

Welcome to the fourteenth edition of the Richmondshire Community Newsletter - updating you on the work currently being carried out by each of the Area Partnerships as well as what is happening across partner organisations and communities in Richmondshire.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

Event	Date
Publication of notice of election	Between 10am and 4pm on any working day from the publication of the notice of election until 4pm on Tuesday, April 4
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	4pm on Tuesday, April 4
Deadline for receiving applications to register to vote - gov.uk/register-to-vote	Thursday, April 13
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	5pm on Tuesday, April 18
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	5pm on Tuesday, April 25
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	Thursday, April 27
Polling day	Thursday, May 4 7am to 10pm
Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for spoilt or lost postal votes	5pm on Thursday, May 4
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	5pm on Thursday, May 4

Further information will appear on:
richmondshire.gov.uk under Elections

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CITIZENS ADVICE

Hambleton, Richmondshire, Selby and District Citizens Advice provides free, confidential, impartial advice, and campaigns on big issues affecting people's lives.

It's goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever problems they face. It doesn't matter who you are, or what your situation is, Citizens Advice is always there to help.

It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination wherever seen - and aims to be sustainable, efficient and effective in everything that it does. **Drop-in sessions:**

Mon 9.30am - 1pm and Tues and Thurs 9.30am - 4pm
Richmond: 23 Newbiggin DL10 4DX (01748 823862)

The Rural Reach services hosts drop-in appointments and a general advice service at:

- Colburn Library & Information Centre
- George Nickling House, Colburn
- Hawes Community Office (appointment only)
- Hudson House, Reeth (appointment only)
- Leyburn Medical Practice (appointment only)

SPECIALIST SERVICES:

- Debt Advice • Employment Advice • Citizens Advice and Macmillan

Information and advice for people with cancer or other life limiting illnesses, their carer's and families.

- Pension Wise

A free and impartial service that helps you understand your new pension options.

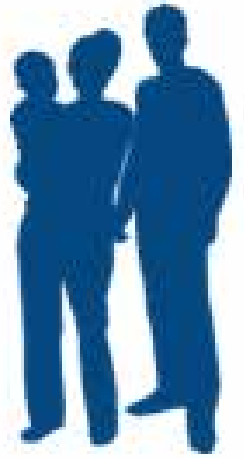
For further information and to see if you are eligible for an appointment please call: **01609 767555** or visit: **pensionwise.gov.uk**

For more information please get in touch:

Telephone: Advice Line **03444 111 444**

Online: **www.citizensadvicehrs.org.uk**

Twitter: **@HambRichSelby** | Facebook: **@CitizensAdviceHambRichSelbyandDistrict**



**Hambleton,
Richmondshire,
Selby & District**

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH FACEBOOK

If you would like to stay in touch with activities that involve Richmondshire District Council and community partners or share your information via our Facebook pages, check out:

www.facebook.com/DalesFestivalArt/

www.facebook.com/Richmondshire-Community-News-1530759723819978/

www.facebook.com/LeTourRichmondshire/

www.facebook.com/Richmondshire-Dog-Warden-1633152626959623/

www.facebook.com/RichmondshireDistrictYouthCouncil/

www.facebook.com/richmondshiredc/

The pages are a great way of sharing information across the district and linking with wider events.



YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE...

HAVE YOUR SAY - JOIN THE COUNCIL

Richmondshire District Youth Council is looking for new members to help young people have a say on important issues in the county.

The group meets once a month at Mercury House in Richmond to discuss anything they want to raise with the District Council and other organisations.

But it isn't all talk - members are very active in making things happen! They have previously organised a range of events and gigs - including the Castle Calling music event which took place in the grounds of Richmond Castle.

The group's membership spans the ages of 11 to 19 - and goes up to 25 year olds with learning difficulties.

For more information contact Kayleigh Thompson at: kayleigh.thompson@richmondshire.gov.uk

or check out:

[facebook.com/RichmondshireDistrictYouthCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/RichmondshireDistrictYouthCouncil)



CASH FOR YOUTH PROJECTS

Youth groups in Richmondshire are being urged to take up the offer of cash from a local grant scheme.

