

Transforming  
communities  
together

Local giving in  
North & East  
Yorkshire



**Two Ridings**  
Community Foundation

Impact Report 2024/25



## Local giving matters

Across North and East Yorkshire, one act of giving creates ripples that reach far beyond what we can measure.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses, councils, national government and trusts, Two Ridings has awarded £2.4 million this year to 509 groups and individuals.

But the real impact isn't in the numbers - it's the warmth of a welcome, the spark of confidence in someone once forgotten, and the strength found in community. From food banks to youth clubs, mental health hubs to warm spaces, each group we support helps people feel safe, valued, and connected.

In challenging times, this work transforms people's lives, bringing hope, connection, and dignity. Community groups become lifelines, second homes, and the heart of where people belong.

Behind every ripple is a donor, a supporter, someone who cared enough to give. Two Ridings is proud to be the bridge between that generosity and the community groups creating real, lasting change.



**£2.4m**

funds distributed



**509**

grants awarded



**£4,800**

average grant



**68%**

applicant success rate



**144**

new groups supported



*"Every day, someone in York, Hull, or Scarborough is facing some kind of hardship. And every day, because of people like you, someone finds warmth, a listening ear, and life gets better. That's what your giving makes possible."*

**Celia McKeon, Chief Executive Officer**

## Rooted in place, lifting up everyone

From coastal towns to rural villages and city neighbourhoods, our funding and support reaches every corner of our region. We believe real change starts locally - when people feel seen, included, and empowered.

That's why we support groups led by those who bring first-hand experience of personal and local challenges. People lifting others up with care, courage and commitment. Our funding reaches young people and older residents, families shaping brighter futures, and those facing health difficulties or hardship.

We prioritise those too often overlooked - including global majority communities, disabled people, those from the LGBTQ+ community - because when everyone has the chance to grow and belong, our whole region thrives.

## Standing together in crisis

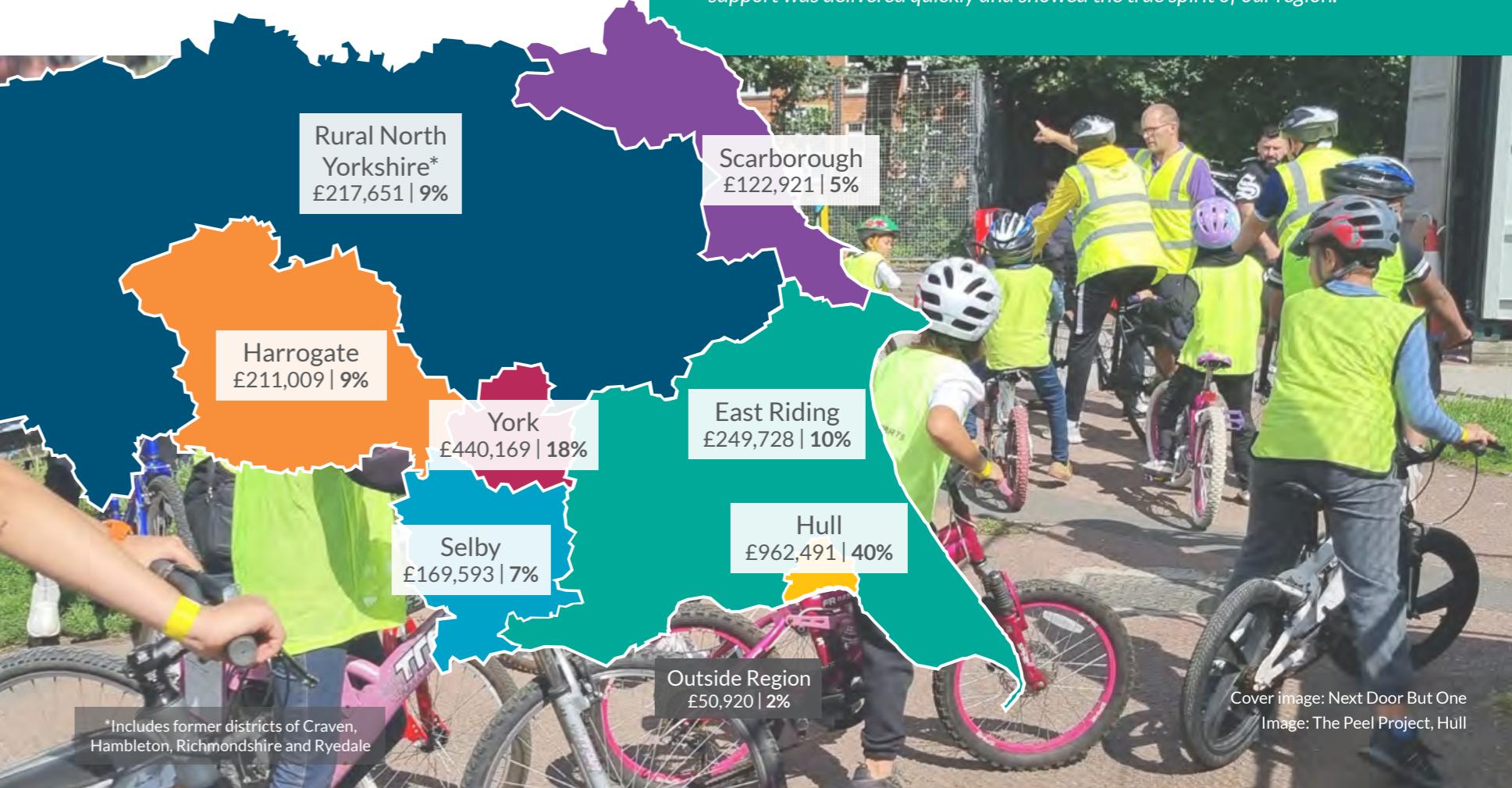
This year, from floods in Ryedale to riots in Hull, Two Ridings stood with community groups on the frontlines. We delivered 88 rapid-response grants for flood relief and distributed nearly £40,000 to restore safety and trust in Hull.

