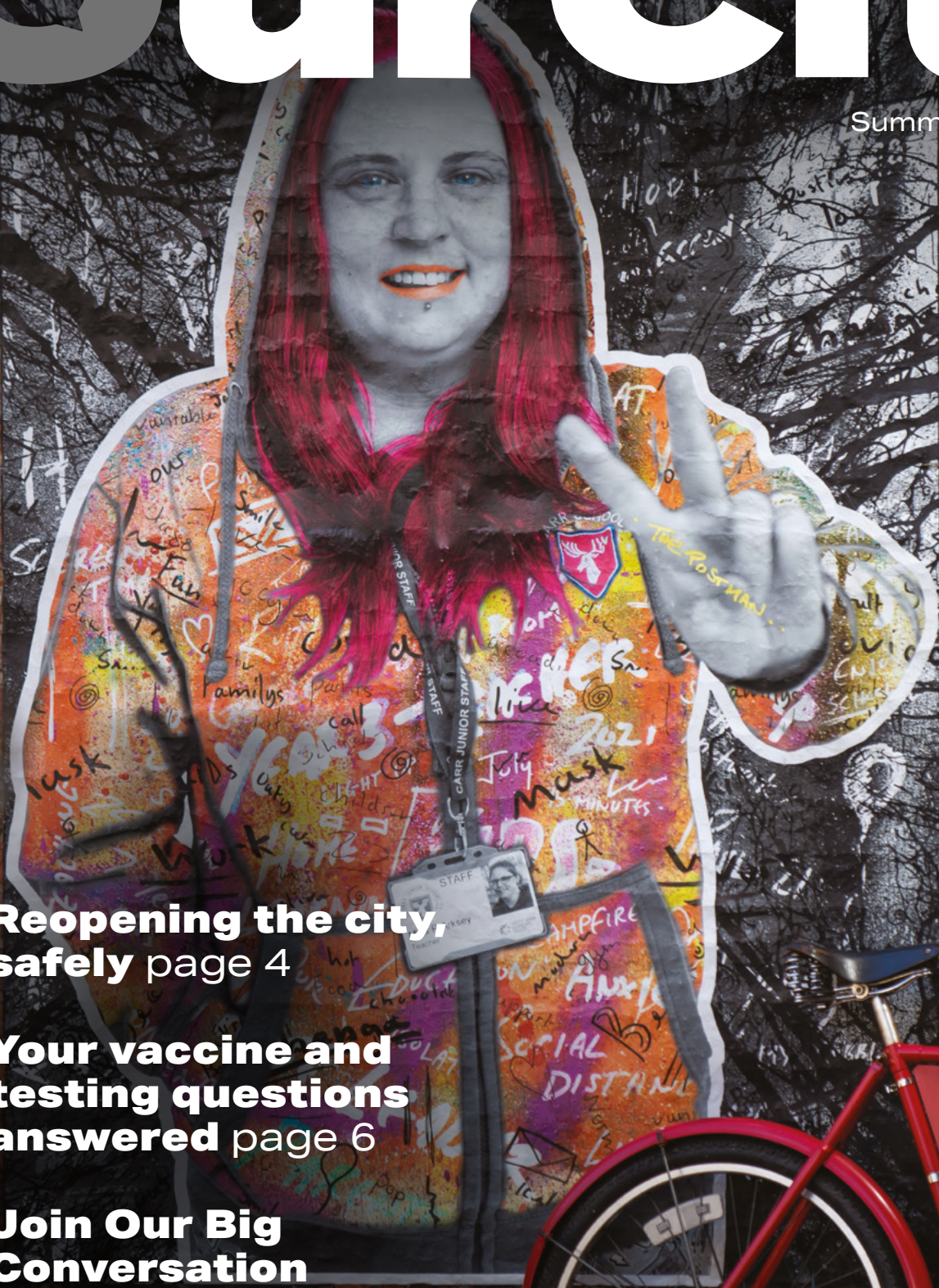


# our city

Summer 2021



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## Look say sing play

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Did you know that right from birth, every time you talk, sing or play with your baby, you're not just bonding, you're building their brain?

'Look Say Sing Play' includes a wide range of resources, including four short videos showing how parents can incorporate brain-building activities into their daily activities.

