

Notice of a public meeting of

Children, Culture and Communities Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillors Nicholls (Chair), Clarke (Vice-Chair),
Crawshaw, Cullwick, Cuthbertson, Knight, Nelson,
K Taylor, Waller, and Wilson

Date: Thursday, 1 May 2025

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: West Offices - Station Rise, York YO1 6GA

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and note apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)

At this point in the meeting, Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest they might have in respect of business on this agenda, if they have not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

[Please see attached sheet for further guidance for Members]

3. Minutes (Pages 7 - 12)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 01 April 2025.

4. Public Participation

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5. Clear, Hold, Build Report (Pages 13 - 70)

This report provides an update on the delivery of the Clear Hold Build initiative in the Clifton area of York, following its launch in March 2024,

6. Work Plan (Pages 71 - 74)

Members are asked to consider the Committee's work plan for the upcoming municipal year.

7. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	Children, Culture and Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date	1 April 2025
Present	Councillors Nicholls (Chair), Clarke (Vice-Chair), Crawshaw, Cullwick, Cuthbertson, Knight, Nelson [from 5:40pm], K Taylor, Waller [from 5:34pm], and Wilson
Officers in attendance	Pauline Stuchfield – Director of Housing and Communities Andrew Laslett – Strategic Services Manager Maxine Squire – Assistant Director, Education and Skills
External Attendees	Kathryn Blacker – CEO, York Museums Trust David Bryan – CFO, York Museums Trust Chris Edwards – Chair, REACH Paul Crewes – CEO, York Theatre Royal Julain Ollive – Head of Creative Engagement, York Theatre Royal

55. Apologies for Absence (5:32pm)

No apologies for absence were received.

56. Declarations of Interest (5:33pm)

Members were asked to declare at this point in the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest they might have in respect of business on the agenda if they had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.

Councillor Cuthbertson declared an interest in relation to item 5 of the agenda, York Museums Trust Report, in that he was a former trustee of York Museums Trust (YMT). Councillors Crawshaw and Knight declared that in relation to item 5, York Museums Trust Report, they were trustees of YMT, and that they had taken advice from the Monitoring Officer and would not participate within the consideration of this item. In relation to item 6 of the agenda, REACH Report, Councillor Crawshaw declared an interest in that he was a member of the steering group working with the REACH partnership.

57. Minutes (5:35pm)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 4 March 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

- That within Minute No.51, *“The Head of Children and Education received feedback from members in that language surrounding the term “exacerbated by tribunal decisions” should be avoided as these decisions were needed and effort should be made to not put people off them”* would be amended to read: *“The Head of Children and Education Finance received feedback from members in that language surrounding the term “exacerbated by tribunal decisions” should be avoided as these decisions were needed and effort should be made to not put people off them. This feedback would be taken back to Children and Education Services”*.

58. Public Participation (5:38pm)

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council’s Public Participation Scheme.

59. York Museums Trust Update (5:38pm)

The Director of Housing and Communities, City of York Council (CYC), Strategic Services Manager, CYC, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and Chief Finance Officer (CFO) of YMT presented the report and in response to questions from members confirmed that:

- There was a desire for the letter of credit from CYC to not be needed from summer 2025 onwards but that this would only be possible once a new financial plan was in place.
- 75% of YMT’s income was self-generated.
- During the COVID-19 Pandemic 60 employees were lost due to cost cutting exercises but there was a new understanding that cost-cutting could also affect revenue and therefore there was a focus on efficiency of how budgets were spent and how contracts were procured.
- Accessibility was a big factor in which schools visited YMT’s sites as most schools which did visit were those which were within walking distances. Transport costs were an issue, but considerations were ongoing into how digital engagement could improve accessibility.

- Exhibition preparations take time and money and so it was necessary to allow plenty of time for efficient exhibitions to be planned.

The CEO of YMT then informed members of the Melsonby Hoard artefacts which had been uncovered in 2021 and of which there was a campaign led by YMT to Save the Melsonby Hoard and keep it on show at the Yorkshire Museum, protected from private sale. The campaign had raised upwards of £28k at the time of the meeting.

Resolved: That the work undertaken by YMT be noted.

Reason: So that members are aware of YMT's progress.

60. REACH Progress Update (6:07pm)

The Assistant Director, Education and Skills, and the Chair of REACH (the York Cultural Education Partnership Reconnecting Education, the Arts, Culture and Heritage) presented the report.

The Chair of REACH discussed how essential the arts were to education in the United Kingdom (UK) and how enrichment and needed to be improved.

The Chair of Reach then informed the committee that REACH had not received any recent government or local authority funding as it was viewed as being successful, however funding would help to improve access to the arts and reduce the gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children in York. Also, REACH was working with various organisations in York to spread its influence more widely across the city.

Members discussed the work of the REACH partnership and in response to questions from members, the Assistant Director, Education and Skills, and the Chair of REACH confirmed that:

- Since funding for the partnership ended in July 2024, the partnership had not been able to retain employment of their manager.
- The REACH partnership believed that schools' curriculum needed to have a balance of maths and English as well as the promotion of the arts.

- It was essential to work with parents and carers in improving accessibility of the arts for children and young people, as an example a recent event at York Barbican received great engagement from parents and carers.

Resolved: That the work undertaken by the REACH partnership be noted.

Reason: So that members were aware of REACH's progress.

61. York Theatre Trust Update (6:50pm)

The CEO, York Theatre Royal, and the Head of Creative Engagement, York Theatre Royal presented the item and reported that following the COVID-19 pandemic the theatre was mainly a presenting theatre, but it was recently becoming more of a producing theatre again, as before the pandemic.

The CEO, and the Head of Creative Engagement of York Theatre Royal reported that most of York Theatre Trust's work was done in communities bring theatre out to people who wouldn't otherwise experience it and to increase engagement and inclusion – it was more cost effective for schools to receive productions in school rather than the theatre. It was noted that the funding the Trust received allowed activities to be free of charge and for translations and training to be available.

In response to questions from members, the CEO, and the Head of Creative Engagement of York Theatre Royal confirmed that:

- The Trust was connecting with York Museums Trust, and York Explore to investigate and improve working together. It was essential for the Trust to have efficiency in staffing as its marketing team only had five members of staff compared to other theatre companies such as Theatre Royal Plymouth which had 13 members of staff.
- The Trust had moved away from a way of working in which only those who could afford to volunteer would in order to improve engagement.
- There was a desire to offer free transport to the theatre for schools through relevant funding.
- The Trust was working with York College in their introduction of T-Level courses as there was a big skills gap in the arts sector regarding technical work.

- Creative Engagement work was expanding, and investment had been made in community projects, however available funding was limited as York Theatre Trust received just 50% of the funding received by other similar sized theatre trusts.

Resolved: That the work undertaken by York Theatre Trust be noted.

Reason: So that members were aware of York Theatre Trust's progress.

62. Work Plan (7:38pm)

Members discussed the committee's work plan, and it was resolved that:

- i. The Children Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report scheduled for 5 June 2025 would be postponed to a future meeting.

Reason: To keep the committee's work plan for the upcoming municipal year updated.

Cllr Nicholls, Chair

[The meeting started at 5:32pm and finished at 7:43pm].

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Children, Culture and Communities Scrutiny Committee

1 May 2025

Report of the Director of Housing and Communities

Clear Hold Build progress report**Summary**

1. This report provides an update on the delivery of the Clear Hold Build initiative in the Clifton area of York, following its launch in March 2024. The report provides an update on the strategic plan and work being undertaken across the priority themes

Background

2. In January 2023, the Home Office announced the national expansion of Clear, Hold, Build (CHB) to every police force in England and Wales by March 2024, to improve the response to serious and organised crime (SOC) at the local level. The core aims of CHB are to reduce the SOC threat, reduce crime and help local communities become more resilient to SOC in the future. The Clear and Hold phases are a targeted police response to disrupt criminal activity and maintain control of the area to prevent future escalation. The Build phase engages wider partners and the community themselves to work together to reduce the risk of crime re-emerging.
3. York is delivering this initiative in the Clifton area through the work of a multi-agency approach whereby partners work together to maintain a tactical response to crime and anti-social behaviour in the area supported by a more strategic plan to provide ongoing support to the community.

4. CHB is a place-based operational framework which provides a model of uniting the resources of the police, partner agencies and the local community. CHB is designed to be cost-efficient through utilising existing resources and assets in an area. The framework consists of three phases, designed to be deployed flexibly:
- **Clear** removes the immediate SOC threats through coordinated enforcement work by police and partners to target and disrupt organised crime groups (OCGs) and their spheres of influence through arrests and disruption activity.
 - **Hold** involves interventions and further disruption activities to consolidate and stabilise the Clear phase, so that remaining OCGs cannot fill the void created.
 - **Build** involves delivering a whole -system approach through interventions that tackle the drivers of crime and reduce the risk of SOC re-emerging in the future.