In every crisis, community organisations lead, and with swift support, we help them rebuild, heal and strengthen their communities.

*"Local organisations led the recovery with strength in care, and our funding helped rebuild lives. Thanks to strong community ties and a dedicated team, support was delivered quickly and showed the true spirit of our region."*

**88**  
funding grants

**£40,000**  
distributed after  
riots in Hull



Cover image: Next Door But One  
Image: The Pele Project, Hull

## Funding for a fairer future

Two Ridings is committed to building a better, fairer future for all. We direct our funding towards five key UN Sustainable Development Goals that match the needs and priorities of the communities we work alongside.



### Nourishing people in Hull

For many people at St Aidan's in Southcoates, Hull, the kitchen is more than a place to cook - it's where lives are rebuilt.

Volunteers serve hundreds through free meals and events, offering purpose and connection to those overcoming addiction, unemployment, or life after prison.

Recent funding for a dishwasher and fridge means they can now support even more people, keeping the heart of the community beating strong.



## Growing stronger communities

Sustainable communities thrive on opportunity, connection, and care for our shared world. Access to learning and the power to shape their future help neighbourhoods flourish. By supporting local action that places the community at its heart, we're helping create places that are not only resilient, but full of purpose and promise. This year, nearly half our funding supported Yorkshire communities to grow stronger and ready for the future.



## Building brighter futures

When communities share food, warmth, and support, lives transform and hope grows. By investing in these lifelines, we're helping ensure no one faces hunger or hardship alone. This year, 57 grants reduced poverty, created safe spaces, and offered vital support for people to thrive. Together, we're building stronger, kinder communities where everyone belongs.



## Building healthier, happier lives

Good health and wellbeing are shaped by many things - and connection is one of them. Across Yorkshire, we support local groups creating welcoming spaces where people come together, participate, and feel valued. Through creative activities, gardening, and volunteering, we boost confidence, reduce isolation, and lift spirits. A quarter of our funding supports health and wellbeing, helping people live brighter, fuller lives every day.



**207**  
grants  
awarded

£1,028,679  
distributed



**57**  
grants  
awarded

£193,913  
distributed



**88**  
grants  
awarded

£439,030  
distributed



**10**  
REDUCED  
INEQUALITIES

*"It's been amazing to see people connect over a shared purpose. Volunteers are gaining confidence, learning new skills and shaping our future. It's more than just volunteering, it's community-building in action."*

**Morgan Spicer, Volunteer Coordinator**



## Creating a fairer future

We believe in a society where everyone can succeed, regardless of background. That's why we invest in breaking barriers, creating opportunities, and amplifying unheard voices. This year, nearly a fifth of our grants supported efforts to level the playing field and build a more just Yorkshire for all.



**126**  
grants  
awarded

£633,127  
distributed

## How Share Skipton is rebuilding community

Since 2024, Share Skipton's Library of Things has helped locals borrow instead of buy, saving money and reducing waste.

A £10,000 grant funded a Volunteer Coordinator, growing a team of 59 volunteers and launching a Repair Cafe where neighbours fix, learn and connect.

Confidence is growing, skills are building, and a circular economy is thriving - one shared item at a time.



**31**  
grants  
awarded

£12,973  
distributed



## Caring for our climate

Climate action starts with caring people. When local groups take steps to protect nature, reduce waste, and embrace renewable energy, they spark change that builds resilience and hope. This year, 31 grants supported grassroots climate efforts across the region - reducing carbon, restoring habitats, and inspiring action. Together, we're building a cleaner, fairer future for all.