Check out the videos and find out more information

[www.york.gov.uk/LSSP](http://www.york.gov.uk/LSSP)

Parents and carers can also drop in to Look Say Sing Play live sessions at Acomb Explore on Wednesday 30 June from 11am-1pm, and 2pm-4pm to find out more and to collect their free goody bag.

## York: A UNESCO Creative City

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In York, we want to put creativity into every aspect of making and living in our city – in the economy, in wellbeing and across different areas of our city.

This has been especially important during the past year, as culture and creativity have provided people with a much needed outlet as we learn to connect and maintain relationships at a distance.

Find out more about our role as a UNESCO Creative City at:

[www.makeityork.com/culture](http://www.makeityork.com/culture)



## Thank you for being safe

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By the time this edition of 'Our City' hits your doormat we will be approaching the next steps of the roadmap to recovery and looking forward to mixing with friends and loved ones more.

When they arrive, the relaxing of restrictions will be possible thanks to the hard work of everyone following the guidance and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout the pandemic.

However, as welcome as these changes will be, we must all stay vigilant and follow the **Hands – Face – Space – Fresh air** rules at all times. You can discover more about our plans to keep residents and visitors safe on page 4.

We also want to thank everyone for their input to all the recent surveys and consultations, from getting involved in shaping the future of our city through Our Big Conversation, to having your say on the proposed reorganisation of local government in York and North Yorkshire.

Over 3,000 people from across the city signed a petition to show their support in backing York and retain our existing boundaries. The petition was delivered to the House of Commons on 15 April 2021 asking government to make sure resident's views



Some of the new seating installed to help residents enjoy the city centre safely

were heard. At the same time, responding to the consultation, the council shared evidence about the benefits of retaining City of York Council on its existing footprint, and the subsequent risks of any merger.

### Building resilience for the future

We are working hard to ensure that everything we do as a council delivers the best results for the city as we emerge from this pandemic.

To help this, we have been reviewing the structure of the organisation and with the implementation of our new, streamlined senior management structure, we have generated an annual recurring saving of £200,000. This saving is being invested back into frontline services, delivering projects and initiatives to build our city's economy back better, for the benefit of everyone who calls York home.

To continue work throughout the pandemic to support local residents and businesses, the recently approved 2021/22 budget saw a £3.5 million Covid Recovery Fund approved alongside the continuation of the Council's transformational £600m capital investment programme, aiming to accelerate the city's economic recovery. This fund will include:

- £200k to support Covid-19 recovery efforts in local communities across the city;
- £80k will be invested to give residents cheaper Minster Parking Badges as part of our efforts to mitigate the impact on the local economy;
- £40k to provide sustainable travel incentives to support recovery and build back confidence in public transport;
- £50k will be used to help via the York Financial Assistance Fund, helping residents on the lowest incomes mitigate the financial impact of the pandemic;
- £50k to extend existing projects that support carers most affected by the pandemic access resources and support, particularly for carers and individuals with a diagnosis of dementia;
- £100k to work with the local Voluntary Sector to provide additional Mental Health Support recognising the impact the pandemic has had on emotional wellbeing with the aim of reducing the need for NHS services;
- £40k to support businesses during recovery including grants, information and networking;
- £40k for promoting the benefits of business membership organisations, such as the FSB or Chamber of Commerce;
- £50k will fund support for skills development and re-training programmes, including support for new green jobs.



Some of the new signage around the city centre

## York ready for a safe reopening

Following the successful reopening of non-essential retail and outdoor hospitality in April we have been preparing the city for the return of indoor hospitality and leisure.

We have learnt valuable lessons from our reopening activities in 2020 and have put in place a series of measures to keep residents and visitors to the city safe, whilst enjoying all that York has to offer this summer.

### New directional signage

We've been working with Public Health England's Behavioural Science and Insights Unit on a new study to help make the city's outdoor spaces more covid-safe.

We've listened to residents, businesses and visitors to understand their experiences and gather feedback on the new signage we've placed around the city.

### Outdoor spaces and additional toilets

Working with partner organisations including York BID and Make It York, and informed by advice from experts from Public Health England, we are installing a series of outdoor seating venues across the city.

New temporary toilets have been installed on Parliament Street in addition to the permanent public toilets on offer.

