Information for school families

Help at Home

Our part time handyman and volunteers can help you around the home with jobs including painting, basic DIY and small repairs, odd jobs e.g. moving furniture, clearing out a shed, taking items to the tip etc. and annual garden tidy up (spring and summer months only). We charge £25 per hour and you would pay for any materials we use (e.g. paint). We do not charge you for travel time and there is no VAT to pay. Before we begin the work we will discuss the costs depending on the job required and your own personal circumstances. The length of our waiting list varies but we will get to you as soon as we possibly can. Contact the team at help@hadca.org.uk

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 18 November, 9.30am-11am at Ripon Salvation Army
Mind Rural Wellbeing Service, with Ripon Salvation Army and North Yorkshire Police exploring two key issues which can impact on our mental health - rising energy costs and concerns about safety:

- North Yorkshire Police will be taking part in a Q&A on online and personal safety, including scams.
- Mind in Harrogate District will be sharing advice on managing energy bills, saving money on energy costs, and accessing energy support schemes.

There'll also be information stalls, along with opportunities for individual chats and to arrange a free 1-2-1 energy advice appointment. The event is free to attend and open to all.

Citizens Advice Appointments at Ripon Community House

Monthly online confidential face-to-face appointments
Monday 17 November
Monday 15 December
Call Community House on 01765 603631 to book an appointment.

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 Free Parent and Carer Pack

This resource will help start the conversation about bullying, no matter the age of your child, and give you other ideas about anti-bullying at home.

Ripon Repair Cafe

Every other month on a Saturday
St Wilfrid's Community Centre, Trinity Lane, Ripon
A bi-monthly drop in session where members of the public can bring household items in need of repair and the wonderful volunteers will do their upmost to fix them for a small donation. Enjoy a hot drink and cake while you're there. Take a look at their Facebook page for the next few dates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1626571151329325/ or email riponrepaircafe@gmail.com

Christmas Kindness 2025

We often get asked how people can get involved in their community at Christmas. The Christmas Kindness page of our website outlines all the little (and big) ways you can contribute to your community over the festive season.

Ohana Charity - Supporting Special Families

Ripon Parent Carer Group monthly on Friday mornings 10am - 12noon.
Harrogate Parent Carer Group monthly on Tuesday mornings 10am - 11.30am.
A safe space to share experiences, seek advice, and gain encouragement from fellow parents and carers facing similar challenges raising a child with special educational needs or a disability. Whether looking for practical tips, emotional support, or simply a friendly chat, these groups are to help carers feel supported and empowered.

Warm Spaces this winter

HADCA has a list of local community spaces and venues that offer a warm welcome this winter. Community venues, churches and local libraries are friendly, safe and inclusive places, offering not just warmth but a place to enjoy the company of others, and maybe a hot drink or an opportunity to join in activities. Find out where you can receive a warm welcome https://hadca.org.uk/WarmWelcome

Kindness Festival

Saturday 17th January, 11am – 3pm
St Aidan's School, Harrogate
A return of the popular family event featuring free games, crafts and activities for children, as well as healthy food available for your family. See poster attached and visit the Facebook page for more information https://fb.me/e/3SLvoSMve

Suicide prevention support

In North Yorkshire children, young people and their parents can access emotional health support through the Go-To website. A life is lost through suicide every two hours in the UK but suicidal thoughts and feelings affect thousands of us every single day. Knowing the signs of self-harm and suicidal ideation and what to do can make a significant difference. There is information for parents and carers on the NYSCP website. Papyrus offer education and training sessions.

Kinship Charity (was Grandparents Plus)

Support and advice for kinship carers – friends or family who step up to raise a child when their parents aren't able to. Kinship provide free online workshops and advice, an Advice Line and a peer-to-peer telephone support service.

There is also a regional group that meet online every first Monday of the month between 10am – 11am. Alternatively, there's a local group: Harrogate and Knaresborough Kinship Carers Support Group First Thursday of each month, 11:00am to 1:00pm at Knaresborough Library.

Harrogate Town AFC Community Foundation

Premier League Kicks Sessions

Young people of all abilities, genders and backgrounds welcome. You can sign up here

Monday - Ripon - 4 - 5pm
Monday (12-16 years old) - Knaresborough - 6.30 - 8.30pm
Tuesday - Bilton - 6 - 7pm
Tuesday - Rossett Sports Centre - 8 - 9pm
Wednesday - Great Ouseburn - 4.45 - 5.45pm
Thursday (7-11 years old) - Knaresborough - 4 - 5pm.

Leeds Credit Union

Leeds Credit Union are a non-profit, mutual that offers straightforward, affordable financial services. As a mutual, there are no shareholders; it is owned by its members and always has the interests of the members at the heart of everything it does. From Christmas Clubs to spread the seasonal costs, to personal loans to cover those extra expenses. **Anyone who lives or works in HG postcodes are eligible to join and utilise a range of products.** Find out more at: leedscreditunion.co.uk

HADCA local resources

A reminder that our website has useful, local information on support and activities available in the local area. Visit www.hadca.org.uk

Best wishes
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