## Growing confident leaders | Inspiring regional change

HEY Confident Futures, our transformative leadership programme, now supports over 550 people across Hull and East Yorkshire, continuing to grow in strength and impact. By fostering strong connections and encouraging collaboration, the network cultivates leaders who are confident, generous, and ready to make a difference. The year-long New to Leadership programme remains a powerful catalyst for personal growth and transformation, empowering emerging leaders to drive positive change throughout the region.

**560**  
members

**65**  
leaders coached, 20  
newly trained  
coaches

**53**  
leaders on New  
to Leadership  
programme

**14**  
leaders of the  
Global Majority,  
collaboratively  
working to break  
down barriers



Image: HEY Leadership Advocacy Group

## From the ground up | Building brighter futures in Yorkshire communities

In Hull, Scarborough, Selby, York, and Harrogate, something powerful is happening. Through our place-based community funds, local people are leading the change they want to see - supporting neighbours, lifting up young people, and creating spaces where everyone feels they belong.

These funds are more than pots of money, they are acts of hope, trust, and solidarity. With every donation, we're not just funding projects; we're backing people who are quietly transforming lives on their own doorsteps. Imagine how much more we can do, together.



Image: Futureworks, Scarborough



Image: City of Hull Sport & Community Group

## Know your Neighbourhood fund | Creating connection, reducing loneliness

Over three years, the Know Your Neighbourhood Fund supported 14 community organisations in Hull with over £1 million in funding - including £585,000 in this year - to tackle loneliness, boost volunteering, and strengthen community cohesion.

Focused on community-led action, the fund fostered a community of practice, where groups shared learning and built lasting relationships.

This work shows what's possible when communities are trusted and resourced to lead change where they live.

*"One of the biggest achievements of this project has been getting so many new people involved in volunteering."*  
Francis, Humber All Nations Alliance

**£585,000**  
supporting  
14 groups

**3,633**  
people  
helped

Strong  
cross-city  
partnerships  
built

## How a charitable trust found its voice again

This year, a long-standing York trust took a powerful step to honour its original mission—by transferring its assets to the York Community Fund, managed by Two Ridings. After years of finding it hard to stay active, this move breathed new life into the trust's purpose. Now, its funds are directly supporting local groups tackling inequality, just as the original donor had hoped.



Image: Accessible Arts & Media

## Creating a legacy of hope in Harrogate

With the admin and outreach taken care of, the trust's legacy isn't just being protected, it's making a real difference, right here, right now. Is your trust losing momentum? We make it simple to transfer, protect its purpose, and start making a real difference again. Let's get it working for your community, just as it was always meant to.

This year a local woman pledged a £1 million legacy, and monthly gifts of £5,000, to THE LOCAL FUND for the Harrogate District, with a focus on supporting children and young people. With expert support from Cooper Park Wealth Management, her generosity is already making a difference and will continue to do so for generations.

This milestone gift strengthens a fund that supports 30+ local groups every year tackling mental health, isolation, and poverty.

You can do the same. Whether through a legacy gift or regular giving, you can be part of building a brighter future for people across the region.



*"Giving doesn't have to wait - this donor is creating a legacy of hope and opportunity right here and now."*  
Celia McKeon, Chief Executive



### How a multi-year grant sows a seed that grows, and then blossoms

Charlie, 22, had long struggled with barriers to work, due to autism, until he found Park House Barns in 2024. Starting as a volunteer in the chocolate studio, he soon secured a paid role with tailored support. His confidence has soared, and his family couldn't be prouder.

Charlie's story is part of the Chocolate Academy, a vocational programme from Autism Plus. Thanks to three-year funding from the Bettys & Taylors Family Fund, young adults with autism and learning disabilities are gaining skills, purpose, and pathways into employment, both now and for years to come.



## Powering local change with community benefit funds

From Bridlington's coast to the heart of the Dales, Two Ridings is working with wind farm providers to turn energy sector investment into real, local impact. Through community benefit funds, we're helping grassroots projects thrive - fixing village halls, building playgrounds, supporting youth clubs, and backing green initiatives that protect our environment.

It's a simple, powerful model: giving back to the communities hosting renewable energy and helping them grow stronger, greener, and more connected for the future.



Image: Pickering Road Community Orchard, Hull

# Rooted locally, creating change together

At Two Ridings, we know that lasting change starts locally - with people who know their communities and care deeply about making a difference.

Our small, dedicated team of eleven is rooted in the region, bringing together local knowledge, professional expertise, and first-hand experience of the challenges people face. Every day, we listen and respond to what matters most, working closely with hundreds of local organisations to make a meaningful difference.