Over the past seven years the Richmondshire District Youth Council scheme has given cash to support a parks festival, helped fund a youth shelter, bought equipment for youth clubs, drama groups, scouts, and sports clubs and supported outings for disabled young people.

Now Youth Council members are looking for new submissions. However grants will not be given to young people for personal use, school projects or projects that have already taken place, or to political groups or activities promoting religious beliefs.

"We can only offer small amounts of money but it is a rolling programme so we are open for applications at any time," said Council Chair, Lucy Nasby.

"We can help everything from festivals and youth clubs to supporting disabled groups and also urge any young person to look to us for help."

Applications are considered by youth council members at their monthly meetings.

To apply contact Kayleigh Thompson at: kayleigh.thompson@richmondshire.gov.uk

Check out: [facebook.com/RichmondshireDistrictYouthCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/RichmondshireDistrictYouthCouncil)

STEP BY STEP

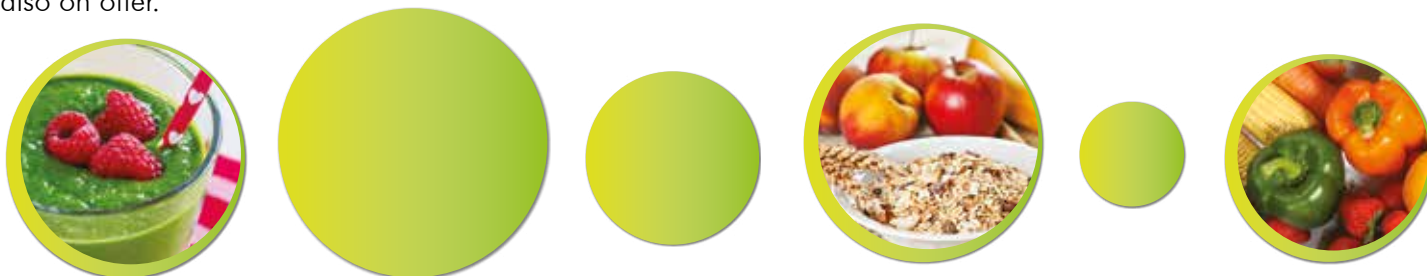
Richmondshire District Council has been commissioned to deliver a new lifestyle service. by North Yorkshire County Council's Public Health team and NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group

The 'Step by Step' scheme is available free of charge to residents of Richmondshire who are ready to take steps towards improving their health and wellbeing through weight loss and increasing levels of physical activity.

Referrals to the programme can be made by any health professional registered with the scheme including GP's, practice nurses, physiotherapists, community psychiatric nurses or other specialist nurses.

The Lifestyle Officer running the project - Ryan Rutherford - is a great role model having made significant changes to his own lifestyle over the past few years.

Once accepted, participants take part in free 12 week diet and nutrition information sessions. Discounted exercise vouchers offering sessions such as gym use, fitness classes and swimming at various locations across the district are also on offer.



The programme has already proved successful in helping people reduce weight, diabetes counts, joint pain, and medication and see a rise in fitness, energy and general sense of wellbeing.

To date over 500 people have accessed the programme with over 50 stones in weight lost.

For more information visit your local GP, take a look at: richmondshire.gov.uk/community-and-living/culture-and-community-wellbeing/627-health-physical-activity or contact Lifestyle Officer Ryan Rutherford on: **01748 901044 / 901036 / 901045** or stepbystep@richmondshire.gcsx.gov.uk

RURAL HOUSING ENABLER

Amanda Madden, Richmondshire Rural Housing Enabler, can help any Parish or Town Council or Parish Meeting if there is a lack of housing for local people.

If you would like her to attend a Parish Council meeting, or if you are a landowner that may have a piece of land you feel could be considered for housing, please contact her on.

01748 901117

Amanda.Madden@richmondshire.gov.uk

CONSULTATION HELP

Richmondshire District Council's Consultation Officer, Frances Bainbridge, can help communities with their consultation and survey needs. She can offer advice, support and assistance with survey design, question formation, survey layout, printing and analysis of returning forms. Contact her on:

01748 901043

Frances.Bainbridge@richmondshire.gov.uk

▶ BOOST TO TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Employers wanting to upskill existing staff or build their workforce by looking into apprenticeships had a new year boost to their plans with the arrival of the Apprenticeship Hub Service.

