

# YORK PLAYSPACE

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York Playspace is a registered Charity no. 505921.

The aims of the Charity are to promote Children's Play in and around the York area. The Charity was established over 35 years ago. During that time the Charity has had a great deal of experience in promoting, delivering and developing PLAY in communities.

Our work includes:-

- Mobile Playschemes which benefit Children and Young People in both the urban and rural areas in and around York.
- Venue based Playschemes, both open access and pre-booked places.
- Chill Outs Zones which benefit Children and Young People aged 8 -13 yrs in three specific area of York; they include the Tang Hall area, 68 Centre area of Heworth and Dringhouses area.
- Playwork Promotion
- Playwork information and networking to support other organisations committed to play.
- Local Compact Champions for Play.
- Representation of the Voluntary Sector and also be Open Access Play on Strategic Boards.
- Inform National Policy with local Practises
- Work in partnership with local communities to establish Play/Chill Out Zones in their own areas.
- Play Consultation work.



## WHAT IS A MOBILE PLAYScheme?

A mobile playscheme team consists of 3 Playworkers, who travel to different rural villages and a few inner-city sites, in a van full of sports equipment, arts and crafts and play equipment. They have a large tent which provides shelter from either the sun or the rain. The Playworkers often endure high winds, torrential rain, and if they are lucky lovely hot sunny days. Regardless of the weather they still pitch their tent and interact with the Children that attend.

Each session is for 2 hours and we run 2 sessions per day; the morning or AM session is from 10.30am – 12.30pm and the afternoon or PM session is from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Each session is aimed at Children aged 5 years to 13 years. As the sessions are held in open public spaces we do not exclude any Children or Young People from the sessions that are younger or older, this year we have had over 147 children under the age of 5 attending the Mobiles, they either come with older siblings that can be anything from 8 years – 16 years old, or with their parents/carers and the playworkers welcome them all.

During each session we provide the Children and Young People with supervised activities with many arts, crafts and sports activities including circle and team games. The Children and Young are also given a drink of juice and a biscuit, and this is all for FREE.

This year the mobile Playschemes have been funded through 2 different funding streams. The City of York Council Play Grant funded 2 mobile Playschemes over a 4 week period and City of York Council Ward Committee funded an additional 2 mobile Playschemes over a 5 week period.

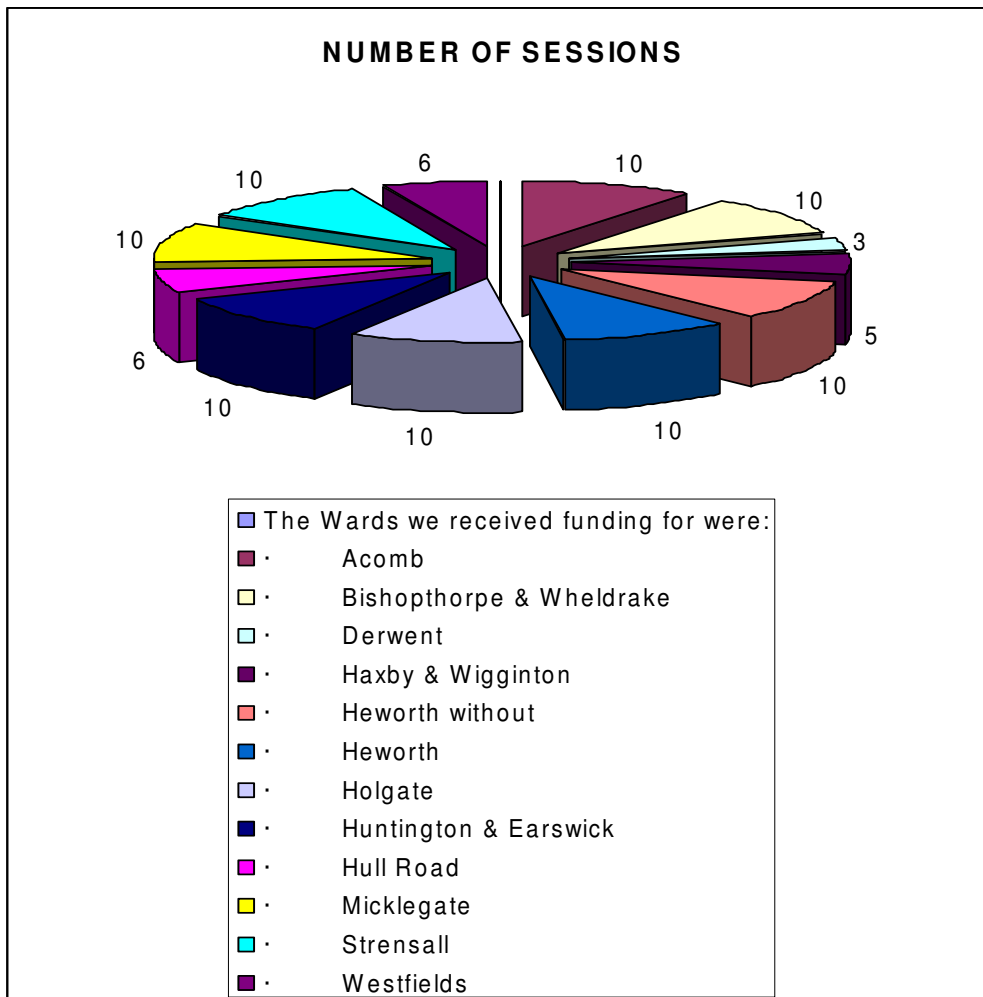
Each year residents within the Wards vote on what they would like to see the allocation of Ward Money spent within their Ward. Playspace were asked to put applications in to the wards to run playschemes in their area. The residents vote on all the applications that have been submitted as to what they want their ward money spent on and how much. We were invited to the Ward meetings to show what we did and this year we attended 10 Ward Meetings.

