



# Spring 2025 Newsletter

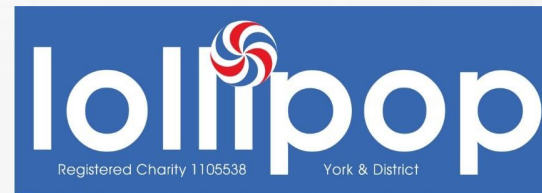
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**LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)**

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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**Cover images: Members making chocolates at York's Chocolate Story in March**

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# Trustees Update

**Our Trustees met for their termly meeting at the end of March and have these updates for our readers...**

Lollipop will start the process of changing its status to CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) towards the end of this year. There are a number of advantages to this – a simpler regulatory framework and limited liabilities for trustees, meaning the charity’s assets will be held in the charity’s name instead of the trustees.

We are still looking to fill the position of Secretary on the Board. If you would like to find out more about this voluntary role please click [here](#).

We also have a paid vacancy newly available for a part-time book-keeper. If you might be interested in either of these roles please contact Heidi McCollin [servicemanager@lollipopyork.org.uk](mailto:servicemanager@lollipopyork.org.uk). Information on the book keeper role can be found [here](#).



*A special thank you to Herald Armer who has been our book-keeper since 2015! She will be very much missed!*

**See who our Trustees are [here](#)**

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# The Deaf Services Fair is back!

**Tuesday 6th May in Orchard Hall at The Folk Hall, New Earswick, 5 – 7pm.**



Scan to register to attend

**Our last fair was a huge success, with twice the number of exhibitors than the previous year and a wide range of services on offer.**

Confirmed stall holders for 2025 are being updated weekly, and so far include...

City of York Council ([Deaf and Hearing Support Team](#), [Deaf CAMHS](#), [Living for Moments](#), [NDCS](#), [Sign with Sarah-Jade](#), [18-25 deaf mental health assessment pilot scheme](#), [YorSensory](#) (Wilberforce Trust), [Hearing Dogs](#)).

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# New volunteers



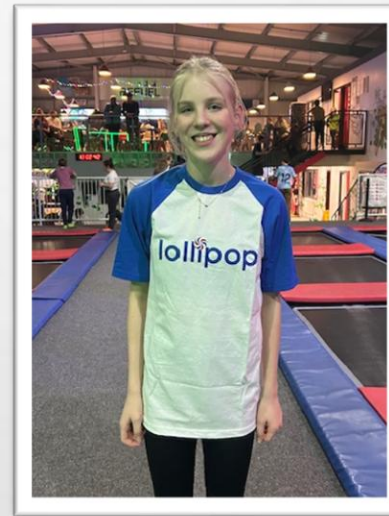
**Look out for some friendly new faces at activities!**

We have new student volunteers joining us in the Summer term from the University of York.

Volunteering at Lollipop activities is a small but very rewarding regular commitment of approx. 3 hours per month. If you would like to find out more please contact Heidi McCollin (email below) for more information.

Successful applicants will be DBS checked and will go through an induction including deaf awareness training. Knowledge of BSL is desirable but not essential.

[Click here for more details about the role.](#)



Lollipop member Freya has recently joined us as a volunteer while she works towards her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

Freya is also setting up a sign language club with a friend at school - this is a great idea!

**Heidi McCollin: [servicemanager@lollipop.org.uk](mailto:servicemanager@lollipop.org.uk)**

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# Spring term activities

Photos from our January activities held in Harrogate.



Kidzplay for ages 0-5  
Pizza Express for ages 6 – 11



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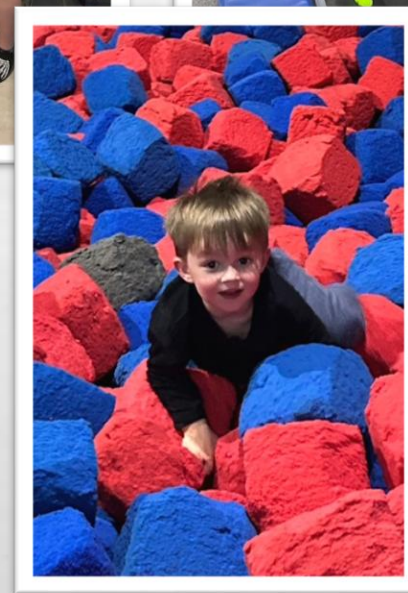
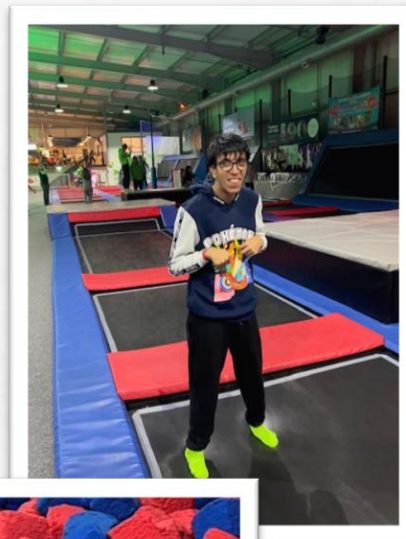
ClueHQ Escape Rooms for ages 12+  
Everyone escaped and enjoyed pizza to celebrate!



