

Lollipop newsletter

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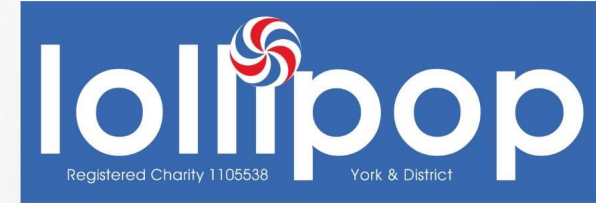
Welcome back everyone!

LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

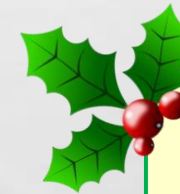
Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Note: There are several links in this newsletter. To open them in a new window, hold down the Control key (or Command key on a Mac) whilst clicking on the link.



SAVE THE DATE for the
Lollipop Xmas Party
Sun 12 Dec from 1pm

Cover photo: In July 2019, 13 daredevils completed a skydive to raise money for Lollipop. Not wanting to let her sponsors down former Chair, Penny McDonald, rode the UK's biggest, fastest zip wire instead and loved it! If you're up for a fundraising challenge, why not give it a go!

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A message from our NEW CHAIR

Welcome back everyone after what I hope has been a great summer break!



Laura Walker - Chair

Some of you may remember me from my time as Lollipop Activity Leader, but for those who don't yet know me, I'm Laura Walker, the new Chair of Lollipop!

I've always been a big supporter of the charity but I'm looking forward to being able to do more in my new role. The Board of Trustees is excited for the future of Lollipop. We're keen to work more closely and form great partnerships with other organisations for the benefit of our members and the local D/deaf community.

After 18 months of running the service online, we're thrilled to be resuming face-to-face activities but, as with any charity, volunteers are vital to our success.

Could you spare some time to help plan or run Lollipop activities or fundraising events? Would you like to share your ideas and suggestions at our committee meetings or be a great D/deaf role model for our members?

If you or anyone you know (parents/siblings/family/friends) would be interested in becoming a volunteer, please email Heidi at: servicemanager@lollipoppyork.org.uk

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Lollipop Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It's that time of year again when as a registered charity we hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The AGM is an opportunity for trustees, staff and members to look back on what has happened over the last 12 months and discuss the future of the charity. To comply with the Charity Commission's rules we need a minimum of 12 members/parents of members to attend.

If you can, please join us on Zoom on **Monday 18 October, 6.30 – 8.30pm.**

I am excited about our future and working with such a brilliant team - all of Lollipop's members, parents staff, trustees and volunteers.

We really value your support and look forward to seeing you there!

Laura (Lollipop Chair)

If you haven't already booked your place, please sign up on Eventbrite by **Monday 11 October.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lollipop-agm-18th-october-2021-tickets-174118010657>

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The Lollipop Board of Trustees



Laura Walker
Chair



Nathan Armstrong
Vice Chair



Jason Drobig
Treasurer

You may recall that four of our trustees retired from the Board of Trustees at the end of July 2021 leaving a number of vacancies to fill in order for Lollipop to continue...

We're pleased to announce that we now have a new Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer so it's full steam ahead for the new term!

To find out more about the fantastic team steering the good ship Lollipop, click on each of the photos to read their individual bios!



Jayne Ball
Secretary



Amanda Smith
Trustee



Claire Elsdon
Trustee

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Ten pin bowling

This is how we roll! Gutter Gurus and Superb Strikes. But who will be King Pin?

Back by popular demand! Join us for a fabulous afternoon of fun with your Lollipop friends! Enjoy a game of bowling, then chill, chat and compare scores over a burger and fries.*



WHEN: **Saturday 23 October**

WHERE: [Ten Pin, York](#)

Clifton Moor Centre, Stirling Road, Clifton Moor, York, YO30 4WZ

WHAT: Juniors (under 12s) – Bowling and lunch (11am-1pm)
Youth (12+) – Bowling and lunch (12-2pm)



*Selection of lunch options available, including veggie – see booking form for details.
Check your email for your invitation and **book BEFORE Wed 13 October** to avoid disappointment!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3aaFI0K>

Music Workshops



Following the hugely successful '*I Can Play Inspiration Day*' hosted by the National Centre for Early Music we're thrilled to be joining them for the relaunch of their face-to-face workshops to inspire D/deaf children and young people to make music!

