

# Airborne

Issue 8



## Meet our new staff and crew

Find out more about our new Paramedics, Fundraisers and Grants & Trusts Manager

### Paul Holmes answers your FAQs

Our Acting Clinical Operations Manager answers some top questions.

### Bank holiday call outs

Find out how many bank holiday incidents we have attended

# Operational **Stats**

**1,701**  
Incidents  
responded  
to

Number  
of patients  
treated  
**1,221**

**April**  
was the  
busiest month

**Wednesdays**  
were the  
busiest days

\* Stats from  
**APRIL 1st 2021 - MARCH 31st 2022**

# Welcome to **YAA**

## Welcome to our eighth issue of Airborne

This summer has already got off to a great start for the Charity and our diaries are almost back to what they were like pre-pandemic.

Our promotional vehicles are back on the road educating people across Yorkshire and fundraising events are in full swing. May in particular was a busy month for us. We welcomed seven new keen Paramedics to our crew, appointed a new Grants and Trusts Manager, as well as hiring a West Yorkshire Community Fundraiser to further aid and support the West region. Finally, we were also able to recruit a Community Fundraiser for North Yorkshire.

Our fundraising teams have been very busy over the last few months with Hike4Helis, which has now raised an impressive £10,000 since its inception in 2021. We have also had the Huddersfield Town Football Club Pedal4Pounds bike ride, which saw hundreds of cyclists ride from Huddersfield to Harrogate over two days. We even squeezed in a visit to the Leeds Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan Parade!

With summer in full swing, it's looking to be a busy few months for YAA and we're looking forward to starting the twelve month countdown to the arrival of the first of our two brand new helicopters, as well as being present at lots of exciting events across the region.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us have a brilliant first half of 2022.




**Peter Sunderland, MBE, DL**  
Yorkshire Air Ambulance Chairman

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# Staff Updates

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed seven new Paramedics, two Community Fundraisers, a Social Media Executive, a Regional Administrator and a Grants and Trusts Manager. Get to know them below.

The Paramedics are seconded from our partner Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS). They form part of our Critical Care Team, comprising Consultants in Emergency Medicine & Anaesthesia, and Paramedics who work as crew on our two YAA helicopters delivering the life-saving service 365 days a year to 5 million people across 4 million acres of Yorkshire.



**Becky Knight (Wakefield)**

Becky is from Wakefield and previously worked a dual role as an ambulance paramedic and lecturer/practitioner in human and health sciences at the University of Huddersfield.

Becky said: "I have always been interested in helicopters and critical care. I wanted to become a HEMS Paramedic to challenge myself, help others and learn from the teams' experience and expertise."



**Andy Watson (Leeds)**

Andy lives in Leeds and has been a Paramedic for four years, progressing to Team Leader before joining Yorkshire Air Ambulance in 2022. Prior to working as a Paramedic, Andy was a personal trainer, a bodyguard and was in the military.

When asked why he wanted to work as a HEMS Paramedic, Andy said: "HEMS is the best job within the ambulance service and it's a job most paramedics aspire to."



**Terri-Ann Lonie (Harrogate)**

Terri-Ann became a Paramedic in 2017, initially based out of Keighley, then Pateley Bridge and finally Harrogate. She then completed a secondment at HART, Yorkshire's Hazardous Area Response Team before joining Yorkshire Air Ambulance in 2022.

When asked why she wanted to join YAA, Terri-Ann said: "I wanted to work with the most amazing clinicians, Paramedics and Pilots. The pre-hospital care they give and the speed that they can fly a patient to the hospital is incredible."

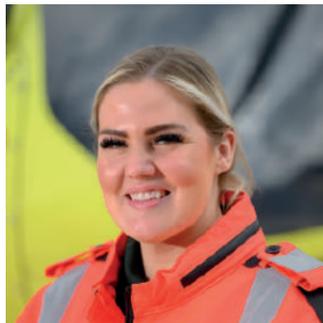


**Adele Garland**

Adele joins us as our new Social Media Executive. She is responsible for all of our social media posts and monitoring our social inboxes.

"I am extremely proud to be working for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. I'm literally looking forward to every part of working for the Charity, as it's so interesting and every day is different!"

