

Current Environment & Sustainability Opportunities



Platinum Places



Throughout 2025 York Cares is trailing a monthly opportunity, open exclusively to our Platinum members. Each month, we will organise a designated volunteering session, offering members the chance to participate either individually or as part of a group. This initiative provides a unique opportunity to volunteer alongside professionals from a variety of organisations while making a meaningful contribution to the local environment.

Haxby Road (1)

- **May 28 - 13:00-16:00**



Himalayan balsam bashing, removing this invasive plant to encourage wildflower growth



No limit of maximum volunteers



Nearby parking. Accessed by bus no. 1, 1A, 20

Fulford Ings (2)

- **June 4 - 09:30-12:30 & 13:30-16:30**



Apart of our Environment and Sustainability Week, your team will help remove Himalayan balsam, restoring space for native plants and supporting species



20 volunteers max per AM and PM session



Accessed by bus no. U4, 24, 25

North Street Gardens (3)

- **July 23rd - 10:30-13:30**



Weeding and scrub removal. General tidy of area to revitalise the space



Up to 10 volunteers



Paid Parking at Castle carpark. Accessed by bus no. U1, U2 and 7

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Opportunities

Volunteering together on practical activities for the benefit of the environment and the long-term sustainability of our city.



Community Challenge Opportunity Highlights



Clarence Gardens (4)



Creating borders, laying bark chip path



Up to 15 volunteers



Paid parking available off Haxby Road. Accessed by bus no. 1 and 5

Scarcroft Nursery Allotment (5)



Weeding, making beds ready for planting, general maintenance



Up to 6 volunteers



Limited parking at the Nursery. Accessed by bus no. 11, U1, U2 and 200

Hull Road Park (6)




Prepare old raised beds for replacements and relocate plants and other general gardening tasks



Up to 20 volunteers



Limited on street parking available. Accessed by bus no. 6, 10, 8

 If a site has a leaf symbol next to it, the community partner is City of York Council's Eco Team. If the ECO Team are booked on your chosen date and need a non City of York Council site, choose one without this symbol.

If you would like to get involved in any of the Environment & Sustainability opportunities, please contact Caitlin via info@yorkcares.co.uk

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Dringhouses and Woodthorpe:

York Greenways (7)

-  Volunteers needed to support the maintenance and to improve the off-road cycle paths that promote active travel around York.
-  Up to 12 volunteers
-  Askham Bar Park and Ride or York Designer Outlet. Locations vary depending on which cycle paths are more in need- parking available at both




Westfield:

Gale Farm Court (8)

-  General gardening tasks
-  Up to 10 volunteers. Half day
-  Limited on street parking available. Accessed by bus no.1, 4, 5 and 24

Holgate

West Bank Park (9)

-  General gardening tasks such as weeding, pruning and tidying. Also power scything wildflower meadows and planting and the chance to build woodland paths
-  Up to 20+ volunteers
-  Free car park on James Backhouse Place. Accessed by bus no. 1 and 14


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Acomb


Viking Road Park (10)


 Planting 3x new trees, cutting back brambles, general tidying

 Up to 10 volunteers

 On street parking available. Accessed by bus no. 1

Fishponds Wood (11)

 Power scythe paths and woodland areas


 Up to 15 volunteers

 Accessed by bus no. 5

Rawcliffe


Rawcliffe Country Park (12)


 Removing old tree guards and general maintenance

 Up to 20 volunteers

 Parking at the Park and Ride. Accessed by bus no. 2

Foss Walk (13)

 Tidying up the path along the river, weeding and cutting back shrubs along river path to Hungate Bridge

 Up to 5 volunteers. Half-day only

 Paid parking available near by. Accessible by bus no 25, X46/47 EastRider

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City Centre


Bootham Rest Garden (14)


 Tidying site - weeding, trimming and edging and some planting


 Up to 5 volunteers. Half-day only

 Paid parking available behind Sainsburys or at Marygate car park. Accessed by buses running through city centre


Lord Mayor's Walk Pocket Park (15)


 Clearing the site and its surroundings - weeding and litter picking


 Up to 5 volunteers. Half-day only

 Paid parking available at Monk Bar car park. Accessed via several buses

Tower Gardens (16)


 Gardening tasks such as weeding and edging. Tidying up the area in order to maintain the site


 Up to 10 volunteers

 Paid parking at Castle car park. Accessed by bus no. 66 and 7

Sovereign Park (17)

 Build hard standing tool shed (physically demanding and technical task)

 Up to 8 volunteers

 Limited on street parking available. Accessed by bus no. 5, 10 and 74

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Dick Turpin's Graveyard (18)



General maintenance of site. Laying fresh bark chip to revitalise space



Up to 15 volunteers.