*You can find more detailed information about disabled access in the city centre this summer on pg 14*

We also relaunched our #DontBeATosser campaign to encourage residents to dispose of their litter hygienically.

### COVID Marshalls

This team continues to offer help and support to make sure York is a safe environment for everyone.

They continue to keep public areas covid-safe by wiping down traffic crossings and picking up used PPE. They also offer support and guidance on social distancing, including discouraging large gatherings and offering additional PPE for those that need it.

Accelerating Recovery:

# Support for business

We've worked alongside our city's businesses to protect them and residents' jobs throughout the pandemic – with York's recovery built on the same foundations.

To date we've paid out over £150m in grants and business rates relief. This has meant that 3,500 companies, over half of the city's businesses, received financial support.

Working with partner organisations we've made sure businesses have access to the right information, invested in the city centre to support a public health-driven reopening and provided support with everything from skills recruitment to free advertising.

Whatever challenge your business is facing, see how we can support you and your business. [www.york.gov.uk/Business](https://www.york.gov.uk/Business)



Acomb's Front Street: home to independent traders and regular local markets

## Shaping our recovery

It's not just businesses we place at the heart of our economic recovery. Everyone in York has a big part to play.

With so much changing so quickly, we want your help to define the future of York's city centre and major suburban high streets. Look out for future editions of 'Our City' for more information on our upcoming 'My City Centre' consultation.

## Join the conversation about the future of Acomb Front Street's future

Over 1,000 residents and businesses have already told us what they love and what they would like to see change on Acomb's Front Street. This new insight will help shape future plans for the area that is home to many established and well-loved local independent retailers and community spaces.

Funding committed to investing in Front Street has already supported trader led initiatives including Christmas lights and floral installations.

### Have your say

[/CityofYork](https://www.facebook.com/CityofYork) [@CityofYork](https://twitter.com/CityofYork)

[CityYorkCouncil](https://www.instagram.com/CityYorkCouncil)

Or visit

[www.york.gov.uk/AcombFrontStreet](https://www.york.gov.uk/AcombFrontStreet)

# Symptom-free testing available for all residents

Everyone secondary school age and over is being encouraged to get tested twice a week.

Around a third of COVID-19 cases present with no symptoms, which means you could be spreading the virus to your friends and family without knowing. This is why we are asking residents to ensure they are regularly being tested for coronavirus, record their results and continue to follow social distancing measures and hands, face, space and fresh air to help keep our city open and the people around us safe.

The home testing kits, which you can collect from participating pharmacies and local testing sites, contain seven COVID tests each, are non-invasive, provide a result in less than 30 minutes and contain detailed information about how to record your results and, self-isolation actions you need to take with a positive result. Symptom-Free tests are free, quick and easy and can help us keep the places we love open and the people we love safe.

If you have symptoms of Coronavirus you should self-isolate ☎ 119

🔗 [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) to arrange a test.

## Getting the tests

- You can collect a free testing kit pack or take the test in person at one of our Symptom-Free Testing Centres (York

Leisure Centre, University of York, York St John University, Foxwood Community Centre and St Williams college. You can now simply turn up when we are open, there is no longer a need to book.

🔗 [www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCovidTest](http://www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCovidTest).

- There are other options including home delivery or the chance to collect from pharmacies near where you live. You can order a free testing kit by ☎ 119, 🔗 [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

### Please note

- You shouldn't take a symptom-free test if you have tested positive for Coronavirus in the past 90 days.
- Children of primary school age or younger are not being asked to regularly get tested for COVID.
- Any child who develops symptoms of COVID should still get a test, either by booking online or by calling 119.

## Your vaccination questions

Everyone will be offered a COVID-19 vaccine by the NHS. You will be invited to an appointment, by text, telephone or letter, when it is your turn.

### Where will I get my vaccine?

It could be your own GP practice, another local GP centre or the large vaccination site at Askham Bar. **We will never ask for payment details.**

When you are eligible it's quick and simple to book through a link provided by your GP or



through the national system at [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](https://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) or by phoning 119 free of charge.

If you are waiting to hear about your vaccination, please avoid contacting your GP for updates. Keep their phone lines free for those who need help with health concerns.

### Which vaccine will I get and how do I know they are safe?

All three vaccines approved in the UK, Pfizer-BioNTech, Oxford AstraZeneca and Moderna are now being administered in the Vale of York. Your vaccination site will assess the appropriateness for you of the available vaccine and you'll have a chance to chat about any concerns you may have.