**Interesting Fact:** My husband, my two girls, and I have been converting a cowshed for the past 12 years. It has been a labour of love, but we are almost there. Any renovation tips, I'm your girl."



**Tammy Williams (Pontefract)**

Tammy completed a three-year BSC Paramedic Science degree in London and qualified in 2016. She initially worked out of Deptford but relocated to Yorkshire and was based at Wakefield before joining YAA.

Comparing London to Yorkshire, Tammy said: "Working on the land ambulance you have a lot more trauma such as RTCs and stabbings in London and the trauma is quite invasive. It's a lot more rural up here. Being exposed to that level of trauma made me want to be a HEMS Paramedic and expand my knowledge."



**Sam Berridge (Bridlington)**

Sam lives in Bridlington. He began his career working in the Coast Guard Search and Rescue Team for nine years and joined the ambulance service in 2016. He worked his way up to Team Leader before joining the Charity.

"I wanted to work for Yorkshire Air Ambulance because it's the best air ambulance in the country and brings the very best care to critically ill patients and working in the fantastic small Critical Care Team will allow me to do this", said Sam.



**Lindsey Newey (Sheffield)**

Lindsey lives in Sheffield. She studied to become a Paramedic at Coventry University and then went on to work in Bristol for Southwestern Ambulance Service. She then moved to Yorkshire Ambulance Service before joining YAA.

"I'm very excited about joining Yorkshire Air Ambulance. It has been a long-term goal of mine to work in HEMS and I'm excited to get started and stuck in", said Lindsey.



**Fiona Blaylock (Harrogate)**

Fiona is from Harrogate and she previously worked as a Combat Medical Technician in the army and in a prison healthcare department before becoming a Paramedic in 2013.

"When you're on the road as a Paramedic with a patient and you see the air ambulance arrive, you know the patient will get extra care and sometimes get to the hospital quicker, which could potentially save their life", said Fiona.



**Laura Crompton**

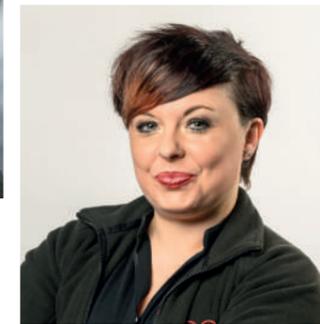
Laura joined YAA in 2022 as our West and South Regional Administrator. She handles telephone and email enquiries, booking events, and taking telephone donations for these regions.

Interesting Fact: Laura used to do Thai boxing and in her spare time enjoys gardening and cooking. She's also a fantastic baker and loves bringing cakes, especially cheesecakes, into the office, which everyone always enjoys!



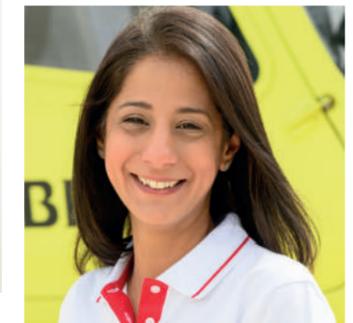
**Jonathan Heeley**

Jonathan Heeley is our new North Yorkshire Community Fundraiser. His previous roles include working for the Police Force and as a driving instructor, both jobs with lots of communication and people skills, key to the role of a fundraiser.



**Stef Maynard**

Stef Maynard is our new West Yorkshire Community Fundraiser. Stef joins us after working in a similar role for another Yorkshire based charity. Welcome aboard Stef!



**Marianne Haworth**

Marianne Haworth is our Grants and Trusts Manager. Learn more about Marianne's role on page 15.

Could you become part of our life-saving team? Find out about our current job vacancies here:

[yaa.org.uk/work-for-yaa](http://yaa.org.uk/work-for-yaa)

# Fundraising updates



## Leeds Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan Parade

In April we attended the Leeds Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan Parade organised by the Sikh Temple in Leeds. We were extremely honoured to be welcomed as part of the parade and very grateful for the wonderful hospitality and generosity of all.

Supporters donated an incredible £450 to YAA on the day, and we had a wonderful time learning about all the celebrations and traditions, as well as speaking to people about the work of YAA.

## Hike4Helis

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Hike4Helis 2021 challenge, your incredible support has helped us raise more than £10,000 for YAA since the campaign began.



