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Have Your Say On The Future Of Development In Leeds

Leeds City Council is now encouraging residents and businesses to have their say in the Local Plan 2040 scoping consultation, which will set out the authority's early thoughts on planning topics over the next 17 years.

The Leeds Local Plan 2040 scoping consultation covers key planning issues for Leeds and will help the council understand people's views on current planning policy and how it might need to change.

With a focus on seven key topic areas, the Local Plan 2040 is set to direct future planning policy across the city up to 2040:

- **SPATIAL STRATEGY** – Where should development take place in Leeds? As one of England's largest cities and the centre of the Leeds City Region, it is important to manage how growth and development will be directed across the city.
- **HOUSING** – How should Leeds respond to the national housing crisis? The Local Plan 2040 will consider housing need across the city, the mix and type of future housing development, the need for affordable housing and specialist homes e.g. for older people and students as well as for groups like Gypsies and Travellers.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – How many new jobs do we need, and where should they be? Leeds has a diverse and growing economy; the Local Plan 2040 will look at how much land is needed to support economic development and which parts of Leeds should be prioritised for business development. It will also look at locations for new economic hubs and the district's role in development for tourism.
- **ROLES OF CENTRES** – What will your local high street look like in 2040? Leeds has over 60 town and local centres and the council will consider how to manage and protect them for the benefit of local communities at a time when shops are closing and other uses such as housing are becoming more commonplace.
- **MINERALS AND WASTE** – Leeds has reserves of minerals that are needed by industry, the Local Plan 2040 will explore the necessity for mineral extraction and associated infrastructure. It will also explore future need for waste disposal and infrastructure required to process green waste, glass recycling and food waste. In addition, it will consider whether Leeds needs a local planning policy on fracking.



• **TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY** – The Local Plan 2040 will explore how the plan can work with the Connecting Leeds Strategy to ensure that development is supported by public transport infrastructure and Leeds can be a city where you don't need to own a car. The scoping consultation will also look at what is needed to help prepare for a mass rapid transit system, which is dependent on central government funding and managing growth at Leeds Bradford Airport.

• **OTHER TOPIC AREAS** – Other technical planning matters will also be considered in the plan, such as heritage and conservation, landscape, rural development (including detailed policies for development in the green belt), community facilities, contaminated land and hazardous substances, open land and green corridors in urban areas.

The scoping consultation will be an opportunity for residents and local businesses to tell the council what they think about the topic areas and set the direction for future consultations on the Local Plan 2040. Giving residents the ability to share whether the policy areas are up to date, help meet local priorities, as well as finding out if there are any additional areas of policy that should be included in future Local Plan 2040 consultations.

The Local Plan 2040 is a thorough update of Leeds City Council's core strategy and site allocations plans, the council is also progressing the "Local Plan Update: Your Neighbourhood, Your City, Your Planet", which is a separate process and focusses on climate change prevention and impacts, design, health and wellbeing.

Councillor Helen Hayden, Leeds City Council's executive member for climate and infrastructure, said: "The Local Plan 2040 will set out our city's planning policies for the long-term future, directing future development across Leeds, so it's important that we gather the views of residents and organisations across the city at the very start of this process."

"This scoping consultation will set the direction of travel for the Local Plan 2040 and will allow us to understand what residents and organisations want to see across a range of planning policy areas."

HAVE YOUR SAY NOW

The Local Plan 2040 scoping consultation is taking place until 24 March and residents will be able to have their say on www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/leeds-local-plan-2040 or via email, post and phone.

www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/leeds-local-plan-2040 includes separate sections for the different topic areas, which are available in detailed and short formats.

Meaning residents can find out more information about the entire scoping consultation or just the areas that are of interest and can contribute their views using the online surveys whether they have read the documents in detail or having read a shorter, more summarised version.

Members of the council's planning team will also be hosting a series of in person drop-in sessions so people can find out more about the draft Local Plan and its individual topics.

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Aire Park Celebrates Major Milestone With Topping Out Of First Two Buildings



The highly anticipated new district in Leeds city centre, Aire Park, has reached a key milestone, with the structure of its first two buildings now complete.

The two buildings which range from six to eight storeys are due for Practical Completion by large-scale developer, Vastint UK, in November of this year. Once occupied, the two buildings will accommodate up to 2,500 workers.

The ground floor will offer over 20,000 sq ft of flexible retail

space across six units. Vastint UK's ambition is to offer the space to independent retail businesses, with an expected foot traffic of tens of thousands of workers, residents and visitors per year once Aire Park is complete.

The buildings will frame a new, outdoor events space and green area adjacent to The Tetley and the Grade II listed Salem Chapel. Expected to open to the public in 2024, the 12,000 sq ft of outdoor space will host regular activities and events for neighbours and visitors.

Simon Schofield, Construction Lead North of Vastint UK, said: "Upon completion of these two buildings, Aire Park will be officially open for business. Leeds is highly attractive for major businesses following in the path of Channel 4 and several household-name financial and professional service providers. Due to the large-scale, high-quality spaces that we're providing with these offices, we are already attracting interest from major enterprises looking to move their headquarters to Leeds.

"Whilst the development will be home to approximately 3,000 residents and a working district for over 11,000 workers once complete, we've designed Aire Park to be enjoyed by everyone in Leeds. These first buildings mark the start of a thriving community within a new unique, urban district."

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Designed by Ryder Architecture, the state-of-the-art buildings have been designed with ESG at the forefront and are expected to achieve impressive accreditations, including BREEAM Excellent, WELL Building Gold and EPC rating A. Electricity from renewable sources will power the buildings whilst openable windows will allow fresh air to flow through the column-free floorplates from the expansive park outside. Both buildings are also targeting WiredScore Gold, meaning they have the connectivity capacity for almost any occupier.

Simon Schofield continues: "Creating sustainable buildings that provide tenants with a healthy and comfortable environment has always been important to Vastint UK."

AIRE PARK: THE HEART OF LEEDS' SOUTH BANK

Aire Park will be a beautiful district for workers, residents and the general public, breathing new life into the area and acting as a catalyst for reconnecting the South Bank to the city centre.

Aire Park's mission is to connect Leeds and its communities, offering an inclusive environment and facilities designed for everyone to enjoy a more healthy, active and enriched life by nature.

The district will span across 24 acres of the city centre's South Bank. Upon full completion, the district will boast over 1 million sq ft of Category A office space, 1,400 homes, two hotels, 18-23 retail spaces and a multi-use, eight-acre park with 500 trees at its very heart – the largest green space in Leeds city centre.

For further information on Aire Park, visit airepark.co.uk

Numbers Add Up To Success For City's Thriving Financial Technology Sector

A new report from Whitecap Consulting shows the FinTech sector in the Leeds City Region has experienced huge growth over the last three years, is now home to more than 100 FinTech firms and is contributing more than £700m per year to the regional economy.

The report is published at a time when the financial sector in the region is thriving, buoyed by the decisions of the Financial Conduct Authority, UK Infrastructure Bank and Bank of England to establish bases in Leeds.

More than 100 FinTech – or financial technology – firms have been identified in the Leeds City Region, the vast majority of which are start-ups and scale-ups, a segment which has trebled in number over the last three years. Core strengths are visible in payments, lending, financial regulation, wealth management and banking.

The region is already home to more than 60 established national and international financial services organisations, all of which are active in FinTech, including numerous banks and lending firms, and three of the UK's largest building societies. Leeds is also the only city outside London to be home to all three of the UK's major credit reference agencies.

The new report is the result of a research project which was funded through sponsorship and support from Leeds City Council and other key organisations such as Leeds Building Society, LexisNexis Risk Solutions, Bruntwood SciTech, Cloud Gateway, Equiniti, the University of Leeds, FinTech North and the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership. It is the third report published by Whitecap on the Leeds City Region, with its previous one being published early in 2020, just before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillor Jonathan Pryor, Leeds City Council's deputy leader and executive member for economy, culture and education, said:

"Leeds has plenty to be proud of, not least the new Centre for Green Finance at the University of Leeds, the UK Infrastructure Bank and the Bank of England as well as the Financial Conduct Authority's recent move to the city, and the recognition of Leeds as part of an established FinTech cluster. FinTech start-ups, scale-ups and leading institutions alike are recognising Leeds as an exciting space for innovation and opportunity."

Leeds City Council Secures A Spot On Stonewall's Top 100 List For Leading LGBTQ+ Inclusive Employers



Leeds City Council has once again been named one of the most inclusive employers in Britain by Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Trans equality charity Stonewall.

Coming in at number 70 and securing a gold award, the council was praised for its work in creating a workplace where LGBTQ+ employees feel they can bring their full selves to work.

The 'Top 100' list showcases employers who have demonstrated their commitment to LGBTQ+ workplace inclusion.

Leeds City Council has a number of staff networks, including the LGBTQ+ staff network, that represent staff based on their identity. They help promote increased understanding and awareness around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and act in a 'critical friend' role to support ongoing improvement in the organisational development and cultural change work.

Councillor Hannah Bithell, Leeds City Council's LGBTQ+ champion, and Councillor Mary Harland, Leeds City Council's executive member for equalities, said:

"This is a fantastic achievement as one of the largest employers in the city, it's extremely important that we create a workplace which is inclusive for everyone, and we remain firmly committed to continuing the work we have been doing to ensure we remain at the forefront of LGBTQ+ inclusivity

for both our staff and the people of Leeds. It's so important that all of our colleagues feel they can come to work and be themselves completely and this achievement is testament to that."

Kat Denvir, chair of the LGBTQ+ staff network, said:

"It's wonderful for us to be awarded a Gold Award by Stonewall especially with the impact the Covid pandemic has continued to have on the Council and our LGBTQ+ communities in Leeds. It's a sign that the Council continues to progress in the right direction and recognises the brilliant work being done to improve LGBTQ+ equality. I remain staunch in my commitment as LGBTQ+ Staff Network Chair to continue to work with the Council to collaborate, challenge and bring positive change for all staff and the citizens we serve."

Nancy Kelley, CEO of Stonewall (she/her), said:

"It's been fantastic to see all of the work put in by Leeds City Council over the past year to create a workplace where LGBTQ+ staff feel free to thrive as themselves. For many of us, the majority of our time is spent at work, so if we have to hide who we are it can take an enormous personal toll and hold us back from fulfilling our true potential. Creating environments where we can all feel comfortable makes our workplace a safer, better and friendlier place for everyone."

MP Praises Improvements Made To Transformed Leeds Academy



Alec Shelbrooke, MP for Elmet and Rothwell, visited leaders and students at Oulton Academy in Leeds to hear how they have driven improvements that have transformed the school.

Oulton Academy was known as Royds School when it transferred in April 2021 from the local authority to Falcon Education Academies Trust, an academy trust specifically set up by the Government to take on and turn around schools and academies with a varying range of challenges. From 2007, Ofsted carried out six full inspections of Royds and found it to be Inadequate once and Requires Improvement (or Satisfactory) every other time. Its results were similarly weak.

Almost two years later, the work done by Falcon and leaders and teachers at Oulton Academy – which changed its name last year to signify the fresh start – is bearing fruit. For instance, Oulton's GCSE results in 2022 were the best in two decades with each student on average achieving almost half a grade higher per subject than in 2019, (the last year in which the DfE published verified data for GCSEs) Results overall out-performed other local schools.

Falcon was also successful in December 2022 in its application to the Department for Education for funding under the School Rebuilding Programme.

Mr Shelbrooke visited the school to see progress and met Anne-Marie Holdsworth, the Chief Executive Officer of Falcon; Lauren Sims and Matt Gumbley, who are Vice-Principals of Oulton Academy; David Murphy, the Chair of the local Academy Council; and students.

Alec Shelbrooke, Member of Parliament for Elmet and Rothwell, said:

“It was great to be back at Oulton Academy so soon after the Government announced the academy will benefit from the latest round of the School Rebuilding Programme, backed by £1.8 billion in 2022–34 to rebuild and refurbish 239 more schools across the country.

“Oulton Academy has been on an exciting journey since the school became an academy. The improvements in teaching and learning are evident across the school, so it's right that we now match that with improvements in the school buildings too.

“It was also fantastic to host one of my regular ‘Grill your MP’ sessions, giving students the opportunity to ask me questions on local, national and international political issues, and for me to hear their views.”

Falcon Education Academies Trust, founded in 2019, was created by the Government to take on and turn around schools with complex issues, including poor student outcomes, and for which it had proved difficult to find another trust to sponsor them. The Trust has a strong history of success in supporting schools in disadvantaged areas to raise the aspirations and outcomes of students and communities.

The way Falcon is set up enables schools, such as Oulton Academy, to be brought into the Trust and be rapidly turned around. The Trust's leaders provide schools with access to a range of expertise to enable them to put in strong foundations for sustained progression.

Anne-Marie Holdsworth, CEO of Falcon Education Academies Trust, said:

“It was a real pleasure to welcome Alec Shelbrooke and discuss the work that is being undertaken to drive improvement at Oulton Academy and raise the aspirations of young people in the area.

“There is more to do as we work to ensure that Oulton Academy is the school of choice for local parents. But we are making such great progress and I would like to thank everyone involved – staff, parents and students – and I look forward to seeing this maintained as we go forward.”



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As Tax Year Ends Metro Bank Issues HMRC Scam Warning

Metro Bank is warning consumers about the sharp rise in HMRC hoaxes and investment scams ahead of the current tax year ending on April 5th.

Impersonation scams are one of the biggest and most successful scams with £90.5 million lost in the first six months of 2022. HMRC is often impersonated by fraudsters pressuring UK taxpayers to send money to pay an outstanding tax debt. Consumers need to be aware that telephone numbers can be spoofed and that HMRC will never pressure anyone to make immediate payments. These type of scams are so common, the government has its own web page advising on how to identify tax scam calls, emails and texts, together with a list of genuine HMRC contacts.

Last year saw a 95% increase in investment scam losses to over £100 million (£107.7m) industry wide – this equates to 30% of all authorised push payments scams. The three most common investment scams are impersonation of genuine investment companies – especially using celebrities, cryptocurrencies and precious gems or metals. If in doubt consumers can check the validity of investment or pension opportunities on the FCA warning list, especially as the number of unregistered and unauthorised firms rose by 33% in the last 12 months.

“The key to preventing both these types of scams is to take a few minutes to check you are dealing with a legitimate source and never be pressured to act quickly,” warns Metro Bank’s Head of Fraud & Investigations, Baz Thompson. “Avoid clicking on any advert you see on social media and be aware that most fraudsters want to make the offer seem appealing by offering great returns on your money quickly – both the rate and speed should make you suspicious and act with caution. Sadly, consumers should also be aware that scammers can compromise the social media accounts of their friends and then make contact as if it was their friend making a recommendation. A good rule of thumb is if it sounds too good to be true it probably is.”

To help educate consumers, Metro Bank looks at how a classic investment scam works:

Emma wanted to invest her long term savings into an ISA for the new tax year. She wanted to find the best rate available and searched online for high-return ISA accounts. After just a few clicks, she recognised the company at the top of the results and followed the link – they offered accounts with great but seemingly realistic interest rates.

Emma went ahead and signed up to enquire – that afternoon Emma received a call from a savings manager at the company who understood her needs and helped her to open a one year fixed term ISA. She was sent confirmation details and given access to her account the same day.