This year we were granted funds from 12 Wards to run a total of 95 x 2 hour sessions over a five week period from 21<sup>st</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009 inclusive. This enabled us to have 2 teams running for 5 weeks; in 2007 we only received enough funding for 1 team doing 4 weeks and in 2008 we received no ward funding.

**The Wards we received funding for were:**

- **Acomb** - 10 sessions
- **Bishopthorpe & Wheldrake** -10 sessions
- **Derwent** - 3 sessions
- **Heworth without** - 10 sessions
- **Heworth** - 10 sessions
- **Holgate** - 10 sessions
- **Huntington & Earswick** - 10 sessions
- **Hull Road** - 6 sessions
- **Micklegate** - 10 sessions
- **Strensall** - 10 sessions
- **Westfield's** - 6 sessions

Please see the graph on next page showing number of sessions per ward.



This year due to the extra ward funding we were able to provide the following additional service:-

- 95 extra sessions,
- Attended an extra 30 different sites; on at least 2 separate visits, some got 4.
- In total we ran over 175 x 2 hour play sessions and were able to visit lots more inner city sites.
- This year with the ward funding we visited new sites in Acomb, Holgate, Huntington, Micklegate and Westfield Wards; these wards would not have been visited without the extra funding.

Thanks to both sets of funding this year we provided Play experiences and opportunities for over 2, 500 children and young people (last year we provided 1,082)

We liaised with other partners within the City, such as Parks and Events Managers, Park Rangers, Running Wild, Sports Bus, Youth Services and Global.

## CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE MOBILE 1 SUMMER 2009 Annex A

DATE	VENUE	Under 8's	Over 8's	TOTAL
Mon 27 July	Rawcliffe - Recreation Centre	49	15	64
Tues 28 July	Millennium Field-Fishergate	14	9	23
Weds 29 July	Naburn - Village Hall	11	15	26
<b>Thurs 30 July</b>	<b>Wheldrake – Nr Village Hall</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>
Fri 31 July	Bishopthorpe - Acaster Lane P.F.	10	22	32
Mon 3 Aug	Stockton-on-Forest - Stone Rigg	5	9	14
Tues 4 Aug	Millennium Field - Fishergate	10	8	18
Weds 5 Aug	Wigginton - Mill Lane P Fields	7	7	14
Thurs 6 Aug	Osbalwick - The Leyes	15	9	24
Fri 7 Aug	Poppleton Park-Esk Drive	17	24	41
<b>Mon 10 Aug</b>	<b>Rawcliffe - Recreation Centre</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
Tues 11 Aug	Rufforth - Playing Fields	3	7	10
Weds 12 Aug	Naburn - Village Hall	9	11	20
Thurs 13 Aug	Wheldrake - nr village hall	13	20	33
<b>Fri 14 Aug - AM</b>	<b>Ashton Avenue - Clifton</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>
Fri 14 Aug - PM	George V Playing Field (Dodsworth Ave)	9	9	18
Mon 17 Aug	Stockton-on-Forest - Stone Rigg	13	8	21
<b>Tues 18 Aug</b>	<b>Rufforth - Playing Fields</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>
Weds 19 Aug	Wigginton - Mill Lane P Fields	9	5	14
Thurs 20 Aug	Osbalwick - The Leyes	8	15	23
Fri 21 Aug	Poppleton Park – Esk drive	10	20	30
<b>2009</b>	<b>MOBILE 1 TOTALS</b>	244	258	502

= Days that were raining.