Follow our fundraising stories and updates on our news page and blog:  
[yaa.org.uk/news-patient-stories/news](http://yaa.org.uk/news-patient-stories/news)

## Promotional Vehicle and Heli visits

Want to learn more about our life-saving charity and speak to our team of fundraisers?

Check out our scheduled promotional van and helicopter visits this summer.

[yaa.org.uk/get-involved/events](http://yaa.org.uk/get-involved/events)



## ▲ Benidorm Bangers

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the recent Benidorm Bangers 'Run to the Sun' and the support crew who accompanied the teams on their 1,500 km + journey from the UK to Benidorm. An incredible £10,737 was raised this year, bringing the total over the years to a staggering £79,870. The event sees around 150 old 'bangers' tinted and decorated and then driven from the UK, through various parts of Europe including Paris and Andorra, before finishing in Benidorm with a great celebration party!



## Pedal for Pounds

A big thank you to everyone who took part in HTAFC Pedal for Pounds 2022 from Huddersfield to Harrogate, which was kindly sponsored by Made by Cooper. More than 140 cyclists took part in the two-day event, and £38,000 was raised and split between four charities, including ourselves. Thank you to Huddersfield Town Football Club for choosing us as one of the beneficiary charities this year and to everyone who joined in - it was a fantastic event.

# Bank Holiday Stats

Bank holidays are often the busiest times for all emergency services, as more people take to the roads and take part in leisure activities.



148

Over the last four years, the Charity has responded to 148 incidents on UK bank holidays across Easter, Spring Bank and Christmas. There has been almost a 10% increase in incidents since 2018.



In 2018, we responded to 33 incidents, followed by 40 in 2019 and 41 in 2020. Bank Holiday incidents dipped slightly to 34 in 2021.



2020

Despite being amid a pandemic and one bank holiday weekend under lockdown rules, 2020 was the busiest year between 2018 and 2021 for bank holiday call-outs.



The most common bank holiday incidents are road traffic collisions and motorcycle incidents, of which within the last four years there have been 18, followed closely by falls and equestrian incidents. In 2020, the most common incident type was cycling.



Men were involved in nearly three times more incidents than women (52 vs 19) and the most common patient ages were between 40 – 65 years old.



21

This Easter saw the Charity respond to 21 incidents across the region, including serious incidents across some of Yorkshire's motorways.



**Paul Holmes**, Acting Clinical Operations Manager said: "Bank holidays are a busy time not only for ourselves, but many emergency services as more people are out and about across the UK enjoying themselves and not always thinking about the necessary precautions. While we want people to enjoy their summer, we would also like to urge everyone to remain safe and be aware of common hazards that these busy periods may bring."

# What do these people have in common?

Every year, YAA treats a diverse mix of patients. In 2021 alone, we responded to 1,712 incidents, and over the last 20 years, we have flown more than 8,300 patients to major trauma centres across the region, often for life-saving treatment.

Here are just a small example of people YAA has helped over the years:



*Kayanna Nicol*

On 10th April 2019, Kayanna Nicol from Doncaster, who was seven at the time, accidentally walked into the pathway of an oncoming vehicle. The back wheel of the car caught her leg and split it from side to side causing massive trauma. Kayanna was flown to Sheffield Children's Hospital, where she was rushed into a five-hour surgery to save her leg. Kayanna's father Keith, said: "She received excellent attention and the treatment that Kayanna received was second to none. I couldn't fault anyone; they are all brilliant people".



*Caroline Shepherd*

Caroline Shepherd from Helmsley, North Yorkshire, was out on her horse at Lockton near Pickering in 2018 when she suddenly collapsed and fell from it. Caroline was airlifted to James Cook University Hospital, where brain scans revealed that she had suffered from a subarachnoid haemorrhage. Doctors told her that she was lucky to be alive as she had technically died at the scene before being resuscitated. Caroline is now a registered volunteer for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. "I owe them my life and I cannot thank them enough for everything they have done", she said.