Once it was time for the ISA to mature, Emma began to look in to her options. She tried contacting the company to collect her funds, only to find they had no accounts relating to her and she had no investments with them.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Scammers create fake websites and documents to lure you in - Emma hadn’t visited the genuine website or spoken to a genuine savings manager – it was a façade created by scammers to steal her money.

Baz Thompson concludes: “Fraud is the most common crime in the UK and there are simply not enough resources to fight it. Despite accounting for 40% of recorded crime, only 2% of police funding is dedicated to tackling fraud. Consumers need to do more to protect themselves – so if you are being pressured to act quickly, or give money, please be aware that this is likely to be a scam. Stop, Challenge and Protect yourself from becoming a scam victim.”

Over Half A Million Pounds Seized From Criminals Will Now Benefit West Yorkshire Communities



The safety of communities across West Yorkshire has been bolstered thanks to over £500,000 of cash seized from criminals.

The Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin’s, Safer Communities Fund, uses money recovered by West Yorkshire Police and prosecutors from criminal activities, and gives it to community projects working to make their local area safer.

At the fund’s awards ceremony, 73 projects collected cheques worth a total of £506,097.

This is the largest Safer Communities Fund to date and brings the total amount of funding from the Mayor to over £1 million.

Speaking about the fund, Mayor Brabin said:

“We want every community in West Yorkshire to thrive and be safe.

“To do so, we are empowering local organisations to help their neighbourhoods through money taken from the hands of criminals.

“These projects, right across the region, are making their local areas feel safer, and it’s great that we can come together and recognise their efforts.”

The theme of this grant round was ‘Safer Places and Thriving Communities’, a key priority in the Mayor’s Police and Crime Plan. Funded projects include:

- Behind Closed Doors will be delivering a healthy relationships programme for young women aged 13-16 in Leeds.
- Emerge in Bradford who are putting their funding towards working with young people in Holme Wood and Bierley.
- The Egalitarian are using their funding to deliver a spiking and sexual violence awareness course to bar staff and management in Wakefield.
- Bumpy in Kirklees will be using motorbikes and motorbike maintenance to work with young people at risk of anti-social behaviour.

- Unmasked Mental Health are launching a weekly mental health hub in Calderdale to support people who are homeless or vulnerable.

Ruth Davany, CEO of Behind Closed Doors in Leeds said:

“Behind Closed Doors works with people and families in Leeds who have experienced domestic abuse, and we act to prevent it.

“We are delighted to be awarded a Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund grant to develop our Healthy Relationships programme with girls and young women in Leeds, working collaboratively with LS-Ten and the alternative education providers in Leeds.”

West Yorkshire Police Chief Constable John Robins QPM DL, said:

“I really welcome this latest round of grants that is provided by the Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund.

“It means that the seized proceeds of criminality can be put to good use through its distribution to these deserving community groups.

“Projects like these play a vital role in preventing crime, protecting vulnerable people and reassuring our communities across West Yorkshire.

“I am pleased that the successful disruption of criminal behaviour by our officers means the ill-gotten gains can now be reinvested into such community projects.

“The projects supported across West Yorkshire are inspirational and it is great to see the work they are doing in our communities.”

Find out more about the Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund and the projects it supports via;

www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk

Number Of Penalty Fares Issued By Northern Down 10% In First Month Since Government Increased Fine To £100

Northern has issued 10% less penalty fares in the first month since the government increased the ‘fine’ to £100 compared to the same period last year.

3,831 people caught travelling without a valid ticket or ‘promise to pay’ notice were issued with a penalty fare, compared to 4,261 in the same period last year.

The train operator, which offers 2,500 services a day to more than 500 stations across the North of England, revealed adult passengers accounted for 81% of the penalty fares issued, with under 18s making up the remaining 19%.

Mark Powles, commercial and customer director at Northern, said: “A sudden 10% reduction in the number of penalty fares being issued would suggest the increase to £100 has been effective in terms of a deterrent.

Of course, this is only the first month - but it is definitely a step in the right direction.

“Upwards of 95% of our customers do the right thing and buy a ticket before they travel – and having invested in the largest network of digital ticket infrastructure of any train operator in the country, Northern has made it easier than ever to buy a ticket via our app, website or one of more than 600 ticket machines across the network. There really is no excuse.”

The government’s new £100 penalty fare came into effect on 23 January. Since 2005, the penalty fare had been just £20 – but it was felt by the industry that that figure was too low and was no longer an effective deterrent to would-be fare evaders. As part of the government’s public consultation, 69% of respondents agreed that the £20 penalty fare was too low.

Money raised through penalty fares issued by Northern will, in-line with other revenue income streams, be re-invested in the rail industry to improve the service offered to all customers.

Industry body, the Rail Delivery Group (RDG) estimates that every year around £240 million is lost through fare evasion on Great Britain’s railways.

The £100 penalty fare forms part of The Railways (Penalty Fares) (Amendment) Regulations 2022. Penalty fares are reduced to £50 if paid within 21 days.

The increase in the penalty fare for train operators in England brought it in-line with penalty fares charged across much of Western Europe and by Transport for London (TfL) and Manchester’s Metrolink tram network.

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Leeds Hospice Volunteers Recognised With Prestigious High Sheriff Award



■ The High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, Sue Baker, presented commendation certificates to volunteers Melvyn and Pam at Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice. They were joined by Paul Musgrave, Service Director.

Three Leeds locals who have volunteered at Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice for a combined 48 years have been recognised for their work in supporting people receiving palliative care.

Pam Boyd, 76, Melvyn Sumroy, 80, and Ann Miller, 73, who have each volunteered for more than 15 years, have been honoured with a special Certificate of Commendation by the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, Sue Baker.

The High Sheriff presented the awards to Melvyn and Pam at a special ceremony at the Headingley hospice on Tuesday 14 February 2023, while Ann will receive hers at an event this month.

Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice has been providing expert palliative care and support for people living with life-limiting conditions across Leeds, as well as supporting their families, for almost 45 years.

Pam, who lives in Wortley, was inspired to volunteer to give back for the compassionate care and support she and her husband received in 2007.

She said: "People often say to me that it's very good of me to volunteer, but I don't feel like that as it's a two-way thing and I think I get out of it as much, if not more, than I put in. I don't do it for appreciation but it's so lovely to have received this award.

"Some people might not feel comfortable going back to the place where their loved one has died, but I don't feel like that. In fact, when I was able to come back and start volunteering again after the coronavirus pandemic, walking through the door felt just like coming home."

Melvyn, from Moortown, recently retired after 18 years of service as a volunteer driver. He says that the time has flown because of how much he enjoyed interacting with patients.

"Those 18 years really have not seemed like a long time to me," he said. "I gave up only one day of the week to pick up people needing Sue Ryder's care and during that time you spend with them you do all you can to make them feel as comfortable as you can.

"Every day I volunteered at the hospice was a pleasure. I've met such wonderful people."

Ann, who lives in Alwoodley, has spent the last 15 years supporting the Day Therapy unit, working directly with patients who attend the hospice for much-needed support, care and symptom management.

She said: "I just love helping people and trying to make their day better than they thought it was going to be. As a volunteer you meet different people all the time and you just feel that you're doing something useful. I would highly recommend it to anyone."

To recognise their many years of dedication and commitment to the hospice, Pam, Melvyn and Ann have been honoured with the High Sheriff's Certificate of Commendation, which is only awarded to a very small number of individuals and organisations.

Explaining why they were worthy recipients of the award, Sue Baker, High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, said: "One of the main responsibilities I have in my role is to promote the welfare, wellbeing and prosperity of the county and all its people, and to support and encourage all those who give their time, skills and effort for the benefit of others. People who volunteer never expect to do it for thanks or recognition, but that's why I'm so pleased to be able to present Pam, Melvyn and Ann with these well-deserved commendations."

Paul Musgrave, Service Director at Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice, added: "Our volunteers play a vital role in supporting the running of our services and are an essential part of everything we do. Their passion, dedication and skills help make it possible for us to be there when it matters for people going through the most difficult times of their lives.

"We are hugely grateful to Pam, Melvyn and Ann for their ongoing commitment to our hospice and it has been wonderful to see them recognised by the High Sheriff in this way."

For further information on Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice, and the services it provides, visit: sue Ryder.org/wheatfields



■ The beautiful sculpture entitled Church Window of No Return was made by local artist Marcia Brown M.A (QTLs) for The World Reimagined and will now take pride of place in the Market Kitchen food court

City's In The Market For Stunning New Public Art Addition

A stunning globe created as part of a ground-breaking arts and education project has found a new permanent home at Kirkgate Market.

The beautiful sculpture entitled Church Window of No Return was made by local artist Marcia Brown M.A (QTLs) for The World Reimagined and will now take pride of place in the Market Kitchen food court.

Throughout last summer, Leeds joined cities around the UK in hosting a trail of large scale, colourful globes created by renowned international artists, each exploring the history and impact of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and the contribution of black culture and music to modern Britain.

The globes were also a focal point for the visit of His Majesty The King when he visited Leeds last November.

In recognition of the project's legacy, each city has now been gifted one of the globes, leaving a legacy and continuing learning about the project.

Marcia is a multi-disciplinary community artist and teacher based in West Yorkshire. She graduated from Leeds Beckett University with a master's

degree in Contemporary Fine Arts Practices. She is a recipient of the Edna Lumb Travel Scholarship and the Black Achievers Awards for her work in community arts.

She said: "I'm thrilled my globe has been selected to be the Community Globe at Leeds Kirkgate Market. It's a fantastic opportunity for public art to be used as a vehicle to educate, inspire, and engage the community about the history and legacies of The Transatlantic Slave trade as well as highlighting The World Reimagined's vision and mission for racial justice."

Councillor Jonathan Pryor, deputy leader of Leeds City Council and executive member for economy, culture and education said: "Leeds Kirkgate Market is fast becoming a destination to view art from large scale murals to community inspired mosaics.

"We are delighted that the World Reimagined have chosen the Market Kitchen as a permanent home for Marcia's community globe."

For more information on The World Reimagined in Leeds, please visit: www.leedsinspired.co.uk/collection/world-reimagined

Wetherby Older Persons Charity Need Runners And Fundraisers To Help Plug Shortfall

A Wetherby charity facing a £30,000 funding shortfall wants more runners to follow its boss's footsteps by pounding the streets this year in a bid to raise vital cash.

Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) needs money to cover the rising costs of its popular activities and events programme.

Chief Operating Officer Mark Dobson has entered the Leeds 10km race in June to raise money and now wants others to consider choosing WiSE as their fundraising cause this year.

Mark said: "It's a common misconception that as a charity, we get things like room hire and entertainers for free. In reality, we pay for everything ourselves and those costs are increasing. Though we charge a small entry fee- typically around £3- we still make a loss on every event.

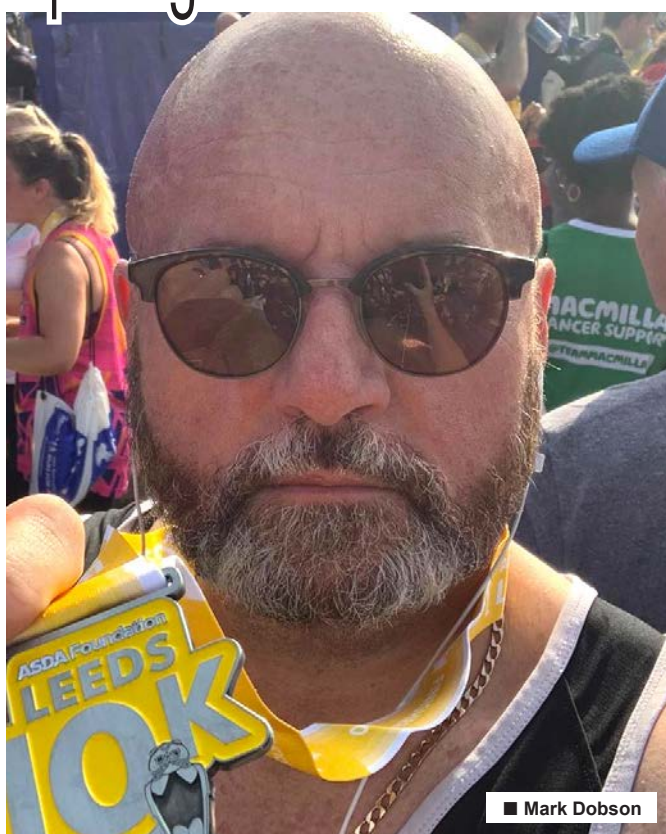
"Events like Line Dancing, Elderberries and other activities in our packed programme are such a vital lifeline for older people living in the area. They give a sense of community, belonging and friendship to those who might otherwise feel very lonely and isolated.

"Every penny raised through people's fundraising activities this year- be it a running race or something else- is spent supporting older people right here in Wetherby and surrounding areas."

Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) is a registered charity organisation part funded by Leeds City Council. Its aim is to improve quality of life for the over 60s by providing community based activities, information, help and support.

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Trees Planted As Requested By The Late Colin Seymour, Environmental



■ Son Gary Seymour with one of the trees he planted by the lock at Woodlesford

— BY BARBARA SMART - WOODLESFORD IN BLOOM —

For over 30 years Colin Seymour took on powerful public bodies and wealthy landlords through the courts becoming an expert in tracking down and understanding legal and planning documents going back centuries. For example, he quoted from the Enclosure Act of 1765 to prevent a hawthorn hedgerow from being uprooted to make way for a bowling green. He secured victories against such bodies as The National Coal Board, British Waterways and British Rail. He campaigned to save public rights of way so essential for access to green spaces.

He was born in Stanley but spent most of his childhood in Woodlesford. He later moved to Methley and finally to Bridlington where he died. He claimed never to have lost a case during more than 100 court appearances. As a keen naturalist, who loved rambling and wildlife, Colin wished that his legacy, as an environmentalist, would continue.

In October 2022, his son Gary contacted Woodlesford in Bloom, to ask if he could plant some trees around Woodlesford as his father had requested especially in areas where he had lived. Gary planted a Cotoneaster Watereri on the village green to replace one that had died. Again in November, after consultation with Canal and River Trust, Gary planted another one in a woodland area near the canal in Woodlesford. These trees have wonderful blossom providing nectar for the bees in spring and berries for the birds in the autumn.

There is space in any garden for a tree or a shrub, if only in a container. They are essential for our benefit. They help both man and beast. All of which has been recognised. Colin had a pioneering vision in campaigning on environmental issues. Many people are now replacing hedgerows that are so important as wildlife corridors. It is good to know that many environmental groups are now planting trees throughout the country. For example, we were encouraged to create the Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. We in Woodlesford planted 3 silver birch as memorial trees on our village green and 6 apple trees around the village plus many saplings that were provided by the Woodland Trust.

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Schools In Leeds Can Apply To Win £2,000 Towards Sustainable Projects As Ikea Launches 'Let's Go Zero' Competition

IKEA UK has launched a competition giving Leeds school children the chance to win £2,000 towards projects which will help reduce their school's carbon footprint.

The retailer is working in partnership with the Let's Go Zero campaign, coordinated by climate solutions charity Ashden, which calls on all UK schools to become carbon zero by 2030.

The competition encourages teachers, nursery children, primary and secondary pupils in Leeds to sign up and submit ideas which will make their school more sustainable – whether reducing emissions or increasing biodiversity – as part of a wider drive to unite communities in doing their bit to fight climate change.