Each vaccine has undergone rigorous assessment by UK regulators to ensure they are safe and effective. The approved vaccines do not contain any animal products or egg.

### What happens when I get my vaccine?

It is important to arrive on time. You will be asked to wear a mask and sanitise your hands when you arrive. A volunteer marshal will take your details and you will receive the vaccine in the top of your arm. You may then be asked to wait in an observation area for 15 minutes.

You may experience some mild side effects for a couple of days, including:

- sore arm
- aches or nausea
- headache
- high temp or shivery
- tiredness

You cannot contract COVID-19 from the vaccine, but it is possible to catch the virus and pass it on once you have been vaccinated, so it is important to continue to follow any national restrictions that are in place and remember **Hands – Face – Space – Fresh air.**

### How do I get to my vaccination centre?

For information on accessing the Askham Bar site by car, bike or foot visit:

[www.nimbuscare.co.uk/our-services/nhs-covid-vaccination-service/](https://www.nimbuscare.co.uk/our-services/nhs-covid-vaccination-service/)

First Bus has a useful journey planner and a vaccination centre travel guide:

[www.firstbus.co.uk/york/plan-journey/vaccination-centre-travel-guide](https://www.firstbus.co.uk/york/plan-journey/vaccination-centre-travel-guide)

## Bereavement support

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved one there is help and support out there.

St Leonard's Hospice offers ongoing support (☎ 01904 708 553) and immediate support

☎ 01904 777 772.

[www.stleonardshospice.org.uk](https://www.stleonardshospice.org.uk)

Bereaved Children's Support York offers free one-to-one counselling to York children at [www.bcsy.org.uk](https://www.bcsy.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/bereavedchildrensupportyork](https://www.facebook.com/bereavedchildrensupportyork)

For bereaved children, City of York Council's Educational Psychologists have written a short booklet for children [www.york.gov.uk/WhenSomeoneCloseDies](https://www.york.gov.uk/WhenSomeoneCloseDies) with an accompanying guide for adults [www.york.gov.uk/SupportingBereavedChildren](https://www.york.gov.uk/SupportingBereavedChildren).

For practical help when someone dies, call the Bereavement Advice Centre on ☎ 0800 634 9494

[bereavementadvice.org](https://www.bereavementadvice.org)

*Please note that each telephone number may have differing opening times. Please refer to the website for details.*

## Active travel fund

York's active travel scene is changing to meet the needs of communities across the city as we emerge from the pandemic.

Throughout 2020, using funding from the Government's Active Travel Fund, multiple temporary measures were introduced to make active travel easier.

We will also be implementing new, more permanent measures to improve cycle and walking infrastructure across York, as part of the second phase of the Government's Active Travel Fund.

If you have any questions about the scheme please get in touch

@ [itravel@york.gov.uk](mailto:itravel@york.gov.uk).

[www.york.gov.uk/ActiveTravelFund](http://www.york.gov.uk/ActiveTravelFund)

Sign up for weekly resident email updates at

[www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates](http://www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates)

## TIER E-Cycle and E-Bikes

York is expanding the roll-out of TIER electric vehicles this spring with the introduction of new e-scooter models, deemed 'the safest e-scooter ever made' with indicators and improved suspension for cobbled streets as part of the ongoing city-wide trial with the Department of Transport.

York will also host TIER E-Bikes as part of the range available to hire through the TIER app. The bikes are fitted with pedal-assist technology, limited to 15.5mph and should only be used on the road and designated cycle paths

E-scooters will continue to have the much loved foldable helmet included however, if you use a bike you will need your own helmet.

Find out more and download the app:

[www.itravelyork.info/e-scooter-trial](http://www.itravelyork.info/e-scooter-trial)

One of York's newest TIER Ebikes in action



## Bike maintenance

Getting ready to get out on two (or more) wheels now the weather is brighter?

To make sure your cycle is in tip-top condition the Department for Transport are currently running a 'fix your bike scheme' which provides £50 vouchers for bike maintenance.

