

Good afternoon

I hope you are keeping safe and well?

Attached is the latest NYCC bulletin.

Please inform me if I can be of any assistance. Take care.

Kind regards

Annabel

Cllr. Annabel Wilkinson. Swale division. North Yorkshire

## A message from Richard Flinton, Chief Executive

I wonder how many of you enjoyed a suitably socially-distanced catch-up with friends or family at one of the many wonderful hospitality businesses which were able to safely reopen over the weekend. I was delighted to support our local Covid compliant pub and, although it will take some time for these vital businesses to recover, seeing people supporting them safely is a very positive step. I am pleased to say our police force colleagues reported very little by way of issues linked to the latest easing of the lockdown rules and I join them in thanking everyone who ventured out to enjoy some long-awaited downtime in a careful and considerate way.

Who would have thought a few months ago that the little things, like a good chat over a pint in the local beer garden, would become so treasured! But, in truth, it's often the little things that make a really big difference to us. Take the heart-warming tale of retiring Clerk to the Parish Meeting, octogenarian Rob Cattle, from the conservation village of Lastingham in the National Park. For years, an old concrete and post fence has plagued the otherwise picture postcard village. Thanks to some thoughtful work by our highways team, support from our local ward councillor and Rob's campaigning – his last job, after 10 years in his voluntary role, was to see the railings finally go. Another victory for Team North Yorkshire and the community spirit we all share. I would like to offer him my personal thanks for his decade of volunteering and making a difference at grass roots level – where it counts every bit as much as the big ticket items. You can read more about Rob here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/parish-clerk-80-gets-final-job-done-village-retiring>

Another seemingly small gesture that is making a tremendous difference to some of our most vulnerable young people in Scarborough is our mobile 'Youth Club in a Boot' initiative. It's just one of the successful ways our Children and Families Support Workers have kept in touch with young people throughout lockdown. While youth clubs haven't been possible due to Covid rules, delivering these packs has helped support face-to-face contact and given children and young people the chance to talk to their support workers personally. In between visits, support workers are able to keep contact virtually through video calling, phone calls or WhatsApp messaging. I am constantly impressed by, and grateful for, the innovations and determination of our staff as they

battle to continue with so many vital services in the most difficult of times. See more on this here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/mobile-youth-club-helps-children-stay-safe-and-well>

Actually that brings me onto another bit of gratitude. Thank you to the 35 organisations and individuals who responded to our invitation to suggest improvements to our cycling and walking facilities. We asked for your help to prioritise healthy travel schemes to support our bid for up to £1.06million in the second tranche of the Department for Transport's (DfT) Emergency Active Travel Fund. Our highways teams are now looking at these in detail to see which could be delivered and will come back to you all.

These requests are alongside the work officers have already done to create the County Council's local cycling and walking plans, which include schemes that are bid-ready for when suitable funding opportunities arise. There's more information here which I hope you will find of interest. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/cycling-and-walking-groups-be-invited-rank-improvement-ideas>

We are also busy getting on with reopening and expanding other services to help the county return safely to the new norm. That includes our ever-popular libraries. Hot on the heels of the successful launch this week of our 'Select and Collect' service, which enables customers to pick up a selection of reads, hand-picked to match their tastes by a member of the library team, we are now offering some computer access again.

From this coming Monday, libraries managed by us in Scarborough, Harrogate, Malton, Whitby, Pickering, Filey and Skipton will offer limited access to public computers. Ripon, Selby, Northallerton, Knaresborough and Richmond will follow suit on 20 July. Appropriate social distancing will be in place alongside other changes to keep you and our staff and volunteers safe – but it's another good sign that I know will be welcomed by many people. If you want for details just click here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/article/computers-and-home-delivery-libraries-continue-phased-return>

So, lots going on but much still to do! Our Test and Trace team continues to support Public Health England and the NHS to manage and contain Covid-19 outbreaks across the county and infection rates continue to slow. While this is very welcome, the virus is most certainly not gone so please continue with hand washing, safe distancing and getting a test if you have symptoms. Let's keep working together to bring our beautiful county back to where it needs to be. Thanks again for everything you are doing.



## A message from Dr Lincoln Sargeant, Director of Public Health

World Health Organisation data shows that we have now passed 11.5 million confirmed cases globally, with over 537 thousand deaths across 216 countries, areas or territories.

At a national level, yesterday's (07/07) Public Health England data show there were 286,349 lab-confirmed cases in the UK – this is lower than the figure reported last week following removal of duplicates across Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 testing.