Four schools from across the UK will receive help from IKEA staff to bring their ideas to life, with the winners announced in April. The retailer



■ Aimee Wood of the Leeds Town Hall team pitches in with a mammoth spring clean of Victoria Hall ahead of a major revamp of the stunning performance space

With more than a century's worth of dust and dirt to tackle, it could very well be the country's toughest spring cleaning job.

But the mammoth, once-in-a-lifetime task of sprucing up Leeds Town Hall's stunning Victoria Hall won't be without its perks either.

Over the next few months, a team of specialist cleaners are set to scale towering scaffolding inside the hall, charged with removing layers of grime and urban pollution which have built up since the building opened in 1858.

There, more than 50 feet in the air, they will get a remarkably rare, up close look at some of the stunning heritage features crafted by the building's Victorian designers to adorn the room's ornate ceiling.

They include two beautiful statues of angelic figures playing gilded trumpets along with the hundreds of golden stars which line the vivid blue ceiling above the main stage.

The angels flank a huge decorative wheel, one of only two of its kind in the world, which usually sits atop the town hall's immense pipe organ. At the top of wheel is the unmistakable Leeds city coat of arms. Decked with the iconic Leeds golden owls, it carries the city's motto Pro Rege et Lege, Latin for "For King and the Law."

Once the decades of accumulated dust have been successfully removed, contractors and artists are expected to head into the hall early in the summer, where they will begin the task of restoring Victoria Hall's paintwork to its former glory.

Matthew Sims, Leeds City Council's head of arts and events, said: "The Victoria Hall restoration is a true, once-in-a-lifetime project where we've had the chance to rediscover so many beautiful features that were part of the original vision for this unique performance space.

"Because opportunities to access the highest points of the hall have been so few and far between over the decades, inevitably that's meant a lot of dust and dirt accumulating in some of the hardest to reach areas and getting rid of that will be one of the first steps in restoring the hall to its former glory.

"Everyone at the town hall has been so excited to uncover aspects of the space that we've never seen before and it's really helped us to build a picture of how this project will connect the hall's past and future."

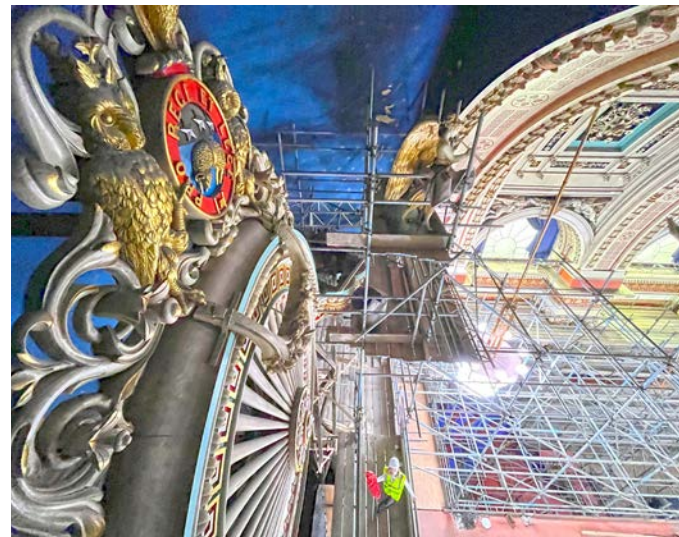
The Victoria Hall scheme is part of wider, ongoing efforts to refurbish and restore Leeds Town Hall, preserving a Grade 1 listed

public asset which is one of the city's most recognisable buildings.

The project will also ensure the building can host large-scale events and concerts, generating significant income for the council and the city and engaging with the wider audiences.

Also part of the project is the refurbishment of the Leeds Town Hall organ, which has already seen most of the instrument's 6,000 pipes removed. Much of the 70 tonne organ's ageing mechanism will now be replaced, including its soundboards, wind supply and console.

Councillor Jonathan Pryor, Leeds City Council's executive member for economy, culture and education, said: "Leeds Town Hall is one of the city's most beloved buildings and a symbol of our city's rich history and heritage.



"Preserving this iconic landmark is hugely important, not only as a tribute to the city past but as an investment in its future, ensuring that the town hall can continue to be a unique performance space Leeds can be proud of for many generations to come."

More information on the town hall, including upcoming events and how you can support the building by making a donation and being part of fundraising, can be found at: www.leedstownhall.co.uk/support-us

will provide products (up to the value of £2,000 for each project), solutions and sustainable living expertise.

Marsha Smith, Deputy Country Retail Manager at IKEA UK and Ireland, says: "We want to create a positive impact through sustainability and inspire people to do their bit in looking after our shared home – the planet. Schools can play a huge role in educating future generations and empowering all young people to take climate action. That's why we're thrilled to be working with Ashden for a second year, in support of the Let's Go Zero Campaign.

"Last year's competition was a huge success, and in 2023 we'd love to get even more Leeds schools involved in doing their bit for the planet. From growing vegetables to composting and designing eco classroom areas, the sky's the limit. We can't wait to see the entries, and to work with four winners to bring their ideas to life."

Alex Green, Schools Lead at Let's Go Zero says: "We are delighted to be working with IKEA again on the Let's Go Zero campaign and this exciting competition. Schools are at the heart of our communities and we know that by supporting projects within schools we can inspire our young people, and their families and communities to be real climate champions."

Visit www.ikea.com/gb for more information on how to enter the IKEA Let's Go Zero Competition. Also head over to the Let's Go Zero's website to sign up and support the campaign at www.letsgozero.org

Competition entries will be judged by a panel from IKEA and Ashden who will select four winning designs to be created, with winners announced in April. Entries are now open and will close at midnight on 20th March.



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Spring is an unsettled time of year as warm sunny days and mild nights can instantly change to wet, cold and freezing temperatures. Learning to read the weather is a fundamental part of learning to garden. You can so easily be caught out at this time of year as our enthusiasm, fuelled by mild spells and lengthening days triggers an urgency in our heads. As a general rule I try to plan my gardening around the weather, although there comes a point when a job just has to be done. Pruning roses for example is best completed before the end of this month, as is pruning your hydrangeas.

Most roses flower on current season's growth and spring pruning stimulates new growth and hopefully good flowering especially for Hybrid Tea and Floribunda types. If you haven't pruned your climbing roses then try to complete it this month. As well as encouraging better flowering, spring pruning gives the opportunity to remove all spindly and dead stems and helps keep an open goblet shape. Aim for four or five main stems and prune to a bud that faces outward so that the centre of the rose stays open reducing overcrowding and reducing disease. Feed with a general or rose specific feed sprinkled around the base of the plant and mulch with good garden compost to retain moisture.



The most popular hydrangeas we grow are called 'mop-heads' or 'lace-caps', terms which refer to the shape and style of their blooms, these require only light pruning and removing the old flower heads that were left on to protect the plant through the winter. Thin congested plants, removing about one third of old, weak or badly placed branches. The remaining branches should be pruned to the first pair of healthy buds behind the old flower head. Another group of hydrangeas are called 'paniculate' types with a long arching cone shaped flower head. These flower later than the 'mop-head' and 'lace-cap' types and respond well to quite hard pruning and can be cut back to a healthy pair of buds about 25cm (10 inches) from the soil level. This will encourage larger flowers on long arching stems. If they are planted to the back of the border, cut to about 60cm (2 ft) which will result in a taller display.



If you haven't already trimmed your lawn then now is a good time to start. Set the mower on its highest setting to remove about 1cm (1/2 inch) of growth, cutting too hard at this time of year will shock the grass and makes it more susceptible to early disease attack and frost damage. Reduce the cutting height every two weeks until you reach the desired finish. A spring feed of granular fertiliser towards the end of the month will help maintain a healthy green lawn. Areas that have had heavy foot traffic or are a little wet should be aerated with a garden fork, pushing the tines in to half their depth and giving a little wiggle will allow air to get to the roots and help water drain away. If your lawn is a quite springy think about scarifying (removing the build up of dead grass), on small areas this can be done with a wire rake, but if you have a larger lawn consider hiring a scarifying machine, it's like a mower with wire tines and is very good at removing 'thatch' with much less effort. Any arisings can be put on the compost heap.



Sowing annual flowers and vegetable seeds can be frustrating as cold and frosty nights can damage emerging seedlings. My spring sowing calendar is spread over a few weeks so that the resulting seedlings can be transplanted into modules or pots and grown on in a cool greenhouse (maintained frost free). There is nothing more frustrating than having several pots of seedlings needing transplanting and not having the space to put them that is frost free. There is a limit to how many windowsills you will be allowed to use and the light levels at this time of year can still draw the seedlings making them weak, long and spindly. If you don't have space or a greenhouse you might like to consider buying pre grown plants from your local nursery or online. These are usually ready to plant out and save time if you don't need huge amounts. Although more expensive than seed and in some cases may seem more costly than buying vegetables from some of the budget supermarkets, the pleasure they give and the taste is worth the effort.

Next month, (looking after spring bulb displays, easy salad leaves, and feed your strawberries.)

Top Tip - Don't Throw Out Your Spring Bedding Plants



Many of our gardens are filled with spring colour provided by annual bedding plants such as viola's, primula's, forget-me-not's and double-daisies (Bellis). These displays continue for the next couple of months and with a little care could last into early summer, but often more striking and exuberant plants are filling the shelves and benches of nurseries and garden centres enticing us to change our displays.

As with most plants removing fading flowers will encourage plants to keep producing new buds, rather than concentrating on producing seed. Spring bedding plants don't seem to grow very much and this is due to the weather conditions and the fact that they are generally less vigorous than summer bedding plants and concentrate on flowering as the daylight lengthens in spring.

There is usually plenty of moisture around so watering is not a problem although if you grow them in containers they may need the occasional drink. They don't generally need feeding either although a liquid feed towards the end of the month will encourage longer flowering and if you plan to keep them for next year will help build up the plant.

Once they have finished flowering, spring bedding plants are all too often assigned to the compost heap, however with a little care you can keep primulas and violas as permanent additions to your garden. Primulas and viola's prefer a shady spot but if you don't have space for them then they can be planted in a corner of the vegetable plot and saved for next spring. Double-daisies (Bellis) don't transplant well and are best replaced each year. Forget-me-not's on the other hand do seed around and can be moved to other parts of the garden. The original plant tends to look scruffy so I usually pull them out once they look straggly. A gentle shake between other plants in the border or in a small patch in the vegetable garden will ensure that you maintain a plentiful supply of plants. The chances are that they will have already seeded around and in some cases can be a bit of a weed, but they do transplant easily and can be moved to a more desirable part of the garden or indeed potted up for use in containers.

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Antiques And Collectables

With David Oddy



■ Burmantofts single colour art pottery vases. Turquoise, yellow-orange, oxblood. Leeds Museum. Image © Chemical Engineer @ commons.wikimedia.org

In Yorkshire we have a wonderful history from our industrial past; Leeds, Castleford and Burmantofts potteries to name but a few of the Yorkshire potteries which produced such fine wares that they are internationally collected. Yorkshire had many engineering firms such as Fowlers who produced traction engines and all manner of innovative machinery. Kirkstall Forge and many other forges made heavy engineering products and many small engineering firms in our area made bespoke products. Textiles of course played a major part in our local economy. Burtons tailoring were the biggest in the world at one time, my own mum and several of her brothers worked at Burtons. Of course we can't forget our great coal mining industry with pits in every town and village. All of these industries have left us with artefacts which are now very collectable and sometimes quite valuable. Old advertising, mining items and even old tins are collected.



■ David Oddy inside his shop

My interest in antiques began when I was about 11 years old. Coming from a farming background, my parents would take me along to farm sales. In those days everything on the farm was sold by auction from livestock to machinery including all the furniture from the farmhouse! My first purchase was a Victorian jug and bowl bought for a half crown (about 12 1/2 pence in today's money). I sold it for three shillings making a profit of sixpence. I was hooked. That was over 60 years ago and I still get a buzz out of antiques – you never stop learning and find interesting things all the time.

This love of antiques led to business and I opened my shop in Crossgates in October 2017 along with my daughter Carol. We both have years of experience and enjoy welcoming new and regular customers. With every day being different it is an absolute joy.



■ Fowler Brass nameplate fitted to the end of the Dynamo support frame on their Showmans Locomotives. Image © BulldozerD11 @ commons.wikimedia.org



During the many years I have been in the antiques business, of course like many other industries, fashions change over time and certain styles become more sought after. In the early days, I could not get enough of what is now

called 'brown furniture' which is loosely described as anything in dark wood. I would much rather describe it as well-made furniture which will far outlive some of the modern rubbish which will not stand the test of time. It would seem this generation prefer to change furniture every year rather than buy something which will last a lifetime. This is not good for the planet, let alone the pocket. I am convinced the younger generation are not daft and will eventually return to buying good quality, well-made items from the past. There are signs that recovery is on the way. Emerging markets from abroad such as China, India and developing countries are showing interest in our antiques, however it would be a great shame to have all our treasures going abroad, there would be nothing left for our younger generation.

Despite 'brown furniture' currently being out of vogue, on the bright side, the collectables market is still very strong and it seems there is a collector for everything. I regularly see avid collectors of old postcards, coins, medals and military items!



■ Inside Antiques & Collectables

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Diary Of A Pawnbroker

It's been a busy month. Lending and gold buying have been at record levels over the last few months however retail still remains strong with Valentines Day adding a nice boost to the sales figures. Pawnbroking is just another form of 'Asset Lending', similar to a mortgage on a house where the loan is secured against the value of the property owned. The difference with a pawnbroking loan is the length of the loan period which is typically upto 7 months and the fact that the goods or asset is stored in our vaults, usually gold, acts as the security against the loan. We often lend £1000-£10,000 on luxury watches and fine jewellery to help some of our clients meet their immediate cash flow needs. However our more typical 'every day' loan is often just £100 - £500 and it allows our customers to meet their everyday cash flow needs when they need it most.



My family have been in the pawnbroking and jewellery industry since 1840. We have records dating back to 1935 when the typical pledge was in pounds shillings and pence and the items pawned were articles of clothing such as 'pit pants', hob nail boots and even ladies 'hosiery'!

It was very rare to see a loan over £10 in old money. That would be worth about £500 today and that's because people didn't own the same value of assets in those days, in fact gold was a rarity.



One customer was recently looking through the old pledge books on display in our Seacroft store and remembered her mum using a pawnbroker regularly to pledge her gold wedding ring when she was a child. She would always get it back after a few weeks and it was a valuable service to her family then, as it still is today. Several customers in stores like Pontefract, Seacroft and Batley have mentioned that they remembered my father and grandfather helping their families during tough times like the miners strike and they are still appreciative of the help they received that was essential for getting them through those tough times.



Not everyone needs a loan though and some customers prefer to sell their gold especially with the gold price being stronger of late and as a result we have been buying record amounts. March and April are when personal debt typically hit their peak with the end of the tax year, credit card bills still looming from Christmas and the booking of summer holidays with deposits needing to be paid. If that wasn't enough, we then have our energy bills to pay for!



In fact recent research showed that 27% of the public would consider using a pawnbroker if they better understood how the process works.

It's so simple really – Pawnbroking is a secured loan; you leave your item - a gold ring for example, with the pawnbroker for up to 7 months and can redeem it, (collect it), at any time by paying back the loan and interest due at that point.