Paid parking at Peel Street car park. Accessed by bus no. 18, 25 and 26

Memorial Gardens (19)



Path edging, litter picking, general tidying up



Up to 10 volunteers. Half day



Accessed by bus no. 1, 5, 6, 2 park and ride

Greenfields Community Garden (20)



Summer maintenance tasks such as cutting back, weeding, digging, compost turning, moving plants and general tidying.



Up to 20 volunteers



Limited parking available. Accessed by bus no. 1 and 5

Rosemary Place (21)



Removing weeds and shrubs to create blank space for the residents to manage



Up to 10 volunteers. Full day



Limited parking available. Accessed by bus no. 10 and U1

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Monkbridge Gardens (22)




-  Removing weeds and debris from paved area
-  Up to 10 volunteers. Full day
-  Paid parking . Accessed by bus no. 13, 12, 14. 81

Mosaic Garden (23)

-  General gardening maintenance
-  Up to 10 volunteers. Full day
-  Accessed by bus no. 1, 5, 6 ,2 Park and Ride, 19, 74

Micklegate

Rowntree Park (24)

-  General gardening tasks such as weeding, planting, sowing wildflwoer seeds
-  Up to 20 volunteers
-  Paid parking at Rowntree Park car park. Accessed by bus no. 11, 21 and 22

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Clifton

Marjorie Waite Court (25)



Prepare area in communal garden for new raised beds



Up to 10 volunteers. Full day.



Limited parking available. Accessed by bus no. 19 and 19a

Kingsway North (26)



Clearing leaves, cutting back lavender, sowing wildflower seeds



Up to 30 volunteers. Half or full day



Limited parking available. Accessed by bus no. 6, 19 and 19a

Clifton Bridge (27)



Pulling Himalayan Balsams



Up to 20 volunteers. Half or full day



Limited parking available. Accessed by bus no. 19

Crichton Avenue community garden (28)



General maintenance and clear up to renovate the area to become a community garden



Up to 10 volunteers. Full day.



Limited parking available. Accessed by bus no. 19 and 19a

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Fishergate

New Walk (29)



General maintenance of the site. Various gardening tasks such as edging and litter picking



Up to 20 volunteers. Full day only



On street parking. Accessed by bus no. 7, 18 and 25

York Cemetery (30)



General maintenance of the cemetery - maintaining site by weeding, trimming and edging as well as mulching around young trees



Up to 20 volunteers



Limited free parking in the cemetery. Accessed by bus no. 66

Blue Bridge (31)



Clearing weeds near the flower beds and the entrance



Up to 10 volunteers



Paid parking available at Q Park Barbican. Accessed by bus no. 7

Hull Road

Alex Lyon House (32)



General Gardening tasks



Up to 20 volunteers . Full Day.



Limited on street parking available. Accessed by bus no. 6

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York Community Furniture Store (33)


 Tasks include upcycling of donated furniture, and organising and cleaning furniture warehouse


 Up to 10 volunteers


 Parking available onsite. Accessible by several buses including no. X45, X46, X47 and no. 8 park and ride

Heworth

Glen Gardens (34)


 General garden maintenance including edging and tidying.


 Up to 15 volunteers


 Paid parking on East Parade. Accessed by bus no. 20

Huntington and New Earswick

Forge Close, Huntington (35)

 General clearing of site - cutting back plants and trees as well as weeding

 Up to 10 volunteers

 Parking available. Accessible by bus no. 9, Y12, CastleLine

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Haxby

Headland Lane, Haxby (36)



Recreate the village footpath which runs between Haxby and Wigginton. Digging and edging existing pathway



Up to 20 volunteers. Full day only



On street parking. Accessed by bus no. 1 and 14

Outside of York

Poppleton Community Railway Nursery (37)



Volunteers can get involved in general maintenance tasks, gardening tasks, horticultural work.



