



# York Cares

*Bringing communities together to make York a better place*

Leanne Shaw  
Operations Manager



## Our Team

York Cares is a charity with York at its heart. The charity has been committed to making the city a better place through social action for over 20 years.

Through our programmes, we improve local green spaces; inspire young people to reach their full potential and combat loneliness and social isolation.





## 2025 In Numbers



**4,800 items**

4,800 donations were made to our collections



**2,055  
volunteers**

We engaged over 2,055 employees to volunteer with us



**10,250 hours**

Employee-volunteers gave more than 10,250 hours through our programmes



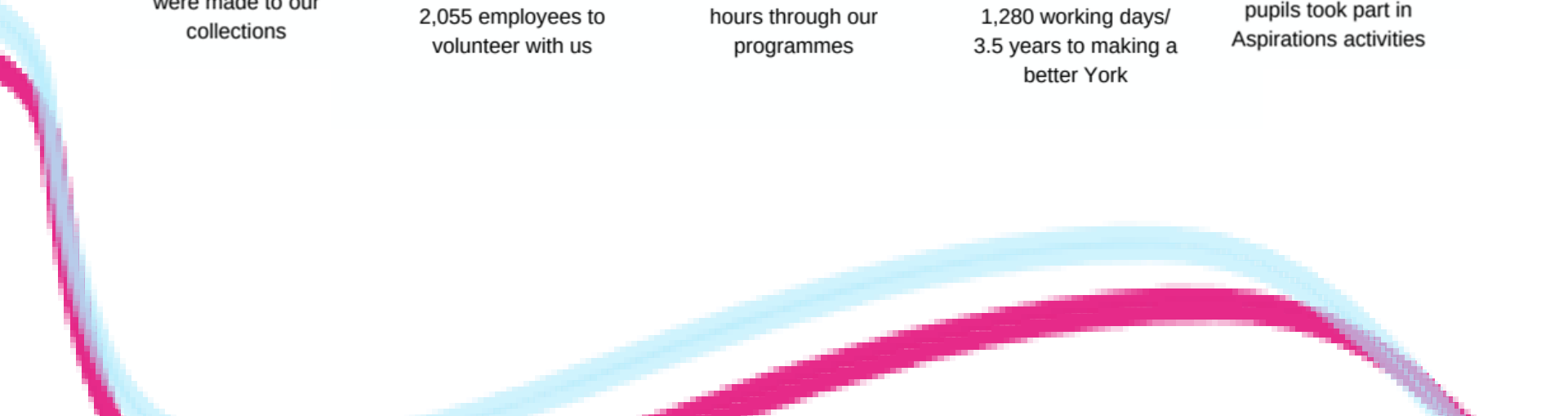
**3.5 yrs**

Collectively, our members gave over 1,280 working days/ 3.5 years to making a better York



**3,000 pupils**

More than 3,000 pupils took part in Aspirations activities



## Environment and Sustainability



*"The contribution of York Cares volunteers is invaluable ... Their involvement allows us to deliver environmental projects that significantly enhance biodiversity, improve green spaces, and create a cleaner, healthier York".*

- City of York Council ECO Team

On the 19th of November a team of 5 volunteers from Aviva attended a Community Challenge at Foss Walk. They helped to go along the full length of the walk way and pulling out weeds and edging the path to clear out years of growth. This completely transformed the path with the efforts of such a small group working over one morning.



## Social Connections

Bringing younger and older people together through meaningful connections to bridge the intergenerational divide and reduce loneliness and social isolation.

Events include:

- Coffee mornings
- Shimmer and Shine Christmas party
- Summer Sparkle party



**“To me it means getting out and meeting old people like myself who would be at home alone listening to christmas carols. Lifts the soul, God bless”**

**- Shimmer and Shine 2025**

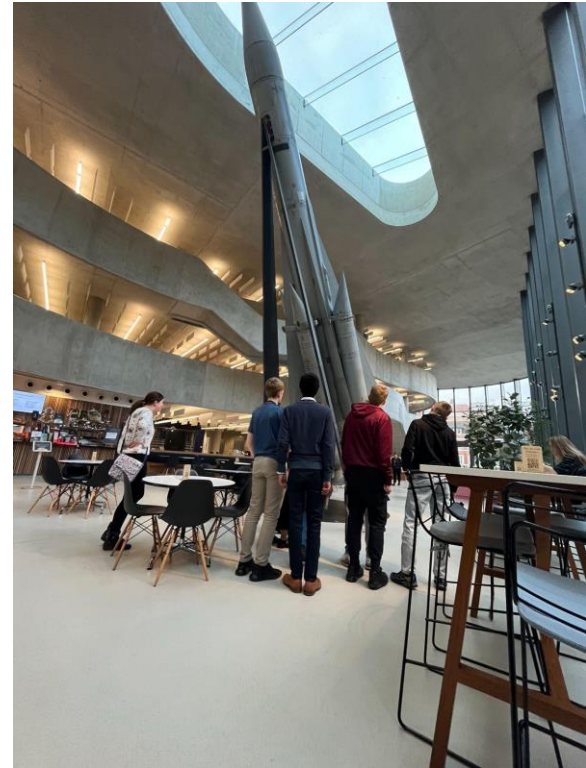


# Aspirations

Recently some volunteers from Hiscox delivered a Project Dare for 16 & 17 yr old pupils. This provided the students a chance to learn about the Insurance sector and develop vital presenting and team work skills.

**‘This was a chance to support students by giving them the opportunity to visit an employer, understand the world of work, and to give them a project they could get their teeth into.’**

**~ Tanya Whitehead, Training Delivery Specialist, Hiscox**





## Collections

We run annual collection campaigns to support causes across York.

Campaigns include:

- Work Wardrobe (all year round)
- Easter eggs
- Hygiene Bank
- Christmas gifts

*"We really appreciate both the support of York Cares and the organisations involved with the Easter egg collection. We work with a lot of young people from low-income families who can find the school holidays a particularly challenging time of year. The kind donations made through York Cares make a huge difference, and ensure that the young people in these families will have an Easter egg this year"*

- Door 84





# Upcoming activities

## Community Challenges

- 14th May - Aviva at Greenfield Community Gardens

## Social Connections

- 4th June - Summer Sparkle

## Aspirations

- 24 April Employability Workshop at the Clarence Street Hub
- 28 May Spear Mock Interviews
- 11 June Smart Works Career Fair for Women