If you cannot repay the loan, the pawnbroker will sell your goods to repay the debt and that is the end of the matter although we really do our very best to try and avoid customers losing their valuables. If any extra profit is made after costs of the loan, interest and admin has been paid, then it goes back to you, the original customer!

Regulated by the FCA, the whole process is beautifully simple and completely transparent providing instant cash to many thousands of people when they really need it most.

So, if you are looking for a little extra help with the high cost of living and soaring energy bills, then visit Christopher Brown Jewellers in Seacroft, Shipley, York and Pontefract or Brown and Gold in Batley. You will be pleasantly surprised at just how simple it is to get the financial help you need when you need it most!

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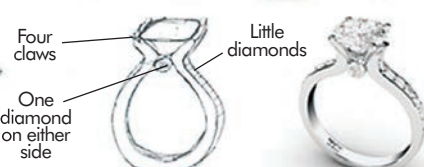
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■ Richard Ashcroft

TRAMLINES FESTIVAL, Sheffield's Biggest Party is over the moon to finally reveal the 2023 line-up. Richard Ashcroft, The Courteeners, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott will headline The Sarah Nulty Main Stage in the celebratory 15th edition of the three-day event at Hillsborough Park, Sheffield from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd July. Also amongst the first line-up announcement are: Blossoms, DMA's, Kaiser Chiefs, Sugababes, Bloc Party, Beabadoobee, Kate Nash, Katy B, Sea Girls, Pale Waves, special guests The Enemy and The Zutons plus many more, including the full comedy line-up featuring Omid Djalili, Jonathan Pie and Paul Smith.



■ Paul Heaton & Jacqui Abbott

The appearance of Richard Ashcroft will be bringing down the Main Stage curtain on Friday night, followed by The Courteeners' return on Saturday in a historic year where the band's classic debut album, *St Jude*, went to number one in the album charts, 15 years after its original release. The Sunday headline slot is always a special one, and who better to host it than the infallible duo, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott.



■ Kaiser Chiefs

Spanning rock, pop, indie and alternative festival goers can stomp the festival site to find their all-time favourites or discover something new. There are bands in abundance in this first phase including; local Yorkshire lads, the Kaiser Chiefs, who've promised a new album will drop this year; Manchester favourites Blossoms; the BRIT Award winning Sugababes, and Australia's DMA's in a much anticipated appearance after *Tramlines 2020* was postponed due to the pandemic when they were originally billed to play. Like everyone who performs, they're bound to fall in love with *Tramlines* and its cheeky Sheffield sensibilities.



■ Beabadoobee

The critically acclaimed Beabadoobee also joins the bill where festival goers will get to witness just why she's earned her 'guitar hero' status. *Tramlines* welcomes back Katy B following her five-year hiatus and now armed with a ton of new music. Special guest slots this year come from The Enemy and The Zutons, which added to Kate Nash, Sea Girls, Pale Waves, and Red Rum Club, make for a reyt good line-up.

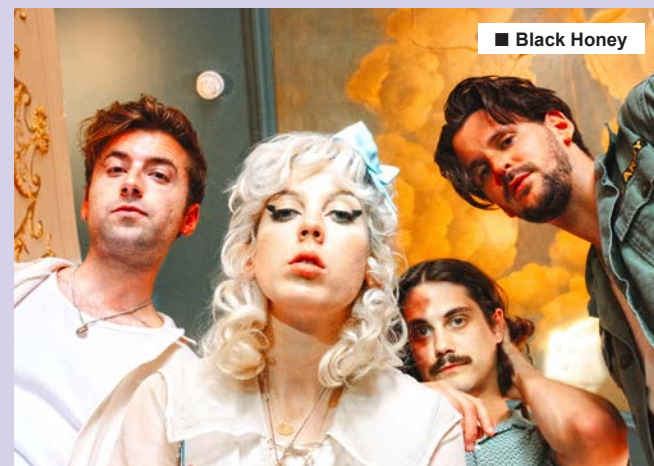
Another essential date in the summer festival diary for indie-lovers and new music heads alike, **LIVE AT LEEDS: IN THE PARK** continues to emerge as one of the best new festivals in the country. Established as the perfect all-day festival experience for hands-in-the-air celebrations, *Live At Leeds: In The Park 2023* gets even bigger with a slew of new additions.

Joining a bill already stacked with unforgettable highlights, indie legends, the most talked about names in modern alternative music and those ready to be discovered as fans' next favourite artist - is a true mix of styles and sounds born for festival moments. Since emerging back in 2014, DMA's have become an undeniable force in modern guitar music. With their anthemic knack of sound-tracking the highs and lows of modern life, they've continued to evolve with each step - establishing themselves as a bona fide live phenomenon with a rapturous fanbase that continues to grow and grow. With their anticipated fourth album '*How Many Dreams?*' set to land this month, expect their set at *Live At Leeds: In The Park* to be nothing short of show-stealing.



■ The Hives

Revered as one of the greatest live bands of all time, the perfect festival day simply can't exist without The Hives. With a career spanning over 20 years, The Hives have torn apart stages across the globe with their feverish garage-rock and unpredictable live show that needs to be seen to be believed. With a summer tour with Arctic Monkeys planned, cuts such as 'Hate To Say I Told You So', 'Tick Tick Boom', 'Main Offender', 'Walk Idiot Walk' and more in their arsenal and lead by the unstoppable presence of frontman Pelle Almqvist - *Live At Leeds: In The Park 2023* is set to bear witness to live royalty when The Hives take to the stage.



■ Black Honey

Other new names for the festival include Cavetown, Crawlers, Bully, The Big Moon, Black Honey and The Beths. *Live At Leeds: In The Park* takes place on Saturday 27th May 2023 at Temple Newsam.

Spring Concert To Celebrate Joy Of Creation

Horsforth Choral Society will be joined by local school children in a joyful spring concert inspired by works of creation, at Leeds Trinity University Chapel on 31st March.

Accompanied by members of Leeds Symphony Orchestra and together with children from White Laith Primary School in Whinmoor, the choir will sing choruses from Haydn's *Creation* and Andrew Carter's *Benedicite*.

The two works span more than 200 years, with the *Creation* dating from late 1700s, and the *Benedicite* written in the late 20th century by contemporary Leeds composer Andrew Carter. The anthem *Look at the World* by John Rutter completes the varied programme.

The concert takes place on Friday 31 March at 7.30pm in the Chapel of Leeds Trinity University in Horsforth. Tickets are available on the door at £10, £5 for students and free to under-18s (including interval refreshments).

The choir rehearses on Mondays from 7.30-9.30pm at St Margaret's Parish Centre Horsforth. All ages are welcome, and no audition is necessary.

For more information about HCS, visit www.horsforthchoral.co.uk, email horsforthchoralsoc@gmail.com find them on Facebook and Twitter *HorsforthCS*.

Harrogate Proms - An Evening Of Live Music

In June, fans of orchestral and choral music are in for a real treat as the long-awaited Harrogate Proms comes to town.

The event, which will take place on Saturday 24 June at 7.30pm at the Harrogate Convention Centre, has been organised by Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity (HHCC), in partnership with the Harrogate Choral Society (HCS) and the Harrogate Symphony Orchestra (HSO).

The Harrogate Proms will feature a performance by world-renowned soprano soloist, Sarah Fox, who has previously performed in the BBC Proms and is a regular performer locally and on BBC Radio 2. A unique, specially formed choir, 'Voices for Harrogate', will be accompanied by the HSO and perform both and operatic and traditional Proms favourites.

The evening will be compered by BBC broadcaster and radio presenter, Liz Green and the concert will be conducted by Bryan Western of HSO and David Lawrence of HCS.

All proceeds from the event will be donated directly to HHCC to help make life-changing differences to patients and their families.

Sammy Lambert, Business Development, Charity and Volunteer Manager for HHCC, says "This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all that is great

with the NHS and for us to thank the public for their support through these recent difficult times. Unfortunately, our previously scheduled Proms event had to be postponed due to lockdown restrictions, but we are delighted that we are finally able to present this wonderful showcase, which promises to be the musical event of the year. We are looking forward to having a full auditorium, with the obligatory hooters and flag waving of a traditional Proms event."

"There are still opportunities for local companies and individuals to support our event and anyone interested can email sammy.lambert@nhs.net".

Voices for Harrogate, which currently comprises almost 300 singers, is looking for new singers to join the choir, particularly any tenors or basses, ahead of rehearsals which start after Easter. Budding performers should email proms@harrogatechoral.org.uk to register their interest and find out more about the choir.

Tickets are now on sale via the Harrogate Theatre Box Office, ranging from £18 to £28 per person (students half price and 14s and under free). Please visit www.harrogateattheatre.co.uk/events/the-harrogate-proms or call 01423 502116 to book tickets. All ticket sales include a £3 donation to HHCC.

Sunbirds Coming To Leeds

The man who once told us he loved us from the bottom of his pencil case, founder Beautiful South member Dave Hemingway returns with his new band SUNBIRDS announcing their dates for 2023.

Having retired from the live scene at the back end of 2016, Dave has been keeping busy together with erstwhile South colleague, guitarist/songwriter Phil Barton, new discovery singer/violinist Laura Wilcockson and drummer Marc Parnell.

‘Cool To Be Kind’ was released in November 2020, on the independent label Nectar Records signalling the arrival of Sunbirds with new songs and a new sound.

Although born and bred in England, the band's sound predominantly features the instrumentation of traditional American roots music combined with the occasional outburst of guitar heavy melody more associated with Seattle in the late 80's/early 90's.

“Although a lot of the songs have an Americana feel” says Dave “they’re still about life in England. You’re going to feel a bit daft singing about pick-up trucks and low down honky-tonks when you live in Yorkshire.”

Their debut album produced by cult producer Teo Miller, captures truthful, open-hearted, funny and sometimes painfully honest songs, turning the page to a new chapter for Dave Hemingway and The Beautiful South story.

Fast forward to 2022 and Sunbirds’ new line-up released a brand-new single ‘Every Road’, a vintage sounding feel-good West Coast inspired gem. It features Eagles and Fleetwood Mac inspired guitar licks from Chris alongside the polished production of studio legend Steve Levine. However, it’s not quite all straight-forward Country Rock as you’d expect, as in places songwriter Phil’s love of Nirvana leads him away from the chord progressions of well-worn Country roads onto the trickier, darker more twisting roads of Alternative Rock.



‘Every Road’ is out now available on all digital platforms and also available via the band’s website - www.sunbirds.co.uk .

Ticket available from;

www.sunbirds.co.uk, www.oldwoollen.co.uk & www.seetickets.com

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80s Classical And Club Classic Anthems With The Orchestra Of Opera North At Millennium Square

Superstars from the last four decades of pop and club music have been announced as special guests for the Orchestra of Opera North’s two open-air concerts this summer as part of the annual Millennium Square Summer Series organised by Leeds City Council.

80s Classical will bring pop legends including Nik Kershaw, Go West, Nick Heyward, Heaven 17 and T’Pau’s Carol Decker together with the symphonic might of Opera North’s 50-strong Orchestra on Friday 28 July.

On Saturday 29 July, dance music from the 90s to the present gets a radical revamp with Club Classical Anthems, as international artists take their hits up a gear with the expanded power and colour of Opera North’s musicians behind them. Joining the Orchestra will be Leeds’ own electronic pioneers Utah Saints, Dreamer hitmaker Janice Robinson, twice UK number one vocalist Kelli-Leigh and singer-songwriter Karen Harding.

Sheffield synth-pop legends Heaven 17 – Martyn Ware and Glenn Gregory – come to 80s Classical for the first time with reworkings of their anthems including Temptation. “Hearing some of our biggest hits of the 80s in these new orchestral arrangements is one of the high points of my career”, says vocalist Glenn. “It’s such an emotional and beautiful thing to behold. And now we are going to be performing them live with the Orchestra of Opera North, I’ll get to stand in front of that massive 50-piece orchestra and sing some of our favourite songs live. To say I’m excited really is an understatement (also, rather nervous!)”

80s Classical favourites Carol Decker and Nik Kershaw both appeared at the inaugural gig in 2019, and will each return for the third time this summer. “I’m flattered to be asked again to perform at this unique event and I’m looking forward to soaking up the wonderful atmosphere with the lovely folk of Leeds”, says Nik, who’ll revisit the timeless Wouldn’t It Be Good, I Won’t Let the Sun Go Down on Me and The Riddle with the Orchestra.

Brit Award-winning duo Go West, singer Peter Cox and guitarist/vocalist Richard Drummie, will perform King of Wishful Thinking, their hit single from the Pretty Woman soundtrack, together with other successes including We Close Our Eyes.

Saturday night’s Club Classical Anthems sees the return of Janice Robinson, whose most iconic hit has been super-sized with sweeping strings, glistening brass and tuned percussion in one of Cliff and his musical partner Steve Anderson’s most inspired treatments.



For local heroes Utah Saints – Jez Willis and Tim Garbutt – “this is an amazing alignment of the stars for Leeds. It’s 2023: the Year of Culture, the 30th anniversary of the release of Utah Saints’ debut album –and a time when a lot of us need a lift.” Hyperactive, hook-packed early-90s singles like Something Good and What Can You Do For Me were taken into another dimension in their first encounter with the Orchestra on Millennium Square in 2018. “Last time was immense, this time will be off the scale!” promises Tim. “It’s a great honour to perform in our hometown with the awesome Orchestra of Opera North”.

Club culture of the past decade is represented by Kelli-Leigh, vocalist on two UK Number 1s – I Got U by Duke Dumont featuring Jax Jones, and I Wanna Feel by Secondcity – and Karen Harding, who followed X Factor and Eurovision appearances with the moody magnificence of her top ten hit Say Something.

Tickets for the concerts are available via millsqleeds.com (0113 376 0318) and operanorth.co.uk (0113 223 3600)

Standing tickets for 80s Classical (Friday 28 July), are priced at £35.00, with a limited amount of reserved seating available at £44.00. Standing tickets for Club Classical Anthems (Saturday 29 July) are £29.50, or £38.50 for reserved seating. A VIP/express bar upgrade is available at both events for an additional £11.00.

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There's also Peppa Pig as well as Peter Rabbit who will be making his debut and both will be on stage throughout the day. Diggerland will also be at Springtime Live for the first time.

All activities are FREE once inside the event where there will also be alpacas, reptiles, Ferretworld's Roadshow, Rare Breeds Survival Trust and forest crafts.

Ripon Farm Services have donated mini tractors which youngsters can ride around an indoor circuit, there will also be an outdoor bike track and a climbing wall.

Due to the popularity of Springtime Live, entry is by advance ticket only and there are a limited number on sale. Last year's event was a sell-out.

Charles Mills, Show Director, said: "This will be our eighth Springtime Live and it gets more and more popular every year. Make sure you book your tickets now to ensure entry and once inside, everything is free! We look forward to seeing you!"

Springtime Live will be at the Great Yorkshire Showground, in Harrogate, on Saturday April 1, from 9am to 4:30pm. Tickets cost £12 for adults and £7 for children or a family ticket (2 adults and 3 children) for £33. Under 3s are free. These are on sale at www.springtimelive.co.uk or sold in Fodder (subject to availability).

