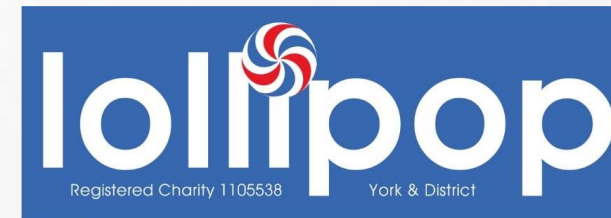


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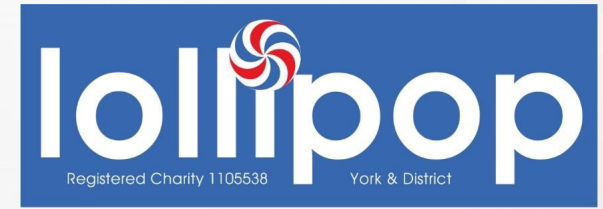
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LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Cover photo: Left to right, former Activity Leader with Ethan Armstrong and Robbie Wheldon at the axe throwing activity at Ripley Castle, September 2019.

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/2TeTWZD>

Welcome to our new Trustee

Hi, I'm Jayne and I'm delighted to be joining the Lollipop Board of Trustees.



Jayne Ball
New Lollipop Trustee

Before taking early retirement, I worked for 14 years for North Yorkshire County Council as a Specialist Sensory Practitioner, supporting deaf children and young people. This support was in family homes or educational settings throughout North Yorkshire, from preschools to colleges, as directed by a Teacher of the Deaf or Multi-sensory Impairment Teacher.

The specialist support included social and emotional support, NDCS programmes, hearing aid/radio aid care and bespoke interventions. During my time in this role, I signposted many North Yorkshire parents to Lollipop and recognised the benefits that the charity can bring to deaf children, young people and their families.

I am also a qualified Habilitation Assistant with experience of supporting children and young people with a vision impairment, including those registered as educationally blind, requiring long cane and independence skills.

Now retired, I'm enjoying having more time for early morning runs and lots of walks in our glorious Yorkshire! I've also just become a Grandma!

In related news, fellow Trustee, Jason Drobig, has also agreed to be our new Treasurer and recently appointed Trustee, Laura Walker, has kindly agreed to chair our Activities **BSL video:** <https://bit.ly/3gAkqNB> Team. We're grateful for their support and look forward to working together!

Join our Parent Chat Group

Last June in the height of lockdown we launched our private Lollipop Parent Chat Group on Facebook. Thanks so much to those of you who joined and are using it as a way of keeping in touch, offering support and sharing hints and tips.

Our Facebook [Parent Chat Group](#) is exclusively for parents of Lollipop members. It's a safe space for you to chat online and share your thoughts and experiences of being a parent of a deaf child/children. Ask questions, contribute to discussions and offer support to others!

Click here to [request to join the group](#) (you'll need to be logged in to Facebook to join). If you have any questions please email Becky at: admin@lollipopyork.org.uk

Search for 'Lollipop York' on [Facebook](#) to like our page, or follow us on [Instagram](#).

It would be great if you could write a Facebook review to share with others why you and your children love Lollipop!



Have you joined?



Don't forget about our monthly Parent Toddler Group too! We plan to resume face-to-face sessions on Tues 20 July. Visit [Sparkle Jelly Tots](#) for more info.

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

I Can Play! Inspiration Day



Join the [National Centre for Early Music](#) on **Saturday 19 June** for their first ever live digital day to inspire D/deaf children and young people to make music!

The day will include:

- **Workshops:** Two fun, accessible workshops (one for primary aged children and one for secondary), run by [Music and the Deaf](#) practitioners.
- **A Q&A session:** opportunity for children, young people and their families to meet the musicians and talk to them about music making with D/deaf people and their experiences of being a D/deaf musician and music teacher.
- **Concert:** a superb live performance from the practitioners for children and families to enjoy.

The workshops and Question & Answer session will be available via Zoom and the concert on Youtube live. BSL Interpreters will be present throughout the day. If you enjoyed the '*I Can Download and Play*' series then this will be right up your street. **Read on to find out how to book....**

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/3inE162>

The 'I CAN PLAY INSPIRATION DAY' will be held online on **SATURDAY 19 JUNE** and tickets are £5 per family. Follow the links below to book:



[I Can Play Inspiration Day - Primary Age Workshop](#)

10.30am – 11.15am

[I Can Play Inspiration Day - Secondary Age Workshop](#)

11.45am – 12.30pm

NOTE: When you buy a ticket for one of the workshops, you will be sent a link for the live Q&A session (1.30 – 2.15pm) and concert (2.45 – 3.30pm) automatically. If you only want to attend the Q&A and concert and NOT one of the workshops [click here](#).