Find out more about bike maintenance and support available visit:

[www.itravelyork.info/bike-maintenance](http://www.itravelyork.info/bike-maintenance)





## Shaping our city

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2021 is a big year for York's residents and businesses. We're supporting the city's continued recovery, and making plans which will shape the future of the city centre, how we move around, how to make our economy fairer, and York's response to the climate emergency.

We're making the decisions to make York a fairer, cleaner city with better paid jobs which work around life in the 21st Century. We want to make sure the diverse voices of residents are at the heart of these decisions and want to hear from you.

Known as Our Big Conversation we're starting by understanding how to keep the city safe as we reopen.

We know that many residents don't have the time to attend meetings or fill in lots of surveys. So we're changing the way we listen to you. We're coordinating all our resident engagement so your voice will matter whether you respond to a facebook post, fill in a survey or attend an event.



### Have your say... Complete our survey

Right now to help the city recover we want to find out how we can keep residents safe as we all learn to live with covid. Our survey asks for some personal information which you may choose not to give. We do not publish or share any information which can identify you.

Please read our privacy notice at data.

[yorkopendata.org/dataset/consultation-privacy-notice](https://yorkopendata.org/dataset/consultation-privacy-notice) to find out more about how we protect your personal information.

If you have internet access, you can find out more and fill out the full questionnaire at:

[york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation](https://york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation)

If you do not have access to the internet, you can simply fill out the survey on the following pages and return by freepost to:

**FREEPOST RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ**  
City of York Council  
West Office  
Station Rise  
York  
YO1 6GA

Our

Big

Conversation

## Have your say on York's future

1. **Support York's recovery** by filling in the short survey online or in this issue. The results will help us continue to keep the city a safe, vibrant place as restrictions are lifted.
2. **Find all the details of how to join the conversation at:**
  - 🔗 [www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation](http://www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation)
3. **Sign up for the weekly resident's newsletter or follow us on social media:**
  - 🔗 [www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates](http://www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates)



Get involved to have your say on projects including the Castle Gateway. Read more about these plans on page 16

## Talk about it

Talkabout is York's citizens' panel. It is one of the ways people can influence what happens in York, and aims to give a representation of York's residents' views.

Panel members complete a 5 to 10 minutes resident satisfaction questionnaires twice a year, and take part in other departmental and partner consultations throughout the year.

We are currently updating our database, to identify gaps and recruit new members to create a balanced panel that better represents York's residents.

Learn more about getting involved on our website at:

🔗 [www.york.gov.uk/talkabout](http://www.york.gov.uk/talkabout)

## The future of our city centre

High streets and city centres already faced huge challenges and covid has increased the pace of change and presented completely new challenges, from the massive increase in online spending to far less people working in the city centre.

We're relaunching My City Centre to give you the chance to shape a city centre where the people of York love to spend time, live and work.

🔗 [www.york.gov.uk/MyCityCentre](http://www.york.gov.uk/MyCityCentre)

f [/mycitycentreyork](https://www.facebook.com/mycitycentreyork)

🐦 [@mccyork](https://twitter.com/mccyork)

📷 [@mycitycentreyork](https://www.instagram.com/mycitycentreyork)



## About you

Postcode

Gender

Do you identify as transgender/trans

Prefer not to say  No  Yes

**Your Age?** (Please select the appropriate range)

Prefer not to say  Under 16  16-24  25-39  40-55  56-59  60-64  65

**Do you consider yourself disabled?** if yes, how would you describe your disability:

Yes  No  Physical  Sensory  Mental health condition  
 Learning disability  Other

## How confident are you that you understand?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not so	Not at all
The coronavirus symptoms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
What to do if you display symptoms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The risk to you and your family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How you can stop the virus spreading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How and when to get tested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The social distancing guidance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The face covering guidance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Where and how many people you can socialise with	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The guidelines around returning to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## How likely are you to do the following in the next three months?

