

Thank you

We are continuing to see a fantastic level of support and interest from local individuals, groups and business in Ripon.

Our fundraising efforts since April 2017 have secured just over £3,000 to help us pay for Starter Packs, refurbish rooms and install a new CCTV system.



In 2017 we have made significant changes to our organisation to ensure we have a secure future. With 2 new members of staff starting soon, we will be a team of 4.

Our plans for 2018 are ambitious. We want to engage with more volunteers, develop our programs for tenants, work with local business and raise awareness of homelessness in Ripon.

We believe that every young person should be able to develop their full potential in body, mind and spirit.



Jacks story

In June 2017 we received a referral for a 19-year-old who had been sleeping on the streets in Manchester. His family are local to Ripon and the young person had recently agreed to move back to Ripon to reconnect. An overcrowded house meant that Jack was sleeping in the garden shed. Jack is a bright young man who had lost his way, racked up significant debt and needed some stability to move forward.

Through intensive work with Emma our Housing Support Worker he managed to get on top of some court fines, secure appropriate benefits and start looking for work. Within 3 months Jack had secured a job and had significantly reduced his debt.

His new job provides onsite accommodation so in no time at all we were saying goodbye. Jack has big plans, and hopes to attend college or university next September to progress his dream career. Given his resilience and positivity we are sure he will make it.

SALE!
From the 23rd - 25th of
November, all clothing items at
YMCA charity shops are £1

Boroughbridge YMCA Shop, 27 Fishergate, YO15 9AL

All profits from YMCA shops are used to support YMCA
England & Wales and local YMCA's.

Trustees



James Parkes – Chair of Ripon YMCA Board

James won Volunteer of the Year in the first Ripon Awards for his commitment as our Chairman. We are looking for new trustees or advisors who have expertise in the voluntary sector, housing, business, legal and fundraising. If you are interested, please get in touch.

Food donations

We have recently launched our tenant foodbank and need your help to keep it stocked. We are very grateful to the Salvation Army for the food parcels our tenants access, but it helps to keep a regular supply of food ourselves. If you are able to donate regularly we would be very grateful. Please contact us to arrange drop off.

A poster for the YMCA Ripon Food Bank. It features a close-up photograph of a man's face. The text on the poster includes:

YMCA RIPON
We believe that every young person should have a safe place to stay

YMCA

FOOD BANK
Help us provide food for the young people we support

It can take up to 6 weeks to apply for and receive benefits and often they stop with little notice

Can you help us provide the following:
Dried Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Ravioli
Tins of Tuna, Baked Beans, Potatoes, Rice, Long-life Milk, Cakes, Rice Pudding, Tinned Veg, Cereal, Tea, Coffee, Cordial, Smash, Quick Noodles, Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meatballs, Tinned Pies

Are you a Co-op member?

Please sign in to your membership account and nominate us as your Community Cause. We will use the money raised to provide our regular Cooking Social sessions; bringing our tenants together to learn about cooking and healthy living, whilst developing team work skills.



Building our Community

Through sharing our news and stories we hope to engage fully with our local community for the benefit of our tenants and charity. In December we will be at the Canal Basin Christmas Market, providing elf assistance with the Lions Santa Sleigh and decorating a tree at St Wilfred's Christmas Tree Festival. Please come and say hello and become a Community Supporter.

Homelessness

We know there are young homeless people in Ripon. Without a safe place to stay its difficult to keep on track with work, studies and maintaining good relationships with family and friends. Jack in our case study slept in a shed, we know of those using cars, sleeping on sofas or illegally subletting. If you know of anyone in this situation, please share our details so we can provide information and support.

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A poster for the Red Triangle Drama Group. The background is a red stage curtain. The text on the poster includes:

THE RED TRIANGLE DRAMA GROUP

If you are aged 11+ and enjoy acting or just want to help then come along we meet every Wednesday from 19:00-21:00 at the YMCA in Ripon it is just £1 a week

We have a show coming up. So we need committed actors ASAP who are committed to us

Thank You

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