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# Spring term activities

It was an all-age activity in February at Flip Out, York.



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Our March activities were Love2GetMessy (messy play) for 0-5 year olds and a chocolate workshop at York's Chocolate Story for two age groups (6 – 11's and 12+).



YORK'S  
CHOCOLATE  
STORY

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# Summer term activities coming up!

We're looking forward to seeing our members at this fantastic line-up of activities...



## April

- 0 - 5's | Train party  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>
- 6 - 11's | Lego Party  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>
- 12+ | Pizza making  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

## May

- 0 - 9's | Yorkshire  
Muddings  
Saturday 17th
- 10+ | Live4Today  
Raft building  
Saturday 17th

## June

- 0 - 10's | Animals in  
Reach, West Lutton  
Saturday 21st
- 11+ | The Street,  
Scarborough  
Sunday 22nd

## July

- 0 - 5's | TBC
- 6 - 10's | Go Ape, Dalby  
Forest  
Treetop Adventure
- 11+ | Go Ape  
Dalby Forest  
Treetop Challenge

More details will be updated regularly on the [Upcoming Activities](#) pages of our website.

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# Fundraising news

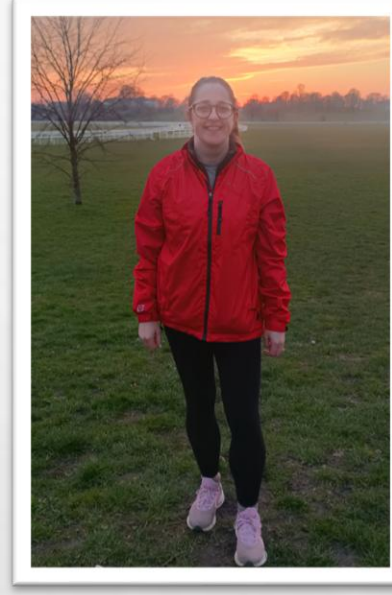
**There are two runners fundraising for Lollipop in the coming months...**



Gav Young is running the London Marathon on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Read his full story and reasons for running [here](#).

He is doing a brilliant job of training and fundraising, can you help him reach his target?

[Click here to go to Gav's fundraising page](#)



Emma Barnes (mum of Lollipop member Harry) is running the Leeds Half Marathon on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Read her story and reasons by clicking on the link below.

[Click here to go to Emma's fundraising page](#)



**Good luck! We know you'll be amazing!**

**Latest updates on both Gav and Emma's runs will be posted on our social media!**

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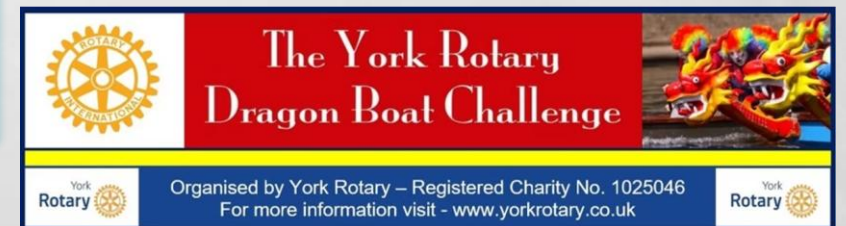
# Fundraising news

## The Onebright Paddlers will be rowing their way along the Ouse for Lollipop on 13<sup>th</sup> July!

Onebright are a personalised mental healthcare company based in York, they work with everyone from insurance providers and companies to GP's and individuals to get people the support they need to feel better. We are proud to have their support, and here is why they chose to support Lollipop...

Emma Parish, who works for Onebright is mum to a Lollipop member “My daughter, Ava Gallantree, is a member of Lollipop. She has moderate bilateral hearing loss and wears a bone anchored hearing aid. She has been deaf since she was 10 months old and is now approaching 16 years old. We have attended various activities with yourselves over the last 15 years and she is looking forward to the pizza party next month!”

We'll be cheering for them on the day, we'd love to see you there!



**Sponsor the team here! [The Onebright Paddlers Team Page](#)**

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# New one-2-one advice service

**The Wilberforce Trust and the Royal Association for Deaf people are working together to run a new service for d/Deaf and hard of hearing people in York and the surrounding areas.**



The service offers one-2-one advice and support with benefit forms, signposting, translation and much more!