WHEN: **Sunday 21 November** (1-4pm approx.)

WHERE: [The National Centre for Early Music](#), St Margaret's Church, Percy's Lane, York YO1 9TL

WHAT: Working in groups of a similar age, you'll take part in musical games and maybe even try a bit of composing! At the end of the day you'll put together a special performance for your parents/carers.

There'll be lots of musical instruments to try, but if you have one of your own you're welcome to bring it along! Plus, there'll be an opportunity for parents and other members of the audience to ask questions about the workshop leaders' own experiences and any advice they have for D/deaf children and young people learning to play music.

Keep an eye out for your email invitation and **book BEFORE Wed 17 November** to avoid disappointment!

I Can Play! is a project that aims to bring music making opportunities to D/deaf children and young people, who are often excluded or discouraged to engage with music. Find out more at: www.ncem.co.uk/icanplay

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3Fhet3n>

Other dates for your diary...

Monthly Virtual Quiz



Our monthly online quizzes, hosted by Virtual Quiz Events, are back! Why not get competitive and go head-to-head with your friends and family to win cash prizes! **Next session Friday 15 October at 8pm.** Find out more at: [Lollipop Monthly Virtual Quiz](#)

Sparkle Jelly Tots Toddler Group



Our free, friendly toddler group is now taking place monthly at [York CVS Priory Street Centre](#) (15 Priory Street, York YO1 6ET). Session times have been extended at the request of our members and the next Halloween-themed session will take place on **Thursday 21 October, 10-11.30am**. Find out more at: [Lollipop Toddler Group](#)

Lollipop Xmas Party



SAVE THE DATE for our Lollipop festive celebration!

Sunday 12 December from 1pm at [Melodie Park](#), Wigginton Road, York YO32 2RJ.

The Lollipop Elves are busy making plans to bring you lots of festive fun this year including the ever popular prize draw and raffle and a yummy Christmas bake-off competition! **More info coming soon so watch this space!**

For further info about any of our activities email Becky at admin@lollipopryork.org.uk

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3FjBanG>

Summer fun with Sheriff Alpacas

On 17 July, Lollipop members and their families had an amazing time getting up close and personal with the beautiful animals at [Sheriff Alpacas](#). We learnt some cool alpaca facts, took the animals for a walk and enjoyed a group picnic in the glorious summer sunshine! Here are just some of the many photos from the day!

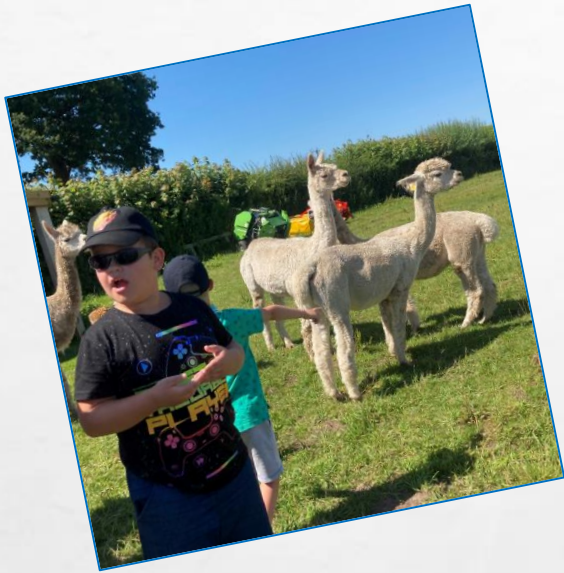


Did you know alpacas are the smallest member of the camel family, are vegetarian, and can live for 20 years!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3a96zLc>



Do you know what a baby alpaca is called? Answer on the next page...



A baby alpaca is called a cria...well done if you got it right!

Making D/deaf connections...

Jorvik Deaf Connections (JDC) is a local community organisation that provides a social forum for Deaf people in York and beyond!

The group welcome adults, teens, children and anyone with a connection to the deaf community – D/deaf or Hearing!

In fact, there are already many families in and around York that are members of both Lollipop and JDC and we're keen to build on that partnership by working together and cross-promoting activities and events. If you'd like to meet more deaf people or learn more about Deaf culture, why not come along?