### MOBILE 1


**Attendance by under eights: girls = 100, boys = 144**

**Attendance by over eights: girls = 126, boys = 133**

**Attendance Total: 502**

**CHILDRENS ATTENDANCE MOBILE 2 SUMMER 2009**

DATE	VENUE	Under 8's	Over 8's	TOTAL
Mon 27 July	Askham Bryan Playing Fields	16	14	30
Tues 28 July	Elvington-Sports Field	12	7	19
Weds 29 July	Strensall - Northfields	14	9	23
<b>Thurs 30 July</b>	<b>Haxby - Ethel Ward Playing Fields</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>
Fri 31 July	Copmanthorpe Sports Club	25	13	38
Mon 3 Aug	Askham Bryan playing fields	10	13	23
Tues 4 Aug	Knapton	11	15	26
Weds 5 Aug	Dunnington – Intake Lane P.A.	10	7	17
Thurs 6 Aug	Poppleton - Comm Centre	18	10	28
Fri 7 Aug - AM	Skelton - Brexfields	8	9	17
Fri 7 Aug - PM	Skelton - The Pastures	26	9	35
<b>Mon 10 Aug</b>	<b>Askham Bryan Playing Fields</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>
Tues 11 Aug	Elvington-Sports Field	13	9	22
Weds 12 Aug	Dunnington-Intake Lane	12	6	18
Thurs 13 Aug	Haxby - Ethel Ward Playing Fields	21	12	33
<b>Fri 14 Aug</b>	<b>Copmanthorpe Sports Club</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>
Mon 17 Aug	Poppleton - Comm Centre	10	11	21
<b>Tues 18 Aug</b>	<b>Knapton</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>
Weds 19 Aug	Strensall - Northfields	10	7	17
Thurs 20 Aug	Haxby - Ethel Ward Playing Fields	8	7	15
Fri 21 Aug	Skelton – The Pastures	9	6	15
<b>2009</b>	<b>Mobile 2 TOTALS</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>475</b>

 = Days that were raining.

**MOBILE 2**


**Attendance by under eights: girls = 146, boys = 129**

**Attendance by over eights: girls = 82, boys = 118**

**Attendance Total: 475**

**CHILDRENS ATTENDANCE WARD MOBILE 1 SUMMER 2009**

DATE	VENUE	Under 8's	Over 8's	TOTAL
Tues 21 July	Huntington – Orchard Park	15	13	28
<b>Weds 22 July</b>	<b>Dunnington-Intake Lane</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>
Thurs 23 July	Wheldrake – Nr Village Hall	15	16	31
Fri 24 July	Bishopthorpe – Keebal Park	9	13	22
Mon 27 July	Badger Hill –Off Hull Road	15	7	22
Tues 28 July	Huntington – Orchard Park	19	19	38
<b>Weds 29 July</b>	<b>Viking Road Park - Acomb</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Thurs 30 July</b>	<b>Earswick – Nr Village Hall</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>
Fri 31 July	Carr Junior School PF - Acomb	27	30	57
Mon 3 Aug - AM	Badger Hill –Off Hull Road	16	11	27
Mon 3 Aug - PM	Hull Road Park – off Melrosegate	15	13	28
Tues 4 Aug	Huntington – Orchard Park	19	8	27
Weds 5 Aug -AM	Heworth Without PF – Rugby ground	4	4	8
Weds 5 Aug - PM	Heworth Without PF – Applecroft Rd	9	8	17
Thurs 6 Aug	Wheldrake – Nr Village Hall	9	11	20
Fri 7 Aug - AM	Bishopthorpe – Keebal Park	9	13	22
Fri 7 Aug - PM	Bishopthorpe – Acaster Lane	11	16	27
<b>Mon 10 Aug</b>	<b>Hull Road Park – off Melrosegate</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>
Tues 11 Aug	New Earswick – Rec ground nr school	8	8	16
Weds 12 Aug	Heworth Without PF – Applecroft Rd	26	12	38
Thurs 13 Aug	Earswick – Nr Village Hall	16	10	26
<b>Fri 14 Aug</b>	<b>Bishopthorpe – Acaster Lane</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>33</b>
Mon 17 Aug	Hob Moor – behind E Wilson pool	7	9	16
<b>Tues 18 Aug</b>	<b>New Earswick – Rec ground nr school</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>33</b>
Weds 19 Aug - AM	Dunnington-Intake Lane	5	5	10
Weds 19 Aug - PM	Heworth Without PF – Applecroft Rd	15	14	29
Thurs 20 Aug	Chesney PF – Foxwood Lane	19	13	32
Fri 21 Aug -AM	Heworth Without PF – nr Rugby ground	16	8	24
<b>2009</b>	<b>WARD Mobile 1 TOTALS</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>722</b>