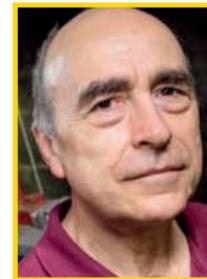
*Anthony Burman*

Anthony Burman was involved in a serious motorcycle racing incident at Elvington race track near York in 2009. He said: "Without the Yorkshire Air Ambulance I would not be where I am today, you just never know when you or your family may need these heroes"



*Professor Ben Von Hout*

Professor Ben von Hout suffered a near-fatal cardiac arrest in York in May 2019. Speaking of his incident, Ben said: "The faster you are at the hospital, the better the results are and of course going in the helicopter decreases the time between symptoms and having a stent placed. I can only be thankful to everyone doing such a good job. I can't believe how lucky I am."



*Robert Wood*

Robert Wood was doing some maintenance work on the 106-year-old bells at Middleham Parish Church in Wensleydale, when he slipped and fell several feet onto part of the mechanism, impaling his chin on a metal peg. We flew Robert to James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough for an urgent four-hour operation on his jaw. "The land and the air ambulance were there very quickly, and I was just so grateful to be flown to the hospital within minutes. They saved me from what would have been a long and painful journey of over an hour on winding roads", said Robert.



*Imran Choudhry*

Imran Choudhry from Oldham was featured in a one-hour special episode 'Critical Hour' of the award-winning television show, Helicopter ER. His accident, which saw him fall around 100ft down a steep ravine from the Trinnacle Point at Saddleworth Moor, was one of YAA's most complex rescues in our 22 years of operations. He said: "They are my angels who saved me. I'm so grateful for their help. It was a very challenging rescue and it's amazing what they did to save me."



*Hayley Delaney*

Hayley Delaney from Bradford was only five weeks away from completing her midwifery course when she was involved in a serious road traffic collision when a car ran a red light at a crossroads near Cleckheaton back in 2013. She was left with significant brain injuries and had to learn to walk again. "The air ambulance are my angels in the sky. I wouldn't be here without them. They have saved my life and changed my life, and they will always hold a special place in my heart", said Hayley.



*Nigel Atkinson*

On the 26th of September 2019, Nigel Atkinson was riding his motorcycle on the M18 motorway near Thorne. As he was passing an articulated goods vehicle, the prop shaft from that wagon flew off into the front wheel of his bike resulting in Nigel coming off his bike at 70 mph causing him serious injury. A passer-by named Matthew, who was driving his van, positioned his vehicle to protect Nigel as he was catapulted through the air, so no further damage came to him on the busy motorway and then started immediate CPR until the emergency services arrived. We dispatched our helicopter and Nigel was flown to the hospital for further treatment. "I'm eternally grateful to YAA and Matthew's heroic efforts", said Nigel.

Abby Barmby, Director of Marketing and Communications added: "These are just a few of the remarkable people we have been able to help and save over our 22 years of operations. All of them highlight the vital work we do, and how our crews help to save lives. We are so grateful to each

of them for allowing us to share their story and help us educate people about the work our charity does. As an independent charity which receives no direct government funding, we rely solely on charitable donations so having previous patients share their stories does help us spread the word."

Read more patient stories here:  
[yaa.org.uk/news-patient-stories/  
 patient-stories](http://yaa.org.uk/news-patient-stories/patient-stories)

# Volunteers - *What's* Your *Why*



**From bucket collections to event organisation, talks with local businesses and communities to cheque presentations. Yorkshire Air Ambulance has over 200 volunteers and they are an integral part of our YAA family, helping us spread the word far and wide and keeping us in the forefront of their communities' minds.**

**Our volunteers come from all walks of life, from those who are retired and looking to give up their spare time, to some of our former patients who would like to give back to the service that helped them when they needed it the most. They all have unique skills and personalities that they bring to our team.**

**In 2020, we launched our 'What's your why' campaign, asking our patients, supporters and staff why they support Yorkshire Air Ambulance and this year, we're turning our focus on our volunteers.**

## *John Mitchell*

**North Yorkshire Volunteer**



John Mitchell is a former patient of Yorkshire Air Ambulance and he volunteers in the North region. In 2014, John from Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire was crushed by a five-and-a-half tonne machine. One of our helicopters was dispatched and he was flown to Leeds General Infirmary for treatment.