Nationally, there have been 44,391 COVID-associated deaths. To date, there have been 2,517 confirmed cases of COVID-19 across North Yorkshire – this number has also changed since last

week to include positive tests identified through both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 (previously just Pillar 1 was reported). Pillar 1 tests are swab tests arranged through the NHS (e.g. in hospitals), and Pillar 2 tests are swab tests arranged through commercial partners (e.g. at Regional Test Centres, Mobile Testing Units and home testing kits). You can see the [latest confirmed cases of coronavirus by area](#) on the Government's website.

The number of people currently in hospital with COVID-19 continues to decrease slowly. There have been no additional deaths from COVID-19 reported across Airedale, Harrogate, South Tees and York NHS Trusts during the last week, with the overall total staying at 656 (of whom an estimated 256 will be North Yorkshire residents).

Since publishing the North Yorkshire COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan on 26<sup>th</sup> June, we continue to put in place the prevention and control measures set out in the plan. This includes working with partners to support education settings, care providers, workplaces and communities to prevent outbreaks of coronavirus and quickly control them when they occur. You can find our Outbreak Control Plan here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/our-outbreak-plan>

In the aftermath of the Leicester local lockdown, considerably more data is being shared between national and local government, with daily monitoring of key triggers points including cases, rates of infection, Covid-related hospital admissions and NHS111 calls. At this stage, North Yorkshire's position is that our infection rates are much lower than Leicester, Bradford, Barnsley and other areas that have been highlighted nationally. However, events move rapidly and we need to remain vigilant, follow the rules on a safe easing of lockdown and continue to take personal responsibility (washing hands, keeping a distance of 1 metre plus, etc) as well as working in partnership with communities and across agencies.

Since 4<sup>th</sup> July, changes have been made to national guidance, particularly around the re-opening of hospitality and leisure facilities and meeting other households. For more information on these changes see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

### **Good conversations**

Good Conversations skills training, supports frontline workers to Make Every Contact Count (MECC). It builds confidence, knowledge and skills required for good conversations in these very challenging times. The course has been designed for frontline workers who are in direct contact with the public, who wish to develop or sharpen their conversational skills, and who want to improve their knowledge of basic health and wellbeing advice and where to signpost people for further help.

The target audience includes workers who have been re-directed to respond to COVID19, and new volunteers who have come forward to help. Wide-ranging tasks delivered by these workers, include: telephoning to check on vulnerable residents; arranging food parcels and prescriptions; connecting to befriending activities and signposting people, coping with bereavement, to appropriate services.

Contact with the public is now frequently over the telephone. Face-to-face contact must be at a safe, and unusual, social distance. COVID19 has meant that many more frontline workers are having to deal with issues that matter to people (and that can impact mental health) that are outside of their comfort zone.

A link to the webinar platform Zoom will be provided around a week before the webinar commences:

- **Monday 13th July 2020 - 10:00 - 11:30 - Online via Zoom, click the link below to book now <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-conversations-training-tickets-111791054052>**
- **Tuesday 21st July 2020 - 10:-00 - 11:30 - Online via Zoom, click the link below to book now <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-conversations-training-tickets-111792668882>**
- **Wednesday 22nd July - 14:00 - 15:30 - Online via Zoom, click the link below to book now <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-conversations-training-tickets-111792767176>**



## North Yorkshire County Council

### Planning for recovery

#### Testing

As part of the national testing programme for coronavirus, drive-through Mobile Testing Units, run by the Department for Health and Social care, will be operating in the following locations over the coming days between 11am and 3pm:

- **Thursday 9 July - Whitby** - Whitby Park and Ride, Whitby, YO21 1TL
- **Thursday 9 July - Richmond** - Round Howe Car Park, Reeth Road, Richmond, DL10 4T
- **Friday 10 July - Northallerton** - Allertonshire School, Brompton Road, Northallerton, DL6 1ED
- **Saturday 11 July - Selby** – South Entrance, Drax Power Station, New Road, Selby, YO8 8PH
- **Sunday 12 July - Scarborough** - Scarborough Park & Ride, Seamer Road, Scarborough YO12 4LW
- **Sunday 12 - July - Harrogate** - Hydro Leisure Centre, Jenny Field Drive, Harrogate HG1 2RP
- **Monday 13 July - Northallerton** - Allertonshire School, Brompton Road, Northallerton, DL6 1ED
- **Tuesday 14 July - Thornton Le Dale** - National Trust Car Park, No.5. Chestnut Avenue, Pickering, YO18 7RR

Before you attend you must book a test. Tests can be booked from 8pm the night before.