Clear Hold Build project delivery

5. Operation FOLD is the police operation name assigned to the Clear Hold Build project in Clifton. The Operation FOLD team comprises two dedicated Police Officers who work with the local PCSOs and the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Clifton to target and disrupt those involved in criminality. The aim of the team is to make Clifton a much less desirable place for them to operate. Serious and organised crime covers many areas of threats including firearms, human trafficking, exploitation, fraud, cyber-crime, corruption, burglary and robbery. Whilst many of these threats are not present in Clifton, what the Police do know is present, and a concern for residents is the supply and use of controlled drugs. The team have conducted an amount of work in Clifton to develop the information and intelligence around those responsible for illicit activity in the form of targeted activity in known areas resulting in stop searches of individuals and arrests. The team have executed a number of warrants at properties across Clifton. Many of these warrants have been targeting those involved in the supply of illicit drugs. A number of county lines have also been disrupted, with appropriate arrests being made of individuals involved with OCGs.

6. In all sites, Clear is led by the police due to the enforcement focus of this phase. However, delivery partners have supported this phase by using the powers to help disrupt SOC from all angles. With regard to Hold, responsibility is shared between partners and police. Build is mainly led by delivery partners due to the work and resources aligning with the purposes of this phase.
7. The Clifton Clear Hold Build partnership has developed a Strategic Build Plan which sets out the following strategic objectives
 - To robustly pursue those engaged in serious and organised crime in order to stop or seriously curtail activity in Clifton
 - To prepare and protect the community of Clifton from OCG activity filling the space created as a result of robust action in the 'clear' phase and allowing time to consolidate positive gains made.
 - To prevent the social and economic environments associated with OCGs being able to thrive by identifying and implementing longer term whole-system measures to create more resilient communities resistant to the re-emergence of OCGs activity.
8. Currently moving towards the Build phase our strategic aim is "To create a whole systems approach to delivering multi agency and community empowered interventions, creating a more resilient community to mitigate Serious Organised Crime related harm".
9. The Strategic Build plan documents the key objectives and delivery principles of the Build phase. This will contribute towards the provision of sustained improvements, ensuring the project stays focused and continues to provide improvements to the local area, facilitating positive engagement with voluntary and community sector organisations and providing a platform for meaningful community engagement. A successful build phase has reflected the continued partnership working fostered as part of the hold phase, providing an environment for the local community to thrive and prevent the re-emergence of organised crime. To build sustainable resilience with the community the following delivery themes have been identified:
 - Housing – To work in partnership to prevent and deter housing related issues linked to organised crime
 - Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour – To work in partnership to prevent and deter Organised Crime and ASB

- Environment and Infrastructure – To sustain a clean and pleasant environment improving residents' perceptions of where they live, building pride and confidence
- Education and Skills – To work in partnership to improve education and skills opportunities within the local area
- Young People – To promote the voice, influence and participation of young people
- Violence Against Women and Girls (including domestic abuse) – To reduce the violence and abuse that disproportionately affects women and girls, including domestic abuse, and to improve the confidence and resilience of women and girls in the community &

To acknowledge that people of any gender can experience or perpetrate violence and abuse of this nature and to ensure the inclusion of men and boys where appropriate

- Health (Drugs and Alcohol) To work in partnership to improve health outcomes for the local community
- Mental Health – To work in partnership to achieve positive mental health outcomes for citizens

10. A presentation providing an update against the strategic plan from theme leads is attached at Annex A. This describes the significant partnership activity that has taken place across the themes from both the Silver and Bronze groups of Officers and partners. The impactful build phase of Connecting Clifton has been reliant on multiple factors and inter-dependencies to establish more and effective ways of multi-agency working, of which the community is part of, and reflecting the design principles of the emerging Neighbourhood model. This further reflects a collaborative mindset, relational person based practice amongst partners, a shared ambition and commitment to investing in resource provision. The approach aims to consult and engage the community throughout phases, ensuring responses are designed with the community and based on need. This has reflected an asset based community development approach, where we have built on community assets and are constantly connecting people to local opportunities and building social and neighbourhood networks.

11. Two Connecting Clifton community newsletters have also been delivered to all of the households within Clifton, updating residents on the progress of the initiative. The newsletters have been well received by the community and have demonstrated the excellent level of partnership working taking place across the Connecting Clifton CHB project. A copy of the latest newsletter is attached as Annex B.

Council Plan

12. Clear Hold Build, links to the following core commitments within the Council Plan
 - **Equalities and Human Rights:** Working with all communities to ensure that residents, businesses and visitors are able to feel safe within Clifton.
 - **Affordability:** Working closely with the most disadvantaged to ensure that victims of crime and antisocial behaviour are supported and that a holistic approach to problem solving is delivered with education and early intervention at its heart. Financial inclusion programmes have also been targeted within Clifton supporting residents to maximise their income and overcome poverty.
 - **Climate:** The CHB plan has a strong environmental theme reflecting environmental volunteering and social action, supporting the improvement of local parks and green spaces. Young people through the local schools have been significantly involved in local projects helping to raise awareness of environmental action and climate change.
 - **Health:** Working in partnership to address health inequalities and ensure that communities and individuals are supported to address their health needs where it is impacted by crime and antisocial behaviour. CHB has brought a number of initiatives to the community including the Healthwise programme, Health Champions and Health Trainers all helping residents to improve their health and wellbeing.

Risk Management

13. There are no identified risks relevant to this report

Implications

14. There are no implications in relation to this report which requires no formal decisions as it is a report for information only.

Recommendations

15. Members are asked to note the information related to the delivery of the Clear Hold Build project in Clifton.

Reason:

To update Members on the progress of Clear Hold Build.

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**Report
Approved**



Date 22 April 2025

Wards Affected: Clifton

For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

Annex A - Clear Hold Build presentation March 2025
Annex B – Connecting Clifton Newsletter

Abbreviations

Clear Hold Build – CHB
Serious and Organised Crime – SOC
Organised Crime Groups – OCGs
Police Community Support Officer - PCSO

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ANNEX A

CLEAR HOLD BUILD ONE YEAR ON SILVER & BRONZE

THEMATIC LEADS UPDATES

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH 2025

2PM TO 4PM

SNOW ROOM, WEST OFFICES

THEMES



THEMES

- Housing
- Crime and ASB
- Environment & Infrastructure
- Education & Skills
- Young People
- VAWG & Domestic Abuse
- Health (Drugs & Alcohol)
- Health (General)
- Mental Health

HOUSING

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

To work in partnership to prevent and deter housing related issues linked to Organised Crime

- 1.1 - To maximise the full range of proportionate interventions to deter and stop anti-social behaviour.
- 1.2 – To involve local community members in our response to housing issues.
- 1.3 – To provide engaging forums and mechanism, including regular ‘walkabouts’, to engage with us in relation to housing issues in the area.

Headline performance measures

- Number of housing enforcement tools utilised to tackle ASB/OCG activity in the area
- Number of housing reports related to ASB.
- Number of joint working events undertaken. E.g. Attendance at walkabouts

HOUSING



- Housing agreed full street and some full block sensitive lets due to the high level of anti-social behavior within the Rowntree Avenue and Burton Stone Lane area. We have now been able to remove this process and revert back to raising sensitive lets on individual properties as they arise. This is due to a fall in anti-social behavior in the areas due to collaborative working with other services.
- We have moved more serious cases thought to the Anti Social Behavior Team who have served notices, monitoring cases overall. These are now moving on to the court stages and awaiting court dates.
- We have had 2 premises closure orders for anti social behavior within the area which have resulted in a reduction of anti social behavior which in turn means that residents feel an improvement to the area and feeling safer. We have provided 8 tenants with financial assistance to promote financial sustainability within the local area again improving their home environments for themselves and their families.

HOUSING

- Community Estate Walkabouts have been set up and attended along with the Neighborhood Enforcement Teams, Neighborhood Policing Team, Fire services and other services targeting the area for information and assisting in ensuring they are feeling safe within their own homes.
- There is now a drop in duty session at Marjorie Waite Court on a Tuesday afternoon which has been very successful with CYC and non CYC tenants/residents engaging.
- Community involvement has risen in attending community litter picks, welfare reviews and general raise in housing awareness within the community. We look to set up more regular walkabouts within the next financial year.



CRIME & ASB

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

Work in partnership to prevent and deter Organised Crime and ASB.

1.1 - To maximise the full range of proportionate interventions to deter ASB.

1.2 – To undertake targeted police operations within the local area to increase visibility and raise public perception.

Headline performance measures

- ASB incidents per 100 population.
- Number of proactive patrols undertaken by NYP.
- Number of fixed penalties and prosecutions for drug related crime.
- Reduction in community members reporting issues related to drug related crime.