Speaking of why he volunteers for the charity, John said: "I can't think of words to say to thank YAA for that day they came to help me. It gives me a great feeling that I am playing a small part for someone else that might need the service in the future."

## *Margaret Potter*

**North Yorkshire Volunteer**



"Sadly my husband passed away and I thought I could either sit at home and do nothing or get out there and do something. I heard fellow volunteer Mike give a talk about YAA, thought that would be interesting to be involved in and was put in touch with

Helen, the then Community Fundraiser for the North region. We talked about my interests and I agreed I couldn't bake cakes but would be happy to collect tins. I now help at events and stalls and have a long list of tin venues. I always say that YAA saved my life and gave me a life with something to do. I work hard for YAA and enjoy what I do", said Margaret.

## *Mike and Elaine Moores*

**West Yorkshire Volunteers**



Husband and wife team, Mike and Elaine volunteer in the West region and also provide vital administrative support in YAA's Cayley House office.

"Volunteering for YAA has introduced us to lots of lovely people and helped a wonderful charity to raise vital funds. We contribute our time and our energies, which in turn help to keep the air ambulances flying. The benefits to us as volunteers are great but the rewards for our communities are even greater", they said.

## *Scott Remmer*

**West Yorkshire Volunteer**



In September 2016, Scott was involved in a serious road traffic incident in Huddersfield that left him with a traumatic head injury which had a massive impact on his life. Speaking of the Charity, Scott said: "To Yorkshire Air Ambulance, I love you guys

dearly, especially those who encountered me back in 2016. I can now proudly and very gladly say, I feel indebted to this largely unrecognised, yet vital charity. They are lifesavers." He continued: "After discovering during my hospitalisation, that the heroes had saved my life and are a charity purely funded through charitable donations and organisations that kindly offer financial support, I became eager to do the same and offered my help and support in any way that I could. YAA is always happy to recruit passionate volunteers, and lo and behold, I was welcomed aboard the volunteering team with open arms back in around 2017."

## *Helen Murray-Sharpe*

**West Yorkshire Volunteer**



"I decided to support the brilliant work of Yorkshire Air Ambulance, having seen Helicopter Heroes on television. So I offered to give my time to do talks to raise awareness of their services and some funds from groups around West Yorkshire. I've

met lots of lovely people and visited some fabulous parts of the county to give the talks. I receive great support from the staff of the Charity and so this means it's a fantastic experience to be a volunteer for YAA. I recommend it", said Helen.



**Find out more about volunteering for YAA**  
[yaa.org.uk/volunteer-for-us/](http://yaa.org.uk/volunteer-for-us/)

# Shop the charity shop

As utility bills rise and the general cost of living looks to increase too, more people are shopping in charity shops to help make their money go that little bit further. But if you've never stepped foot in one before, it might be intriguing to know what you can find there.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance has two dedicated charity shops run by volunteers – one at Scarborough Market and a pop-up shop at the St John's Shopping Centre in Leeds.

The retail unit in Leeds city centre was kindly offered by the St John's Shopping Centre team to help raise the profile and vital funds for our Charity, which responded to 534 incidents across West Yorkshire in 2020, 62 of which were from the Leeds area.

Donations to the charity shop have been generously gifted by the public, members of staff and volunteers, including clothing, bric-a-brac and hand-knitted baby and children's clothing. Also available to purchase is much of the Charity's official merchandise.



Here are just a few things you might be able to find\* in store:

## Women's clothing

We have an array of women's clothing in many different sizes and styles. From leopard print shoes to traditional sarees. There are also lots of items of jewellery and 50p scarves.

## Homeware

If you're looking for something to spruce up your home, there are lots of bric-a-brac items available and some quirky finds to make your home stand out.

## Toys

From traditional toys such as Pictionary and Who's Who? to educational games such as Hopla feels and fun pieces such as this driveable digger and toy cars.

## Men's clothing

From knitted jumpers to Hawaiian shirts, there is something for everyone at YAA St John's.

## Other items you might find at our St John's shop

As well as all of the usual items that you tend to find in a charity shop, there are times when people may donate something a little bit different and special. If you're an avid collector of porcelain dolls or looking for some golf gear, you might find some treasures in our store.

Keep an eye on our social media pages to find out our opening times.