Find out more and how to book at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/testing](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/testing)

#### NYnet delivers connectivity boost to rural schools

High-speed connectivity provider NYnet, which is wholly owned by the County Council, is working to deliver gigabit-capable broadband connections to more than 20 rural primary schools in North Yorkshire as part of the Government's commitment to improve internet infrastructure in rural and remote areas.

The Rural Gigabit Connectivity (RGC) programme is a multi-million pound initiative created by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), in conjunction with the Department for Education (DfE) and local authorities.

Schools already connected under the programme have greatly benefitted from significantly improved broadband speeds of up to 100Mbps, and now have the capability to be further upgraded to 1Gbps in the future.

During the lockdown, schools have found that the significantly faster broadband speeds are enabling teachers to work remotely, take part in video conferencing and plan and set lessons.

Tockwith Church of England Primary Academy is among the schools chosen to be part of the programme. NYnet, in conjunction with North Yorkshire Education Services, has worked with Openreach to connect the school.

Justin Reeve, Head Teacher of Tockwith Primary School, said: “We are delighted to be part of the RGC programme provided by NYnet. At Tockwith, we have always embraced technological advances, but the internet speed has always been a limiting factor for us – not any more. We currently have 165 Chromebooks in the school, so the new broadband connection will have a significant impact for us.”

### **Active travel**

Cycling and walking groups are to be invited to prioritise active travel schemes that have been put forward, following an appeal to the public.

The County Council asked organisations and individuals to suggest improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure as it prepared to bid for up to £1.06m in the second tranche of the Department for Transport’s (DfT) Emergency Active Travel Fund as part of the national recovery from the pandemic.

The authority received about 35 requests from all over the county. Its highway teams have been assessing the requests to understand their delivery and feasibility. As soon as this is done, the council will share details with appropriate groups and ask them to rank schemes from highest to lowest priority. The groups’ responses will be considered as the council prepares its funding bid.

These requests are alongside work officers have already done to create Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, which include schemes that are bid-ready for when suitable funding opportunities arise.

The County Council also confirmed that it will press ahead with the full package of work submitted in its tranche one bid to the Emergency Active Travel Fund to encourage social distancing, facilitate walking and cycling and stimulate the economy as North Yorkshire emerges from lockdown. The DfT’s gave the authority £133,000 – half the possible maximum – in that first tranche bid, but the County Council intends to supplement the DfT funding to ensure it delivers all the measures in its bid.

The County Council is awaiting formal guidance on the requirements for the second tranche submission.

### **Phased return of libraries**

Libraries will continue the phased return of services next week, with sessions on public computers being bookable at some branches and the restart of the Home Library Service.

This follows the launch this week of a Select and Collect service, which enables customers to phone or email their library to request the type of books they want, then later collect a selection hand-picked by the library team.

From 13 July, County Council-managed libraries at Scarborough, Harrogate, Malton, Whitby, Pickering, Filey and Skipton will offer limited access to public computers. Ripon, Selby, Northallerton, Knaresborough and Richmond will follow suit on 20 July.

Social distancing measures mean fewer computers will be available, so people must call or email their library to book. Community-managed libraries also offer computer facilities. People should check with their local library to see what arrangements are in place.

Also restarting from 13 July, is the Home Library Service. Before lockdown, this volunteer service was delivering books to more than 1,600 people. To allow for social distancing, books will be placed on the doorstep rather than carried inside. To sign up for this service, visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/home-library-service](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/home-library-service) or call your local library.

The aim is, that from the end of July, customers will be able to browse and pick their own books.

Details can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/CovidLibraries](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/CovidLibraries) alternatively, people can call their local library or 01609 533878.

### Schools and childcare

As the Government announced recently, schools will be fully re-open for all pupils in September. Children and Young People's Services had already begun working with headteachers on scenario planning, to cover a number of eventualities for the start of the September term, including full reopening, further closures as a result of another spike and partial opening with blended home learning. This scenario planning will finish in case it is required for the future, but the focus is now on full re-opening.

Our directory for childcare which will, we hope, support parents and carers for the summer holidays has now been published; <https://northyorkshireconnect.org.uk/> we are also adding details of summer holiday activities from independent providers to this county-wide directory and a variety of organisations providing support over this period.

Our music service has always been a shining light for the county, and the lengths it has gone to during lockdown to keep music teaching and learning and performance alive for children and young people is yet more proof that it is ahead of the game nationally.

