



The Fund
for the
Selby District

Impact Report

for the period: 1 Jan 2023 - 31 March 2025



The Heart of Yorkshire Fund for the Selby District

An introduction

The Heart of Yorkshire Fund for the Selby District provides a sustainable source of funding for charitable and community organisations. Local groups can apply for funding for activities and services that support people, keeping them connected to their community and with each other. Projects provide long term benefits to local people and the communities they live in.

The Heart of Yorkshire Fund for the Selby District supports local needs by promoting health and wellbeing, advancing education and training, protecting the environment, and sustaining resilient communities. The fund is committed to the principle of full cost recovery to ensure that groups are supported with ongoing sustainability.

Where the fund comes from

The Heart of Yorkshire Fund for the Selby District was established by a £2 million donation from Selby District Council, invested as an endowment fund with Two Ridings Community Foundation. The annual interest from this endowment is awarded in grants to support local people to deliver activities in their community, year on year.

Since 2022, the fund has awarded £148,302 across 31 grants, supporting 26 organisations. The most recent panel was in July 2024.

Supporting small
organisations addressing

HEALTH &
WELLBEING

EDUCATION &
TRAINING

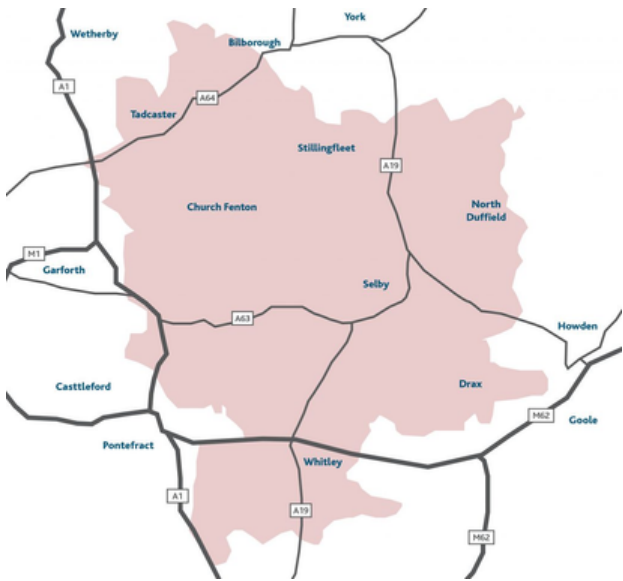
ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNITY
SECTOR RESILIENCE



The area the fund supports

In April 2023, local government boundaries changed in North Yorkshire. However, the area of benefit for the Heart of Yorkshire Fund remains the area that was formerly Selby District and includes the towns of Tadcaster and Sherburn in Elmet, North Duffield, Drax and the rural areas between. This geographical area reflects who made donations to the fund, and the places and communities they wanted to benefit.



The reach of Two Ridings

Through working with Two Ridings, the Heart of Yorkshire Fund reaches trusted organisations, led and delivered by people with lived and working experiences of the issues being funded.

It has allowed support for both long standing organisations and newly emergent community groups, because we understand their respective challenges and strengths. The fund has supported organisations working in both rural areas and local towns often overlooked by national funders