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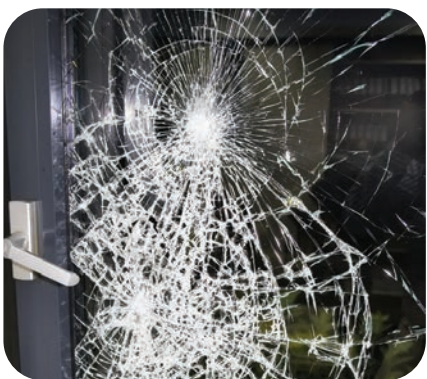
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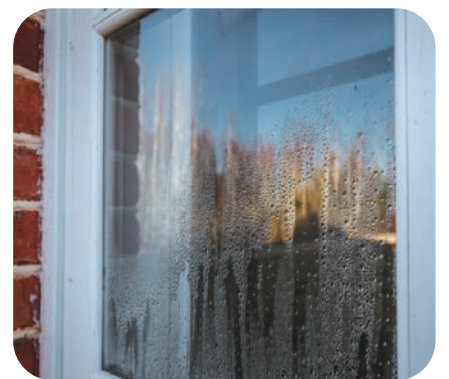
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The Hidden Fabric Of A Victorian Woman's Life

In 1838, a young woman was given a diary on her wedding day. Collecting snippets of fabric from a range of garments she carefully annotated each one, creating a unique record of her life and times. Her name was Mrs Anne Sykes.

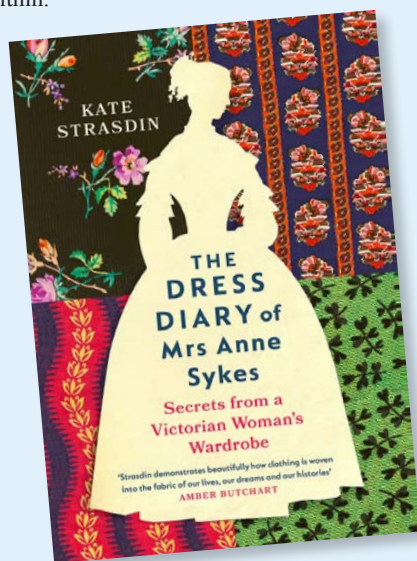
Nearly two hundred years later, the diary fell into the hands of Kate Strasdin, a fashion historian and museum curator. Strasdin spent the next six years unravelling the secrets contained within the album's pages.

Piece by piece, she charts Anne's journey from the mills of Lancashire to the port of Singapore before tracing her return to England in later years. Fragments of cloth become windows into Victorian life: pirates in Borneo, the complicated etiquette of mourning, poisonous dyes, the British Empire in full swing, rioting over working conditions and the terrible human cost of Britain's cotton industry.

This is life writing that celebrates ordinary people: the hidden figures, the participants in everyday life. Through the evidence of waistcoats, ball gowns and mourning outfits, Strasdin lays bare the whole of human experience in the most intimate of mediums: the clothes we choose to wear.

About the author

Kate Strasdin is a dress and lecturer in Cultural Studies at Falmouth University and is a freelance consultant for dress and textile exhibitions. In 2016 she was given an anonymous album full of annotated dress swatches that had been kept in a trunk for over fifty years, its original keeper unknown. Kate spent the next six years unravelling the secrets of this album, and the lives of the people within.



The Dress Diary of Mrs Anne Sykes

Author: Kate Strasdin

Publisher: Chatto & Windus

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Three Devoted Sisters... One Complicated Family



When Rosa Quinn left her childhood home in Westenbury, she never expected to return over a decade later as the village vicar. But after a health scare and catching her boyfriend cheating, Rosa jumps at the chance to start over and live closer to her triplet sisters Eva and Hannah.

But Rosa's isn't the only old face in the village, and when her role

in the parish throws her into the path of her ex, she begins to wonder if she's made a terrible mistake. Meanwhile, Eva and Hannah face their own troubles, as secrets about their family threaten to emerge.

Can Rosa make a life for herself in Westenbury? Or will the sisters discover you can't run away from the past?

About the author

Julie Houston lives in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire where her novels are set, and her only claims to fame are that she teaches part-time at 'Bridget Jones' author Helen Fielding's old junior school and her neighbour is 'Chocolat' author, Joanne Harris. Julie is married, with two adult children and a ridiculous Cockerpool called Lincoln. She runs and swims because she's been told it's good for her, but would really prefer a glass of wine, a sun lounger and a jolly good book - preferably with Dev Patel in attendance.

The Village Vicar

Author: Julie Houston

Publisher: Aria

Available from Amazon

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Often Overlooked Wife Of Anne Lister Is Worthy Of Her Own Narrative

These are just some of the words usually used to describe Ann Walker, the oft overlooked wife of Anne Lister, better known by some as Gentleman Jack. Ann was one half of England's first same-sex marriage and yet the rainbow plaque that marks their historic union on the wall of the Holy Trinity Church, York, features Ann's name in a font only half the size of her wife's. Her story has been long forgotten.

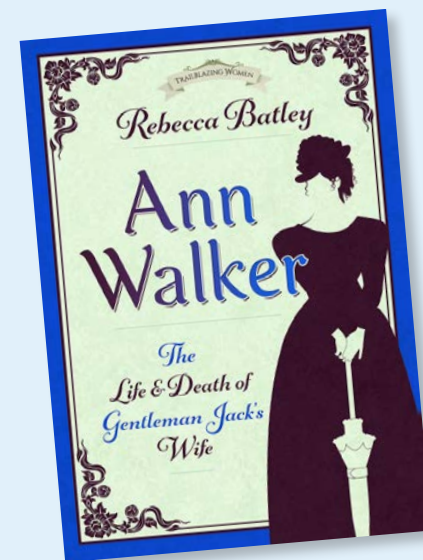
Born into wealth and privilege Ann was one of the most eligible heiresses in 19th century Yorkshire and the question on everyone's lips in 1830's Halifax was why a respectable young heiress, with property, fortune and connection risked everything, even her freedom, to become entangled with the notorious Gentleman Jack?

The answer to this question reveals a woman of immense courage, faith, and determination, but her voice has remained silent...until now. Within the depths of Ann's diary - discovered by Diane Halford in 2020 - the answers to some of the above questions can be found, as can insight into Ann as an independent woman.

The life of Ann is worthy of its own narrative and it is time for Ann to step out of the shadow of Gentleman Jack and tell her own story.

About the author

Rebecca Batley is an archaeologist and historian, with a particular interest in women's history. Her work can be found in numerous publications including New Scientist, Gay and Lesbian Review and AHM. She regularly writes for Ancient Origins and has worked for, amongst others, MOLA and Wessex Archaeology.



Ann Walker - The Life and Death of Gentleman Jack's Wife

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Anything Is Paw-Sible With Škoda As Official Automotive Partner Of Crufts

Škoda has been announced as the Official Automotive Partner of Crufts - the UK's biggest and most prestigious dog event. Organised by The Kennel Club and held at the NEC in Birmingham, the show celebrates every aspect of dog ownership. The 2023 event is expected to be the biggest to date and runs from 9-12 March.

While 2023 marks the first official partnership between Škoda and Crufts, the brand has enjoyed a very close relationship with dogs and their owners for many years. Škoda has continually developed a wide range of safety and comfort accessories which allow owners to transport their furry friends securely and comfortably at all times. The brand has also forged strong links with the emergency services providing bespoke Škoda models such as the Kodiaq and Karoq, which all provide the paw-fect environment for hard working dogs.

Škoda will be at Crufts with its charity partner, Dogs for Good. Škoda has been working with the charitable organisation since 2022, to help raise awareness of the amazing cause, which brings

people and dogs together to help make life possible for people with a range of disabilities. Dogs for Good staff are always out and about, whether it's driving dogs in training to and from their Temporary Boarders, visiting and supporting Puppy Socialisers or taking Community Dogs to the different organisations they work with. The two Škoda Kamiq compact SUVs that starred in the brand's recent TV advert, were donated to the organisation to support their invaluable work.

Pet safety has driven Škoda to develop one of the biggest ranges of bespoke dog safety accessories in the industry. According to the Highway Code, dogs need to be suitably secured so they avoid distracting the driver and to prevent injury in the case of a sudden stop.

A study carried out by Škoda last year revealed the importance of using correctly designed and fitted restraints. The survey, commissioned by Škoda, found that 12% of owners let their dogs sit on their lap or even on the dash (9%) while driving, while some



let their dogs move freely around the car. This figure was even more pronounced among younger drivers (18-24 years old), with over a quarter (27%) letting their dog sit on their lap while driving.

To make finding the right dog accessory easier, the brand has created a special Pet Pack that comprises a dog guard, rear bumper protector and a double-sided boot mat or rubber boot liner. The pack is available for all Škoda models (except Scala) and is priced from £230 inc VAT (excluding fitting). Dog owners can also choose from a range of harnesses that can be easily attached their vehicles' existing rear seat belts.

As part of the official partnership with Crufts, Škoda will have a stand in the main exhibition hall featuring a special podium where visitors can take selfies of themselves with their dogs. The stand will also feature the Kamiq from the brand's acclaimed television advert which saw the compact SUV tackle a dog show agility course.

Škoda's commitment to dog safety cars has also been widely recognised by the motoring media. Last year, an Auto Express judging panel named the Octavia Estate as the Best Car for Dogs, while Car Magazine also awarded Škoda top marks, naming the Superb Estate as its number one choice for owners with dogs. Summing up the Superb's canine appeal, Car magazine's experts said: "A class-leading 660-litre boot is the clincher here – even a Great Dane can't complain – and its reversible load floor keeps one side clean for non-dog duties." The Superb took another top spot in Carwow's review of dog-friendly cars, with the reviewers concluding: "The Superb's 660-litre boot means even the biggest dogs shouldn't be left wanting for space, and the large opening and low load lip makes jumping in and out easier."

LEEDS CITY COUNCIL TO LAUNCH REVIEW ON TAXI VEHICLE CONDITION STANDARDS

Leeds City Council's Licensing Committee is to embark on a review of vehicle condition standards for hackney and private hire vehicles, following updates to national guidance.

The review, led by a sub-committee of Leeds City Council's Licensing Committee, will consult drivers, the public and passenger groups on potential updates to hackney and private hire vehicle condition standards in Leeds, with a specific focus on standards for wheelchair accessible vehicles.

As part of the consultation process there will be a series of meetings with the trade and passenger groups, which will include representatives for disabled, older, female and school passengers.

Public drop-in sessions will also be scheduled to allow all interested parties to have their voices heard and influence potential updates to vehicle condition standards.

Following the public consultation and review, members of the licensing committee will recommend options to Leeds City Council's Executive Board in response to the updated national guidance.

The review will run from March to August 2023, with the first meeting of the sub-committee due to take place on 20 March 2023. Further details relating to dates and times of the public consultation meetings will also be announced shortly.

Councillor James Gibson, chair of Leeds City Council's Licensing Committee, said: "This review will ensure that the council's vehicle condition standards for hackney and private hire vehicles are updated to reflect the changes in legislation and policy guidance. As always, ensuring passenger and driver safety will remain central to the review.

"The council is committed to consultation at all levels, and we want to hear views from all interested parties on potential changes to vehicle condition standards. I would encourage members of the public and trade to contribute to the conversation and have their views heard."

£5.3 Million Of Government And Industry Funding Electrifies Yorkshire's Chargepoint Plans

Drivers in Yorkshire are to benefit from £5.3 million of support to continue the expansion of electric vehicle charging

The funding supports growth of the charging network across England, adding a further 290 chargepoints and helping to level up the country's charging infrastructure

Four Yorkshire local authorities will benefit from funding to support electric vehicle chargepoint rollout, including the City of York, North Yorkshire, Rotherham and West Yorkshire

The announcement by Transport Minister Jesse Norman will install up to a further 290 chargepoints in the short term, while working to support the local authorities to deliver many more in the long term.

The funding will expand the current Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Pilot, boost the existing On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) and help councils in Yorkshire secure dedicated resource to develop in-house expertise and capability to coordinate chargepoint plans and work with private operators – delivering a more comprehensive and reliable network of chargepoints for drivers.

Technology and Decarbonisation Transport Minister, Jesse Norman said:

"The Government is giving local authorities across England additional help to energise their chargepoint roll-out plans.

"The commitment will lead to thousands of new chargers being installed, and plans for tens of thousands extra in due course, so that more people than ever can make the transition to using EVs".

The announcement is part of a total £56 million in government and industry funding to increase electric vehicle chargepoints across the country.

Part of this includes the £8 million LEVI Capability Fund which will equip local authorities with the skills and ambition to scale up their plans when it comes to their charging strategy.

The funding will help local authorities work in tandem with private



business, and chargepoint operators will drive the sustainable growth of local networks, building and utilising their collective knowledge and expertise to deliver the most ambitious chargepoints plans for their area.

The Government is also bringing forward a further £7 million funding for the existing On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme, bringing the total funding this year to £37 million. 3,000 chargepoints have already been installed under ORCS with a further 10,000 in the pipeline.

Several additional funding schemes are already open and available to help install chargepoints for electric vehicles with government support, including the Workplace Charging Scheme, Landlord grant and the Private/Rental grant.

The Government has already spent over £2 billion to support the move to zero emission vehicles, helping drive forward the decarbonisation of the UK's entire transport system.

NEARLY HALF OF DRIVERS BREAK SPEED LIMIT ON 60MPH COUNTRY ROADS



There has been a significant rise in the proportion of drivers who admit to speeding on 60mph rural roads where more deaths occur than on any other road type, new RAC data has found.

Nearly half (48%) of the 3,102 drivers questioned for the RAC Report on Motoring say they have driven faster than the limit in the past year on these roads – up from 44% in 2021 and matching the highest figure ever seen by the RAC in 2016. Eight per cent confess to having done this frequently while 40% say they have done it occasionally on up to half of their journeys on these roads. In 2021 514 people were killed in a total of 11,827 collisions on 60mph non-built-up roads – a fatality rate of 4%, which is higher than on motorways.

On motorways and high-speed dual carriageways, the UK's fastest roads, as many as 60% of drivers say they have broken the 70mph limit, either on most journeys (16%), or on up to half of their trips (43%) in the last 12 months. This is up by five percentage points compared to 2021 when 55% admitted to having exceeded the limit. The 60% figure is the biggest percentage seen by the RAC since 2017, when 66% owned up to this. However, it is still down on the record of 70% reported in both 2015 and 2016.

The percentage who speed on urban roads has changed very little in the past 12 months with 40% of drivers saying they have exceeded the 30mph limit at least occasionally, compared to 41% in 2021, while 46% have broken the limit on 20mph roads, a figure unchanged on the year before.

The most common reason drivers give for exceeding the motorway 70mph limit is that they are travelling at the same speed as other motorists (42%). The same justification is used by 32% of those who break 60mph limits – the most popular explanation given for exceeding the limit on these roads.

Almost half of drivers who have exceeded the speed limit in 20mph zones say this is because they think the limit is inappropriate for that particular road. Most drivers (69%) think motorists only adhere to 20mph limits when there is enforcement or physical traffic-calming measures in place, while 65% say that signs warning of speed cameras nearby help them stick to the limit. And, half (52%) say they would be opposed to additional 20mph limits being introduced in their local area. However, a similar proportion (48%) believe some 60mph limits on unclassified rural roads should be reduced.