CRIME & ASB



CHB Police officer

- 30th November 2023 – S23 drugs warrant. Result – no drugs found, however a number of phones downloaded by the triage van. No arrests made.
- 30th November 2023 – S23 drugs warrant. Quantity of drugs found; 4 x persons arrested. File submitted to CPS for charging decision for all 4 suspects for being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.
- December 2023 – Op AMBIENCE – Surveys and fire safety visits to properties on Burdyke Avenue alongside Fire, Housing, Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers and Local Area Coordinators,
- 8th March 2024 – S23 drugs warrant – white powder found in the property and 2 persons arrested. White powder was tested and found not to be a controlled substance. No further action was taken with the suspects.
- 18th June 2024 – S23 drugs warrant – large scale cannabis grow located within a property, Vietnamese national found living under the stairs. Suspect was charged and remanded and awaiting trial.
- 11th October 2024 – MFH enquiries led to the discovery of two nominals linked to CL inside an address. Significant amount of what is suspected to be heroin and crack cocaine located. 4 x persons arrested – currently still RUI'd, investigation ongoing.
- 13th November – Op TORNADO – Attrition visits to vulnerable properties in Clifton. Surveys completed in the Rowntree Avenue area. Positive role models and female role models activity held at Clifton Green School.
- 14th February – Op TORNADO – Attrition visits to vulnerable nominals in Clifton. Surveys completed in the Burton Green area. 'Red Flags' roadshow held at Burton Green Primary School by NPT and Schools Liaison Team.
- 21st December 2024 – S23 drugs warrant – suspects arrested for being concerned in the supply class B and money laundering. Large amount of cash located, small amount of cannabis. Suspects RUI'd and investigation ongoing.

CRIME & ASB



TRADING STANDARDS:

- Day of action – 4th December 2023 – commercial property in Clifton visited, large amount of illegal vapes, foreign cigarettes and tobacco seized. Illegal young worker detained. TS still dealing, going through to prosecution. Police Licensing prosecuted the owner, revoked their liquor licence.
- Day of action – 30th January 2025 – further commercial property visited, large amount of illegal vapes, foreign cigarettes and tobacco seized. Iranian male found working in the shop.
- As a result of work with TS intelligence developing around the wider supply of illegal vapes to various other shops in York. Work is ongoing with this in conjunction with Intelligence Unit and TS.
- 1st November 2023 'Fold' Intel search in the Op name – brings back 654 intel feeds.

CRIME & ASB



County Lines activity in the CHB area:

OP TATE

- July 2024 - Warrant was executed at home address of principal nominal. Arrested for being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine. Investigation was conducted utilising the Orochi methodology. Charged and remanded to court.
- Principal is currently in prison awaiting trial at Leeds Crown Court for Murder, GBH x2 and Robbery. An incident occurred on 23/11/24 at the Diamond Villa Guest House, Vyner Street, York.

OP LOUD

- Principal is suspected to be involved in the supply of class A drugs into York.
- Main line holder was released from prison 11/12/23 after being recalled to prison. Resides in Clifton. Continued disruption by NPT.
- Money laundering investigation currently with CPS.

CRIME & ASB



OP POLO - OSCAR LINE

- 3 males were arrested for S18 wounding, and one also arrested for possession of an offensive weapon.
- a male and 2 females arrested for Being Concerned in the Supply of Class A Drugs. All have been bailed and out of area runner has a conditions not to be in York.
- 2 county line nominals were located at a property in Clifton. One was arrested for being concerned in the supply of class A drugs and possessing an offensive weapon and the other was arrested for breach of bail and being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. Both were released on conditional police bail.
- Intelligence received about county line nominals at an address in Clifton. NP1 attended and locate 4 persons at the address. A known county lines nominal was located along with a female from out of area. Both were arrested for being concerned in the supply of class A drugs along with 2 further individuals.
- Police attend an address in Clifton to conduct arrest enquires for a male who was identified as a suspect for a modern day slavery/human trafficking offence. Male was located and arrested however whilst at the address a known county lines nominal was found inside together with another male and two females. It is suspected that the males were controlling the property for the purposes of dealing for the Oscar Line and that the female occupant was being cuckooed. Suspects were arrested however following extensive searches and interview there was insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of a conviction for drugs offences.

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

To sustain a clean and pleasant local environment improving residents' perceptions of where they live building local pride and confidence.

1.1 - To undertake 'care-taking' days in the local area improving community pride.

1.2 – To plan and deliver local community events, increasing visibility within the local community.

1.3 – Optimise opportunities to work with community volunteers to keep neighbourhoods clean and litter free.

Headline performance measures

- Number of targeted interventions
- Number of CPN/enforcement notices issued relating to environmental crime.
- Number of community members/volunteers engaged with at community events.

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE



Project Work

- NYP Environmental Visual Audit completed and actions to be considered.
- Multi-agency audit of street furniture conducted and work underway to improve utility boxes, notice boards and bus stops.
- Investment in Ashton Park Play area improvements

Community Engagement

- **1/2/24** – door to door visits targeting ASB & localised environmental issues i/c NEO's, PCSO's, HMO's & LAC – Rowntree Avenue
- **13/2/24** – litter pick and tidy up with NEO's, HMO's, LAC, Public Realm, Eco Team & Park & Open Spaces from Kingsway North down to Rowntree Avenue
- **5/7/24** – door to doors visit targeting ASB & localised environmental issues i/c NEO's, PCSO, & HMO - Crombie Avenue
- **18/7/24** – door to door visits targeting ASB & localised environmental issues i/c NEO's, PCSO's, HMO, LAC, NYFRS, PCSO's – Ashton & Burrill Avenue