	NA	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not so	Not at all
Use public transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Travel on foot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Travel by bicycle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Travel by car	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use park and ride	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Return to your workplace	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visit your local shops/high street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visit shops outside of York	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meet others in York	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Go to a café/restaurant/bar	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend large outdoor events (e.g. sport, festivals)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend indoor events (e.g. cinema, theatre)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Book a short break/holiday	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Get tested if you display coronavirus symptoms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Get tested when not displaying coronavirus symptoms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accept the offer of the coronavirus vaccine (if you haven't already)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Since lockdown restrictions have eased, compared to the three months of lockdown (Jan-March 21), are you:

	NA	A lot more	More	About the same	Less	A lot less
Earning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spending	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using local shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visiting shops outside York	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shopping online	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exercising	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling healthier (physical)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling healthier (mentally/emotionally)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Optimistic/have hope for a better future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How safe do you feel doing the following?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not so	Not at all
Meeting other York residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meeting visitors from outside York	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visiting York city centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going to shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going to outdoor spaces such as parks and gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going to indoor cafés, restaurants, bars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going to outdoor cafés, restaurants, bars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going to leisure venues indoors (e.g. cinema, theatre, gym)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going to leisure venues outdoors (e.g. stadium, festival)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How useful have you found these sources of information?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not so	Not at all
Council publications through my letterbox	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council website and social media, including videos on social media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City Centre/Outdoor signs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice and guidance from central government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local newspapers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local radio	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local (non-council) websites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local TV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National radio	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National TV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National newspapers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National website (NHS or gov.uk)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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The Environment Agency installing 'Legato' blocks to form a temporary barrier while the flood gate under Lendal Bridge is being replaced

## Flooding defences developed

York's flood resilience projects continue. Floodwalls at North Street, Scarborough Bridge and floodbanks adjacent to St Peter's have been improved and finishing touches to schemes at Lendal Arch and the Foss Barrier are imminent. Construction will commence at Clementhorpe, Bishopthorpe, Marygate and the River Foss flood storage scheme this Summer.

[consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/yorkfas](https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/yorkshire/yorkfas)

## New funding announced to reduce the impact of flooding

City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council and partners have secured a significant amount of funding from DEFRA to deliver innovative flood resilience projects aimed at communities upstream of York.

The project will work with landowners at risk around the catchments of rivers Swale, Ure and Nidd to create a range of natural flood risk management projects. This work will allow researchers to understand the impact of land management changes upstream and how this affects communities downstream.

These projects also promise to offer long term benefits for the area, helping us to better understand the ecology and biodiversity of the region.



Volunteer litter picker Peter Hodgkinson

## A weighty thanks!

Pete, one of our city's over 520 volunteer litter pickers and personally collects over 5 tonnes of waste per year, is urging residents to take their rubbish home with them this summer.

If you'd like to offer your time to keep your neighbourhood tidy please visit [www.york.gov.uk/VolunteeringOpportunities](https://www.york.gov.uk/VolunteeringOpportunities).



## Disabled access to community spaces

This summer a range of new communal spaces has been installed across the city. Working with partners we have ensured that they are all as accessible as possible, this means:

- No obstruction of drop kerbs or access points on Parliament Street
- Shallow floor following Parliament Street's current floor levels in the Tipi
- Plenty of space between the furniture, which is fixed in place
- Adapted accessible picnic tables, clearly marked for accessibility in Exhibition Square and College Green

Some of the accessible seating around the city centre

## Be part of the consultation

Following detailed consultation over changes to the city centre introduced during the pandemic, we are reviewing how to improve access to York city centre.

Engagement with blue badge holders and other disabled residents will be at the heart of the review, which also looks at parking, deliveries and more.

To join the conversation visit:

[www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation](http://www.york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation)

## Pilot school holiday programme success

Families across York will be able to take part in a holiday activity programme this summer, following the success of a pilot scheme at Easter.

The programme is being funded through the government's Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), which provides free access to healthy food and activities to children eligible for free school meals.

Details for the summer holiday activities are still being finalised and more information will be available shortly. Children and young people who are eligible to take part in the programme will be contacted directly by their school.





World-class infrastructure:

## Give your home a HUG

Eligible people with attic rooms living in York will be benefiting from free energy-saving insulation.

The funding has been secured by City of York Council from the Government's Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) scheme. This targets homes with cold attic rooms to make them warmer, improve energy efficiency and reduce energy bills.

This is one of several insulation initiatives in the city as part of our commitment to be carbon net zero by 2030. This particular project will help to reduce carbon emissions by up to 546 CO<sup>2</sup> tonnes to help tackle the climate emergency.

[www.york.gov.uk/HUG](http://www.york.gov.uk/HUG)



Roof insulation helps make attic rooms warmer and cuts down on heating loss

## We are York community mosaic

Thanks to everyone who provided their photos to become a permanent part of the York Community Stadium Leisure Complex. You can find your photos as part of the new signs from 17 May.