\*Stock varies every week

# Meet our new Grants & Trusts Manager



Marianne Haworth

In May 2022, Marianne Haworth was appointed our new Grants and Trusts Manager. Marianne is responsible for applying to Grants and Trusts organisations on behalf of the Charity and sourcing opportunities. We caught up with Marianne to learn all about her career history and what she aims to bring to the Charity.

## Career history

"I was a full-time lawyer practising employment as an employment solicitor for six years. I then took some time off when I had my children before working with a Parish Council giving them legal and financial advice. That's how I got into grant funding as I was applying for grants on behalf of the Parish Council. I then moved on to do grant funding for a school academy which had 13 primary schools, before leaving there to join YAA.

## Why did you want to work for YAA?

I have always lived in Yorkshire and have been drawn to the Charity. I wanted to use the skills that I have acquired to be part of a team that is doing work for such a good cause.

## What are you looking to bring to your role?

To increase contacts with a wider reach of charitable trusts and foundations. To get out there beyond Yorkshire, but also celebrate and nurture our Yorkshire relationships.

Being able to apply to Grants and Trusts organisations for funding is an integral part of YAA, and contributes heavily to our vital running costs. They help us secure funding for specialist equipment, training support and facilities for our crew to deliver the very best patient care.

## What are the current challenges to grant funding?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic instability, competition for grant funding has been fierce, with some business organisations prioritising grant funding over seeking loans or financing that needed to be repaid. Trends and themes, such as climate change and food poverty are also continually changing meaning some causes lose out temporarily.

## What kind of organisations give grant funding to charities?

Any individual, business, group or other charity can establish their foundation or charitable trust with powers to offer grants for general or specific charitable purposes. Trust funding can be granted for general operational costs or restricted for a specific initiative or project. At Yorkshire Air Ambulance we are extremely grateful to the donors who have supported us, and continue to do so, via grants.

## What do you like doing in your spare time?

I like running, going to exercise classes and mountain biking when I can. I have three children, twins and an elder child.

## Interesting fact

Marianne's family like spending a lot of time outdoors and they have a holiday booked on a small island with no electricity later this year.

Find out more about how Grants from Trusts help YAA  
[yaa.org.uk/support-us/grants-from-trusts/](http://yaa.org.uk/support-us/grants-from-trusts/)

# FAQs



We caught up with our Acting Clinical Operations Manager Paul Holmes to answer some of your most frequently asked questions.

## What do you get up to in between calls?



It depends. When we're at the unit, a lot of people have different things to do. We have audits, training to do and occasionally have people doing degrees, master's degrees and research papers in the quieter areas of the base. Sometimes people just want to have a coffee and biscuit and watch television for a bit to unwind.

## How do you cope with traumatic incidents?



A lot of jobs we go to could lend themselves to being classed as traumatic due to the nature of the jobs we do. We have mental health first aiders on base and TRIM (Trauma Risk Management) practitioners so we can identify the changes in people's behaviours and work out what might be underlying and signpost them accordingly. Because we work so closely with each other, we do have a rapport where we can just have a chat and work out what we can improve and what learnings can come from traumatic incidents.

## What is your average call-out length?



The average call-out length depends on the type of job we go to. If we respond to an incident in a rural area, we have to lift from the base and then find somewhere to land and if it isn't close to the patient, we then have to try to either get a lift or walk to the incident. It's around one hour and 15 minutes per incident, but again it is dependent on the resources required and if we are re-tasked to another job afterwards.

## How do you keep fit?



We eat a lot of chocolates and cake at the base, so this gives us the motivation to go work out! We have a wellbeing suite here where we have running and cycling machines, as well as weights. Sometimes people will go out for a run or cycle before or after their shifts. We also have to do an annual fitness test, so we have to ensure we don't eat too many sweet treats.

## How does it feel being on television?



For me, initially, it was quite nerve-wracking. When we treat a patient, we have an idea in our minds but trying to vocalise that plan to someone who is putting a camera in your face is quite daunting. But you get used to it and the guys and girls from Air TV are so embedded in the team now that enables us to almost forget that they are there. It is interesting when you are recognised down the street or at a PR event. My little girl enjoys seeing me on TV too!