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE



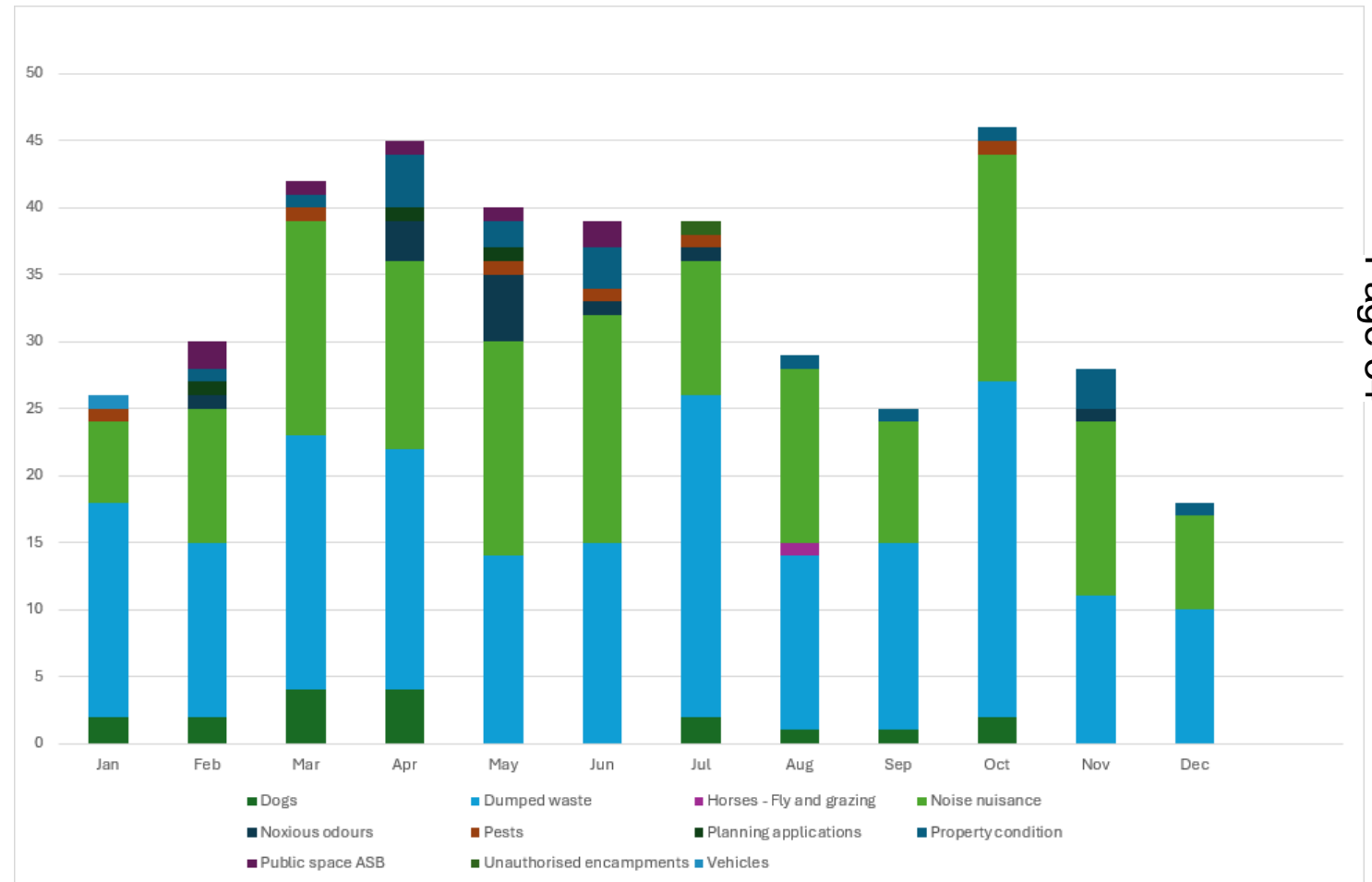
Community Environmental Work

Date	Activity	Where?	By who?
22/11/24	Community litter pick	Burton Stone Lane and surrounding streets	Council officers – NEOs, Communities & Equalities, ECO & Head of Communities and 3 community volunteers
22/11/24	Community litter pick	Crombie Avenue, Clifton Green end of Kingsway North central reservation, footpaths around Clifton Green Primary including community woodland	2 x Year 4 classes from Clifton Green Primary School, school staff and ECO
6/12/24	Community litter pick	Central reservation – entire length of Kingsway North and Burton Green	12 Year 7 pupils from Vale of York Academy, school staff member and ECO
6/12/24	Bulb planting – daffodils along fence line, crocus & iris reticulata throughout central grass area	Burton Green Primary end of Burton Green central reservation	12 Year 7 pupils and school staff member from Vale of York Academy, class of 30 pupils and school staff from Burton Green Primary, Communities & Equalities, NEO's, and PCSO
6/12/24	Bulb planting – daffodils along fence line, crocus & iris reticulata throughout central grass area	Clifton Green Primary end of Kingsway North central reservation	2 x classes and school staff from Clifton Green Primary, ECO, NEO, 3 community volunteers
16/12/24	Finish bulb planting	Burton Green Primary end of Burton Green central reservation	Community Payback

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE



Neighbourhood Enforcement Team Activity



ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE



EDUCATION & SKILLS

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

To work in partnership to improve education and skills opportunities within the local area.

1.1 - To increase local education opportunities within the local area

1.2 – To work with grass roots, community-based organisations to engage with individuals not currently engage with education.

1.3 – To establish strong links with local education providers to ensure we are taking a collaborative approach to improve access to education for all.

Headline performance measures

- Number of individuals engaged with further education/training within the local area.
- Number of education opportunities offered to individuals within the local community.
- Number of events used/targeted campaigns used to promote education/training in the local area.

EDUCATION & SKILLS



- 17 courses offered including:- Dressmaking, fix and mend, textile crafts with young people from Vale of York; employability, coding, digital Literacy, mindfulness with VR/AR; Keeping your family safe online; more coming relating to laptops; drones; English Maths; *hug in a jug*; phonics; wellness;
- 60 attendees so far small groups of learners overall
 - ❖ 12 learners were parents doing a range of family learning courses
 - ❖ 15 learners connected with Clifton Green School did Keep your Family safe online
 - ❖ 18 young people engaged from Vale of York in textile activities to promote to parents
 - ❖ 7 attended digital legacy; 5 on other digital courses
 - ❖ 3 attending textile courses 1 of which from Kyra

EDUCATION & SKILLS



- Still to come:- Intro to Drones Flying (Clifton Library); School Readiness; Photography workshops (free) to create a community art piece around; Basic repairs and sewing skills; Variety of summer activities for parent and child to attend together which will be offered free in Clifton area.
- Supported Vale of York to setup self-defence classes and jointly creating a Self Defence for you and your child course; Careers guidance support also being provided with school;
- For purposes of information sharing and promotion of VAWG and DA aims we have created a padlet to share with individuals and teachers as a resource. <https://padlet.com/YorkLearning/healthy-relationships-and-the-support-available-6qjfhgtct3q53ad3>
 - ❖ Creating another Padlet for Online Safety and Scams awareness

EDUCATION & SKILLS



Vale of York school

- Working with Stacey Taylor and Hazif Younis (self-defence coach) to put on a Tackling Misogyny Day (funding from NYP) with 27th March as a proposed date.
- Working with Anna Harrison, Clifton Green Primary, Clifton Parish Church and St Leonards to develop a pilot to improve bereavement support for youngsters. Suicides contributing to a higher than average death rate between 40 - 60 year olds - many of our parents fall into this bracket.
- Student Voice data shared with Tim Waudby to support his work
- Continued work with NYP supporting assemblies and cohorts of pupils
- Vale of York students supported the Clifton community clean up in December with Burton Green and Clifton Green

NYP School liaison officers:

- Burton Green and Clifton Green – both had all the inputs we have offered out – ASB, County Lines and Hate Crime
- Both have had mini activity day – Op Tornado.
- Clifton Green – Stepping Up Referrals
- Moving forward - discussion with Insp P re: funding soundproof box to take place in Clifton Green and Vale.

What can the North Yorkshire Police School Liaison Team do for you?...



Includes links to advice and support from partner agencies.



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YOUNG PEOPLE

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

To promote the voice, influence, and participation of young people.

- 1.1 - Raise a positive profile for young people.
- 1.2 – Provide opportunities for young people to have their voice heard.
- 1.3 – Ensure that the contributions of young people are taken seriously and acted upon.

Headline performance measures

- Number of opportunities provided to facilitate youth voices within the local community.
- Number of young people actively included in listening exercises.
- Number of young people engaged in activities to promote youth involvement.
- Number of physical activity / sporting opportunities available in the ward and neighbouring wards as diversionary activities.

YOUNG PEOPLE



- Update from Rob Orr VoYA - Equality and Respect Day March 27th (mental health, healthy relationship recognition and self defence practical skills) using CHB money from NYP. This is a pilot with another in summer. Also developing better local services around bereavement support for students.
- York Youth Partnership now has a lead partner commissioned through CYC. North Yorkshire Youth will now be working closely with city wide youth organisations to increase capacity in youth provision and services. Recent meeting held on 11th March. Next meeting TBC. £25k p/a 2025/26 and 2026/27 available for targeted youth intervention work – Clifton area to be a priority.
- Youth Voice – planned joining up of city wide youth voice groups through 2025. Input from VoYA School Council as they have no representation on city Youth Council but links will be made. Support also from York Youth Partnership. Much work already done by VoYA on consultation locally.
- Meeting with Clifton Explore re: Young People. Good numbers of young people are using the site but more work and focus needs to be done on bringing in relevant activities and services to them. Possible VR workshops for summer 2025 being explored. Youth Partnership met at the venue at the 11th March meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLE



- Holiday Activity and Food program for Easter now published with various activities in the area. Further activities supported by Clifton Ward funding and PFC funding through York City Football Club Foundation and York Rugby Football League Foundation (York Knights).

CITY. KICK. ABOUT.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO
PLAY FOOTIE & HAVE A KICK ABOUT?**



**RUNNING EVERY SECOND
FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**
at Vale of York Academy,
Rawcliffe Drive, YO30 6ZS
for young people aged 8 – 17

For further details call 07834 588259
or email inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk

FOUNDATION  /York City Football Club Foundation  @YCFCFoundation

ANY A KICK ABOUT?

**EVERY SECOND FRIDAY
OF THE MONTH**

10th May, 14th June, 12th July,
1st, 13th September, 11th October,
1st November, 13th December, January 10th 2025



FOUNDATION

8-12 years 5-6pm | 13-17 years 6-7pm



Supported by your
Ward Committee



**FREE
SESSION**

City Kickabout is a social inclusion programme offering football for all, working with various local youth partners, offering positive diversionary activity & opportunities. All participants will need to provide parent/guardian contact details in case of emergency. U12's must be completed by parent/guardian. Coaches reserve the right to refuse access to the sessions if details not provided or if the player code of conduct is not followed.



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS * INCLUDING DOMESTIC ABUSE

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

To reduce the violence and abuse that disproportionately affects women and girls, including domestic abuse, and to improve the confidence and resilience of women and girls in the community.

To acknowledge that people of any gender can experience or perpetrate violence and abuse of this nature and to ensure the inclusion of men and boys where appropriate.

1.1 - To listen to the views of women and girls from Clifton to identify how their perceptions and experiences of safety, both within their home and local community, can be improved.

1.2 - To increase understanding of healthy relationships, including what constitutes domestic abuse, and help develop skills and confidence to respond safely in potentially harmful situations through education and training.

1.3 - To raise awareness of specialist services providing support for victims and perpetrators of VAWG related crimes including those supporting victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

1.4 - To review pre-existing county-wide VAWG initiatives for delivery in Clifton, with a particular focus on enhancing support for victims.