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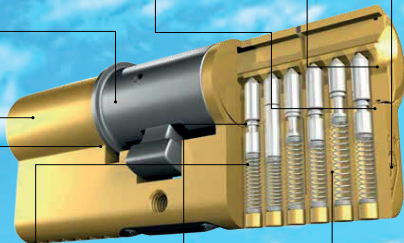
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Dog Owners Urged To Help Keep Wildlife And Livestock Safe This Spring



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is urging dog owners to keep their pets on leads and under close control now that birds are nesting, species are emerging from hibernation and to protect grazing livestock.

Experts say dogs off leads and away from owners is one of the biggest causes of wildlife disturbance – this is particularly problematic when many species are breeding and vulnerable either on or near the ground.

Ground-nesting birds such as curlew, woodcock, and skylark are particularly at risk. Research shows that 66% of ground-nesting birds are in decline in the UK, compared to 31% of other species. Other species such as hedgehogs, hares and deer are all also at risk of disturbance, injury or even death.

The impacts of dogs in wild places include trampling nests and scaring adult birds away from their young which can have devastating consequences because vulnerable chicks can perish if left alone for too long. Disturbance can also affect feeding and foraging behaviour because wildlife is less likely to breed and feed in areas where dogs are encountered.

Loose dogs can also be a threat to sheep, cows and other grazing livestock – with regular problems reported on land owned by the Trust, including two attacks on sheep at nature reserves in Yorkshire recently.

Several of the Trust's nature reserves are on public rights of way or welcome dogs on leads – but sadly increasing instances of dogs disturbing wildlife, trampling rare plants and nests as well as the risk posed to livestock have led the charity to request that dogs are not exercised at many of their nature reserves.

Rachael Bice, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Chief Executive says;

“Dog walking is one of the best reasons to get outdoors, feel great and enjoy our beautiful countryside – and we thank every responsible dog owner who keeps their dog on a lead and encourages others to do the same. Wildlife is suffering huge declines and dogs in wild places can cause problems, especially when many species are breeding and resting close to the ground.

I'm a dog owner and always keep my dog on a lead during nesting season and in nature reserves where there are lots of exciting scents. I know he has

strong hunting instincts and I would feel awful if he were to cause damage to wildlife or livestock, so it's up to me to be responsible and moderate his behaviour especially at this time of year.”

Jenna Kiddie, head of canine behaviour at Dogs Trust, says:

“A countryside dog walk is understandably popular, especially as we move into the warmer months. But owners have a responsibility to keep their dog under control, including around livestock and wildlife, to ensure they do not worry other animals or stray onto neighbouring land for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

“This can be managed by ensuring dogs are kept on a short lead, and close to their owners, whenever livestock are nearby, within seeing, hearing or smelling distance or whenever their presence is likely to be expected. It is important to remember that chasing is normal dog behaviour, and that any dog is capable of chasing, irrelevant of breed, type, age or size.”

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust have recorded multiple problems with dogs chasing grazing livestock;



Sheep attacked at Stirley nature reserve, Huddersfield

Stirley reserve, once a dairy farm sits high above Huddersfield with magnificent views, and includes a popular education centre and large fields, with footpaths and tracks. It's also popular with local people including dog walkers. However, despite signs up at every entrance asking people to keep dogs on leads, people still allow their dogs to roam free and there is a real problem with dog fouling too, for visitors, livestock and wildlife.

Shockingly, recently a dog attacked one of the Trust's Hebridean grazing sheep at the reserve's Lake field. The team was distressed to find the animal with a deep bite wound on its neck and showing signs of stress shortly after the morning check at 10am. Karen McDiarmid, team leader for reserves in the west added;

“Our sheep are precious to us and must be allowed to get on with their job. They are expert mowers who help to keep our lovely meadows and wildflowers looking glorious for everyone to enjoy, including for butterflies and pollinating insects, swallows and bats later in spring. The sheep recovered this time but situations like this are deeply distressing and cost us time and money in vets fees – precious resources that a charity like ours shouldn't have to find. We ask again for everyone to please keep their dogs on leads, encourage others to do the same and keep to the routes we provide and maintain.

“Responsible dog owners and dogs on leads are very welcome on the footpaths and routes we've laid out at Stirley but sadly there are still too many dogs bounding freely across this reserve disturbing wildlife. Very soon skylark, lapwing, brown hares, willow warblers, field vole should be nesting

in grassland areas and we're desperately trying to provide them with a safe place to raise their young.”

Kilnsea wetland is a beautiful reserve near Spurn which includes ponds and meadows with emerging spring flowers, butterflies, and ground nesting birds later in the spring, a popular and peaceful place with wildlife watchers. Dogs are permitted on the reserve paths but only on leads. The sheep which graze the reserve, to improve biodiversity can be in lamb between November and April.

Pet dogs have been allowed to chase sheep here, which is disastrous for pregnant ewes, and has understandably angered the local grazier. Last year a seal was also bitten by a family's dog on the beach at Spurn.



Andy Gibson, Humber officer for the Trust, said;

“Curlews, skylarks and brown hare live in the fields and saltmarsh and on quiet sections of beach and in long grass – there aren't many homes left for them. Allowing dogs to run free in these places is just disastrous – eggs trampled, small mammals eaten, seal pups bitten before many owners may even be aware of what's happened.

“Dogs must never be allowed to chase sheep – responsible dog owners know this but it's becoming more frequent. The impact of dogs can be significantly reduced if they are on a lead in areas like this and wherever there could be resting and nesting birds and animals. We're imploring people to follow this rule.”

Responsible dog owners can help wildlife if they:

- Keep dogs on short leads on nature reserves and in the wider countryside
- Only visit reserves with dogs under control where they are permitted and always keep to paths. Nature reserves are rare places where wildlife is given the priority.
- Clean up after animals and dispose of dog waste in bins or at home. Dog waste is dangerous for wildlife as it can carry diseases, scare away animals and increases nutrients in soils above healthy levels, affecting the natural balance of fragile habitats.
- Prevent dogs jumping in ponds; this can disturb aquatic wildlife, and insecticides found in dog flea treatments pollute waterways and kill wildlife too.

The Countryside Code says that dogs must be controlled to avoid disturbing farm animals or wildlife. Farmers are, by law, entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals. The law also states you must keep your dog on a lead no longer than two metres between 1st March and 31st July when on any open access land to protect ground-nesting birds.

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Puppy's Pain Highlights Danger Of Human Hormonal Cream

Shocked experts at a Wakefield animal hospital are highlighting the danger to dogs if they come into contact with hormonal cream containing oestrogen (HRT), as it can be life-threatening to our four-legged friends.

The team at Paragon Veterinary Referrals were stunned to be presented with a 12-week-old Dachshund called Lilly who was in season, which is very unusual for such a young puppy.

However, investigations at the Linnaeus-owned practice established that Lilly had been in contact with hormonal cream as a household member was using it on their forearms, causing her to absorb the cream when she was close by and display signs of season.

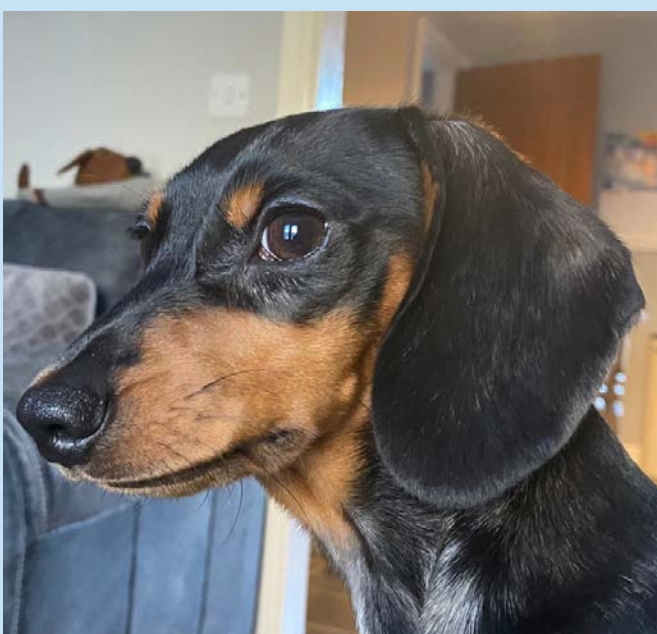
Lilly has made a full recovery, but in more prolonged cases, the consequences can be dire as they can cause life-threatening bone marrow toxicity in dogs.

Lilly's shaken owner Kirsty Mattinson said: "Lilly's vulva seemed to be looking more swollen each day and we thought it may have been an allergy.

"We were very concerned but the team at Paragon were excellent and kept us constantly updated.

"I've learnt an important lesson and my advice to dog owners is to keep them away from hormone products that you may use on your body."

Lara Baptista, clinician in small animal internal medicine at Paragon, said:



"Lilly is fortunate as her owners realised something was wrong and took action.

"By identifying the cause of the problem Lilly was no longer exposed to the hormonal cream. Once the contact with the cream is stopped, the signs should resolve themselves.

"We would echo Kirsty's advice in that dog owners using hormonal cream containing oestrogen (HRT) shouldn't let their pets come into contact with the area where they are applying the cream as the consequences can be very upsetting."

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Dogs Trust Long Term Lodgers Still Looking For A Home

ARCHIE



Seven-year-old Border Collie Archie was handed over by his owner in January 2021 and has been looking for a forever home for over two years.

Archie is a very clever Collie who loves to learn. He is noise sensitive so needs to live with adults in a calm household in a peaceful location away from traffic. He doesn't enjoy unknown people visiting his home, so a home with very few visitors, and none at all during his settling in period is vital. But once he has gained confidence and trusts you, he enjoys interaction with people and can be very affectionate.

He'll need his own secure garden to play in – his favourite thing ever is toys! He'll need somebody around all the time to settle him in but in time should be okay to be left for a few hours if built up slowly. Very importantly you'll need to be active and prepared to continue his training at home. Collies need a lot of physical and mental stimulation, and his handlers will help and advise you every step of the way. He does have arthritis in his elbows which requires long-term medication so potential adopters must consider the ongoing cost of this.

He's housetrained and enjoys his walks. Sadly, he doesn't travel well in the car so will need easy access to walking areas from his home. He likes having doggy friends and will happily make friends out and about, but he doesn't want to share his home with any other pets. Archie will need patience to slowly transition him to a home life. He'll need multiple visits to slowly build a relationship but more effort you put into him the more you will get from him and in the right home he will thrive.

JAKE



Eight-year-old Lurcher Jake is Dogs Trust Leeds' longest term lodger, after spending 3.5 years in their care

Jake is one of the sweetest, most loving dogs you could ever wish to meet. He likes to take his time to get to know you properly but if you give him the space he needs initially then in no time he'll be your shadow! He's super foody so if there are a few treats on offer he'll show you all his training moves. He really enjoys his walks in quiet areas as sadly he's worried by other dogs and prefers to stay away from them and happily wears his muzzle out and about. He's so affectionate that he'll spend the whole day snuggling on the sofa with you if give him the chance and all his handlers look forward to spending time with him.

Jake is incredibly loving and likes to have his humans around all the time. He'd need a good settling in period before building up any alone time. He's a sensitive soul who is easily unsettled by noise so needs a calm and quiet home in a peaceful area. He is worried by other dogs and unfamiliar people, so his home must be adult only with no visiting children and few visitors generally and he'll need to be the only pet. Jake needs his new family to be 100% committed to getting to know him with regular visits to the centre before he'll be ready to go home.

If you think you could give these dogs their forever home, or would like to know more about any of the dogs waiting to find new families at Dogs Trust Leeds, please go to www.dogstrust.org.uk/rehoming



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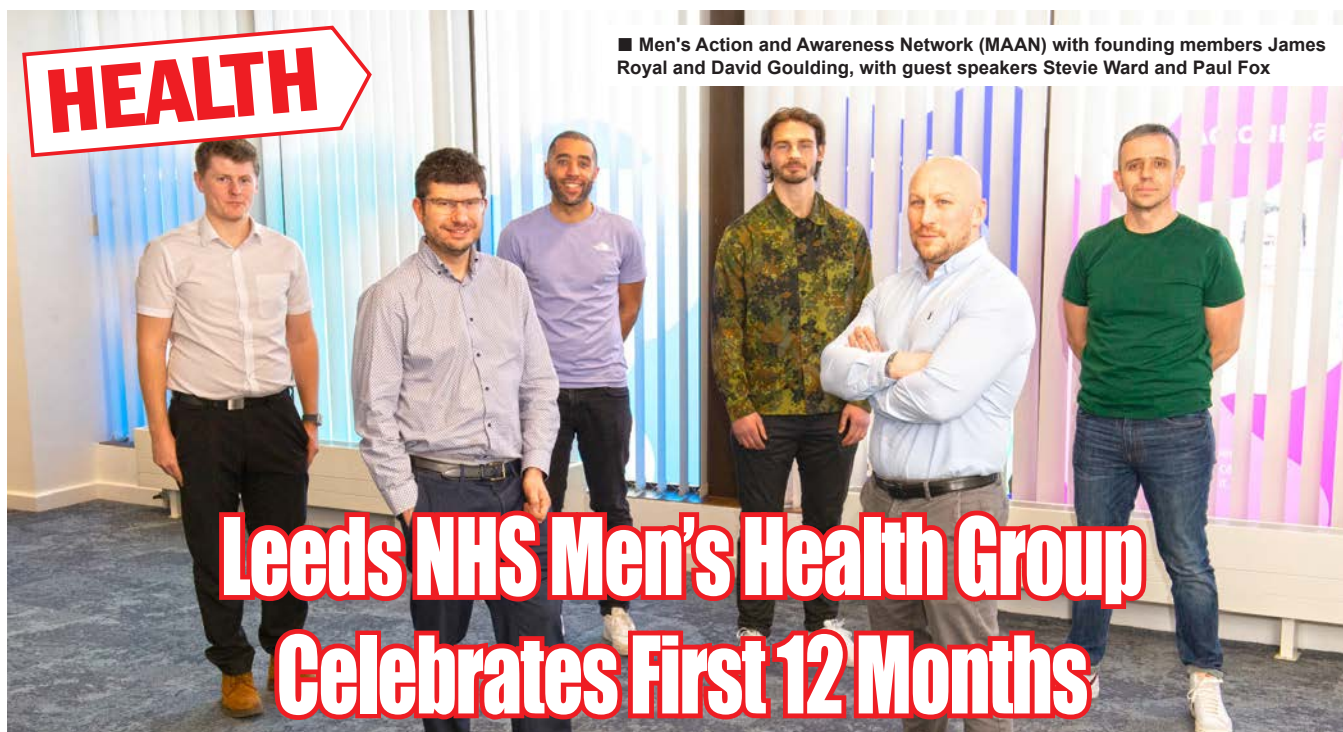
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HEALTH

■ Men's Action and Awareness Network (MAAN) with founding members James Royal and David Goulding, with guest speakers Stevie Ward and Paul Fox



Leeds NHS Men's Health Group Celebrates First 12 Months

The Men's Action and Awareness Network (MAAN) was set up just over twelve months ago at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT). Started by colleagues David Goulding and James Royal, the support group meets monthly and currently has around 60 members on the mailing list.