 = Days that it rained

**WARD MOBILE 1**

**Attendance by under eights: girls = 180, boys = 219**


**Attendance by over eights: girls = 111, boys = 212**

**Attendance Total: 722**



**CHILDRENS ATTENDANCE WARD MOBILE 2 SUMMER 2009**

DATE	VENUE	Under 8's	Over 8's	TOTAL
Tues 21 July	George V PF – Dodsworth Ave	8	7	15
Weds 22 July	Strensall – nr Hirst Hall	24	30	54
Thurs 23 July -AM	Heworth Without PF – nr Rugby ground	9	10	19
Thurs 23 July - PM	Heworth Without PF – Applecroft Rd	16	12	28
Fri 24 July	Scarcroft Park – Scarcroft Rd	12	7	19
Mon 27 July	Stockton-on-the-Forest – Stone Rigg	5	6	11
Tues 28 July	Glen Gardens - Heworth	25	16	41
Weds 29 July	West Bank Park – off Hamilton drive	14	15	29
Thurs 30 July - AM	Heworth Without PF – nr Rugby ground	6	6	12
Thurs 30 July - PM	Heworth Without PF – Straylands	4	2	6
Fri 31 July	Scarcroft Park – Scarcroft Rd	8	18	26
Mon 3 Aug - AM	Cleavland street Play area - Holgate	0	0	0
Mon 3 Aug - PM	Balfour street – Leman Road	0	0	0
Tues 4 Aug	Tang Hall PF – Fifth Ave	11	14	25
Weds 5 Aug	Strensall – nr Hirst Hall	15	20	35
Thurs 6 Aug -AM	Acomb Green - Acomb	21	7	28
Thurs 6 Aug - PM	Viking Rd Park - Acomb	11	13	24
Fri 7 Aug	Butchers Terrace field (off Butchers ter)	10	11	21
Mon 10 Aug	Lindsey Ave Park – off Poppleton rd	4	4	8
Tues 11 Aug	Monks Stray – Stockton Lane	7	13	20
Weds 12 Aug	Railway institute – Hamilton Drive	15	15	30
Thurs 13 Aug - AM	Fishponds wood – Danebury Drive	0	0	0
Thurs 13 Aug -PM	Viking Rd Park - Acomb	7	10	17
Fri 14 Aug	Butchers Terrace field (off Butchers ter)	11	6	17
Mon 17 Aug	Carr Junior School PF - Acomb	9	9	18
Tues 18 Aug	South Beck Field – off Byland Ave	9	6	15
Weds 19 Aug	Salisbury Rd Play area – Leman Rd	6	6	12
Thurs 20 Aug	Viking Rd Park - Acomb	10	15	25
Fri 21 Aug	Little Knavesmire – Knavesmire Rd	15	14	29
<b>2009</b>	<b>WARD Mobile 2 TOTALS</b>	292	292	584

 = Days that it rained

**WARD MOBILE 2**

**Attendance by under eights: girls = 132, boys = 160**

**Attendance by over eights: girls = 134, boys = 158**

**Attendance Total: 584**

**TOTAL children and young people that attended all 4 summer  
MOBILE TEAMS**

- **Attendance by under eights: girls = 558      boys = 652**  
(With 147 being under 5)
  - **Attendance by over eights: girls = 453      boys = 621**
    - **Total girls = 1,001      Boys = 1,273**
    - **Attendance Total: 2,284**
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Annex A

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED EACH  
WARD/SITE:  
21 JULY - 21 AUGUST 09**

**ACOMB – (10 Sessions Ward funded)**

166 Children attended over 10 sessions (average 17 children per session)

**Bishopthorpe & Wheldrake - (10 Sessions Ward funded)**

246 Children attended over 16 sessions (average 16 children per session)

**DERWENT - (3 Sessions Ward funded)**

65 Children attended over 6 sessions (average 10 children per session)

**HEWORTH WITHOUT - (10 Sessions Ward funded)**

186 Children attended over 14 sessions (average 17 children per session)

**HEWORTH - (10 Sessions Ward funded)**

134 Children attended over 12 sessions (average 12 children per session)

**HOLGATE, Poppleton Rd -(3 Sessions Ward funded)**

8 Children attended over 3 sessions (average 4 children per session)

**HOLGATE, Leeman Rd - (3 Sessions Ward funded)**

12 Children attended over 3 sessions (average 6 children per session)

**HOLGATE, Hamilton Dr - (4 Sessions Ward funded)**

59 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 15 children per session)