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Headline performance measures

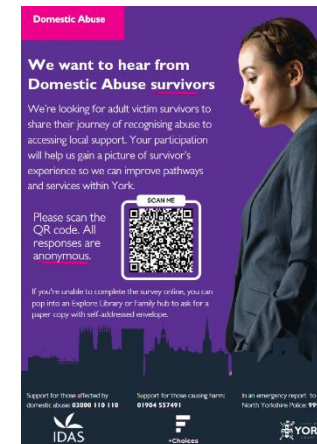
Number of engagements with women and girls.

- Number of healthy relationship / domestic abuse awareness sessions delivered and % of attendees whose knowledge, skills and confidence improves as a result of attending.
- Number of individuals accessing specialist support services e.g IDAS
- Number of initiatives delivered.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS * INCLUDING DOMESTIC ABUSE



- Improved data sharing between partners in T&F group e.g. quarterly DA incidents data, service user data
- Awareness raising work e.g. Adult learning padlet, posters in key venues, controlling & coercive behaviour campaign (city wide)
- Engagement with women / girls e.g. VAWG survey, survivor voice network
- Schools work e.g. healthy relationships, POW sessions
- Plans underway to launch Start Safe Stay Safe Street Harassment App



HEALTH – DRUGS & ALCOHOL

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

To work in partnership to improve health outcomes for the local community

1.1 To provide specific community based interventions for individuals wishing to access support for substance/alcohol use

1.2 To improve information relating to drug related harm reduction e.g naloxone

1.3 To offer support for those affected by others substance use

Headline performance measures

- Number of individuals accessing services from the area at any base, broken down into the different service area

- ❖ Young People's service

- ❖ Adult service

- ❖ Aspire

- ❖ New Ways

- Harm reduction activities and issuing/use of naloxone kits

- Number of individuals referred to relevant support

HEALTH – DRUGS & ALCOHOL

- Currently collating data, to compare baseline (Sept 2024) to current information (March 2025)
- New ways worker to meet with LAC and explore opportunities to reach people
 - ❖ Promotion to take place at Food Banks
- Exploring how to Harm Reduction information
- Linking The Gate (Children & Young People Service) to relevant organisations to offer support for those affected by others substance use

HEALTH - GENERIC

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

To work in partnership to improve health outcomes for the local community

- 1.1 - Ensure that all Clifton residents who want to stop smoking can access the Health Trainer service in a timely and convenient way
- 1.2 - Increasing the opportunity for Clifton residents to have discussions about their health and make positive changes – Blood Pressure, Alcohol, Diet, Physical Activity via the Health Trainer service
- 1.3 - Opportunities to engage in physical activity and sporting activities locally

Headline performance measures

- Number of smokers who are accessing the Health Trainer service to seek support to quit smoking, and the number who successfully go on to quit at 4-weeks.
- Health trainer presence in the Clifton Ward, including the number of clinics and roadshow/community events
- Number of physical activity / sporting opportunities available in the ward and neighbouring wards.

HEALTH - GENERIC



- The Health Trainer service wants to make it as easy as possible for people to Stop Smoking and access support to eat healthily, become more active or reduce alcohol consumption.
- There are now weekly Health Trainer sessions running during daytimes from Marjorie Waite Court (Monday's), and Water Lane surgery (Tuesday's), alongside virtual support from 9am-7pm Mon-Fri.
- There have been increased numbers of people from Clifton accessing the service, and we hope that this continues to grow over the coming 12 months



MENTAL HEALTH

Objectives



Objectives to Achieve the Aim

To work in partnership to achieve positive mental health outcomes for citizens

- 1.1 – Promote general increase in happiness/mental wellbeing for Clifton ward residents – through better awareness and links to mental health support
- 1.2 – Build opportunities for people to connect via increased drop ins, taster sessions and activities, working with LACs/Community Mental Health Hubs/VCSE
- 1.3 – Support Clifton residents to feel more in control of managing anxieties created by high levels of crime and ASB
- 1.4 – Reduce acute impacts of poor mental health/crisis on hospital admissions and statutory service assessments

Headline performance measures

- People report increased satisfaction with their neighbourhood as a good place to live in Talkabout survey and tenants satisfaction surveys (open data at ward level)
- Reduction in number of mental health assessments in the Clifton ward area (open data at ward level)
- Reduction in number of intentional self harm hospital admissions – OHID data – open data
- Number of drop ins/activities offered related to mental health improvement and awareness of available support and engagement at these events

MENTAL HEALTH



Key achievements over the last year:

- **Analysing data to understand mental health themes and impacts in the Clifton ward** in order to set up tangible and measurable objectives which can be captured on a KPI scorecard – high levels of self harm, MHA assessments identified, as well as impacts of ASB (e.g. anxiety and unhappiness with area)
- **Collaboration with TEWV, Community MH Hub and Community MH Provision** to explore options for community outreach sessions/presence at drop ins and providing venues for Access Team assessments
- **Blue Monday drop in at Clifton Library – Jan 2025**
- **Psychoeducation and peer support sessions at Community MH Hub 1** available for Clifton residents

MENTAL HEALTH



Aspirations for the year ahead:

- **Track and measure improvements in the self harm, MHA assessment rates and satisfaction/happiness with living in the area** via the KPI scorecard over next 5 years
- **Create a menu of community mental health drop in sessions/community outreach sessions** in collaboration with Community MH Hub, VCSE partners, TEWV and others.
- **LAC to work with schools via the TAS** to help address concerns about MH of parents, which correlates with the data we have been analysing.
- **LAC to work with others to raise awareness of MH and wellbeing support locally and citywide** – through various mediums/forums – including **linking Clifton residents to the MH Roadmap resource on Live Well York** when this is completed April 2025



MOVE TOWARDS BUILD



MOVE TOWARDS BUILD



The CHB model was designed to be deployed flexibly, and so phases do not need to follow the Clear, Hold, Build sequence. Instead, phases can be delivered simultaneously and should be repeated as necessary.

Suggested Community Survey questions to shape Build:

- What is your view of the area? What are the issues? What is working well?
- What are your top ten wishes for improvements?
- What services are missing? Is there a lack of trust and confidence? If so, why?
- How could YOU support a CHB initiative?

MOVE TOWARDS BUILD



- Build involves delivering interventions with the community that tackle the drivers of crime and reduce the risk of SOC re-emerging. This phase aims to build community resilience and improve the working, living and recreational environment of an area so that the community is less susceptible to the draw of organised, and other criminality.
- Build interventions generally include diverting individuals already involved in crime and preventing involvement in crime in the first instance, so that any reduction in SOC threat can be sustainable. Examples are:
 - Consider a range of community engagement methods to maximise reach, particularly to hard-to-reach groups.
 - The community should be consulted early in the design stage to ensure their views are captured and acted upon, which is key to achieving and sustaining engagement.

MOVE TOWARDS BUILD



Sustainability and Success

- Impactive Build phases are reliant on multiple factors and inter-dependencies to establish new and more effective ways of multi-agency working, of which the community is part.
- A collaborative mindset, a shared ambition, commitment to investing in resource provision and ensuring the community is fully engaged and consulted throughout, ensuring responses are designed with a community, based on need.
- Not done to them, or imposed upon them.

THANK YOU



Clifton
Clear - Hold - Build



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Connecting Clifton



Spring 2025

@ConnectingClifton

www.york.gov.uk

Welcome to your Spring edition of the Connecting Clifton newsletter.

Included are many of the local groups and services that are working together in Clifton. If you have any queries or comments about what is featured, or what you feel could be added, please don't hesitate to contact us. As your Ward Councillors we have been working hard on many areas, including getting a new pharmacy in Clifton, providing more services from Clifton Children's Centre and setting the priorities for Clifton in 2025. It is with many thanks to all involved in Connecting Clifton that we can continue improving our local services and community.

We support residents with all types of casework, local or city-wide, please do feel welcome to attend any of our surgeries, no appointment is needed. Our friendly surgeries take place at Marjorie Waite Court, Evelyn Crescent on the first Tuesday of every month at 10am; and at St Lukes Church Hall on every fourth Saturday of the month at 10:30am:



Saturday 26 April - 10:30am - St Lukes Church Hall

Tuesday 6 May - 10am - Marjorie Waite Court, Evelyn Crescent

Saturday 24 May - 10:30am - St Lukes Church Hall

Tuesday 3 June - 10am - Marjorie Waite Court, Evelyn Crescent

Saturday 28 June - 10:30am - St Lukes Church Hall

All the best, Danny and Margaret.

We're recruiting Community Health Champion volunteers in Clifton!

COMMUNITY
health
CHAMPIONS



Community Health Champions are volunteers who, with training and support, offer their time, skills and passion to transform Health and Wellbeing in their neighbourhood. Within their families, communities and workplaces Community Health Champions empower and motivate people to get involved in healthy social activities; create new activities to meet local needs; and signpost people to community activities and support.