If you have any queries about this event please email
lottie.brook@ncem.co.uk

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

Ceramic painting at Rainbows

Join Lollipop at [Rainbows Ceramics](#) the award winning ceramic painting studio!

We're super excited to announce that after over a year of online activities we will finally be meeting in person on **Monday 21 June!** A great opportunity to catch up with your Lollipop friends and meet new ones!

Rainbows offers a fun and relaxing environment to express your creativity through painting and decorating pottery. Come along and create your very own unique work of art!

We have three private bookings exclusive to Lollipop members:

- **Kids (ages 4-7)** 4:30-5:30pm Ceramic animals
- **Juniors (ages 8-11)** 6-7pm Ceramic animals
- **Youths (12+)** 7:30-8:30pm Cup, bowl or plate

Rainbows is a Covid-safe venue with Perspex screens between tables and guests will be seated in their household groups where possible. Clear masks will be available and a BSL interpreter will be present throughout. Paints and pottery items will be provided.



Places are limited so book before midday on Tues 15 June to avoid disappointment. See email invitation for details.

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/2SdLJ8g>

The Listening Brain

Join researchers from the University of York's Speech Lab and discover why when it comes to hearing, our ears are just the start!

Have you ever struggled to understand conversation in a busy pub or noisy train station? Do you know someone who uses a hearing aid or a cochlear implant? Or maybe you're interested in auditory illusions – did you disagree with family and friends over [who heard "Yanny" and who heard "Laurel"?](#) (once you'd finished arguing about the dress being blue or gold, of course.)

We often think of hearing as being only about our ears but, as auditory illusions show, different people can hear the same thing in very different ways. This is because a lot of what we think of as "hearing" happens in our brain: whenever we listen, our brains are constantly processing and (re)interpreting the sound in light of the current situation and what we already know.

[York Festival of Ideas](#) is a annual cultural festival in York that that aims to "educate, entertain and inspire". It runs for two weeks in June in venues across the city centre and at the University of York. This year (8 – 20 June 2021) marks the festival's 10th anniversary.



When:

Friday 11 June
11.00 -11.30am

Where: Online

Admission: [Free](#)
[but booking](#)
[required](#)

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

NHS Vaccine Study

Have you had or are thinking about getting the Covid-19 vaccine?

The roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine is well underway and the Head of Engagement at [NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group](#) is keen to understand:

1. The concerns that D/deaf people may have about having the vaccine.
2. The barriers that D/deaf people may face in accessing it.

At the time of writing, the Covid-19 vaccine is available to:

- People aged 25 and over
- People at high risk from Covid-19 (clinically extremely vulnerable)
- People with other conditions that put them at higher risk
- Carers
- Frontline health and social care workers

See: [Who can get the Covid-19 vaccine?](#) for full details*



***If you are not eligible yet, wait to be contacted. The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine. It's important not to contact the NHS for a vaccination before then.**

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3w1IYW5>

NHS Vaccine Study continued...

If you would like to have your voice heard, please email your answers to the following questions to Heidi at servicemanager@lollipoppyork.org.uk OR send a signed BSL video to Cheryl at parentsupport@lollipoppyork.org.uk and we will pass on your feedback (anonymously) to the NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group.

1. Are you likely to get the vaccine, and if not why?
2. Are there any barriers to you getting the vaccine?
 - physical – e.g. access to sites
 - cultural
 - language/interpretation
 - other
3. What would help you to understand more about the benefits of the vaccine?
4. How can we (the NHS) help raise awareness about the vaccine – what are the best channels to reach D/deaf people? E.g. social media, email, groups, advertising, GPs.
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your experience of healthcare during the pandemic - what has worked well and what could be improved?



BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3w6ylvV>

Fundraising news

We're delighted that there are a number of fundraising superheroes out there working hard to raise as much money for Lollipop as they can!

Thank you to everyone who has donated, completed a challenge of some kind, played our online quiz or given support to one of our fundraisers. It's hugely important to the charity and so appreciated!

