



Who are York Cares?

- Founded in 2005
- Bringing businesses, employees and communities together to make York a better place
- We carry out community projects, assisted by employee-volunteers



York Cares Big Community Challenge 2022

- Our focus was on creating Green Corridors in the West of York
- Volunteers used volunteering leave from their employers to come and assist in environmental work on several sites



What is a Green Corridor?

Creating Green Corridors involves making urban areas work for both humans and the environment around us.

We wanted to improve the current green infrastructure in key community areas, such as schools, independent living communities and existing green spaces.



Woodthorpe Primary School



- 16 volunteers attended from boxxe
- Helped to build and improve the forest school area



Foxwood Park



- 8 volunteers attended from the University of York
- They cut back invasive plants, and made the space more accessible for residents



Acomb Wood

- 12 volunteers attended from Nestle
- Volunteers undertook a litter pick
- Cut back invasive wildlife
- Increased the accessibility and safety of the paths





Chapman's Pond

- Four volunteering sessions over the past two months
- Two more coming up
- Volunteers from Systra, Portakabin, and Aviva.
- Volunteers are working to make it a natural hub in the area



Ward funding

- We are using the Ward funding allocation to buy resources to continue the legacy of the Big Community Challenge at Chapman's Pond, creating a new nature hub.
- We rely on volunteers to carry out the activities, and the ability to purchase plants and other resources to put into the areas we work on is transformative.