Our music service was one of the first to pioneer online music lessons and we are now delivering 1,100 a week – a remarkable feat.

The pandemic led to a series of cancellations of major events planned by the service – the VE Day concert with 450 pupils from across the county at the Harrogate Convention Centre; the County Youth Orchestra & Choir residential courses and the Big Band Tour to Northern Ireland. Disappointed, but undeterred, the music service got pupils to make videos of themselves singing “We’ll Meet Again” and the “White Cliffs of Dover” which were made into a virtual choir performance to commemorate VE Day, recordings which got nearly 50,000 viewings.

In addition, the County Youth Orchestra has been involved in making a Guide to the Symphony Orchestra for primary children to learn about different instruments, how a symphony orchestra works and to hear the orchestra play together.

As part of the guide, section leaders of the orchestra recorded themselves talking about their experiences of learning to play an instrument and playing in the orchestra.

All orchestra members have also recorded themselves playing the Radetsky March by Johann Strauss Snr with all recordings brought together in a video for streaming this month. A powerful learning tool and a great achievement all round.

### Social care, the NHS and Public Health services

We are currently looking very carefully at the implications of the Department for Health and Social Care's next stage of the testing strategy for adult social care, which is being rolled out.

This next stage is based on advice from SAGE (Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies) and Public Health England and evidence from the initial round of whole home testing and the results from our Vivaldi surveillance survey, which showed that many residents who tested positive for Covid-19 were not symptomatic. The DHSC has seen this as a significant milestone.

Retesting helps to prevent and control outbreaks in care homes and means steps can be taken to reduce the spread of the virus.

This next stage includes weekly testing of staff and testing of residents every 28 days in all care homes without outbreaks. Bank, agency and visiting staff such as social workers and Allied Health Professionals working in care homes are to be included in the weekly staff tests in care homes.

This approach balances the need for regular testing of staff, who will potentially be more exposed to the virus with the fact that regular testing can be difficult and distressing for some residents. We are therefore giving very detailed consideration to the most effective and ethical way of testing our residents and staff.

Initially the priority will be care homes for the over 65s and those with dementia because these homes were the first to receive whole home testing in the initial round of testing and based on SAGE and PHE advice.

Our Director of Public Health is being sent a list of care homes eligible for this first wave of retesting. Retesting will be expanded to the remaining adult care homes from early August.

The DHSC will review this strategy in September, taking into account prevalence levels in the community and local settings and the latest evidence. Based on this, the frequency of testing may be adjusted.

We are heartened by the fact our work to support care homes during the Covid-19 pandemic with daily calls, staff training, deep cleaning and the mapping of outbreaks has brought the number of North Yorkshire care homes with Covid-19 outbreaks, of less than 14 days, down to eight out of a total of 67 homes that have had laboratory confirmed outbreaks.

This further development with regards to regular whole-home testing will mean that in the long term our care homes will be better protected. We have developed very close, positive work with our

care home settings over these difficult months and no doubt we will work together on the best way forward to meet the challenges of carrying out this regular testing strategy.

### Support for people in isolation

People who are shielding as a result of Covid-19 are now able to create a support bubble with another household if they live alone or they are a single parent. Those who have been shielding can also meet up to five other people outdoors while maintaining strict social distancing.

From 1 August, the national programme of food and prescription deliveries will end and the Government is advising people who are shielding to adopt strict social distancing, rather than full shielding measures. People who have been shielding will also be able to visit shops and return to work provided that their workplace is Covid secure. Priority supermarket delivery slots will continue but anyone who hasn't registered must do so before 17 July. More information can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19)

Of the 24,700 people shielding in North Yorkshire, more than 3,000 have relied on Government food and prescription deliveries while they stayed at home to protect themselves from coronavirus. We are contacting those people who have needed help and support over the last three months to help them prepare for the end of July.

So far, more than 140 people have been identified as needing help with food and prescriptions from August onwards. The customer service centre will help people who have been shielding put alternative arrangements in place, if they need it, and our support for people who do not have anyone else to call on will continue.

In Harrogate, volunteer Margaret Currie has been helping 47-year-old Loraine Wood who has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Loraine said "Margaret has been wonderful! Dropping food round and collecting prescriptions for me. She rings me up and I can have a chat with her. She's an absolute sweetheart and is always there if I need anything."