For more information on Community Health Champions including how to become a Champion please email HealthChampions@york.gov.uk or call Craig Waugh on 01904 552774.

Chair Based Exercise Class

We are able to offer a FREE Chair Based Exercise Class for Clifton Residents of all ages thanks to Ward Funding.

FREE

Kelly, GLL's Healthwise Coordinator will guide you through a fun session to get your body moving! Healthwise introduces individuals to the benefits of physical activity in order to help manage and improve existing medical conditions. Healthwise aims to encourage people of all abilities to become and remain more active which should in turn improve knowledge, skills, confidence and improve an individual's health and wellbeing Every Friday at 10.30am in Clifton Community Hall, Evelyn Crescent. Please arrive 15 minutes early on your first session to fill in a short health questionnaire and have a chat with Kelly.

For further information, please contact Anna on 07813 993832.

Boost your confidence, improve your skills, and take your next steps with York Learning

Wherever you have come from or whatever your next steps are,

YORK Learning

York Learning's courses are the first step into further learning, employment, better career options, and gaining more confidence in your abilities. Find out more about all our courses, plus a wide range of courses across the city, at www.yorklearning.org.uk.

Coming up in the Clifton area:

Early Start (Family Learning)

Wednesdays until 2 July 2025, 10am to 12 noon, at Clifton Community Hall – FREE!

STEM and Roots (Family Learning)

Wednesday 2 April 2025, 12:45pm to 2:45pm at Clifton Community Hall – FREE!

Discover and Grow (Family Learning)

Wednesday 23 April to 21 May 2025, 12:45pm to 2:45pm at Clifton Community Hall – FREE!

Basic Dressmaking, Sewing & Repairs

Wednesday 23 April to 2 July 2025, 10:30am to 12:30pm at Clifton Explore – FREE!

Laptops for Improvers – Your Next Steps

Friday 9 May to 6 June 2025 (5 weeks), 9:30am – 11:30am at Clifton Explore – FREE!

123 Go and Play! (Family Learning)

Wednesday 4 June to 2 July 2025, 12:45pm to 2:45pm at Clifton Community Hall – FREE!

Intro to Google Gmail, Meet and Drive: Skills for Employment

Friday 6 June 2025, 10am – 12 noon at Clifton Explore – FREE!

Mindfulness through AR/VR:

A Mindful Afternoon

Tuesday 17 June 2025, 12:45pm – 3:15pm at Clifton Explore – FREE!

To enrol or find out more:

Visit www.yorklearning.org.uk

Call 01904 554277

Email york.learning@york.gov.uk



4-5pm
Every other Wednesday

York Travellers Trust
20 Falsgrave Crescent,
Clifton

Join us at Digital Friendly York CoderDojo!
We're a free, open, volunteer-led coding club where
young people can explore digital making!

Suitable for ages 7 - 17

Book your FREE ticket by visiting our Digital Friendly
York Eventbrite page or email
digital.inclusion@york.gov.uk





Clifton Explore Library

Clifton Explore Library opened its doors to the public in September and we have been delighted to welcome so many members of the local community. There is hopefully something for everyone here: from browsing and borrowing books; making use of our public computers and printing facilities; sitting in our Reading Café for a drink, snack or meal; enjoying our outside space; using our facilities as a safe place to meet up with others; attending a children's storytime, play morning, craft session or Lego club; joining the adult craft group or book club; volunteering in the library, café or garden; participating in special events such as family-friendly theatre performances and a Baroque music concert held amongst the books; hiring meeting rooms; attending one of our varied drop in and support sessions on topics such as sustainable travel, mental health, and fostering; and engaging with wide range of activities that partners in the building organise, such as adult education classes, music-based groups for people with disabilities and their families, and developmental reviews for children. If you haven't dropped in yet to see what goes on, why not pay a visit soon?

Our regular activities can all be found at www.exploreyork.org.uk/libraries/clifton-explore/ and include a new Thursday afternoon storytime (1.30- 2pm) for young children and their carers. Also look out for special Easter holiday events: Earth Club on Monday 7th April, Easter crafts on Thursday 10th April, Storycraft Theatre on Tuesday 15th April and Science Detectives on Thursday 17th April. Tickets can be booked via the Explore York website. We hope to see you soon!

Finding it hard to get your voice heard?

Struggling with online forms?

Wondering if you could get Attendance Allowance? Or a Blue Badge?

OCA Y offers practical help and Advocacy to the over 50s in York.

Contact us on 01904 676200 or call in to see our Advocate at The

Majorie Waite Centre on Tuesday 29 April 1.30-2.30

Tuesday 27 May 1.30-2.30



IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS INFORMATION ONLINE –

pick up a leaflet OR ask at your local library or come along to the Community Hub at Marjorie Waite Court on Tuesday afternoons between 1pm & 3pm and we will be happy to help.



Clifton Community Hall

Clifton Community Hall is situated next to Marjorie Waite Court just off Burton Stone Lane. The hall offers a large space and fully equipped kitchenette ideal for sports and activities, conferences, and private hire. For more information and how to hire, please contact Sarah Knott at City of York Council on 07923206165.

Clifton Community Hub

EVERY TUESDAY
1pm to 3pm

Marjorie Waite Court,
Evelyn Crescent

Come along to chat to;

- Benefits Advisor from City of York Council
- Housing Management Officer
- Local Area Coordinator
- Community Officer

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED




Monday	Available to hire 7am - 5pm
Tuesday	Available to hire 7am - 5pm Pilates 6pm - 7pm
Wednesday	Available to hire 7am - 8.30am York Learning 9am - 3pm Slimming World 5pm - 9pm
Thursday	Available to hire 7am - 9.30am Gymnastics 10am - 11am Available to hire 12 - 4pm. Reflex Dance Troupe 4pm - 5.30pm Hands & Voices Choir 5pm - 9pm
Friday	Available to hire 8am - 10am Chair Exercise 10.15am - 11.45am Available to hire 4pm - 9pm
Saturday	Available to hire 7am-9pm
Sunday	The Vine Church Service 10am - 12pm Available to hire 1pm - 9pm

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Ainsty Gymnastics & Trampoline Club

We offer Pre-School & Recreational Gymnastics in the Clifton Area.
 PlayGym (Pre-School) - Thursday's Marjorie Waite Court
 Recreational Gymnastics - Friday's & Saturday's - Vale of York Academy
 Check out our website for more information:
www.ainstygtc.co.uk
 Email: admin@ainstygtc.co.uk
 Phone: 01904 737563

York Learning

Early Start -10-12 – For parents of 1-2 year olds.
 Fun With Family Learning – 12.45-2.45 (5 weeks) – This is for parents of 3-5 year olds.
 Positive communication starts after half term for 5 weeks.
 Contact Kerry at kerry.johnson@york.gov.uk
 07554 115547 or visit Family Learning website.

Accessible Arts & Media

Hands and Voices, an Accessible Arts and Media project, is an inclusive singing and signing choir for anyone and everyone including those with learning difficulties. The choir is a fun and energetic choir who sings a range of classic pop, songs from the shows and their own original songs and love to perform!
projects@aamedia.org.uk
 07547 288 786

Reflex Dance Troupe

A competitive dance group specialising in Disco, Rock & Roll, Lyrical and Musical Theatre. Classes available for ages 2 onwards to compete in countrywide competitions throughout the year.
 Contact Emily Stewart via Facebook or send an email to reflexdancetroupe@outlook.com for more information!

Worrying about money?

The rise in cost of living is on everyone's mind. There are three key steps to get you into the best place to meet the extra costs. Make sure you are getting all the financial support available.

- If you are getting Universal Credit, check if you can get Council Tax Support too.
- If you are pension age, check if you can get Pension Credit.
 - Use one of the free benefit checkers at www.york.gov.uk/benefitscalculator
 - Check the council's website for local support schemes at www.york.gov.uk/benefits

Reduce your outgoings, don't spend more than you have to on your bills, such as mobile phones, broadband, insurance:

- See how you can save on your energy bills
- Use approved comparison websites
- Talk to your existing suppliers about discounts and social tariffs

Find out more at www.LiveWellYork.co.uk/talkmoney

Don't struggle alone. If you are unsure or need assistance with the things above, there is help across the city from council services and other local organisations. Find out:

- how to contact an advice service at www.york.gov.uk/benefitsadvice
- where there are community drop-ins across the city at www.livewellyork.co.uk/events calendar.

City of York Council is working with partners to make sure Clifton residents are not missing out on benefits and financial support.

We will be writing to people in the area who we have identified as may be missing out.

We have arranged advice and support sessions at Marjorie Waite Court every Tuesday afternoon from 1-3pm (entrance on Evelyn Crescent).

If you receive a letter or think you might be missing out please come along or contact us directly on 07508 312477

Police Update

Operation FOLD is the police operation name assigned to the Clear, Hold, Build project in Clifton.