The Hub helps businesses with less than 250 employees throughout North Yorkshire, York and East Riding understand the types of training available, much of which is fully funded. It also offers advice and signposting on apprenticeships.

The free impartial advice to employers is a key aspect of the service and it aims to help them understand the wide range of apprenticeships available, which type of training would suit the needs of their business and where they can get that training.

Part funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) the new service can also explain to employers the changes coming about later in the year with the apprenticeship reforms and levy.

Through the project, funding is available for employers who want to ensure those over 19 in their existing workforce have the skills to help improve their business. Over 1000 businesses are set to be helped with 1300 adult workers accessing training that leads to an apprenticeship.

The £2m ESF contract, awarded by the Skills Funding Agency through the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), is led and managed by the Grimsby Institute Group and involves more than ten delivery partners throughout the region.

For more information contact 01723 356288 or aphub@ycoastco.ac.uk or visit: yorkshireapprenticeshiphub.co.uk

▶ YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST

Yorkshire Children's Trust is a small charity based in Halifax, supporting children across the Yorkshire region.

It was set up by Simon Widdop when his own daughter was diagnosed with leukaemia in the hope that the charity can support children suffering from any illness or disability. The charity has a funding pot to offer support grants up to £750 to help cover the costs of medical equipment or treatment, home modifications, hospital transport costs or a short family holiday to one of the Haven Resorts. The support is offered without any financial cost to the family, but welcomes any donations towards the work.



Applications for support and donations can be found on our website: yctrust.uk

SAFEGUARDING GUIDANCE

As part of Richmondshire District Council safeguarding procedures, the authority has been working with partners across North Yorkshire to look for ways to support groups wanting to develop a set of safeguarding procedures and guidelines – such as Parish and Town Councils.

For more information, contact Jo-Anne Simpson - jo-anne.simpson@richmondshire.gov.uk or 01748 901045

SUBSCRIBE TO THE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE



If you would like to receive garden waste collections, you will need to pay a subscription charge and your bin must display a valid licence.

To subscribe call 01748 828777 or visit Mercury House, Richmond or one of the Council's Community Offices



QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES 2017 AND 2018

Fifteen North Yorkshire Lieutenancy area groups, have been nominated – and have satisfied the eligibility criteria - and are now in the process of assessment for a possible Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

The announcement on the successful groups will be made on Friday June 2, 2017, the anniversary of the HM The Queen's Coronation. The Lord-Lieutenant will hold the reception to present the award to our successful groups in September 2017.

The Lieutenancy is delighted that we have managed to achieve this year's bumper crop of nominations. In 2016, three groups from the Lieutenancy area received a QAVS which is the equivalent of an MBE and the highest award a UK voluntary group can receive. We are hopeful that a large number of the excellent and varied nominations will result in an even greater number of successful awards being announced in June.

The round for the 2018 awards is now open and nominations for groups considered to be outstanding must be submitted by midnight on **Sunday September 15, 2017**. Details can be found at:

qavs.direct.gov.uk/guidance-notes

Thank you once again for your support and please do use what contacts you have to encourage nominations for 2018.

NY Nominated Charity or Group	Category	Location
Elvington & Sutton on Derwent First Responders	Emergency response	Elvington, YO41 4BH
Filey Ladies Lifeboat Guild	Emergency response	Filey, YO14 9BB
Holgate Windmill Preservation Society	Heritage	Holgate, YO24 4JA
Older Citizens Advocacy York	Social preventative scheme	York, YO31 7QG
PhysioNet - Helping the Disabled Overseas	Health	Knaresborough, HG5 8EA
Ripon Museum Trust	Heritage	Ripon, HG4 1LE
Scarborough Survivors	Health	Scarborough, YO11 1JR
Stokesley Pride in our Town Association	Environment & Regeneration	Stokesley, TS9 5HB
Sunshine Project Northeast	Social centre/community	Middlesbrough, TS39PT
Tadcaster Volunteer Car Service	Social preventative scheme	Tadcaster, LS24 8DP
The Heather Hopper Minibus	Self help/support group	Whitby, YO21 2JY
The Nidderdale Museum Society	Heritage	Pateley Bridge, HG3 5L3,
Zetland FM Community Radio	Arts	Redcar, TS10 1AT
Sheriff Hutton Jumblies	Social centre/community	Sheriff Hutton, YO60 6SS
York Against Cancer	Health	York, YO32 9QN

