, it's never been easier! You decide how much and how often – simply click on [our PayPal Giving page](#) to get started.

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AMANDA



AYUSHI



CIARA



DARCY



LEAH



LUCY



MEGAN



SARAH



SOPHIE

Cheers for volunteers!

Volunteers Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering in their communities.

As this is our last newsletter before the summer break, we'd like to say a MASSIVE thank you to ALL of our wonderful volunteers (left), trustees, parents, fundraisers and other supporters for their time, commitment and enthusiasm this past year.

You are all SUPERSTARS in our eyes!

WE COULDN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOU!

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Useful resources

Lollipop signposting page



There's a NEW resource on our website!

It helpfully signposts the wider support available to D/deaf children, young people and families living in and around York.

Discover links to a wide range of services, foundations, charities, organisations, clubs and businesses of interest to the D/deaf community. [Click here](#) to check it out!

Newsround now fully signed and subtitled

Exciting accessibility update! BBC Newsround bulletins are now available with subtitles and British Sign Language (BSL) translation every weekday! Simply [click here](#) to watch.

Signs for Change



Deaf actress and Strictly winner, [Rose Ayling-Ellis](#), recently fronted a groundbreaking BBC documentary exploring deafness, deaf experiences and how attitudes are changing. Now available on BBC iPlayer. [Click here](#) if you missed it!

IMPs holiday clubs



School's out and IMPs Holiday Clubs are in!

Our friends over at Accessible Arts & Media have got five exciting holiday clubs taking place this summer.

And this year, each club will have two sessions aimed at different age groups (5 -11 and 11+) so no one misses out on the fun! [Click here](#) to find out more!

Our next newsletter will be coming your way in the Autumn Term. Until then, enjoy the summer hols! We can't wait to see you all again in September!

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