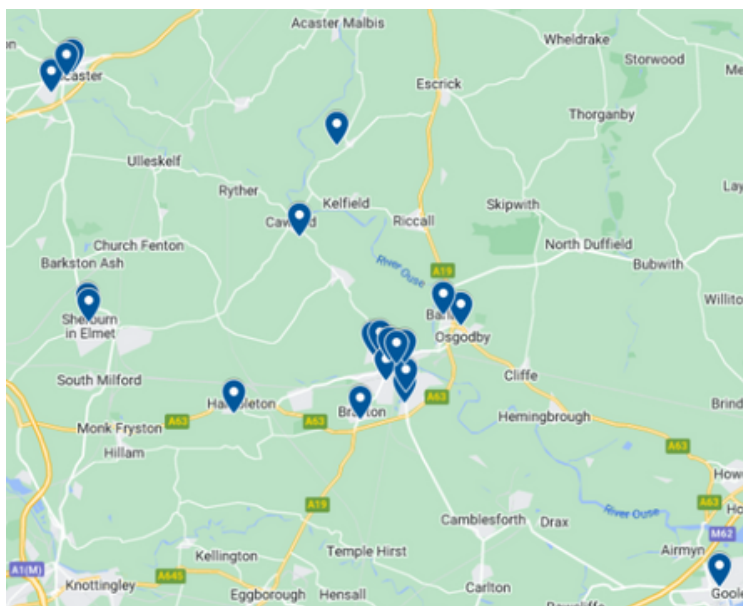
The groups and people supported

Of the 24 groups funded, three groups received funding in multiple rounds of grant making. All the groups are small local charities with on average 1 full time staff, 3 part time staff and 32 volunteers.

Just over 66% of groups have an annual income of under £100,000, 33% under £200,000 and none of the organisations supported by The Heart of Yorkshire Fund have an annual income of over £500,000.

Funding supported a wide range of initiatives, including services for people with disabilities, befriending networks, play equipment, youth and mental health projects, scout hut and campsite repairs, temporary housing improvements, clothing banks, and laundry facilities for interview and school wear.

Geographical spread of the fund



Supported organisations at a glance

- 1st Tadcaster Brownies
- Camblesforth Methodist Church
- Cawood Cricket Club
- Community Furniture Store
- Hensall Parish Council
- Home Start - Goole and District
- Move the Masses
- NLY Community Sport Ltd
- Our Space Selby
- Parkinson's Care and Support UK
- Roots
- Selby and District Scouts
- Selby District Peter Pan Nursery
- Sherburn in Elmet Community Trust
- Sherburn Visiting Scheme
- Sleepsafe Selby
- Spirit of Christmas
- Stutton Social Committee
- Tadcaster and Rural CIC
- Talking About Loss
- The Clothing Bank

Funded organisations

1st Tadcaster Brownies have funded activities and trips to support the Brownies, delivering a drumming workshop, a science workshop, and a magic workshop. [£3,816](#)

Camblesforth Methodist Church are transforming a former Methodist church by installing a new kitchen and creating a community hub in this rurally isolated village. [£10,000](#)

Cawood Cricket Club have replaced equipment and the practice wicket and strip, which had deteriorated. These replacements will benefit the club for years to come, providing a social cricketing environment. [£320](#)

Community Furniture Store (Selby) Ltd In 2023, they employed staff to enhance the services offered, including access to reused IT equipment and support for skills development and job hunting. [£2,000](#)

Community Furniture Store enabled staff and volunteer training, enhancing their volunteer program to boost wellbeing, teach new skills, and offer structured opportunities for personal development. [£9,866](#)

Hensall Parish Council runs a Grow Together community planting event to improve the local community garden and encourage its use in isolated areas. Their funding has been used to purchase plants and wildflower seeds. [£2,000](#)

Move the Masses has relaunched a previous pilot project that pairs vulnerable adults with dedicated volunteers for weekly walks, improving their mental and physical wellbeing. [£10,000](#)

NLY Community Sport expanded the offering of their Inclusive Junior Sporting sessions. Covering staff costs and room hire ensured the delivery of activities for children with disabilities and learning difficulties, benefiting nine people. [£1,960](#)

FOCUS ON

Home-Start Goole and District

Home-Start Goole & District is a network of trained volunteers and expert supporters helping families with young children during challenging times. For nearly 30 years, they have assisted families with children under eight facing crises. The team comprises of 38 volunteers and 6 trustees, focusing on giving children the best start in life through tailored support.

They work with families facing economic hardship, isolation, health issues, substance abuse, domestic violence, or bereavement. Their goal is to reduce social isolation, improve emotional well-being, build family resilience, and enhance volunteers' employability skills.

A £2,000 grant from the Heart of Yorkshire Fund allowed Home-Start to employ a Family Support Organiser for two months to continue their work in Selby. This included recruiting and training local volunteers to support families referred by health professionals and schools. Volunteers visit assigned families on a weekly basis, giving support and encouragement to engage with other services and improve family life.

The funding also helped maintain a Parent Support Group at Selby Abbey and organise events like a coach trip to William's Den, enabling families to enjoy activities they might not otherwise access.



