

York Cares Big Community Challenge Schedule



Overview

York Cares is proud to present the Big Community Challenge 2025, taking place from 22 September to 16 October. This year's theme, Connected by Nature, celebrates the ways in which natural spaces support wellbeing, community connection, and environmental action.

We are delighted to once again partner with St Nicks and the City of York Council ECO Team to deliver a city-wide programme of hands-on environmental volunteering.

What's Happening

Over four weeks, employee-volunteers will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of outdoor activities designed to improve biodiversity, connect people to nature, and enhance much loved community green spaces.

Sessions will be held across all areas of the city - North, East, South and West: Below is a brief description of each site and the objectives we hope to achieve at each site during the Big Community Challenge.

Week 1	Tuesday 23 September	Wednesday 24 September	Thursday 25 September	Friday 26 September
9am - 12 noon	Rowntree Park 15 People max	Rowntree Park 30 People max	Millenium Fields 15 people max	Terry Avenue 10 people max
	New Walk 15 people max	Rowntree Park 10 people max	Fishergate Triangle 7 people max	Millenium Fields 15 people max
		New Walk 15 people max		
1pm - 4pm	Rowntree Park 15 People max	Rowntree Park 30 People max	Millenium Fields 15 people max	Terry Avenue 10 people max
	New Walk 15 people max	Rowntree Park 10 people max	Fishergate Triangle 7 people max	Millenium Fields 15 people max
		New Walk 15 people max		
Week 2	Tuesday 30 September	Wednesday 1 October	Thursday 2 October	Friday 3 October
9am-12 noon	St Nicks Nature Reserve 15 people max	St Nicks Nature Reserve 15 people max	St Nicks Nature Reserve 15 people max	St Nicks Nature Reserve 15 people max
1pm- 4pm	St Nicks Nature Reserve 15 people max	St Nicks Nature Reserve 15 people max	St Nicks Nature Reserve 15 people max	St Nicks Nature Reserve 15 people max



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Week 3	Tuesday 7 October	Wednesday 8 October	Thursday 9 October	Friday 10 October
9 am-12 noon	Foss Park 10 people max	River Foss 15 people max	River Foss 15 people max	Foss Island Cycle Path 15 people max
	Foss Island Cycle Path 15 people max	Foss Island Cycle Path 15 people max	Foss Fairy Trail 15 people max	
1pm-4pm	Foss Island Cycle Path 15 people max	Foss Island Cycle Path 15 people max	Foss Fairy Trail 15 people max	Foss Island Cycle Path 15 people max
		River Foss 15 people max	River Foss 15 people max	
Week 4	Tuesday 14 October	Wednesday 15 October	Thursday 16 October	
9am - 12.30 noon	Rawcliffe Country Park Woodland 30 people max	Rawcliffe Country Park Woodland 30 people max	Rawcliffe Country Park Pond 15 people max	
	Clifton Old Hospital grounds-Horse Field 10 people max	Rawcliffe Tansy Meadow 10 people max	Rawcliffe Country Park Bee Bank 10 people max	
1pm-4pm	Rawcliffe Country Park Woodland 30 people max	Rawcliffe Tansy Meadow 10 spaces left	Rawcliffe Country Park Pond 15 people max	
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