



**Developing Community Cohesion with Coffee & Crayons.**

**Working Together for a Better Future!**

# What we had ward funding for?

- We have developed a community space which incorporates a kitchen so that we are able to do a number of community activities.
- The space has been used by many groups and we have used the space to support people in need through cooking lessons, coaching for a better life and children's activities for all families but particularly those on low income.
- The space has also been used for teen activities and to support the homeless with clothing changes, food and support.



Cooking lessons for all ages plus people with additional needs learning essential skills such as cooking and budgeting



So many community projects are using the space from Yorkey dads & NCT to a home schooling group who have been supported by Mary Passeri for craft and free play

# What else we do?



Supporting local  
people to go to  
dream events  
such as Cliff  
Richard concert!

# What else do we do?

FREE food bank made up of donated food available 6 days a week, plus emergency family boxes

We supply around 12500kg (1969 stone) every 6 months with average of 20 people a day taking advantage no questions asked.



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Craft and chat group on a Wednesday afternoon supporting people who are isolated and those with additional needs.

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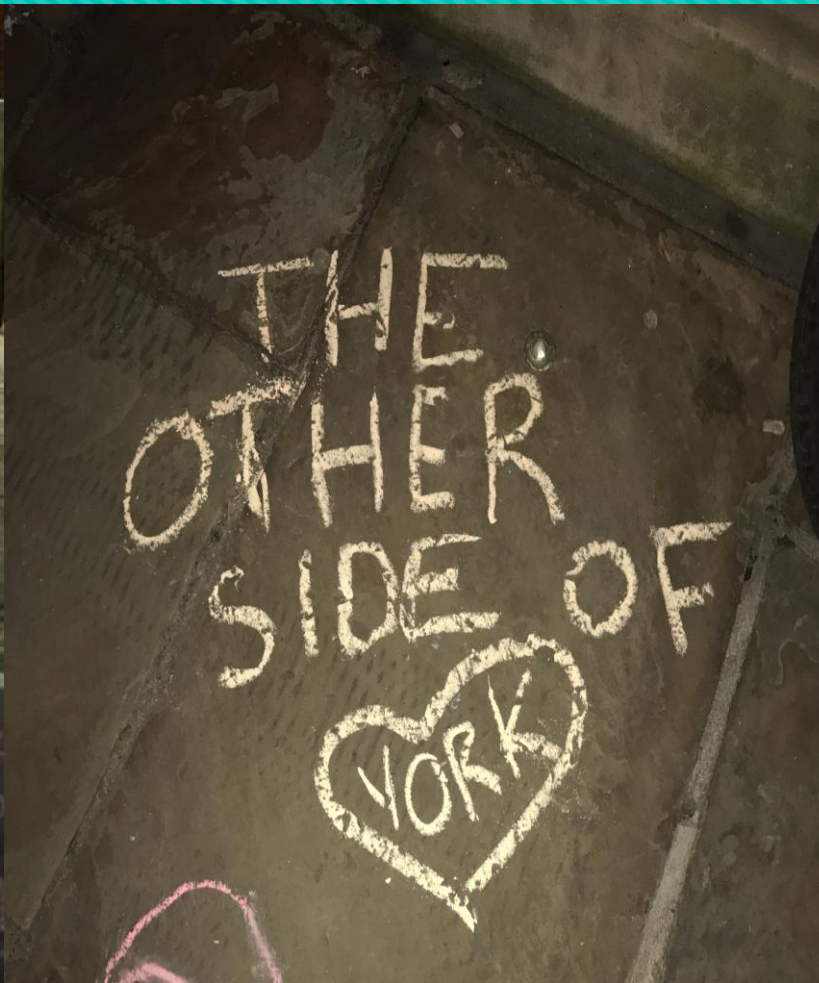
Drink and draw sessions on a Thursday evening that supports socially isolated people and particularly mums





# Community Impact

- Aiding on average 10 families a week with food and support such as coaching, budgeting and advocacy.
- Supported 34 people with universal credit issues over the past 6 months ensuring the security of their homes and families which in turn has improved depression, anxiety and general mental wellbeing.
- Supported a lady right through depression, into work, off anti depressants and is now having another baby.
- Successfully supported 9 people in last 6 months with ESA and pips claims.
- Homework club supporting kids with new experiences in a relaxed environment.
- By providing free play and holiday activities plus refreshments for local families we have supported health and well being, family bonding and poverty support.
- Pay it forward is supplying around 15 people a week with meals alongside the food bank that is supporting between 60 & 100 people a week.
- Cooking and budgeting lessons for community have helped with health and poverty issues.
- Free room space for mums groups has supported new mums who feel socially isolated approx. 20 per session.



We also support the homeless by providing food to a group in town every Friday and Sunday

**“Chill have regularly made up parcels for me to donate to people that I know who are in financial difficulty this has made the difference between eating or not for days for those people, and both the food and the generosity have meant the world to them and has given hope at a time that they needed it.”**

***I have long term mental health issues, I look forward to visiting a rare oasis of compassion and good will that the community cafe nurtures. Thanks guys. You offer a fantastic social and economic resource to those that are often forgotten about. Keep it up.***

***“My son Finley was poorly before Christmas and was off all food and drinks. Mary made him a unicorn milkshake and made it so magical that it helped Finley gain some energy and zest”***

**“At Chill they have created a community of people caring for each other and spreading that caring as far as they can”**

**What are people saying about Chill in the Community CIC**

# Winners of Best Community Project Award





All this plus Coffee & Cake!