James, who is BME Health & Wellbeing Lead at the Trust, said: "It's a sad fact but a lot of male health issues go under the radar due to lack of awareness. We set up MAAN as we wanted a way to address this by bringing together colleagues and starting the conversation on men's health."

In the UK, 1 in 5 men will die before the age of 65. 76% of people who die by suicide in the UK are male, and suicide is the leading cause of death for men under 35. Men are also more likely than women to be overweight or obese.

James added: "With issues around mental wellbeing and cardiovascular health being ever more important in the workplace, these worrying statistics around men's health shouldn't go overlooked."

The support group meets during a lunch hour every month, and will usually have a guest speaker to talk about a particular topic relating to men's health.

Promoting active fitness, sport and exercise has been a key item on the group's agenda, and the network has taken advantage of the city's many sporting links over the past year.

Earlier in 2022, David, who is Service Manager for Abdominal Medicine and Surgery at the Trust, interviewed former Leeds Rhinos captain Stevie Ward about his challenges of retiring at a young age due to a brain injury, the impact this had on his mental health, and how this led to the development of his Mantality programme. The interview was an early success for the MAAN group, linking both physical and mental health topics.

Later in the year, MAAN linked up with Leeds United Football Club to deliver an exclusive Q&A with LUFC and Germany defender Robin Koch. Over 100 LTHT staff joined the virtual call to hear from the player's insights, who joined straight from practice.

MAAN has also partnered with LUFC Foundation, with co-ordinators of the fitness programme presenting to the group a number of times over the year. The partnership resulted in an exclusive competition for LTHT staff, providing winners unlimited access to the Foundation's fitness programmes over three months last Spring.

David said: "We know physical activity is hugely important for both physical and mental health. With Leeds a renowned centre for sporting activity, it was an opportunity we jumped upon, and I'm grateful to everyone from our sporting partners who have given up time and opportunities to MAAN."

2023 is already shaping up to be an exciting year for MAAN. Most recently, in February, an extra special meet up was arranged to hear from guest speakers Stevie Ward and Leeds actor Paul Fox, a keen advocate for men's health. Staff from LTHT got the chance to hear personal stories from professional sport, acting, men's health, and how this shaped both Stevie and Paul into the people they are today.

Paul said: "Men's mental health is such an important conversation to have. Traditionally it was something of a taboo subject but thanks to the fantastic work that David and James are doing with the MAAN group and others like it, the subject is becoming much more accessible and one that is easier to talk about. I felt incredibly honoured when David asked me along to the network to speak, knowing the impact this group and others like it has on its members. I feel proud to be a very small part of something that does such important work."

Since starting in late 2021, the group has covered a whole range of subjects, including prostate and testicular cancer, suicide prevention, toxic masculinity, mindful alcohol consumption, fitness, and various aspects of mental health. A recent presentation saw a colleague present on the mental health benefits gained from fishing.

David said: "The benefits of working within a large NHS hospital trust are that we can draw from a huge range of medical and clinical expertise. We've had guest speakers from nurse specialists, doctors, and other professionals who really know their topic. With more than 20,000 staff at LTHT, we also have a wide array of personal interests and hobbies that colleagues talk passionately about."

He added: "This year we're really keen to increase the membership of the group with LTHT, and widen our opportunities for partnerships across Leeds and beyond. Whether that's sport, physical health, mental health, hobbies, or any other topic relating to men's health, we're keen to get involved."

Forward Leeds Has Contract Renewed To Provide City's Alcohol & Drugs Support Service

Following a Leeds City Council procurement process Forward Leeds has been successful in winning the contract to provide the city's alcohol and drug support service for at least another five years.

The service, with sites in Armley, Seacroft and the city centre, will begin its new contract on 1 April 2023. The initial contract will run until 31 March 2028 with Leeds Council having an option to extend after that date for up to five years potentially taking it up to April 2033.

Forward Leeds, who recently won Leeds City Council's Partner of the Year, is a consortium between three charities: Humankind, St Anne's Community Services and BARCA-Leeds along with the Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LYPFT).

Councillor Salma Arif, Leeds City Council's Executive Member for Public Health and Active Lifestyles, said: "As a Care Quality Commission outstanding rated service, it is really pleasing that Forward Leeds have been awarded this contract for the next few years. The service plays a vital role in addressing the challenges posed by drug and alcohol use to individuals and communities in Leeds, ensuring that anyone in the city struggling with drug and alcohol issues is able to get support."

"For some years now, Forward Leeds has consistently been one of the highest performing drug and alcohol treatment services in the country, and it is one of only a few services in the country that is rated outstanding by the Care Quality Commission (CQC)".

Victoria Eaton, Director of Public Health at Leeds City Council, said:

"It is fantastic news that Forward Leeds will continue to provide the Leeds City Council Public Health commissioned drug and alcohol service, which offers support for anyone affected by drug and alcohol use. The service has gone from strength to strength, to become one of just a few drug and alcohol



services to be rated as outstanding, by the Care Quality Commission, in the country."

Operations Director of Forward Leeds Helen Cook said: "To be awarded the contract for at least another five years is fantastic. It reflects the quality and the hard work of the staff across our partnership and the commitment that they show in working with people who come to us for support."

"We have had to prove that we are able to continue to offer the high-quality service we have been doing and that we can develop and evolve our service to meet the ever-changing needs of the city."

Humankind Regional Director Lee Wilson said: "Having our contract renewed is a testament to the dedication of our staff and volunteers who

provide the highest quality of care and support to everyone who comes to us needing help."

"The service has had to meet significant quality thresholds in the bidding process along with due diligence checks on safeguarding, health and safety, finance, and insurance. These were all completed successfully with no issues identified. Our social value response was even given the top score possible by the council."

For information, advice or support around issues with alcohol or other drugs contact Forward Leeds on 0113 887 2477 email;

info@forwardleeds.co.uk or visit their website www.forwardleeds.co.uk

New Detailed Accessibility Guides For Leeds Teaching Hospitals

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust becomes the latest of over 90 NHS Trusts to partner with AccessAble; the UK's leading provider of detailed disabled access information.

The Trust has worked with AccessAble to create detailed access guides to facilities, wards, and departments at Leeds General Infirmary, St James's University Hospital, Seacroft Hospital, Wharfedale Hospital, and Chapel Allerton Hospital.

Following a successful pilot at Chapel Allerton Hospital, the use of

AccessAble across hospital sites has been made possible thanks to over £75,000 of funding from Leeds Hospitals Charity.

The Guides are 100 percent facts, figures and photographs to help patients, visitors and staff plan their journeys to and around the hospital sites, covering everything from parking facilities and hearing loops, to walking distances and accessible toilets.

The Guides are now live and will be formally launched at a dedicated virtual event on Wednesday 5th April. Everyone's accessibility needs are

different, which is why having detailed, accurate information is so important. All of the details you'll find in the Guide have been checked in person, on site, by trained surveyors.

You can view Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust's Accessibility Guide at www.accessable.co.uk/leeds-teaching-hospitals-nhs-trust

It is also available via the AccessAble App which is free to download from the App Store and Google Play, giving you accessibility information at your fingertips during your hospital visit.

Leeds Joins Global Partnership Working To End The HIV/AIDS Epidemic By 2030

Leeds has become the first city in the Yorkshire and Humber region to become a 'Fast-Track City' declaring its commitment to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030.



At an event held at the Civic Hall as part of National HIV Testing Week, the Leader of Leeds City Council Councillor James Lewis and executive member for public health Councillor Salma Arif formally signed the Paris and Sevilla declarations on behalf of the city to confirm its support.

Fast-Track Cities is a global partnership between cities and municipalities which is overseen by the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Becoming a Fast-Track City confirms a city's commitment to working together to achieve the ambitious 95-95-95 targets: 95% of people living with HIV know their positive status, 95% of those people are on effective treatment and 95% of people on effective treatment have an undetectable viral load (Undetectable = Untransmittable). There is also an added focus on Hepatitis and Tuberculosis.

Leeds has now joined Brighton, Bristol, Liverpool, London, Manchester and over 500 cities globally to make the commitment.

Victoria Eaton, director of public health at Leeds City Council, said: "Leeds has long history of investment and innovation around HIV prevention, education and testing. Becoming a Fast-Track City will help to galvanise our collective knowledge, experience and assets towards a shared ambition of Zero new HIV infections, Zero AIDS-related deaths and Zero HIV-related stigma by the end of this decade."

Dr Sarah Schoeman Sexual health and HIV Consultant, Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, said: "We're really proud and excited that Leeds is joining the global Fast Track Cities community and making this commitment to end the HIV epidemic by 2030. The key to ending new HIV infections is ensuring that everyone knows their HIV status and being a Fast-Track City will help us achieve this in Leeds. HIV testing is quick, easy, confidential and saves lives by enabling informed decision making. Anyone who tests positive can access free treatment which controls the virus and keeps them and their sexual partners healthy. Anyone who tests negative and is at risk of HIV can access free treatment to reduce their risk of getting HIV = pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

Rebecca Pullin, Programme Lead at BHA Leeds Skyline, said: "Joining Fast-Track Cities is a wonderful opportunity to solidify Leeds' commitment to ensure no person living with HIV faces stigma or discrimination because of their HIV status. As we collectively work towards zero HIV transmissions by 2030 stigma and discrimination still play huge part in preventing people from accessing effective treatment, our support and to live well with HIV. BHA Leeds Skyline has a long-standing commitment to support people living with HIV through peer support, empowerment, and education."

Opportunities to get a free, fast, confidential finger prick test for HIV are available at multiple venues across the city- please see Yorkshire MESMAC Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for more details of venue locations.

If you are at increased risk of HIV infection, free PrEP is available on the NHS, through Leeds Sexual Health. Alternatively, to buy genuine PrEP safely, visit:

www.iwantprepnw.co.uk/buy-prep-now

If you are eligible for a test they can be ordered online at www.freetesting.hiv and completed at home and sent back through the post. The ultimate goal is to increase regular HIV testing in the most at risk groups.

To find out more about Fast-Track Cities at:
www.fast-trackcities.org

Active Leeds Introduces Low Sensory Gym Sessions

Active Leeds have announced they will be introducing low sensory gym sessions across some of its gyms in Leeds.

The sessions are designed to offer a safe and inclusive space for individuals with autism, ADHD and other neurodiverse conditions.

Loud music and bright lights can be a trigger for neurodivergent people, making activity in a gym environment very challenging; the aim of the low sensory sessions is to remove these barriers and make the gym space more accessible.

The low sensory gym sessions started at Pudsey Leisure Centre after learning from people with neurodiverse conditions what would support them to access the gym and after excellent feedback received from customers, they have now been expanded to the John Charles Centre for Sport, John Smeaton, Middleton, and Pudsey. Session times across all centres will be Wednesday, (6:30pm – 8pm) and Sunday, (1pm – 2:30pm).

Customers visiting during those hours that would like to listen to music are encouraged to bring headphones.

Councillor Salma Arif, Leeds City Council's executive member for public health and active lifestyles, said:

"Following fantastic feedback from customers at the Pudsey Leisure Centre, I am thrilled to say that we are now rolling out these sessions more widely. Regular exercise is crucial to the physical and mental wellbeing of people, and we want to ensure that we are providing a space in our leisure centres which is accessible to everyone and where customers feel comfortable and supported.

"We are continuing to work closely with partners to offer as much support as possible for neurodivergent people across our service. Working with Advonet, People in Action and Public Health we are delivering specific disability awareness training to gym instructors and staff. We are also working closely with Breeze Leeds to support autistic and disabled children when activities are held in our facilities."

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Alzheimer's Society's Forget Me Not Appeal



Alzheimer's Society invites everyone in Yorkshire and Humber to come together and support its Forget Me Not Appeal in May to remember and honour people they know who are living with dementia or who had dementia.

By wearing your Forget Me Not badge and supporting the appeal, you can show people living with dementia in Yorkshire and Humber that they have not been forgotten, that you understand and stand with them. The badge is a symbol of solidarity and shows that supporters, through their donations, are helping to provide life-changing dementia support.

It's never been more important to unite against dementia. There are currently more than 76,000 people estimated to be living with dementia in Yorkshire and Humber, with someone developing it every three minutes. The number of those affected by dementia nationally, currently 900,000, is set to rise to over one million by 2025, with many millions more carers, partners, families, and friends affected.

Alzheimer's Society is a vital source of support and a powerful force for change for everyone affected by dementia in the region. Too many are facing some of the hardest and most frightening times alone, without adequate support. It is only with the generous help of supporters that Alzheimer's Society can carry out its urgent work providing expert support to those who need it most.

Alzheimer's Society is asking people in Yorkshire and Humber to join the Forget Me Not Appeal in honour of loved one by donating, getting a badge and showing their support.

To find out more and for information on ways to support the appeal, visit alzheimers.org.uk/ForgetMeNot

Yorkshire Freemasons Help Yorkshire Air Ambulance Inspire The Next Generation



Life-saving charity Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA) has received an incredible donation of £85,000 from the Yorkshire Freemasons.

The money, which has been provided over the last three years, has funded one of YAA's state-of-the-art, hi-tech fundraising promotional vehicles.

The vehicles are equipped with interactive technology and feature a replica cockpit, with curved screens showing aerial footage of the views the crews experience while flying in the air ambulance helicopters.

They also have screens for presentations and run videos featuring interviews with the YAA crew.

Back in 2020, the Yorkshire Freemasons agreed to sponsor one of these promotional units over the course of three years. During that period, the North and East Province donated £25,000 and the West Riding donated £60,000.

After two years of delays amid the pandemic, a cheque presentation took place on November 28 last year, giving representatives from the Yorkshire Freemasons chance to view the vehicles in all their glory at the charity's Air Support Unit at Nostell, near Wakefield.

Duncan R Kilbride, Chairman of West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd representing the Freemasons of the Province of Yorkshire West Riding reports that they are delighted to see the Promotional / Education Vehicle project which was funded by the Charitable donations of Freemasons of Yorkshire, now being widely exhibited throughout the Yorkshire region, providing vital and useful information whilst enhancing the on-board visual technology of actual footage taken from the Helicopters.

He added: "The YAA is at the very heart of our community as it continues to help save lives throughout Yorkshire.

"The Freemasons of both West and Northeast Ridings of the Province of Yorkshire are extremely proud to be associated with the YAA and through the generosity of the Freemasons of Yorkshire will continue to support the YAA in the years ahead."

The Mobile Educational Units are wrapped in distinctive YAA branding and are used to educate the public about the charity and the work it does to ensure people can access the urgent medical attention they need.

By attending promotional events and taking the vehicles on tour, the charity hopes to inspire the next generation of paramedics, doctors, pilots and volunteers, working with local schools and youth groups in the community.

The vehicles are also important to helping the charity raise the funds necessary to continue its vital work.

Marianne Haworth, Grants & Trust Manager at Yorkshire Air Ambulance, said: "We are so incredibly grateful to the Yorkshire Freemasons for their donation and support – it really means the world to us.

"These promotional vehicles are essential to our fundraising and profile raising so we can't thank the Yorkshire Freemasons enough for their generous contribution."

Yorkshire Air Ambulance serves 5 million people across Yorkshire and carries out over 1,500 missions every year. The Charity operates two, state-of-the-art Airbus H145 helicopters and needs to raise £19,000 every day to keep saving lives.