BSL/captioned video:

<https://royaldeaf.org.uk/rad-partnered-with-wilberforce-trust-york/>

## **When and Where?**

You can find the advice service at the **YorSensory Hub, Wilberforce Trust, Wilberforce House, The Grove, Dringhouses, York, Y024 1AN.**

**Wednesdays from 10.00am to 4.00pm.**

Contact them by email at [advice@royaldeaf.org.uk](mailto:advice@royaldeaf.org.uk) or send a BSL video.

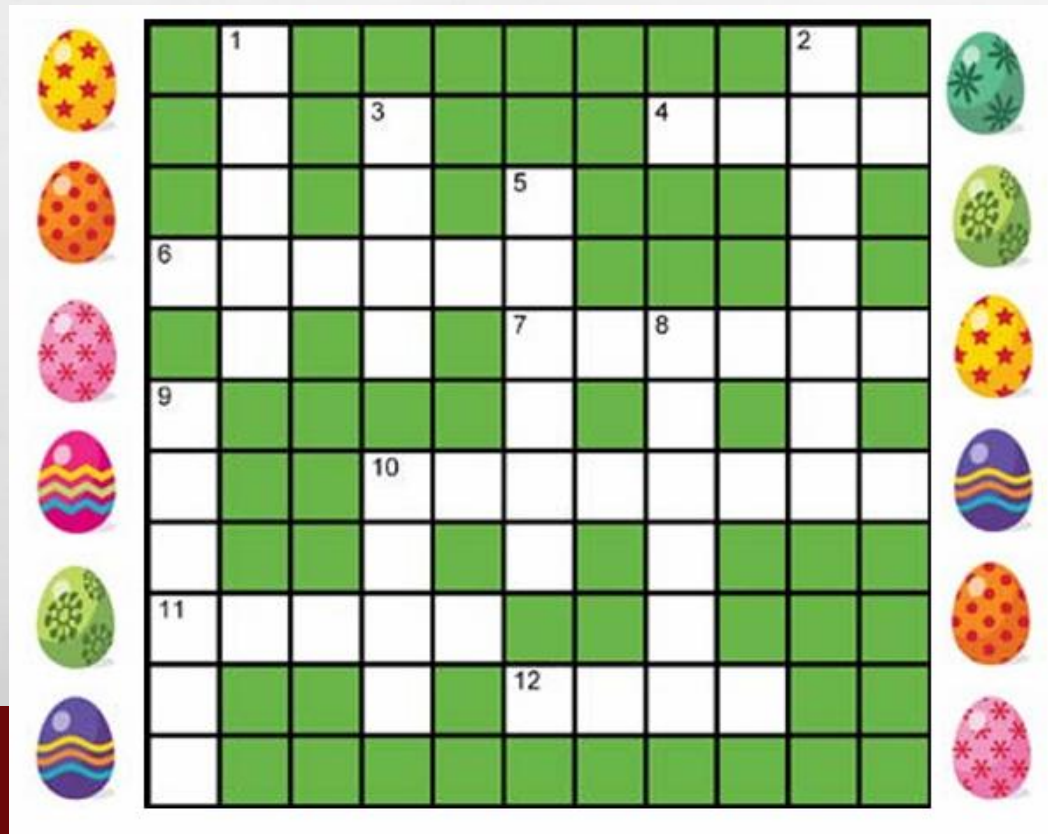
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# Fun and games for the Easter holidays!

Wishing our members and supporters a fantastic Easter break!

## Easter crossword

Time yourself to see how quickly you can solve our quick crossword about Easter!



### Across

- 4 A large white flower with six long petals. (4)
- 6 On Easter Sunday, families will often get together for a yummy roast ---. (6)
- 7 This holiday occurs on a Sunday in either March or April. (6)
- 10 --- --- buns are easily identified by the two lines of white that go across the top. (3,5)
- 11 The Easter --- brings chocolate and hides colourful eggs for children to find on Easter morning. (5)
- 12 At Easter, these symbols of new life can be coloured, hidden, or turned into chocolate shapes and eaten! (4)

### Down

- 1 A medium-sized spring flower with petals that stand straight up; you'll often see pink varieties at Easter. (5)
- 2 These are grown in gardens and given as pretty bouquets (Hint: these are what you'd call both 4 across and 1 down) (7)
- 3 To gather all of the eggs hidden by the Easter Bunny, you must --- them. (4)
- 5 Chocolate eggs, Simnel cakes, mini eggs and hot cross buns are all different kinds of Easter ---. (6)
- 8 The season in which Easter occurs. (6)
- 9 Another word for bunny. (6)
- 10 An Easter Egg --- is a fun indoor or outdoor activity at this time of year. (4)

[Click here for the solutions](#)

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