## How do you become a HEMS Paramedic?



The process to become a HEMS Paramedic is quite complex. We have to, first of all, be employed by the ambulance service (YAS). So you need to do all of your qualifications, then you have to become registered with The Healthcare Professions Council which regulates the Paramedic profession by which point then you need three to five years experience on the road post qualification. A lot of people have the ambition to come to the unit, but it's a huge learning curve for experienced Paramedics, never mind newly qualified Paramedics. By applying for a job, you then have to undergo an assessment including a fitness test and a few scenarios, a written paper and then all the scores are added up to decipher who is eligible to come for an interview.

# YAA 2022 EVENTS

**July -  
Sept  
2022**

25th July -  
5th Sept

## YAA Great Scavenger Hunt

This year we are keeping our YAA Scavenger Hunt simple and ask you to search for coloured treasures. All you need is: An empty egg box (6 or 12, it's up to you), different coloured paints, and a paintbrush. To find out more please visit our website.



# YAA 2022 EVENTS

**Oct  
2022**

25th Oct

## YAA 22nd Birthday

This year we will celebrate 22 years of Saving Lives Across Yorkshire and we would love you to join us. More information about our 22nd birthday celebrations will be posted on our social media channels. Stay tuned!



To join one of these fantastic events, head over to our website for more information or tickets

[yaa.org.uk](http://yaa.org.uk) or contact [info@yaa.org.uk](mailto:info@yaa.org.uk) for more information

**Sept  
2022**

9th Sept

## St Leger

St Leger is one of the most prestigious race weeks of the British horse racing calendar, it is the world's oldest classic and the only classic in Yorkshire and is a favourite on the YAA Calendar. Come along and help support the lifesaving work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance on Friday 9th September 2022.



**Sept  
2022**

18th Sept

## YAA Skydive

Discover the stunning views of the Yorkshire Coast from a whole new angle with a Skydive for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.



**Oct  
2022**

16th Oct

## Run for All Yorkshire Marathon

The Yorkshire Marathon has been a monster success since day one. In many ways, it's the jewel in the White Rose County's sporting crown.



**YORKSHIRE**  
AIR AMBULANCE  
Registered Charity No. 1084305

*Join us for  
Christmas Lunch  
at Wentbridge House Hotel*

**Friday 9th December 2022**

11:30 am arrival for welcome drink and browsing the Christmas market,  
3 course lunch served from 1 pm, accompanied by live entertainment.

**£45.00 per person**

To book your place, please visit: [yaa.org.uk/product/yaa-christmas-lunch-ticket/](http://yaa.org.uk/product/yaa-christmas-lunch-ticket/)  
scan the QR code with your smart phone,  
call Katie on 07770 835 241 or email [k.collinson@yaa.org.uk](mailto:k.collinson@yaa.org.uk)

# Fundraising *Shout Outs*



## Carrying the weight for YAA

A huge congratulations and thank you to Michelle Crowther who took part in the World Coal Carrying Championships on Easter Bank Holiday Monday, finishing 7th out of 24 in her race, and 21st out of 53. Michelle has raised over **£240** in sponsorship for YAA.



## Wakefield Ukulele group's continued YAA support

A big thank you to Wakefield Ukulele 'Wakelele' for their continued support at our events. When able, they join us at various stalls in Wakefield and Leeds to play and attract donors to our stall. Last year, one of their members Mike Hindley walked 1,000 miles for us, raising an incredible **£1,090**.



## School girl's £1,365 fundraising success

Lucy Thornton from Monk Drystone near Selby who also attends Wakefield Girls' high school has raised an impressive **£1,365** for the Charity through her Duke of Edinburgh bronze award.

To raise much-needed funds for the life-saving service, Lucy organised a quiz afternoon at her local community centre, a raffle and her dad sold merchandise at his business.



## Ambulance Service Worker's £10,000 fundraising milestone

A huge well done and thank you to Jonny Maw who has raised over **£10,000** for YAA selling our merchandise at the Ambulance Liaison desk at Barnsley Hospital.