Find out more about the charity's life-saving work at: www.yorkshireairambulance.org.uk

Sneha From Leeds Is St John's Regional Cadet Of The Year For The North East

Sneha Daga has been named as St John Ambulance's Regional Cadet of the Year for 2023 for the North East.

The 16-year-old from Leeds, who is also the District Cadet of the Year for South and West Yorkshire, was selected from 36 of the charity's superstar Cadets at a national competition at Eastwood Hall, Nottinghamshire.

The finalists faced rigorous challenges which demonstrated not only their exemplary first aid knowledge but questioned about their passion for volunteering in their community, leadership communication and teamwork skills.

Sneha has completed several courses at St John, including Cadet Operational First Aider and three of the subjects needed for her Grand Prior Award, the highest qualification a St John Cadet can achieve. She is also working towards her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. She has been a participant in the Standard Chartered Health Citizens scheme, in partnership with St John, where her community-based social action project concerning health literacy has impacted over 100,000 people.

At the Leeds Central Cadet unit, she leads and mentors fellow Cadets and hopes to start teaching at the unit too. She regularly publicises youth opportunities to unit members, encouraging Cadets to sign up for the National Youth Conference, which she herself spoke at last year, and the



National Youth Public Speaking Competition, for which she is a mentor.

Outside St John, Sneha chairs the BiteBack 2030 Leeds Youth Board (an organisation working to give all young people access to nutritious and affordable food) and is a member of the NHS Youth Forum. She is an avid reader and badminton player, as well as a radio presenter at two local stations, making good use of her Distinction (Grade 8) in Communications Skills/Public Speaking. Finally, she is a qualified gymnastics coach, where she has also put her first aid skills into practice, and was a Baton Bearer in The Queen's Baton Relay, before the Commonwealth Games last year.

After being selected as Regional Cadet of the Year, Sneha said: "It feels absolutely amazing. I'm very, very happy. So many people have supported me along the way, and I can't wait to see what we achieve.

"The weekend was probably the best I've had in the last year. You meet so many people, you learn so many things very genuinely, and it's been phenomenal to be part of such a big group and movement.

"To any young people thinking of joining St John I say don't hesitate, not even for one second. You get so much out of it, there's nothing to lose at all."

She will now represent St John Ambulance at high-profile events and ceremonial occasions.

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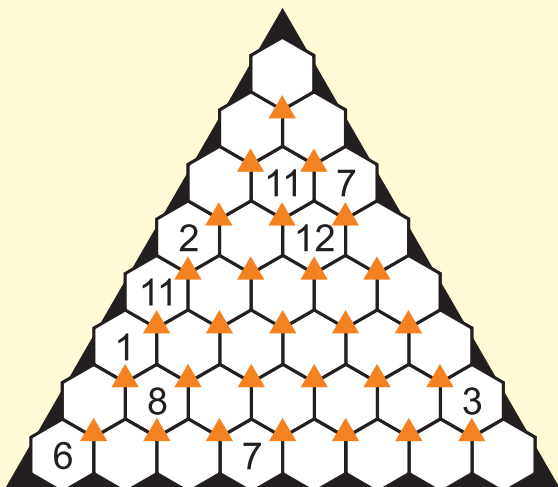
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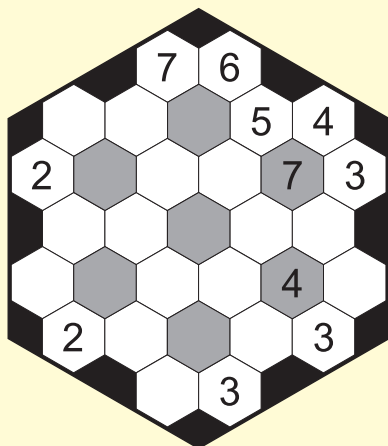
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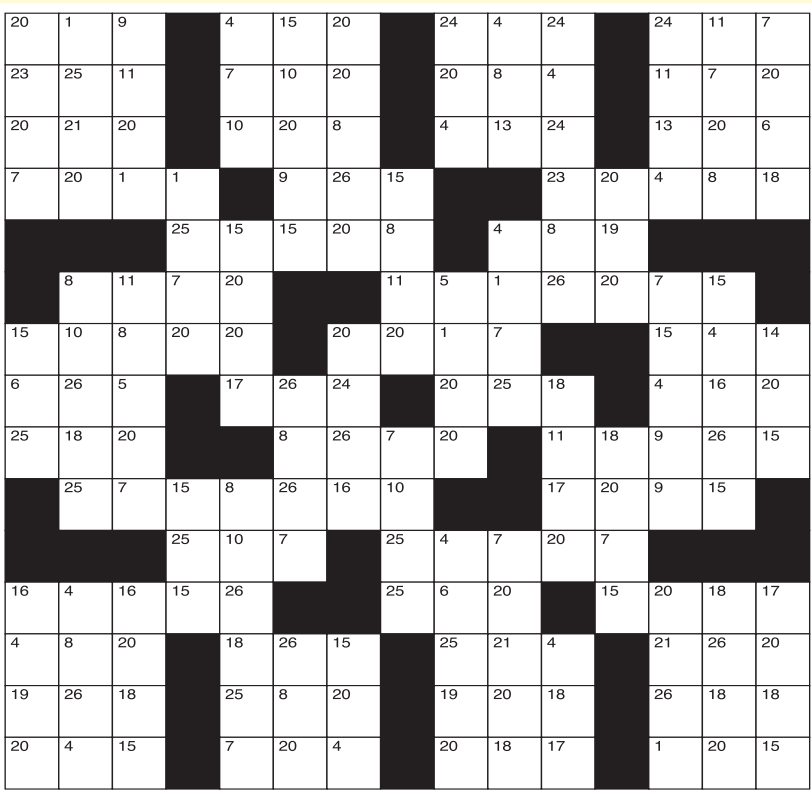
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Fill in all 7 Rosettas with each number between 1 and 7 in no particular order while also ensuring that no number is repeated in a horizontal row and each number from 1 to 7 are represented in the 7 grey colored hexagon cells



Clueless Crossword

Think of a Clueless Crossword as a mix between a regular crossword puzzle and a cryptogram. Unlike many crossword puzzles, this grid is filled only with common, everyday English-language words - no abbreviations or other special "crossword" spellings are allowed. Each square in the grid is numbered 1 through 26, and each number corresponds to one (and only one) letter in the alphabet. Your goal is to completely fill in the crossword grid by gradually uncovering the letter that belongs to each number. We've given you three "giveaway" combinations - fill those into the solution grid and into any corresponding boxes in the crossword grid to get started. It helps to cross out each letter in alphabet as you use it in the grid, since no letter can be used more than once. Note that not all letters of the alphabet may be used in any given puzzle. If a number isn't used in the puzzle, it is greyed out in the solution grid.



SOLUTION GRID

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GIVEAWAYS

- #20 = E
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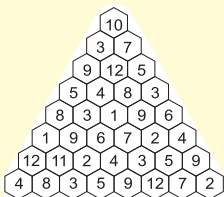
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Word Scramble

Can you solve these word scrambles? Each word is taken from this month's edition.

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- 2 - AYROL AROMSIERU
- 3 - AENARSGHDY
- 4 - ORSTHEM ADY
- 5 - BDBEOEEAOAB
- 6 - OEFEOASRM ABL
- 7 - ETAK DRAINSTS
- 8 - RIOYKREHS LWLEFID RSTTU
- 9 - RRKIESOYH MEFSSNAERO
- 10 - HETINCLR LLSMI

February edition answers



Word Scramble;

- Yorkshire Reporter
- Dalby Forest 3. Graham Goldman
- Dame Felicity Lott
- Shrove Tuesday 6. Snuffleump
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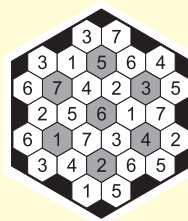
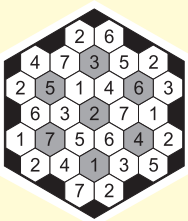
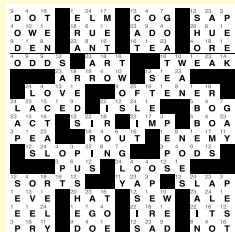
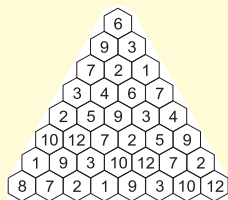
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- The Great Yorkshire Shop competition - Amanda Henry
- Graham Goldman Tickets - Valerie Evans
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- Copy of 'Yorkshire's Secret Castles' - Christine Blunt
- Copy of 'What's For Dinner?' - Jason Peacock

Congratulations!





Monthly Horoscopes

By Russell Grant

ARIES

March 21st - April 20th

A fantastic opportunity to expand your finances arrives on the 2nd; you could greatly profit from venturing into unfamiliar territory. Ventures involving art, luxury goods, and real estate will be especially favoured. The Full Moon on the 7th finds you seeing the successful results of a health regimen. Give yourself a reward for your hard work; a spa treatment may be just the ticket. Tempers will be running high on the 11th, especially with neighbours and family members. Flattery will get you nowhere with an authority figure on the 16th. If you want a favour, be straightforward about it.

TAURUS

April 21st - May 21st

A lovely opportunity to rest, relax, and enjoy the finer things in life arrives on the 2nd; indulge your sensual side. The Full Moon on the 7th marks an exciting turning point in a romantic relationship; this is an excellent time to get engaged or married. Turning a hobby into a lucrative business is also a distinct possibility on this powerful day. Resist the temptation to contradict an influential expert on the 16th; stay in their good graces. Treating yourself to some artwork, clothes, or jewellery will keep you in a good mood. On the 21st, the New Moon beckons you to recharge your spiritual batteries with solitary pleasures.

GEMINI

May 22nd - June 21st

Be sure to promote your vast knowledge and experience during a job interview on the 2nd. Your specialist knowledge will help you land the assignment, which will be creatively fulfilling. On the 7th, the Full Moon allows you to buy or sell a piece of property, giving you peace of mind. Avoid being aggressive with a kind authority figure on the 16th. It's better to listen more than you speak on the 17th; err on the side of silence. A show of force could throw a wrench into this relationship. The New Moon on the 21st is perfect for going to a party or joining a club. You'll enjoy expanding your social circle.

CANCER

June 22nd - July 23rd

A pay rise, bonus, or promotion is headed your way on the 2nd; it feels great to be recognised for your hard work. The Full Moon on the 7th finds you successfully passing a test, returning from a trip, or finishing a work errand. It's a relief to get this chore off your plate since it allows you to embark on an exciting adventure. Don't make work a bigger priority than a close relationship on the 16th; your loved one really needs your support on this challenging day. The 19th is excellent for sending out job applications, going on interviews, or assembling a portfolio. On the 21st, the New Moon paves the way for an exciting professional opportunity.

LEO

July 24th - August 23rd

A financial windfall on the 6th gives you more freedom to pursue your hobbies; it's a relief to get a break from work. The Full Moon on the 7th shifts your focus from work to love. Devoting more time to a romantic partner will create a welcome sense of stability. If you're single, you'll start looking for a serious relationship. Your charisma turns heads on the 15th; you'll have your choice of admirers on this magical day. It's also an excellent time to make money from artistic ventures. On the 20th, an opportunity to make a long-distance trip falls into your lap. You'll welcome exploring a country you've never visited before.

VIRGO

August 24th - Sept 23rd

You'll find a brilliant solution to a stubborn work problem on the 2nd, which impresses an authority figure or client. Celebrate your success with your romantic partner or best friend afterwards. On the 7th, the Full Moon brings the successful end to a demanding role, allowing you to make more time for fun. Accept if your business partner or amour offers to take work off your plate. An authority figure will pressure you to accept an unpleasant assignment on the 17th; protect your interests. The 18th is good for discussing a sensitive topic with someone who is close to your heart. Be brutally honest.

LIBRA

Sept 24th - Oct 23rd

You experience some exciting growth on the romantic front in early March. This is a great time to start a relationship, get engaged, or exchange vows. The Full Moon on the 7th prompts you to withdraw from public life and get some much-needed rest and relaxation. Resist the temptation to fill your days with more work; you need to strike a better balance between your personal and professional lives. Don't let your family have too much influence over your love life on the 16th. Although their concern is touching, you know what's best for you regarding romance.

SCORPIO

Oct 24th - Nov 22nd

A serious talk with a relative will be productive on the 2nd; be honest but fair. On the 7th, the Full Moon finds you scaling back your social life. Spending more time on creative pursuits will be a lot more rewarding. The 16th warns against arguing with an aggressive colleague. It's better to pretend you're indifferent to their overbearing ways. The New Moon on the 21st is perfect for beginning a fitness regimen. More aerobic exercise will give you an incredibly attractive, healthy glow. Changes to your domestic life are inevitable on the 23rd when you become determined to find a home that supports your emotional and physical needs.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23rd - Dec 21st

A romantic encounter on the 2nd makes you feel like you're walking on air. If you're single, your chances of meeting someone special are very high, especially if you venture out to a place you've never been before. The Full Moon on the 7th is suitable for wrapping up a career matter. This is a good time to scale back work responsibilities for the sake of a more enriching personal life. Your family's criticism of your personal life gets under your skin on the 16th; don't get drawn into an angry debate. On the 21st, the New Moon inspires you to take a creative, emotional risk. Starting an art project or embarking on a romance are good possibilities.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22nd - Jan 20th

Happy news about your family is cause for celebration on the 2nd. Obey the impulse to give a relative a generous financial gift; they'll greatly appreciate it. The Full Moon on the 7th finds you returning from an extended trip or graduating from a course. Moving forward, your priority will be making better use of your time. Resist the urge to make a relative feel guilty for their choices on the 16th. Emotional manipulation will undermine your relationship and cause resentment. On the 21st, the New Moon helps you improve your living situation. Buying your dream home or finding a bigger place to live are among the exciting possibilities.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21st - Feb 19th

Business talks will go well on the 2nd; sticking to your principles will be advantageous. Take advantage of a surprise sale on household goods and appliances on the 6th; you'll get some great bargains. The Full Moon on the 7th finds you paying off a big bill. It will be such a relief to get this obligation off your back, allowing you to build your savings account. Spending more quality time at home will be pleasurable on the 16th. A cooking or decorating project should be especially fun. On the 21st, the New Moon inspires you to take a short trip or class for the sake of mental stimulation. The 23rd brings a rare opportunity to overhaul your image.

PISCES

Feb 20th - March 20th

Your financial situation dramatically improves on the 2nd, when you get a terrific job offer. Use your sharp communication skills to negotiate an even better deal than you are originally offered. An exciting chance to travel, study, or both falls into your lap on the 6th; you'll enjoy the mental stimulation this experience affords. On the 7th, the Full Moon finds you making thrilling plans with your business or romantic associate. You're both ready to pursue a lofty goal. Don't shy away from assuming additional responsibilities on this pivotal day. The 15th is perfect for submitting your creative work for review or going to an audition.



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**GARFORTH COUNTRY CLUB,
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We intend to conduct the following licensable activities on or from the premises:

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Responsible authorities or any other person may make written representations to Leeds City Council about this application until **16 MARCH 2023** which should be sent to;

**ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, LEEDS CITY COUNCIL,
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For full details and to view a copy of the application please contact the Entertainment Licensing Section on **0113 378 5029** or email;

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