**HULL Rd - (6 Sessions Ward funded)**

107 Children attended over 6 sessions (average 18 children per session)

**HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK - (10 Sessions Ward funded)**

149 Children attended over 10 sessions (average 15 children per session)

**STRENSALL, EARSWICK & STOCKTON ON FOREST -(10 Sessions Ward funded)**

217 Children attended over 17 sessions (average 13 children per session)

**MICKLEGATE - (10 Sessions Ward funded)**

112 Children attended over 6 sessions (average 12 children per session)

**WESTFIELDS, North - (2 Sessions Ward funded)**

52 Children attended over 2 sessions (average 26 children per session)

**WESTFIELDS, Foxwood - (2 Sessions Ward funded)**

32 Children attended over 2 sessions (average 16 children per session)

**WESTFIELDS - (2 Sessions Ward funded)**

16 Children attended over 2 sessions (average 8 children per session)

**RURAL WEST -**

120 Children attended over 8 sessions (average 16 children per session)

**ASKHAM BRYAN**

58 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 15 children per session)

**ELVINGTON**

48 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 12 children per session)

**COPMANTHORPE**

58 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 14 children per session)

**KNAPTON**

46 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 12 children per session)

**SKELTON**

67 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 17 children per session)

**NABURN**

49 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 13 children per session)

**RUFFORTH**

29 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 8 children per session)

**RAWCLIFFE**

86 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 22 children per session)

**MILLENNIUM FIELD - Fishergate**

41 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 10 children per session)

**HAXBY & WIGGINGTON -**

115 Children attended over 10 sessions (average 12 children per session)



## 2009 Parent/Carers Evaluations

### Parent/carers 76 returned:

	Great	OK	Poor
b) The Location	73	3	0
c) The Programme times	73	3	0
d) The activities/workshops	71	5	0
e) The Playworkers	75	1	0
f) Your child's enjoyment	75	1	0

### We asked "would you like us to come again"

YES = 76                      NO = 0

### We asked, "How many children of yours have attended":

1 Child = 11                      2 Children = 42                      3 Children = 11  
4 Children = 4                      5 Children = 4

### Ages of Children attending:

Under 8 = 106                      8 and Over = 53

### Parents/carers comments

- Bishopthorpe      Fantastic – could be better publicity via local schools
- Bishopthorpe      It's great –they love it
- Stockton on Forest - Children enjoyed company of play workers – some  
Balls broken
- Rawcliffe              Please come to Rawcliffe more often
- Rawcliffe              Excellent – enjoyed cat & mouse and cricket
- Rawcliffe              Just wish it could be more often throughout the hols
- Rawcliffe              Great fun, girls only planned on attending morning  
Session such fun came for afternoon session as well

- Butcher's Terrace - It is nice to have a playscheme near our home
- Osboldwick They loved it
- Wheldrake Played really well, a change from mum, gluing and Sticking was done with different things from home – Mum had a couple of hours break
- Carr School More advertising
- Badger Hill Better advertised
- Bishopthorpe Male playworker was particularly good (Paul).
- Bishopthorpe Great idea, both children enjoyed the sessions – good Team
- Wheldrake Would have liked longer sessions
- Wheldrake Fantastic to live somewhere which offer a free play Setting so children can play with their friends during the Holidays
- Orchard Park How about having a donation box to raise funds?
- Wheldrake Fantastic! Great opportunities for the children
- Scarcroft Indoor hall, maybe toilet
- M Bridge More advertising for under fives, playgroup, access to toilets
- M Bridge Larger tent, café for parents! /? more activities for Pre-school children
- Knapton More structured activities, there seems little point in putting out a few cones and footballs if the play workers are sitting and talking and not organising play – a bit more structure would be great.
- Poppleton Display ideas of previous work on tent ceiling
- Poppleton Good fun
- Ethel Ward Weather was OK
- Elvington Fantastic, thank you!
- Tang Hall Could be better advertised
- Tang Hall PF A sign post to advertise it
- Scarcroft Park Excellent idea – needs more advertising I think

- Acomb Green Wonderful free facility
- Acomb Green Great location and free play
- Viking Road They have been amazing, the kids have loved it, it saved me a lot of money, they wanted to come everyday
- Various Excellent idea, my kids have begged to go everyday – they have made the summer holidays a lot of fun.
  
