



York Cares Seasonal Challenges

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Collecting Gifts and Festive Food

We have asked a range of homelessness and resettlement charities in York to send us their 'wish lists' and we are looking for small teams or whole companies to collect food and gifts to meet these wishes and donate them before Christmas.

How the York Cares Christmas Collections scheme works:

- Local homelessness and resettlement charities have been sending York Cares their Christmas wish lists and letting us know how we can bring some festive cheer to their residents and people they support.
- We recruit teams of volunteers to collect and deliver items to different organisations across the city.
- We match teams to organisations based on the team size so that approximately one member of a team will collect one item on the organisation's wish list.
- Teams will be allocated on a first come, first served basis but we will endeavour to match teams to recipients based close to their place of work.
- Teams will be sent a list of items that have been requested by the organisation they are collecting for by 22 November at the latest. This will include information about whether items need to be gift wrapped and when they need to be delivered by.
- Some teams choose to arrange a small amount of fundraising to purchase items. Good quality second hand donations are also very welcome - items do not have to be brand new but do need to be in 'as good as new' condition. It is up to you how you collect the items.

Example wish list items:

- Toiletries
- Winter bedding and towels
- Warm clothing
- Toys
- Board games
- Hats, scarves, gloves and socks
- Pens and paper and art materials
- DVDs
- Christmas food items
- Basic kitchen items

To take part in the York Cares Christmas Collections scheme please contact info@yorkcares.co.uk and request an application form.

Please return the completed form to York Cares as soon as possible and by no later than Monday 21 November. Once we have received your completed application form we will be able to match you with an organisation.



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Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be taking place in older peoples' homes and sheltered housing across the city **from Monday 5 to Friday 9 December**. Parties can be delivered by teams of up to 10 people. The parties can include a range of festive activities, such as carol singing and games like festive bingo!

Planning and delivering parties for older people:

- The parties will take place between Monday 5 and Thursday 9 December and will last for one hour.
- Morning parties start at 11am and afternoon parties will usually start at 3pm. You will be expected to arrive 15 minutes before your allocated time to prepare.
- The parties will be hosted in older peoples' homes or sheltered housing schemes within the York area. We will do our utmost to try and match you to a venue which is close to where you work.
- We ask you to complete an application form to help us better match your team with the requirements of the homes and match you to a venue close to where you work.
- Teams will be allocated to a home on a first come, first served basis on receipt of completed application forms.
- When planning your Christmas party you can choose what activities you do with the residents. This could include carol singing or other activities such as Christmas bingo or a festive quiz.
- You will have an opportunity to meet with your allocated home in the weeks leading up to your Christmas party. This will provide a great opportunity to see the venue, meet the staff and discuss your chosen activities.

If you are interested in hosting a Christmas party please contact info@Yorkcares.co.uk and request an application form.

Please return the completed form to York Cares as soon as possible and by no later than Thursday 17 November. Once we have received your completed application form we will be able to match you with a home.