Community support organisations (CSOs) will continue to help people who have no one else to call on while they are isolating and throughout June CSO volunteers collected 2,804 prescriptions and delivered 3,668 lots of shopping. Other types of support include telephone befriending calls, pet care, organising meal deliveries and helping people continue their hobbies by delivering supplies. Many CSOs are also beginning to provide support for people to build their confidence by organising small, socially distanced gatherings and accompanied shopping trips.

People who are self-isolating and need help with shopping, prescriptions and other essentials but don't have anyone to call on, or anyone concerned about the welfare of someone else, can contact North Yorkshire County Council's customer service centre on 01609 780780. The centre is open seven days a week 8am to 5.30pm.

People can also find details of local voluntary and community groups offering support at [www.northyorkshireconnect.org.uk](http://www.northyorkshireconnect.org.uk)

For more information, including links to the main supermarkets for people who can shop safely for themselves, and a link to the Buy Local site, go to [www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19)



## Local economy

### **Buy Local – Door to door switch helps butcher meet the challenge of lockdown**

North Yorkshire Buy Local ([www.northyorks.gov.uk/buy-local](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/buy-local)) is the online marketplace to bring together businesses and customers.

With non-essential retailers and hospitality businesses now re-opened, we're urging them to register on the site to reach new customers and increase their visibility. Buy Local also allows all businesses to outline the safety measures they have put in place to protect the public. Businesses can also update their details if they are already registered to let customers know they are open and trading.

This week, we got back in touch with James Knox, owner of Yorkshire Dales Meat. We spoke to James back in April when he admitted things were tough. Much of his wholesale revenue had vanished overnight, so he started doing doorstep deliveries to the public and quickly reached a whole new audience on Buy Local.

Now, James has opened Mill Close Farm Shop, and is continuing with click and collect and deliveries. He said 'Everyone is impacted in some way shape or form – everyone is in a similar boat, having to think on their feet, be agile and try to survive.'

Read more at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/buy-local](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/buy-local)

Please share our social media messages encouraging businesses to register, and directing the public to the site. Follow @northyorksc on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

### **LEP News: Local Highlights**

#### **Free leadership webinars for businesses**

Covid-19 has caused unprecedented changes to the way in which many of us work, with minimal time for teams to prepare. To help overcome the challenges that this may have brought, the [York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub](#) has teamed up with Michelle Mook of Pro-Development (UK) Limited to deliver a series of free leadership webinars.

During this series of one-hour webinars, Michelle will take us through ways in which we can lead our people in these current times. She will provide insights into what engages a team and how to bring out the very best in each and every one of them to help individuals, teams and the business flourish.

Full details and how to book your free place are available below:

- Wednesday 15 July – [Engaging your virtual team](#)
- Wednesday 22 July – [Leading through change and adversity](#)
- Wednesday 29 July – [Leading your team into recovery](#)
- Wednesday 5 August – [Leading with purpose](#)

These webinars are delivered in partnership with [Make It York](#) and [North Yorkshire County Council](#). Please feel free to share details of these events using this Communication Pack

<https://www.ynygrowthhub.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Free-leadership-webinars-Comms-Pack-07.07.20.docx>

### **Social media support for business**

The final session of the current series of webinars is tomorrow, hosted by York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub, in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council and Make It York.

Working with York PR and marketing agency Intandem Communications, this series of webinars have been popular so far.

Details of tomorrow's session are below. Look out for further updates as there will be others scheduled.

### **Growing your social media presence- 9 July, 12:15-13:00,**

<https://www.vnygrowthhub.com/events/social-media-growing-your-social-media-presence/>

### **Circular Yorkshire master class for business**

The University of York, in partnership with York & North Yorkshire LEP, is holding a series of master class events for business as part of this year's Circular Yorkshire 2020 campaign.

These webinar events will look broadly at how shifting to a circular economy can help businesses as they recover post COVID-19.

The next event on Wednesday 15 July 2020, 4pm to 5pm will be led by Gavin Milligan from Green Knight Sustainability Consulting and will look at risks and mitigation in the agri-food system, and the role of circular economy principles in increasing the resilience of individual businesses within the overall system.

For further information and to book, visit <https://www.york.ac.uk/management/events/2020/gavin-milligan-15-july/>

If you are an individual, business, local authority or community group who would like to know more about Circular Yorkshire 2020 campaign, please sign up [here](#) or contact Katie Thomas on [Katie.Thomas@businessinspiredgrowth.com](mailto:Katie.Thomas@businessinspiredgrowth.com)

### **Support Love Local Business campaign**

The [York Press](#) is running a six-week campaign called "Love Local Business" to promote businesses and shops in our communities as they get back on their feet post COVID-19 and start to recover.