LOCAL BUSINESSES DAY AT CATTERICK RACECOURSE

Catterick Racecourse is holding a local businesses day next month. Everyone that runs or works at a business with a 'DL' postcode will be offered 2 for 1 Grandstand and Paddock admission, 50% off the cost of a trade stand on the day and/or 20% off race sponsorship on the day. It is still a race fixture, so not specifically a business exhibition it is hoped that there will be attendees from plenty of local businesses as well as a number of different trade stands so that people can use the day as a networking event if they wish to.

The offer includes the following for anyone that runs or works at a business with a 'DL' postcode:

- 2 for 1 on Grandstand & Paddock admission tickets for you and your colleagues. These tickets are usually £15 per person on the gate. Tickets need to be pre-booked through the racecourse office to take advantage of the 2 for 1 offer.
- 50% off the price of a trade stand, making it just £10 for the day.
- 20% off the cost of a race sponsorship package (details below), making it £400 + VAT.

The corporate race sponsorship packages include:

- Your company name in the race title
- Your race broadcast live to a huge off-track audience via Racing UK, as well as into some 9000 betting shops nationwide
- 10 complimentary Grandstand and Paddock Enclosure tickets for you and your guests, if you require any additional tickets these will be half price.
- Opportunity to display up to three banners on site during the race day
- Full page advertisement in the race card
- Option to judge the Best Turned Out Horse in the parade ring before your race
- The opportunity to present the prizes to the winning owner, trainer and jockey of your race
- Publicity and racecourse exposure through the race card, on course branding, public address system and CCTV
- The opportunity to have a trade stand at the course on your race day

LOCAL BUSINESSES DAY, THURSDAY 25 MAY
CATTERICK RACECOURSE

CATERICK RACES Est. 1783

Seven Races

First Race— 1:50pm

Celebrate what the local area has to offer whilst enjoying all the action on the track.

Do you work at a business with a 'DL' postcode? We are offering anyone who runs or works at a business with a 'DL' postcode **2 for 1** on admission tickets for the Grandstand & Paddock Enclosure for you and your colleagues, as well as **50% off** trade stands and **20% off** race sponsorship on the day.

Experience the joy of racing and help us promote our local area!

To book tickets or request further information please contact the Racecourse Office:   
01748 811478 | info@catterickbridge.co.uk | WWW.CATTERICKBRIDGE.CO.UK
The Catterick Racecourse Co Ltd. The Racecourse, Catterick Bridge, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 7PE

MEDICINES WASTE

Did you know that wasted medicines costs the NHS across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby nearly **£1 million every year?**

Once medicines leave the GP practice or pharmacy, they cannot be re-used. Per year, that money could pay for:

1,058 days of care in an Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU) for critically ill patients

5,389 outpatient appointments with a Consultant

1,764 days of treatment in a Special Baby Care Unit for seriously ill babies



20,000 GP appointments

99,700 blood tests

20 community nurses

16,363 hearing tests

600,000 inhalers for asthmatics

Please help to save NHS resources. Only request medicines on prescription you really need, when you really need them.

www.hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk

MINOR AILMENTS

Did you know that it costs the NHS around **four times** more to provide medicines for some minor ailments than it does for you to buy them?

Here are just a few minor ailments that can be managed by advice and medication from your local pharmacy or supermarket:

Acne

Athlete's foot

Back ache

Blocked nose

Cold sores

Common cold

Conjunctivitis

Constipation

Contact dermatitis

Cough

Cystitis

Diarrhoea

Dry skin

Earache

Ear wax

Eczema

Haemorrhoids

Hay fever

Headache

Head lice

Indigestion / heartburn

Infant colic

Insect bites / stings

Migraine

Mouth ulcers

Nappy rash

**Nasal congestion
(infant)**

Oral thrush

Pain

Scabies

Sore throat

Sprains and strains

Teething

Temperature / fever

Threadworms

Toothache

Vaginal thrush

Verruca / warts

Please help to save NHS resources. Only request a prescription for a minor ailment if you really have to.

www.hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk

PARACETAMOL

Did you know that it costs the NHS around **four times** more to provide paracetamol on prescription than it does for you to buy them yourself?