Up to 10 volunteers . Half day or full day



Parking available on site. Accessed by bus no. 13, 59, 10 or by train.

Lower Derwent Valley NNR (38)



Tasks range from scrub clearance, footpath repairs, hide maintenance, fencing, nest box construction, hay making, seed harvesting, timber collection



No limit on no. of volunteers



No limit on parking. Accessed by bus no. 12, 9, 13 and CastleLine

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Current Environment & Sustainability Opportunities



Selby Community Furniture Store (39)



Tasks include upcycling of donated furniture, and organising and cleaning furniture warehouse



Up to 10 volunteers



Parking available onsite. Accessible by bus no. 415

If any of the above sites interest you, please contact Caitlin via info@yorkcares.co.uk or call 07385 538814 for more information.

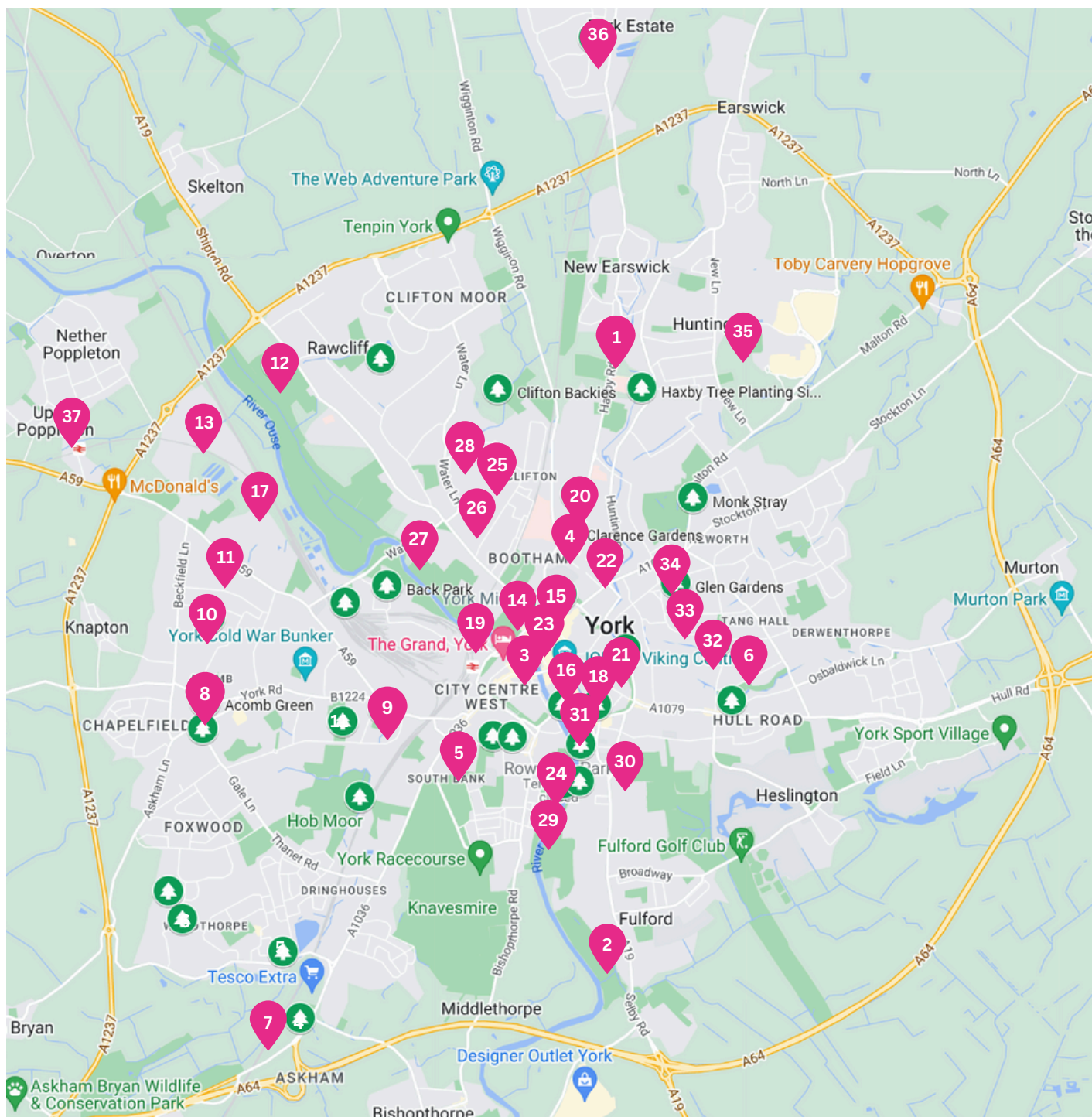
Please include site preferences, rough group size, a few preferred dates and whether you would like a full or half day opportunity.