The Operation FOLD team comprises of a dedicated Police Officer who work with the local PCSOs and the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Clifton to target and disrupt those involved in criminality. The aim of the team is to make Clifton a much less desirable place for them to operate. Serious and organised crime covers many areas of threats including firearms, human trafficking, exploitation, fraud, cyber-crime, corruption, and burglary and robbery. Whilst many of these threats are not present

PCSO drop-in sessions

Your local PCSO'S will hold drop-in sessions at various locations across Clifton once a month. You can also follow local updates on our social media Facebook page "NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE – YORK".

Over the last few months, we have conducted a number of Property Marking Events, marking up tools and Cycles please look out for more of these

We patrol the area in a variety of ways, so if you do see us on our travels, please speak to us, we will always listen. If you see anything suspicious in your neighbourhood, please tell us.

Please can all residents sign up to the free community messaging service.

Signing up to North Yorkshire Police Community messenger will keep you up to date on local news, alerts and important information.

www.northyorkshire.communitymessaging.co.uk

We can be contacted on 999 in emergency. If it's not an emergency and you have a general enquiry or you wish to provide information please contact us on 101.

You can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

in Clifton what we do know is present and a concern for residents is the supply and use of controlled drugs.

The team have conducted an amount of work in Clifton to develop the information and intelligence around those responsible for illicit activity in the form of targeted activity in known areas resulting in stop searches of individuals and arrests. The team have been focused on Burton Stone Lane, Rowntree Avenue and Spalding Avenue areas.

Good Results

Back in November 2024 we sighted a prolific known burglar and shoplifter who was shown as Wanted in the Crichton Avenue area of York following a short foot chase the offender was located at a nearby property whereby he was arrested for the offences and stolen items found.

December 2024 based on local intelligence we successfully executed a Drugs Warrant in the Spalding Avenue area of York where an amount of drugs and cash were seized resulting in two arrests been made.

On 2nd January 2025 we detained one of Yorks most prolific Shoplifters in possession of around £250.00 of stolen items taken from Clifton Moor retail park. A male was subsequently arrested and all stolen returned to the store. At the end of January 2025 we conducted a warrant at a Vape Shop which we visited along with Trading Standards.

This resulted in nearly £5,000 worth of noncompliant vapes and illicit tobacco being seized.

The illegal items included the following items

- 177 noncompliant vapes with a retail value of £2,124.
- 2,250 counterfeit and illicit cigarettes valued at £731.
- 1,450g of counterfeit and illicit hand rolling tobacco valued at £2,086.

Anybody who has information contact the police on 101 or

Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111



Free support to help smokers quit from Swap2Stop

Swap2Stop is a campaign from York Health Trainers aimed at encouraging smokers to make the switch from smoking to vaping to improve their health.

If you are a smoker, you live in York and you're aged over 18, you can now get a free Swap2Stop four-week vape starter kit posted to you, to help you quit for good.

Or if you prefer, you can get free 1-1 support from a health trainer for ten weeks at regular sessions near to where you live, with a free vape starter kit and additional e-liquid. We are now offering appointments at Marjorie Waite Court and sessions also take place at York Medical Group, Water lane surgery.

Smokers across the city have successfully quit this way, including Kevin from Rawcliffe, pictured, who gave up after 50 years smoking.

The health trainer team can also support you if you want to lose weight, cut down on drinking or get more active.

Get in touch today: Self-refer online at: <https://www.york.gov.uk/CYHealthTrainers>
Phone: 01904 553377

Email: cyhealthtrainers@york.gov.uk

Did you know that you can have your cervical screening test at YorSexual Health?

Cervical screening (or a smear test) is a test to check the health of the cervix and help prevent cervical cancer. It's available to people with a cervix aged 25 to 64. Maybe you've been busy or struggle to fit an appointment round work or caring responsibilities. If you're due your cervical screening, or have received your cervical screening letter reminder, call us on 01904721111 to book an appointment. You can also give us a call if you are overdue screening. The Yorsexual Health Clinic is located on Monkgate. There is a clinic on Saturday morning and appointments are offered until 7pm on Monday to Thursday.

FANCY A CUPPA WITH A PUPPA?

First Wednesday of every month | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM



Join us for a morning of heaven for dog lovers at **Marjorie Waite Court's Community Café!**

Refreshments are available to be enjoyed in the company of dogs belonging to local residents and supporters of **Keep Your Pet.**

it's not easy for every hooman to own their own fur-baby, so we want to provide a place where you can enjoy a nice cup of tea and relax with cute doggos!

Marjorie Waite Court
Evelyn Crescent
Clifton
York
YO30 6DX

Free to attend,
donations welcome!



IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS INFORMATION ONLINE –
pick up a leaflet OR ask at your local library or come along to the Community Hub at Marjorie Waite Court on Tuesday afternoons between 1pm & 3pm and we will be happy to help.

Spring Fair

Marjorie Waite Court
Saturday 17th May | 10am -2pm
Various stalls, admission free

Neighbourhood Enforcement Update

The Council's neighbourhood enforcement team work in Clifton to tackle environmental crime such as dumping rubbish, business and household rubbish problems, domestic noise nuisance and dog-related issues such as microchipping and control of dogs.

If you have a query or for more information contact us at neo@york.gov.uk or ring 01904 551555.

In this article we'd like to focus on another key bug bear for Clifton residents, litter and rubbish.

Our service is here to investigate a wide range of waste offences. When rubbish isn't properly managed it can make your neighbourhood look and feel unsafe, uncared for and tends to attract more rats. Here's how you can help.

- Only put your rubbish out for collection the night before collection is due.
If you're not sure when collection is, you can find out at this link <https://myaccount.york.gov.uk/bin-collections>.



- If you haven't got the correct recycling boxes or need more, order yours free of charge
- Use lids to prevent contents blowing into the street – order for free <https://www.york.gov.uk/household-waste/replacement-waste-containers>
- If you have extra rubbish that won't fit in your bin get advice on how to dispose of it lawfully at this link <https://www.york.gov.uk/CrimeNotToCare#dispose> or call the council on 01904 551551 for more advice
- If you pay someone to take your rubbish away, make sure that you only use a licensed waste carrier – if it's found fly tipped you could still be liable. Ask to see their waste carrier licence and get a receipt.

Caring for where you live

Under Clear Hold Build, we've been carrying out additional litter picks around Clifton with volunteers.

Please contact us if you would like to get involved.

Please do your bit by picking up litter outside your home! Report fly tipped/abandoned rubbish at www.york.gov.uk/reportflytipping

If you witness dumping and are prepared to give a statement, please contact our team direct at 01904 551555 / neo@york.gov.uk to help us investigate these crimes.

Thank you to everyone who helps to make Clifton a cleaner place to live.

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YorChoice Drop In

YorChoice Mental health drop in for young people

Thursdays 4-7pm

York Mind – Highcliffe house, Highcliffe Court, Clifton

14-21 year olds

If you are unsure what support there is in York or need a non-judgemental health safe space then come say hello.

What is the drop in?

This drop in will not be a crisis service or a youth club but where a young person can go away feeling like they have been listened to and helped find the right support for them in York.

Whether you want to use the space as Mental health safe space, or you want to chat to one of the staff or volunteers and learn about some tips and tricks that might help you, then we are here.

We won't have all the answers but we are here to listen and try guide you to what might help you with your mental health.



Tacking anti-social behaviour in Clifton

City of York Council are committed to tacking anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Clifton. If you are A council tenant please contact your Housing Management Officer (HMO) via the OpenHousing portal at www.york.gov.uk/reportingasb or pop down to Marjorie Waite Court on a Tuesday between 1pm & 3pm to speak to your Housing Officer. Not a council tenant but need to complain about a council tenant email housing.central@york.gov.uk housing.east@york.gov.uk housing.west@york.gov.uk A Housing Association tenant or you need to

complain about a housing association tenant, contact the relevant housing association. See www.york.gov.uk/HousingAssociations Anyone can report domestic noise nuisance at www.york.gov.uk/NoisePollution Please report a crime to the police on 101 if it is a non-emergency Did you know that you can report information anonymously to Crimestoppers who will pass your information over to the Police in such a way that you can't be identified. Find out more on <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information>

This Easter Holidays in Clifton



York RLFC Foundation are running free turn up & play sessions across York this Easter. Suitable for children aged 5+

Thur 10th April 2– 4pm. Homestead Park, Clifton, YO30 5RE.

Mon 14th April 2– 4pm. Homestead Park, Clifton, YO30 5RE.

Wed 16th April 10 – 12pm. Clifton Green Primary School, (on the school field) YO30 6JA.