WHEN: Last Friday of each month from 7-10pm
Next meetings **Friday 29 October** & **Friday 26 November**

WHERE: [Huntington Sports Club](#)
(North Lane, Huntington, York, YO32 9RU - Tel: 01904 768025.
5/5A bus stops at the corner of North Lane every 15 mins)



JORVIK Deaf
Connections



[Find them on Facebook](#)

or email them at:

jorvikdeafconnections@gmail.com

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3FD6e23>

Disability Art in Yorkshire

A Disability Art Exhibition will be held online and at [York Explore Library](#) between 1-31 December 2021 and your art work could be displayed!

The organisers are calling for submissions on one or more themes including accessibility and your experience of living through lockdown.

You can submit up to two pieces and all art forms will be considered.

To take part, email a photo of your work along with its title and a 100-150 word description including: size/dimension, how and why it was made, and something about you, the creator.

For further details, [download the exhibition flyer](#).



Submissions should be sent to submissions@sidbaility.net by 1 November 2021.

For further information contact tar@sidbaility.net or 07951050153.

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3uHLGA2>

Fundraising news



It's been a great few months for sport what with football, tennis and the Paralympics but we have some sporting heroes of our own a bit closer to home!



Lollipop parent, **Luke Zwalf**, has been pushing himself to the limits over the past few months to raise funds and awareness for Lollipop.

He's been training hard for the [Ironman Wales](#) competition (which combines swimming, cycling and marathon running) and completed a 7-hour cyclothon on a static bike at York College to kickstart his fundraising.

Unfortunately, the organisers of IronMan Wales took the difficult decision to postpone the event until 2022 due to concerns about Covid-19. But Luke was determined to put his months of training to good use and signed up for the half Ironman on 11 September instead!

Luke has already raised over £1K for Lollipop but still intends to compete in the full Ironman next year so if you haven't already sponsored him, please consider doing so to help him reach his target! Find out more here:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LukeZwalf>

THANK YOU LUKE! WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3uHRj1b>

Going the distance for Lollipop



Christian Sutcliffe also ran the Leeds half marathon for Lollipop on Sunday 5 September. We're a charity close to his heart because his partner, Chelsea Dorney, used to be a Lollipop member.

"Ever since meeting my deaf partner I see the daily battles D/deaf people encounter. When I visited Lollipop, seeing deaf children mix with other deaf children it was heart-warming to see their faces light up. I want to make it easier for deaf people to succeed. This is why I want to make a small difference to the young deaf community." – **Christian Sutcliffe**



Christian has raised nearly £600 so far! You can find out more about why he decided to fundraise for Lollipop and show you support at: <https://gofund.me/5369fb44>

THANK YOU CHRISTIAN! YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3mp1ggq>

Halloween fun and games



Autumn is drawing in which means it'll soon be time for ghosts and goblins and trick or treating! And we've got a Halloween treat for one of our lucky members!

If you can spot which of these creepy Halloween images appears only once, some spooky sweets could be coming your way!

Email your answer to admin@lollipoppyork.org.uk by **Sunday 31 October** with the subject line '*Halloween puzzle*'.

The winner will be selected at random from all correct entries and revealed in our next newsletter. Good luck!

READ ON FOR ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN IN OUR HALLOWEEN COMPETITION!...

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3lbGdyx>

Halloween Competition

COULD YOU DESIGN THE ULTIMATE LOLLIMONSTER?

We know our Lollipop members love getting creative so we're inviting you to design your very own Halloween monster! You can paint a picture, make a model, or even dress up! The sky is the limit. All we ask is that you do your very best to scare the Lollipop team!

Submit your name, age and a photo of your entry to admin@lollypoppyork.org.uk by **Sunday 31 October** with the subject line **'Lollimonster competition'**

If your creepy creation is selected you will receive a £5 voucher of your choice! The winner will be chosen by Lollipop staff and revealed in our November newsletter.

GOOD LUCK!



Answers to the riddles in our Summer Edition are on the last page...

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3AdeqCb>

Summer riddle solutions!



QUESTION	ANSWER
How many months of the year have 28 days?	All of them! Every month has *at least* 28 days
Kate's mother has three children: Snap, Crackle and ____?	Kate! It's Kate's mother after all!
If you don't keep me, I'll break. What am I?	A promise
I have a tail and a head, but no body. What am I?	A coin
I have keys, but no locks. I have space, but no room. You can enter, but can't go inside. What am I?	A keyboard

Well done if you got them all right! See you next month!

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