- Acomb Green I asked someone to organise a game of football as my son was expected to play with balls, etc with just his friends – I expected more planned activities.
- Bishopthorpe Great idea
- Butchers Ter More sports based activity
- Osbalwick We'd like it here more often even if we had to make a payment. More please, Aleisha has loved this for the last three years.
  
- Heworth RC Brilliant
- Butchers Ter Advertising could do with a bit of work
- West Bank Pk Shame it was raining, need more equipment and varied
- West Bank Pk Well placed near park equipment, shame about the weather prevented outside play
  
- Heworth RC Signage to show sight needed, arrived and went home to phone office, then came back to tent, sure this would have been great on a fine day. Play workers friendly and helped Lewis make a candle but was only child on site. Stayed for half an hour.
  
- Glen Gardens Didn't realise the tent would be here today.
- Glen Gardens Could be better advertised

## 2009 Children's Evaluations

Out of the 182 evaluation forms that we received back from the children, asking them how they enjoyed the wick-kid mobile, below is the information that we obtained.

	<b>Great</b>	<b>OK</b>	<b>Not Good</b>
a) The wick-kid mobile is:	<b>158</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
b) The things to do are:	<b>149</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>
c) The Playworkers are:	<b>160</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

### My favourite things at the Playscheme are:

Arts & Crafts - 38	Playing - 5	Clay - 2
Cricket - 20	Mirrors - 4	Rounder's - 2
Different sports - 13	Face Painting - 4	Treasure Hunt - 1
Games e.g. twister, cards. Piggy in middle - 12	Playworkers joining in - 4	Biscuits - 1
Everything - 11	Bracelets - 3	Making Cushions - 1
Parachute - 9	Cat & Mouse - 3	Hoops - 1
Model magic - 8	Connect 4 - 2	Having Fun - 1
Sewing - 8	Making Candles - 2	Stain glass - 1
Making new friends and playing with - 8	Hopper - 2	Sword Fighting - 1

### The thing I liked least at the Playscheme are:

Nothing - 40	Connect 4 - 1	Playing Tig - 1
Arts & Crafts - 8	Clay - 1	Not Having a drink - 1
Sports - 7	Biscuits - 1	Drawing - 1
Weather/ rain- 5	Fish( cards ) - 1	Model Magic - 1
Cricket - 3	Cat & Mouse - 1	Rounder's - 1
Tents - 2	Really Hot - 1	Playworkers - 1
Sewing - 2	Little Kids - 1	Parachute - 1
Not so many things to do - 1	Tennis - 1	

### Would you like to come again to the wick-kid mobile?

**Yes – 162**

**No – 1**

### How old are you?

**Under 5 Years - 10**

**7 years – 21**

**10 years – 23**

**12 years - 7**

**5 Years – 12**

**8 years - 33**

**11 years – 12**

**13 years – 1**

**6 years – 31**

**9 years – 35**

**11 years - 7**

**Under 8 = 74**

**8's & over = 118**

**Boys = 69**

**Girls = 113**



Children's comments:-

- Stone Riggs It's great
- Stone Riggs Great but not brilliant
- Rawcliffe I really liked it – I had such a lot of fun!
- Rawcliffe They were good
- Osbaldwick Should do a little bit more fun games
- Osbaldwick Fun for younger kids
- Osbaldwick Think we should have more things to do
- Badger Hill It was better
- Bishopthorpe It was an excellent opportunity to make new friends
- M Bridge Their so cool
- Stone Riggs It has gathered quite a few people
- Bishopthorpe Good
- Poppleton More games
- Poppleton It was great
- Viking Road It was great!
- Acomb Road Enjoyed it a lot – really liked it too
- Butcher's Terrace It's great
- Butcher's Terrace Cool tent
- Butcher's Terrace Lots of space
- Bishopthorpe Cool
- Bishopthorpe The adults play with you
- Glen Gardens It's very good
- Glen Gardens It's great
- Manthorpe Park It's great
- Osbaldwick I liked everything about it
- Heworth RG It was really good but there should have been a few more games
- Rawcliffe It was excellent I want you to come again
- Rawcliffe They were good
- Elvington Thank you
- Askham Bryan The tent fell on me!
- Haxby It was great fun
- Copmanthorpe Great
- Copmanthorpe It is better fun than staying in
- Knapton It is brilliant !!!!!
- Skelton It is very fun – come every year
- Skelton I thought there would be more things to do
- Poppleton I liked it a lot – the best sports I have every done
- Poppleton I think it was great and the workers are