Buying at your local pharmacy
or supermarket:



It costs the NHS in Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby around £190,000 a year to fund prescriptions for paracetamol.

Cost to NHS on prescription:



Please help to save NHS resources. Only request a prescription for paracetamol if you really have to.

www.hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk

MOVE FORWARD



FINCHALE

Do you need support to find work?

Move Forward is a Department For Work and Pensions (DWP) programme part funded by the European Social Fund. Flexible in design and individually tailored to help you get and keep a job.



How can Finchale help me?

No two customers are the same which means that no two journeys are the same. The type of support you get depends on the help you need but as part of this programme we will provide:-

- Your own dedicated work coach
- Support, training and advice
- Help to secure employment
- Help to settle in and progress at work

What kind of support is available?

This is different for everyone but can include:

- Training and developing your skills
- Support sessions to build your confidence and develop the skills to tackle any barriers you may have
- Support on where and how to look and apply for work with access to the latest vacancies across our extensive networks
- Work Experience to find out if the job is right for you
- In-work support to help you settle into your role and progress in your new job



FINCHALE

Who's it for?

To be eligible for this programme you **MUST**:

- Be 16 years + and resident in the UK
- Have been unemployed for longer than 26 weeks

AND fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Have a disability (as per the Equality Act 2010)
- Have a disability or health condition which prevents you from finding work - due to an existing condition or a condition that has got worse.
- Are a veteran having previously been a member of the Armed Forces

To be eligible for our support you must live in one of these geographical areas: York, Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby.

About us

Finchale is an independent charity supporting disabled people with health inequalities and veterans. We have over 70 years experience of providing holistic and personal support to enable individuals to overcome their barriers to work, building capability and inspiring belief.

We believe that all lives are worthwhile and that everyone deserves the opportunity to get the most from them.

Our multidisciplinary team have significant experience of identifying work-related barriers and support requirements for those with health conditions, disabilities and those from the Armed Forces community.

How can I access this programme?

If you would like more information on this programme and how we could help you contact:

Stephen on (0191) 3862634 or email enquiries@finchale.org

Or

Ask your advisor at the local Job Centre Plus (JCP) to signpost you to Finchale.



RICHMOND AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY – 2017 LECTURE PROGRAMME

All lectures will be held on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Influence Church Community Centre in Victoria Road, Richmond. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Friday 8th December 2017 at 7.30 pm. Visitors are welcome to our lectures but anyone interested in the work of the Society is encouraged to become a member.

Thursday, January 12 | Dr Hannah Greig

As seen on screen – the accuracy of Georgian period drama

Dr Hannah Greig is a senior lecturer in the History Department at York University, a member of the Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies and an historical adviser about 18th century on screen. She has worked on BBC productions, to advise on series such as as Poldark, Death Comes to Pemberley, Jamaica Inn, and on the film "The Duchess" and the theatre production of Sheridan's The School for Scandal, and recently has given invaluable advice to the Georgian Theatre Royal.

Thursday, February 9 | Dr Matt Perry | The Jarrow March

Around 80 years ago the Jarrow Crusade was an organised protest against the unemployment and poverty suffered in the town of Jarrow. Around 200 men marched to London, some passing through Richmond, carrying a petition to the British government. Dr Perry is a reader in political history at Newcastle University and has made a lifelong study of the crusaders and their impact.

Thursday, March 9 | Peter Fowler

The history of RAF Catterick

Peter has recently completed the study of military activity in the 20th century, at what became known as Catterick Aerodrome, which preceded anything that occurred at the sites more famous relation, Catterick Camp. Operated by the Royal Flying Corps before WW1, then the Royal Air Force, the station, now Marne Barracks, was returned to the Army in 1994.