Magic May Virtual Quiz

As regular quizzers will know, our monthly quizzes are hosted by [Virtual Quiz Events](#) and last month was their 'Magic May Fundraising' event. Thanks to everyone who played and well done to the top placing brainiacs who donated their prize winnings to Lollipop. If you played for the first time in May and would like to be in with the chance of winning some cash yourself, why not spread the word to friends and family and register for the next event!



Our next quiz will take place on **Friday 18 June** and all the details can be found on our website:

[| Lollipop's Monthly Virtual Quiz |](#)

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/2TRo0uW>

Heidi's 101 Swimathon

At the beginning of May Lollipop's Service Manager, Heidi Davies, completed a 101 length swimathon for the Captain Tom 100 challenge!

Friday 30 April 2021 marked the one-year anniversary of Captain Sir Tom Moore's 100 laps of his garden that raised millions for the NHS! To celebrate what would also have been his 101st birthday, his family launched an fundraising event that everyone, in the UK and around the world, could get involved in - [The Captain Tom 100 challenge!](#)

As a regular swimmer before the pandemic Heidi was thrilled when her local pool finally reopened. She wasted no time in catching up on all the swimming she had missed to help raise money for Lollipop.

Heidi swam her 101 lengths over a few days in keeping with the Covid guidelines in place at Yearsley pool at the time. It's a 50 yard pool (approx. 45 metres) so we calculate that 101 lengths totals just over 4.6km!

Heidi's Swimathon raised a fantastic £155.45 for Lollipop! Her fundraising page will be open for a little while longer if you would like to make a donation to join us in saying thank-you and well done to Heidi.

Every little helps! <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HeidiDavies3>

**CAPTAIN
TOM 100**
DO IT YOUR WAY



Everyone's invited!
#CaptainTom100

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

Luke's York College Cyclothon



Ironman in training saddling up for Lollipop!

Last month we told you about the amazing Luke Zwalf, one of our Lollipop parents who is competing in [Ironman Wales](#) in September. The challenge includes a 112 miles bike race, a 2.4 mile swim in the sea and a marathon! As if that madness wasn't enough Luke has decided to add a cyclothon to his already busy training schedule.



The cycling challenge will take place in the atrium of [York College](#) on **Tuesday 15 June** and will cover the same 112 mile distance as in the Ironman race but on a static bike.

Luke's colleagues will be taking it in turns to compete against him on another static bike to try and finish the distance faster!

Sounds like a lot of fun and a brilliant idea for a fundraising event - we can't wait to visit on the day to see him in action!

To sponsor Luke in his static bike race and the Ironman Challenge visit his fundraising page:

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

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/351Tjp9>

Hollicarrs donation



If you go down to the woods today you're sure of a big surprise! :)

A huge thank you to the lovely people at [Hollicarrs Holiday Park](#) who are presenting a donation cheque to Lollipop in June. The cheque will be presented to Trustee and Teacher of the Deaf, Helen Martin, parent Sarah Wilson, and her daughter and Lollipop member Holly.

Hollicarrs have been fundraising for Lollipop since before the pandemic and their continued support over the past 18 months is deeply appreciated.

It will be so exciting to be able to visit them and collect the cheque in person. We'll reveal the photos and how much they have donated in the next month's newsletter!

Thank you from all the Lollipop staff, trustees, parents and members!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3ctuF4M>

Fun and games

Something a bit different this month to get your little grey cells working! Can you solve these riddles?
We'll reveal the answers in our next newsletter. Good luck!

1

*I have 2 hands
but no fingers.
What am I?*

3

*What is lighter
than a feather
but difficult to
hold?*

2

*What gets
wetter the
more it dries?*

4

*What kind of
room has no
doors or
windows?*

5

*If a blue house is
made of blue bricks,
a yellow house is
made of yellow bricks
and a pink house is
made of pink bricks,
what is a greenhouse
made of?*

Answers to the Easter 'Spot the Difference' puzzle in our May edition are on the next page....

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

'Spot the Difference' answers to our May puzzle

1. The bear has a pink flower behind her ear.
2. The bottle of olive oil has turned around.
3. The green leafy herbs by the olive oil bottle are facing a different way.
4. The leaf on the corn on the cob by the tomatoes is now at the top.
5. The slice of tomato by the cheese is facing the other way.
6. The branch of olives in the middle has been replaced by a kiwi fruit.
7. The bunch of grapes has changed from green to purple.
8. The large pineapple has moved to the right.
9. There is a second pineapple stalk behind the first.
10. A sliced pineapple has been added beside the bananas.



Did you find them all?

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/2REq3BO>