The campaign highlights the amazing efforts of our businesses, in adapting to the challenges brought about by the crisis and encourages readers to support local shops and services.

We support this campaign and encourage all partners and stakeholders to promote this message as we join together to make our economy **Greener, Fairer and Stronger** through its recovery and beyond.

### **National highlights: "Plan For Jobs" to help Britain bounce back**

The Chancellor today set out a 'Plan for Jobs' that will drive the UK's recovery post COVID-19.

As the UK enters the second phase in its recovery, the Chancellor's plan is designed to **support jobs** by focussing on skills and young people, **create jobs** with investment in shovel-ready projects and greening our infrastructure, and **protect jobs** through a VAT cut for the hospitality sector and a landmark Eat Out to Help Out discount scheme for diners.

For more information on this, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rishis-plan-for-jobs-will-help-britain-bounce-back>

### **Government announces £10 million for small businesses to kick-start tourism**

Communities that depend on tourism will receive a major boost from a new £10 million Kick-starting Tourism Package, which will give small businesses in tourist destinations grants of up to £5,000 to help them adapt their businesses following the coronavirus pandemic.

Funding will be allocated via Local Growth Hubs based on how much of their employment base is linked to tourism and hospitality businesses. This means that coastal and rural areas like ours— with a bigger proportion of their economy focused on tourism, hospitality and allied sectors, will get a larger share of the funds

For more information, visit: [Government announces £10 million for small businesses to kickstart tourism](#)

### **Cultural and heritage organisations to receive £1.57 billion support package**

The government announced earlier this week that Britain's globally renowned arts, culture and heritage industries will receive a £1.57 billion rescue package to help weather the impact of coronavirus.

Thousands of organisations across a range of sectors including the performing arts and theatres, heritage, historic palaces, museums, galleries, live music and independent cinema will be able to access emergency grants and loans. For more information, read [here](#) .

### **Staying informed**

As always, we are keen to promote the following as main sources of business support information:

- **GOVERNMENT:** <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support>
- **Y&NY LEP:** <https://www.businessinspiredgrowth.com/covid-19/>
- **Y&NY GROWTH HUB:** <https://www.ynygrowthhub.com/how-we-can-help/coronavirus/>

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NYCC's website has a dedicated area for all the latest COVID-19 related news visit: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information>

**Follow us** on social media: @northyorksc on Facebook and Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

### Advice on things to do

### **Great North Yorkshire Sons and Daughters – John Carr “bridgemaster”**

A man whose legacy is threaded through North Yorkshire's roads network is the latest subject of the Great North Yorkshire Sons and Daughters campaign.

The latest nominee is renowned Georgian architect John Carr. Carr served as the North and West Riding "bridgemaister", and built or altered more than sixty bridges across North Yorkshire, alongside hundreds of extravagant halls and buildings that have made North Yorkshire's architectural heritage what it is today.

Read more about John Carr and Made in North Yorkshire at: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/made-in-north-yorkshire](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/made-in-north-yorkshire)

### **Online music lessons**

Our service has adapted to allow lessons to be taught online to pupils unable to attend school. We offer the full range of instruments, including brass, woodwind, strings, percussion, voice and keyboard

Up to 32 lessons a year are offered, with a guarantee of 28. Lessons are delivered by specialist instrumental teachers over a secure connection.

We were among the first music service to pioneer this approach and are very experienced in it.

For details, visit [www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk) or email [MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk)

### **Tour from home**

Google arts and culture has lots to offer for those staying at home, it's somewhat a "holiday from home". You can explore collections, artworks and places from over 80 countries as well as stepping inside the Natural History Museum, London, Sydney Opera House and many more: <https://artsandculture.google.com/>

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading Challenge has gone digital. The challenge is open to children aged four to 11 and the theme is the Silly Squad, so children are invited to read anything that makes them happy – a comic, joke book, poetry, fiction or non-fiction, in digital or print, an e-book borrowed from the library or what they already have at home.

Children can sign up for free at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk), where they will find brilliant book suggestions, super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games, a place to keep track of their books and rewards to unlock along the way.

Last year, almost 10,000 children took the challenge in North Yorkshire through local libraries. The county's library service has a huge selection of children's e-books and e-audiobooks that are free to borrow at [northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library](http://northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library), so we hope to encourage just as many children to join in this year.

Library members just need their library card and PIN to download books. If you are not a member, call 01609 533878 to join for free.