## ACTIVITIES

### Activities that the children & young people participated in this year

<b>SPORTS &amp; OUTDOOR PLAY</b>	<b>MULTICULTURAL &amp; THEMES</b>	
Obstacle courses	Hawaii flower garlands	Junk Modelling
Cricket	Multicultural people	Window Fish
Tennis	Divali candles	Model Magic Animals
Skipping	Japanese fish cricket	Sand Pictures
Parachute games	Hindu masks	Leaf collage
Ball games with rackets	Kites	Face paints
Stilts	Leaf collecting	Lollipop Fish
Frisbee	Chinese lanterns	Animal masks
Hoops	Divali pop up elephants	Beastie Bugs
Mini tent	Spanish Fans	Giant Painty bugs
Pogo sticks	Space Pictures	Penguins
Football	Flag Making	Colouring sheets
Bean bag races	Music box	Animal Drawings
Tig	Lace Painting	Door hangers
3 legged race	Pirates	Clay modelling
Wet play outside	Treasure hunts	Split pin Animals
Tug-of-war	Spiders webs	Stained glass windows
Dodge Ball	Grass & Stick Pictures	Glass Painting
Hockey	<b>ARTS AND CRAFTS</b>	Egg box monsters
Water Fun	Pastel/oil pictures	Tent Decorating
Bows and Arrows	Felt Magnets	Teddy Making
Running Races	Friendship Bracelets	Candle making
Rounders	Newspaper cloths	Glitter globes
Space hoppers	Sewing purses/stuffed animals	Picture Magnets
Piggy in Middle	Cardboard Box cars/rockets	Broom making
Stuck in the Mud	Dominoes	Wand Making
Scavenger Hunt	Doll Making	Mirror decorating
Horse shoes	Pillow Making	Rubbings
Bramble Picking	Glass mobiles	Blow Painting
Secret codes	Finger puppets	Stick People
Giant connect 4	Pom pom bugs	Flowers & Flower pots
Circle games	Badge & mirror making	Magic Modelling
Tree climbing	Flower Making	Drawing

## INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

5 Minor Accidents over the 5 weeks of 4 Mobile Playschemes.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SITES WERE:

Alex Leahy – Play Development Officer, York Playspace  
Alison Shepherd – Manager, York Playspace  
Gaye Chambers – Volunteer, York Playspace  
Gordana Trefzer - Volunteer, York Playspace  
Courtney Hawkins – Junior Volunteer, Rufforth age 16  
Vicky Wood – Childminder  
Karen Robinson – Childminder  
Lisa Dixon – Childminder  
Angela Atkin – Childminder  
Sue Hays – Childminder  
Sarah Pawlec – Childminder  
Shona Clark – Childminder  
Jackie Kuchkan – Childminder  
Sandra Housecroft-Jones - Parent  
Jade Brookes – Parent  
Hysane Byrne – Parent  
Sally Sanderson – Parent  
Freya Mulholand – Parent  
Susan Scholefield – Parent  
Stacey Mason – Parent  
Barbara Callahan – Parent  
Denise Mawhood – Parent



At York Playspace we invest a great deal of time and money into the training and development of our staff and volunteers. We believe that by having staff and volunteers appropriately trained in their areas of expertise, we are providing the Parents/Carers and the children, with a quality service.

All the Playworkers that worked on the summer playschemes attended a half day Playspace Induction and a three day Playwork training course that covered: The importance of Play and Playwork, Playwork roles and responsibilities, Health & safety, Promoting Positive behaviour, Conflict resolution, Supporting Children, Planning and resources, Play activities, Team Work, basic first Aid and Accident and emergency procedures. At least one member of the team undertook the 12 hour Paediatric First Aid Course. All Playworkers also have their Basic child protection Certificate.

The Playworkers all benefited from the courses attended. In addition, it gave them time to meet their team and gave them some new activities and games to do with the children.

## **OVERVIEW & CONCLUSION OF SUMMER MOBILE PLAYSCHMES**

### ATTENDANCE

The Mobile Playschemes this year have again been very well attended and a great success even though there were a few days of rain and wind. This year's with our additional funding from the Wards we were able to:-

- Run 2 Ward Funded Mobile Play teams for 5 weeks
- Run 100 extra sessions.
- Attended an extra 30 different sites; on at least 2 separate visits, some got 4.
- Ran over 175 x 2 hour play sessions with an average of 15 children per session and were able to visit lots more inner city sites.
- Enabled us to visit new sites such as Glen Gardens, New Earswick, Carr Junior School and Hamilton Drive among other in Acomb, Holgate,

Huntington, Micklegate and Westfield Wards; these wards would not have been visited without this extra funding.

I have been very happy with the attendance this year as we are reaching more children in more locations that have very little or no play provision; thus giving the children & Young people in these areas, positive play opportunities.