Thursday, April 13 | Jamie Mcnamara

The history of the canal system in England

The Canal and Rivers Trust looks after thousands of miles of canals, five World Heritage Sites and 2700 listed buildings. Former CRT Heritage Adviser Jamie Mcnamara will discuss the history and development of the canal system and the ongoing maintenance programme undertaken through the Canal and Rivers Trust.

Thursday, May 11 | Ann Wall and Eileen Brereton

Home Comforts – History of the local Red Cross in WW1

During WW1 in Richmond two local Red Cross hospitals were established, which offered convalescent facilities. During this period Swale House is thought to have accommodated officers and some Belgium refugees, whilst Frenchgate House was the Red Cross Hospital for other ranks. Ann and Eileen have undertaken intensive research of this period of history.

Thursday, June 8 | Mark Corner

Caring for the Yorkshire Dales - Why we do it and how we do it

The Yorkshire Dales Society is an independent charity which has been operating to protect, conserve and promote the Dales for over 30 years. It provides a voice for people who care about the Dales to be heard at local and national level, enabling them to be represented in local consultations, planning and decision-making.

Thursday, July 13 | Visit to Kendal

Thursday, September 7 | Visit to Skipton

Thursday, Sept 14 | Jane Hatcher | A Richmond Mystery!

Over the past year, well known local author, Jane Hatcher has been studiously working on a fascinating aspect of our local history. She will bring to the Society another of her research investigations into life in Georgian Richmond.

Thursday, October 12 | Terry Frazier

Gardens through the ages

Terry Frazier explores the history and development of National Trust gardens and parks, featuring the various styles from Tudor to modern times and including restoration work carried out. After retiring in the rank of Chief Superintendent, Terry Frazier worked for the National Trust for 13 years being involved in projects such as the construction of the Visitor Centre and the conservation of Fountains Hall and Fountains Abbey Mill. He has been a National Trust volunteer speaker for the past 42 years and has given over 980 talks on various Trust topics. He was awarded the BEM in 2014 for services to Heritage Conservation.

Thursday, November 9 | Ruth Annison

The history and development of Wensleydale railway

The Wensleydale Railway is an authentic heritage railway serving the local community, offering tourists, families and transport enthusiasts a great value day out. Built in stages from 1847, the first section opened between Northallerton and Leeming Bar in 1848, the section between Leeming Bar and Leyburn in 1856 and the section between Leyburn and Garsdale was finished in 1878. Ruth Annison, was one of those instrumental in saving the Settle-Carlisle Railway, when it was under threat in the 1980s. Once that was relieved Ruth turned her attention to the massive undertaking of the re-opening of Wensleydale Railway.

Membership is open to all who are interested in the aims of the Society and, subject to any changes agreed at the Annual Meeting. Subscriptions costs: Family membership £25 | Single members £17 | Patrons £33 (minimum)

Cheques should be made payable to Richmond and District Civic Society and subscriptions may be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer Mr G. Barber, 7 Gallowfields Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4DB - Tel: 01748 824656

All members receive a copy of the Annual Review and are admitted free to Lectures. Visitors are welcome at £5.



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Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group
Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby
Clinical Commissioning Group
Harrogate and Rural District
Clinical Commissioning Group
Scarborough and Ryedale
Clinical Commissioning Group

Do you use a wheelchair provided by the Community Wheelchair Service?

From 1st December 2016, **NRS Healthcare** will provide **Community Wheelchair Services** for North Yorkshire and York wheelchair users.

We're working alongside **Blatchford Clinical Services**, who will carry out clinical assessments.

If you experience any problems with your wheelchair or require a new referral, please call the new Community Wheelchair service on:

01904 654 052

8.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday
(Out of Hours service available)

FUNDING NEWS

Small Business Grant Scheme • Social Fund • Local Covenant Grants

Below is a summary of each scheme; however, the full criteria should be considered before making an application – available on richmondshire.gov.uk. They opened for business on November 1 and will close once all of the funds have been allocated.