We're proud to partner with donors, turning their generosity into meaningful impact by ensuring every gift reaches where it's needed most. Guided by a board of 16 experienced trustees and supported by nearly 100 volunteers, our work is strengthened by insight, accountability, and a shared commitment to fairness.

Together - with our donors, partners, and communities - we're not just funding change. We're part of it.



Image: Two Ridings Board of Trustees



## Financial overview 2025

### Income & Endowments

Donations & Grant income	£2,482,143
Endowment donations	£561,197
Investment income	£327,010



### Expenditure

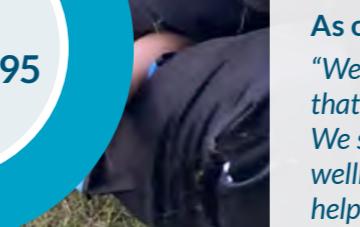
Grants awarded	£2,424,482
Community Leadership & Development	£184,629
Grant making support	£263,572
Raising funds	£135,679

excludes gain/loss on investments



### Total funds

£11,894,195



### As one team member shared:

*"We're told by the town council and police that the Youth Club is making a big difference. We see it too - in the children's behaviour, wellbeing, and smiles. This funding didn't just help us. It gave the whole town a lift."*



## How flexible funding helped transform a youth club and a town

When This Youth Club received £9,000 in unrestricted funding, we expected progress. What we saw was transformation.

In just a few months, young people discovered a lifeline - a safe, welcoming space where they could connect, grow, and thrive.

The organisation gained stability, complying with vital regulations, securing new premises, and laying the foundation for a sustainable future.

And across the town, the impact was clear: local police reported a drop in anti-social behaviour, and a renewed sense of pride began to take root in the community.

Unrestricted funding didn't just support a programme. It strengthened the whole community.

# We couldn't do it without you

## A huge thank you to our partners, fundholders and sponsors

### Partners

Baywater Healthcare  
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Harrogate & District Community Action  
HEY Smile Foundation  
Hull City Council  
Hull CVS  
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Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
McLaren Regeneration (York Central) Ltd  
North Yorkshire Council  
Quickline  
The National Lottery Community Fund  
The Rank Foundation  
UK Community Foundations  
York CVS  
York Together

### Fundholders Endowment funds

Alderman Jackson's Appeal Trust Fund  
Alex's Fund  
Community First Prime Opportunities Fund  
Community First Whitby & Scarborough Fund  
EG & MA Bousfield Fund  
Ella's Fund

Fraisthorpe Wind Farm Community Fund  
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The Gilberdyke Fund  
THE LOCAL FUND for the Harrogate District  
Terry's Fund  
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The Scarborough Fund  
The Whitby Fund  
Walk in My Shoes Fund

Williams Family Scarborough Fund  
York Children & Young People's Fund  
York Women & Girls Fund  
York Flood Fund  
Yorkshire Forces Families & Veterans Support Fund  
Yorkshire Oaks Fund

### Revenue funds and funders

Anna Maria Fund  
Arqiva Bilsdale Mast Fund  
Betts & Taylors Group Community Fund  
Betts & Taylors Family Fund  
Building Forward Together  
Catalyst Fund  
Coastal Road Fund  
Cost of Living Crisis Appeal Fund  
Chris and Margaret Hartley - Legacy Fund  
Disaster and Recovery Fund  
Dulverton Trust Fund  
East Yorkshire Recovery Fund  
Full Circle Fund  
Harrogate Street Aid  
HEY Confident Futures  
High Sheriff North Yorkshire Fund  
High Sheriff East Yorkshire Fund  
HCV VCSE Leadership Programme  
HCV Springboard Programme  
Hull Community Fund  
Hull Community Emergency Response Fund

JPG Naylor Fund  
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust  
Organisational Development Fund  
Kickstarter Fund  
Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Fund  
Know Your Neighbourhood Fund  
Lankelly Chase Deciding Together Fund  
Lord Mayor of York Fund  
Nidderdale Plus Community Fund  
North Yorkshire Flood Recovery Fund  
Peter Sowerby Rural Support Fund N&E Yorkshire

Q Futures Community Fund  
Rank Hull Community Fund  
Richard Weare Fund  
Rita Hunt Fund  
Scarborough Children and Young People's Fund  
Six Penny Wood Community Benefit Fund  
Stokesley & Great Ayton Fund  
Stubbs Family Fund  
Surviving Winter  
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THE LOCAL FUND for the Harrogate District  
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The National Lottery Community Fund Flood Support  
Small Grants Tadcaster Business Flood Recovery  
Two Ridings Small Grants  
Winter Resilience Appeal Fund  
Williams Family Fund  
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