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Ward Committee



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yorkrlfc.com/schoolholidays



Environment in Clifton Update

Lots has been happening in Clifton to improve the local area and lot's more is planned over the coming months. As part of the Clear, Hold, Build initiative in Clifton, the Environment and Community team from City of York Council has worked with local schools and volunteers to do some great stuff in the area: In November officers of the council met with local volunteers to do a litter pick in the Burton Stone area and staff and pupils from Clifton Green Primary School met with the Environment and Community Officer to do a very thorough litter pick along the footpaths around the school, along Crombie Avenue through to the Clifton Green end of the Kingsway North central reservation. The pupils really enjoyed litter picking and picked five full bags of litter in two hours. A big

thank you to the Year 4 classes and their teachers for making such a difference in their local community.

In December pupils from the Vale of York Academy Year 7 carried out a litter pick of the entire length of the Kingsway North and Burton Green central reservations. They joined local volunteers and pupils and staff from Clifton Green Primary School and Burton Green Primary School in the afternoon to plant spring bulbs at each end of the central reservation. Good Gym volunteers planted up the remaining bulbs a couple of weeks later. The pupils were tired but happy and really got stuck in so another big thank you to them and don't forget to look out for colourful spring bulbs over the coming weeks and months.

On 10 April a team of York Cares corporate volunteers



from Nestle will come for a full day to clear leaves, tidy up and sow a colourful seed mix of flowers along a stretch of the Kingsway North central reservation. This will be a trial to see if it works and should provide colourful flowers from Spring through to Autumn. If you would like to get involved in environmental volunteering in Clifton, please contact the Environment and Community team: tel: 01904 551551, email: environmentandcommunity@york.gov.uk web: <https://www.york.gov.uk/> EnvironmentAndCommunity

Domestic Abuse survivor voice drop in coming to Clifton

City of York Council have been working on a survivor voice survey, aiming to capture the voice of the victim regarding their domestic abuse journey from recognising they were in an abusive situation to accessing support within York. The information gathered will be used to improve pathways for future victims/survivors within York. The survey went live online on Monday 11th November. Victim/survivors have been

participating in the survey online by using the link or QR code. We also have the option to participate via paper copy, these can be found within all explore libraries and family hubs across the city with pre-paid envelopes also available to return them.

Within the drop in residents can access paper copies of the survey if they have no access to the online version and they can ask Shannon (Domestic Abuse Engagement Officer)

any questions about the survey before filling it in. All responses are anonymous and those who wish to collect a survey on behalf of someone else to fill in are also welcome.

The drop in will take place at St Joseph's Church Hall 2-4pm, Thursday 3rd April, Thursday 1st May, Thursday 5th June.

Alternatively, please scan the QR code to participate online.



Healthwise Exercise Referral Scheme at Marjorie Waite Court

We are pleased to announce that the Healthwise Team are bringing the Healthwise Exercise Referral Service into Clifton from April 2025!

Healthwise is staffed by a team of highly qualified Exercise Referral Instructors, who have a wealth of experience supporting clients to achieve healthier and more active lifestyles.

Common reasons for referral include:

- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Asthma
- Circulatory/respiratory diseases
- Depression and anxiety

The team will be on site to conduct initial consultations with clients who have been referred to the scheme by healthcare professionals such as GP's or Physio's.

Clients will then be able to access a supervised exercise session in the community hall or attend one of the Better sites in the City.

Once finalised by the Healthwise Team further details of how to access the scheme will be released. You can find more out about the scheme at <https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/york/energise/healthwise-energise>

Did you know?

In Clifton we have the following number of Volunteers:

- 89 x Litter Pickers
- 11 x Gardeners
- 9 x Friends of Clifton Green
- 1 x Tree Warden
- 13 x Snow Warden
- 1 x Balsam Basher
- 4 x Leaf Clearers

If you would like an outdoor volunteering role or would like to know more then please contact the Environment & Community Team on 01904 553676 or email environmentandcommunity@york.gov.uk, all training and equipment will be provided.

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FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES

JOIN OUR COACHES FOR FUN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS

**HOMESTEAD PARK,
THE HOMESTEAD YO30 6WP**



Book in advance using the QR code. Limited spaces will be available for turning up on the day. Parental supervision is required for 11 and under.
www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity

Wednesday 9th April

Wednesday 16th April

10am - 10.45am (4-5 & 6-7 years)

11am - 12pm (8-10 & 11-14 years)



St. Luke's Church, Burton Stone Lane – What's On

Parent/Carer and Toddler group –

Monday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 A warm, friendly space for children to play and a chance to meet other parents and Carers.

Tuesday Club - Tuesday afternoon 2.15 pm to 4pm. Join us for a game of bingo, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

Luke's Larder – Wednesday 12.30 to 1.30 pm Providing fresh, tinned and frozen food and toiletries for those in need. We tackle food waste and promote community Spirit in Clifton.

Joyful Connections – Friday 10.30 to 12.30 Join us for tea or coffee, biscuits and a chat. Meet new friends, have a go at some activities including playing Boccia or just chill, chat and relax!

Fairtrade Coffee Morning – 4th Saturday of every month Join us for a cup of tea or coffee some cake and a chat and browse the Fairtrade stall. The coffee morning includes a Councillor's Surgery where you can talk to your Clifton Ward Councillors.

All events take place in St. Luke's Church Hall on Shipton Street. The hall is also available to hire for children's parties (£30 for a 3 hour booking). To book, phone Steve Adams on 07554 161653.

Clifton Beats with Noise Academy – Community Give Back Day

At Noise Academy, we're on a mission to make music technology more accessible to York! We specialize in engaging young people through DJing, music production, and creative activities, empowering them with skills, confidence, and opportunities to thrive. Whether it's through workshops, community projects, or alternative provisions, we're dedicated to unlocking creative potential and making a positive impact.

Thursday, 29th May 11am - 3pm Join us for a special day dedicated to the local Clifton community!

Come along anytime between 11am and 3pm to:

- Learn DJ Skills
- Explore Music Production
- Enjoy a drink and a snack on us
- Take part in fun activities.

Slipper Service

Slipper Social on Monday 28th April
10.00am - 12.00pm at Marjorie Waite Court for anyone age 60 or over.

Working alongside partners in the Community Hubs, CYC Falls Prevention Service and Age UK York. Come along and meet the teams and receive a pair of good quality, well-fitting slippers free of charge and advice around reducing Falls risks in the home. reducingfalls@york.gov.uk 552300 to find out more.

Communities Team

The Communities Team organise Ward public meetings and events providing an opportunity for residents to connect with local groups, build relationships, explore opportunities to collaborate and discuss local matters. Ward funding is used to award grants to community groups that help address Clifton ward priorities. Contact us via shapingneighbourhoods@york.gov.uk or 01904 551832

Date	Agenda Item
01 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear, Hold, Build Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance & Performance Q4 <i>[postponed to 03 July 2025 to align with other committees]</i> - Neighbourhood Policing Review <i>[postponed, date TBC]</i> - 2025 Library Needs Assessment Report (containing data from the Early Engagement Consultation) <i>[postponed, date TBC]</i>
05 June 2025	1. Neighbourhood Model Update
03 July 2025	1. Finance & Performance Q4
04 September 2025	
02 October 2025	1. Finance & Performance Q1
06 November 2025	
04 December 2025	1. Finance & Performance Q2
22 January 2026	
05 March 2026	1. Finance & Performance Q3
16 April 2026	

Agenda items for consideration

- Safer York Partnership
- Targeted Youth Provision
- York Citizens' Theatre Trust Annual Report
- REACH (York Cultural Education Partnership)
- York Museums Trust Annual Report
- York Explore Report
- SEND Update
- School Attendance
- Digital Inclusion
- Corporate Parenting Annual Report
- Safeguarding Report
- Children Looked After (CLA)
- Virtual School Annual Report
- Family Hubs
- Early Years and Childcare Reforms

Task & Finish Groups

- Food Insecurity Task & Finish Group
- Education, Health, and Care Plan Task & Finish Group

Representatives from York Youth Council to be invited to Children, Culture and Communities Scrutiny Committee meetings as and when representatives would like to attend, as approved by the Committee 23 January 2023.

Committee Remit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop & maintain close working with Corporate Parenting Board and York Schools & Academies Board and deliver complimentary agendas where appropriate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Social Care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Virtual School for children in care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years and childcare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School effectiveness and achievement, including school attendance and school safeguarding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School services: School place planning and capital maintenance; School transport; Admissions; The School governance service and SENDIASS; Behaviour and attendance; Elective home education; Children missing education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEND services & Educational Psychology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills, including monitoring of York Skills Board; York Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Area Teams, Neighbourhood Working, Community Centres
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People & Neighbourhoods Strategy & Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety including Safer York Partnership, Substance Misuse, Anti-Social Behaviour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention, prevention, and community development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture, including York Theatre Royal, Museums, Music Venues Network (& elements of MIY?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary Sector
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries & Archives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital inclusion strategy

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