For advice on the schemes or support in pulling together your application or supporting accompanying information, contact Richmondshire District Council's Business and Community Support Officer (Grants):

Samantha Coultish - Business & Community

Richmondshire District Council, Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 4JX

Telephone: **01748 901037** (Direct Line)

Email: **Samantha.Coultish@richmondshire.gov.uk**

RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL SOCIAL FUND

The Social Fund is designed to support specific community projects or activities taking place within one of the five growth areas of Richmondshire. The next deadline for applications is 5pm on 1st May 2017 with the decision expected within 2-3 weeks of this deadline (to be confirmed).

The scheme has a total of £270,000 to allocate for this financial year. Applications received will be considered on a quarterly basis and the scheme will close following the allocation of the total funds available. Applications are welcome from organisations which are based within or whose project will predominantly benefit the growth areas of:

- Colburn, Hipswell, Leyburn, Richmond, Scotton
- Applications for grants should be for no less than £7,500 and no more than £50,000. Grants can be offered at a maximum grant rate of 30% of the total project costs, and it is expected that the applicants raise the remaining 70% of the costs.
- Eligible organisations are required to have a constitution/evidence of governance which should accompany the application
- Generally, it is expected that the funding will be spent on tangible projects such as community facilities and infrastructure improvements however revenue projects will be considered providing the applicant can demonstrate the wider social benefit to the project taking place.
- A minimum of three quotes must be provided for each intended purchase
- Applications from public bodies such as schools or the MOD will be considered where the applicant can demonstrate a social benefit however a Dual Use Agreement may be required to ensure the wider community can also benefit from the project.
- Organisations who already receive core funding from Richmondshire District Council will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Only invoices/receipts dated after the offer of a grant will be accepted as proof of expenditure and grants cannot be claimed retrospectively.
- Applications from Churches or religious affiliated organisations will not be considered however applications from organisations utilising religious premises will be considered where the applicant can demonstrate an inclusive social benefit to the project.
- Applications from political / pressure groups will not be considered
- General day to day running costs for example, staffing, rent or utilities will not be eligible
- Applications to fund the purchase of a vehicle will not be considered

Local Covenant Grant

The Covenant Fund 2017/18 offers grants of up to £20,000 for Community Integration and Local Delivery of Services projects.

Community Integration - community Integration projects should create strong local links between the Armed Forces community (current and former members of their armed forces and their families) and civilian communities and be able to clearly demonstrate how they will have impact in overcoming barriers to better integration and improving perceptions, attitudes and understanding.

Delivery of Local Services - delivery of Local Services projects should be local projects which offer financial advice, housing, mental and physical health, employability or social support for serving armed forces personnel, veterans, and their families. Projects must be well connected, both to their beneficiaries and to other relevant organisations, and be able to demonstrate how the services they provide will be well-publicised, accessible and joined up.

The application must be from either a registered charity, a local authority, a school, a Community Interest Company or an armed forces unit with a UIN.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) is looking for evidence of real engagement and partnership working - with either an armed forces charity or an armed forces unit. This is not a general fund for organisations to support their core activities simply by adding members of the armed forces community to their beneficiary group in order to apply for funding.

MOD strongly recommends that all applicants approach the local Covenant Partnership for the area in which the project is to be delivered, at the earliest possible stage and well before an application is submitted. Local Covenant Partnerships can help potential applicants to develop their project and may be able to suggest alternative sources of funding that will be more appropriate.

For North Yorkshire the key contacts for the local Covenant Partnership are: **Mark Logie** - 4X-MCI-SO1@MOD.UK and **Neil Irving** - neil.irving@northyorks.gov.uk

There is a single stage online application process for organisations applying to this programme. There are no deadlines and MOD will be making decisions four times in every 12 month period so no one should have to wait more than 20 weeks for a decision - and in most cases it will be far sooner.



Community Engagement and Economic Development

Abi Player (Economic Development)

Email: abi.player@richmondshire.gov.uk | Tel: **01748 901035**

Chloe Lewis (Community Engagement)

Email: chloe.lewis@richmondshire.gov.uk | Tel: **01748 901038**

Frances Bainbridge (Consultation Officer)

Email: frances.bainbridge@richmondshire.gov.uk | Tel: **01748 901043**

Samantha Coultish (Funding Support/Community Engagement)

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