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Please find below a map of all of our sites. All are numbered and correspond with the sites above

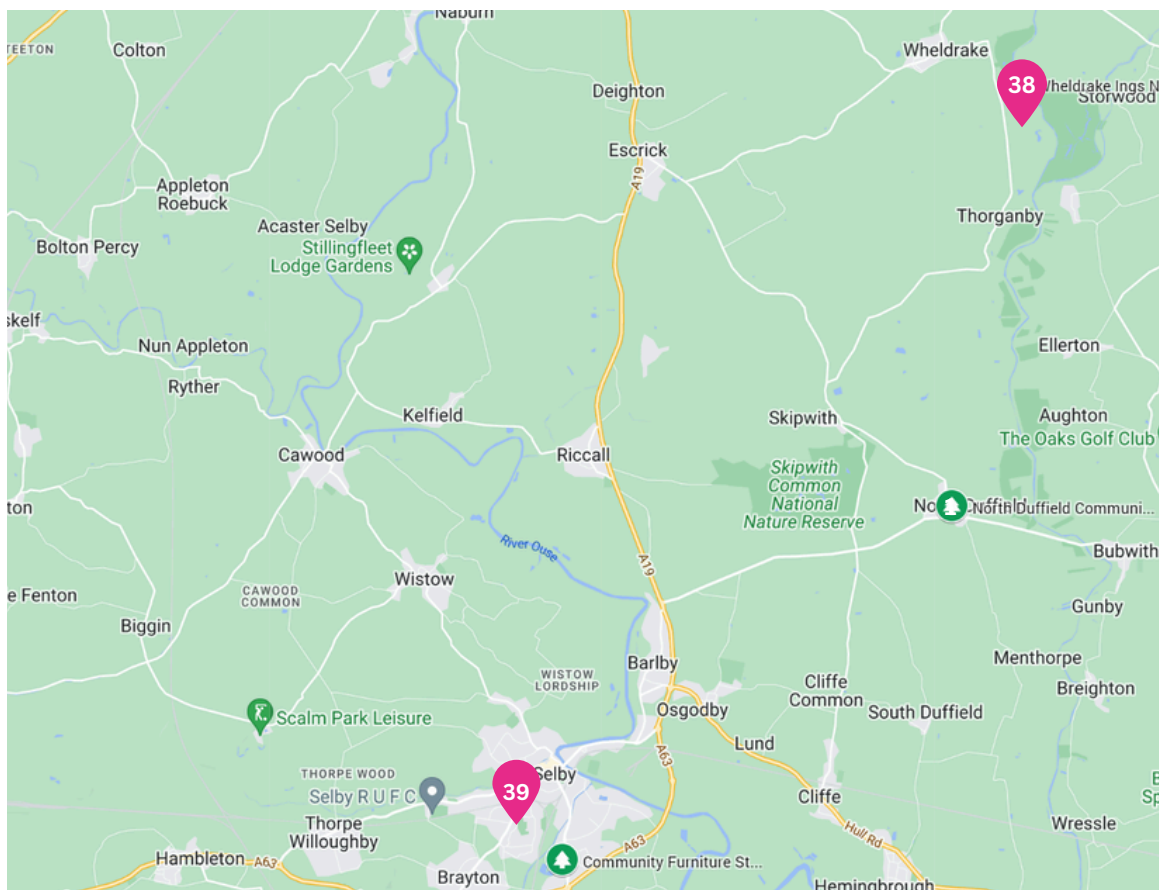


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