Our Space Selby is expanding its volunteer training program and purchasing laptops to enhance its community hub and café, which offers courses, events, and a welcoming space for residents. [£10,000](#)

Parkinson's Care and Support UK allocated their funding to the Visiting Care programme in Selby, which is a befriending network aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness among people living with Parkinson's. [£2,000](#)

Roots removed the financial barriers for participants to take part in a free workshop programme, now called THEATRE QUEERS, it had a total of 66 writers in attendance. [£2,000](#)

Selby and District Scouts upgraded the toilet facilities at the Tamarak Campsite, making it possible to host larger camps with an expanded range of activities for youth groups from across the region. [£10,000](#)

Selby District Peter Pan Nursery employed a Nursery Practitioner to support children and families with additional needs. This has been invaluable and allowed them to offer more places in the childcare setting. [£10,000](#)

Sherburn in Elmet Community Trust ensured the continuation of the Brave Words Young People's Project, which supports young people in improving their mental health and wellbeing. The funding covers room hire, refreshments, and staff costs. [£2,000](#)

Sherburn Visiting Scheme updated its community website, which provides access to information and assistance with operational procedures for an older, rurally isolated community, ensuring that quality content reaches over 400 members. [£2,000](#)

Sleepsafe Selby improved their building by installing new windows and upgrading the kitchen. These improvements reduce electricity costs and help keep residents warmer during the winter months. Additionally, the upgrades provide much-needed storage for donated food items, allowing people to enjoy cooking and learn new skills. [£5,000](#)

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The Clothing Bank

The Clothing Bank was set up in 2020 by founders Sally and Susan, after seeing families struggling to clothe themselves. Four years later, the charity based in Selby, now has 109 drop-off points around Yorkshire where they collect pre-loved clothing that is sorted and given to people in need.

This charity has become a vital community organisation, offering clothing support to people in the wider Selby area. Their aim is to provide seven days of clothing plus seven days of new underwear to people who are struggling.

The Clothing Bank believes everyone deserves access to good quality clothing, which helps individuals feel accepted, build confidence, and move forward in life. By providing clothing, they support people in securing employment, improving their quality of life, achieving their potential, and fostering acceptance for children, which can help prevent bullying.

When individuals or families come to them, they are treated with kindness, professionalism, and confidentiality. This year alone, The Clothing Bank has distributed over 4,500 clothing packs, quickly approaching last year's total of 7,657.

A £10,000 grant from the Heart of Yorkshire fund enabled them to purchase an industrial washing machine and dryer and set up a dedicated laundry area enabling them to process more donated clothing. They also got durable storage boxes for efficient sorting and on top of this, the grant has covered 25% of their running costs for six months. Additionally, they have been able to purchase items that they don't typically get donated such as leggings, joggers and coats, backpacks, and stationery for students returning to school.

Spirit of Christmas supports disadvantaged children and promotes family interaction. They are using the funding to cover core costs for their neurodiversity stay-and-play sessions, SEN toys, poverty-related support and a Christmas toy bank. [£5,000](#)

Stutton Social Committee want to ensure that their rural village hall can continue to be used as a community venue for a wide range of people, so this funding will cover preliminary costs, flooring, insulation, toilets and an accessible ramp. [£10,000](#)

Tadcaster and Rural Community Interest Company employed two apprentice youth support workers in 2023 to help expand their current services. [£2,000](#)

Tadcaster and Rural Community Interest Company are injecting new opportunities into the youth theatre group, through specialist lighting, props, costumes, and sets; helping young people develop skills, enhance creativity, and improve mental health. [£10,000](#)

Talking About Loss are covering core costs for their monthly bereavement support group, providing essential assistance to people navigating loss and grief. [£2,000](#)



Be the difference

Do your charitable giving through Two Ridings

The Heart of Yorkshire Fund for the Selby District has been supporting people and community organisations in the area since 2021.

The Fund was set up thanks to an endowment from the then Selby District Council, recognising much hidden need in the area, with many local people facing significant social issues.

Make a difference in Selby



If by reading this impact report you realise you want to support the Heart of Yorkshire fund please contact Celia directly on **07519 485103**

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