## Italian job style prize for Horbury couple

Suzanne Wrigley-Foster and Geoff Watson from Watson's Car Specialist Garage based in Horbury decided to raffle off a classic Mini Copper last year with funds raised donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Midlands Air Ambulance. After selling tickets for over a year across Yorkshire attending events such as Whitby War Weekend and Tadcaster Classic Car Show a lucky winner was drawn. Shane Newcombe was delighted to receive the phone call to inform her that she was the lucky winner. The raffle raised an impressive **£7,019** for YAA!

Read more community thank yous here:  
[yaa.org.uk/news-patient-stories/community-thank-yous](http://yaa.org.uk/news-patient-stories/community-thank-yous)

## BRM Ltd *East Cowton's Open Day* raises **£1,622** for **YAA**



Thank you to Brian, Hannah and all the team at BRM Ltd East Cowton for their fantastic fundraising at the recent Open Day raising £1,622. This takes their total raised to over **£4,500**. The day was a great success thanks to the hard work of Hannah and the team. Guests and YAA staff enjoyed good food in the sunshine, and it was a great farming community event. Our YAA promotional vehicle looked relatively small compared to the size of the tractors on display!

## Golden Sands Holiday Park **£11k fundraising milestone**



A huge thank you and well done to Golden Sands Holiday Park in Withernsea who have raised **£11,470.50** over the last few years for Yorkshire Air Ambulance, through various fundraising events and activities, including Saturday night Bingo and 'Open the Box' competitions and has pledged to support the Charity for the next two years.

To find out more about how your business can support Yorkshire Air Ambulance, visit:  
[yaa.org.uk/support-us/corporate-business-partnerships](http://yaa.org.uk/support-us/corporate-business-partnerships)

# Shop Summer

We've picked out some of our favourite items from our store to help get you through summer 2022. From kid's sunglasses to baseball caps, hydration water bottles and fold-up backpacks, we have everything you need for your Great British staycations, trips abroad or staying stylish at home.

Baseball cap



£10

YAA fold-up backpack



£7

YAA Children's sunglasses



£6

725ml YAA Logo water bottle



£10

725ml YAA Hydration level water bottle



£10

500ml YAA logo sports water bottle



£8

Dog bandana



£5

We all know the British weather can be unpredictable so we're including a free YAA umbrella with orders over £15. Just quote 'YAANEWSLETTEROFFER' when ordering.



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# Views from the Crew



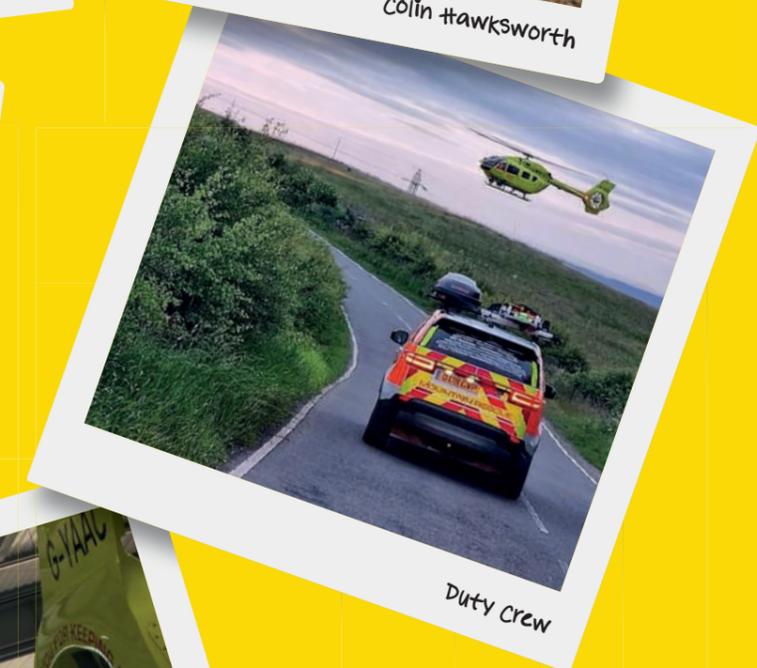
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# Thank **You**



It costs £12,000 a day to keep the Yorkshire Air Ambulance helicopters maintained and in the air, thank you for supporting our Charity and keeping us flying over Yorkshire

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- Becoming a Volunteer
- Hosting an event
- Playing our weekly lottery
- Leaving a gift in your will

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