Both York City Football Club and York City Knights have held their first fixtures in their stunning new home.

The site is far more than just a modern 8,500 seater stadium. To see the full range of leisure and community activities at the complex, go to:

[www.better.org.uk/york-stadium-leisure-complex](http://www.better.org.uk/york-stadium-leisure-complex)



An artist's impression of some potential signage for the Community Stadium

## York Central update

Site clearance works at York Central are now underway, with work taking place across the 42 hectare brownfield site, which will enable the Council and its partners to unlock the site and provide up to 2500 new homes; up to 6500 jobs and a vastly improved visitor access experience at the National Railway Museum.

Millennium Green will receive the first in a series of major improvements as part of this work. This includes improvements to around 300 meters of footpath, a new timber viewing platform, renewals works to the pond, 3 new benches, improvements to the southern culvert wall, a new fence along the eastern boundary and temporary fencing and flooring to protect the Millennium Green oak and mosaic throughout the duration of the works.

This infrastructure work is part of a wider £155m funding pot secured by the York Central Partnership to deliver infrastructure to open up the site for development. York Central remains one of the most important and attractive regeneration sites in the country and is a once in a lifetime opportunity for York and the region to accelerate our recovery.



Removing the Concrete Works off Leeman Road

## Castle Gateway update

Our designers, BDP, are developing concept designs for a high-quality public and events space around Clifford's Tower and the Eye of York, based on the public open brief published last year.

They are exploring several options, such as testing the degree of soft and hard space – should it be a city park or a city square?

### Join the conversation

My Castle Gateway ran a series of events this spring, to engage residents in the design of the new public space which will replace Castle Car Park. Further events will take place to test and review the initial concept designs soon.

You can receive the latest news, blogs and hear about events by signing up to the My Castle Gateway mailing list at [mycastlegateway.org/contact](mailto:mycastlegateway.org/contact), or follow and join in the conversation on social media – search 'My Castle Gateway.'

The final design will be submitted as a planning application in autumn.

## Net zero carbon housing coming to York

117 new homes are to be built across two sites in Heworth and Clifton, as part of our ambitious Housing Delivery Programme, creating 600 homes across the city in five years.

Co-designed with residents, 40% of these Passivhaus homes will be affordable, with dedicated green space and communal areas to enjoy.

[www.york.gov.uk/HousingDeliveryProgramme](http://www.york.gov.uk/HousingDeliveryProgramme)



## Over 60 new homeowners in York thanks to shared ownership programme

The scheme, run in partnership with Homes England, helps people get onto the housing ladder who otherwise wouldn't be able to buy on the open market.

Shared ownership helps eligible residents to buy a share of the property and pay rent to the council for the remainder.

This fresh approach has helped 56 first time buyers and a further nine people who otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford to buy their own home.

The Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme is a £2.7M funded scheme and is part of the City of York Council's Housing Delivery Programme

[www.york.gov.uk/HousingDeliveryProgramme](http://www.york.gov.uk/HousingDeliveryProgramme)

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[York.gov.uk/reportproblems](https://york.gov.uk/reportproblems)



# What's on in York



## The Guardians of York Public Street Art Exhibition

9 April to 9 July 2021

The York BID have collaborated with Art of Protest Projects to create a Street Art Exhibition across the city celebrating keyworkers from York.

Eleven York residents told their story of working throughout the pandemic, delivering essential services and had their photographs taken. These images have been transformed into art by internationally acclaimed street artist collective 'The Postman'.

A map showing the location of the Guardians can be found at:

[www.theyorkbid.com](http://www.theyorkbid.com)



## Trailblazing York

1 May - 20 June 2021

We all know that York is an amazing city. But what makes it truly special is its incredible people.

Take a close look around the city centre and you'll find information about 10 inspiring men and women from York's past and present. Why not follow the Trailblazing York walking trail to discover how each pioneer has helped shape York and the world beyond?

Pick up a free map from the Visit York Information Centre or any Indie York business displaying a Trailblazing sticker. You can also download a copy at [yorkfestivalofideas.com/trailblazingyork](http://yorkfestivalofideas.com/trailblazingyork).

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