Thanks to both sets of funding this year we provided Play experiences and opportunities for over 2, 500 children and young people (last year we provided 1,082)

### **The most popular sites were:**

- Rawcliffe - Recreation Centre
- Bishopthorpe - Acaster lane P.F
- Wheldrake
- Poppleton Park -Esk drive
- Haxby - Ethel Ward playing fields
- Copmanthorpe - Sports Club
- Skelton
- Strensall - Near Hirst Hall
- Glen Gardens - Heworth (new site)
- The RI - Hamilton Drive (new site)
- Huntington - Orchard Park (new site)
- Carr Junior School (new site)
- Hull Road Park
- Applecroft Play area - Heworth Without (new site)
- New Earswick - Recreation Ground (new site)
- Foxwood Lane - Chesney PF (new site)

### **PLAYWORKERS COMENTS:**

**Rawcliffe** - Parents at very demanding and spoil fun for the kids – they wanted face paints and refreshments for them; the kids didn't

**Poppleton Park** - Parents at sent 3 and 4 year olds on there own or signed them in and disappeared. Alex told staff this was unacceptable and all Parents of under 5's had to stay with their children.

**Knapton** - Problems pitching tent as under grass all stones and pegs would not go in.

**Fishpond wood, Acomb** – Very unsafe, Workers were called names. Children informed the workers that their parents would not let them play in the woods and that they didn't even cycle through. Adult walker said that it was used by drug users and people drinking and was not a safe place to be. We won't be going there again.

**Balfor Street and Cleveland Street** – Were much the same as Fishpond wood it was used by drug users and people drinking and was not safe places to be and the children said that they would never play at the Balfore street play area.

**Railway Institute** – Great location and Popular.

Inner-city sites with no access to water and toilets a bit of a problem, especially when they are there all day

**Hull Road Park – Problems** with older children from the start especially the older boys. Unable to do the afternoon session due to the older boys taking the equipment and throwing them in the trees and broke some of the equipment, they also tried getting in the Van and take things out of it.

**Hob Moor** – Was a bit difficult to do Sports events due to Cow Fowling and long grass, also some cows came to play which worked well as the children were interested in the cows.

**The playworkers** this year had very good working relationship both in their teams and with all the other staff working on other Mobiles; they had a few nights out together. The only complaints were that they would like more access to toilets and that some areas were poorly advertised. All enjoyed the Mobile playschemes and would like to work for us again.

### **Playspace Volunteers:**

This year we were lucky to have 2 excellent Volunteers join our team; Gaye Chambers & Gordana Trefzer. They went round all our summer projects and helped with the evaluations and also spent time speaking to the Parents/Carers, Children and the Staff.

## The Playschemes

The Playschemes are advertised and aimed at children aged 5-13 years old, but on some sessions there were younger children as well, up to three or four at each session, all with their parents or carers. Last year we decided to buy some equipment for the younger children. We did and this went down well but we still need to have more.

### Parent/carers

- From the evaluations taken from the Parents and the information collated from our Volunteers we had the following feedback.
- The Parents were very pleased with having a place to go where their children are able to play with other children under supervision.
- Overall parents thought that it would be great if there could be more such opportunities and were very positive in their view of the Locations.
- Activities and the Playworkers were of a very high standard.
- A few have suggested us having a donation box on the site (**we also thought that this was a good idea and may peruse next year**).

There were few with negative feedback; they were the lack of publicity and that there should be table's chairs and refreshments provided for the Parents, that we should come more often and that there should be more activities for pre-school children.

We thought that next year we would do extra publicise by us Local shops and cafes e.g. Acomb Green & Viking Rd Park to put Flyers and posters in the local shops and Café. Request that information about Summer Playschemes are publicised in Ward newsletters.

The children were all very positive; they loved both the activities and the playworkers. The Children/Young people liked the fact that they had the choice of a quiet sit down activity or a physical activity, as shown with what they likes best on the evaluation breakdown.

We had a few problems with older Children this year at Hull Road, Tang Hall and George V playing fields but in general no real problems or issues at all which is always a good thing. A concern was that at Poppleton parents left 3 & 4 year olds for workers to look after.

Total number of Under 5 year olds that attended all schemes were = 197. This needs to be discussed with Play Team before next year.

All in all this year has been a very positive one for all involved, roll on next year.

*I would like to thank all the playworkers that worked on the mobile playschemes for all of their hard work, Playspace management for their support, Mary Bailey and for her support and funding, All of the Wards that provided funding for us to run another 2 Mobiles for 5 weeks.*

I would also like to thanks the Children & young people that attended, the Parents/Carers for their positive feedback, kind comments and their support of the playschemes.

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