



Volunteer Information Pack

2023



About the Yorkshire Air Ambulance

It's a common misconception that **Yorkshire Air Ambulance** is government funded. We are not.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance relies solely on the generosity of individuals and organisations to help save lives across the region, and it costs **£19,000** a day to keep our helicopters airborne.

In fact, as an independent Charity, we only receive help through the secondment of the paramedics from Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust. Yorkshire Air Ambulance fly daily with a crew consisting of a highly trained Pilot, a Critical Care Consultant level Doctor with experience in A&E and an anaesthesia specialism, and two Critical Care Paramedics.

As a rapid response emergency service, our air ambulances serve a population of five million people across four million acres. Our two air ambulances operate from Nostell Priory near Wakefield in West Yorkshire and RAF Topcliffe near Thirsk in North Yorkshire, covering the whole of Yorkshire seven days a week, 365 days per year. Last year (2021-2022) the Yorkshire Air Ambulance responded to 1,701 incidents across Yorkshire and treated 1211 patients.



Volunteering Yorkshire Air Ambulance

We are always looking for enthusiastic, reliable and committed people to join our team of friendly volunteers. Their passion and dedication enable us to be there for the people of Yorkshire in their time of need. Our roles are flexible and can fit around you, whether that's weekly, monthly or a few times a year.

By volunteering, you can make a real difference:

- Become a vital part of the team and support the Charity in its fundraising activities.
- Receive our Volunteer handbook and a full induction including any necessary training for your role and access to ongoing development as part of your volunteer journey.
- Be assigned a Volunteer Buddy as support in your first few months.
- Receive weekly updates & invitations to volunteer meetings and socials.
- Meet like-minded volunteers and become part of the YAA family.



Volunteering roles available



Fundraising Volunteer

This role is an 'all-rounder' and ideal if you are interested in assisting with a variety of events to help raise funds and awareness of the Charity. You will be attending community events as a representative of the YAA and typical duties include: working on and setting up a stall, attending a cheque presentation, collecting tins, bucket collections at a supermarket or wearing our mascot



Community Event Volunteer

As a Community Event Volunteer, you will predominantly be helping with the set up and management of stalls across the region with our official merchandise on offer and accepting donations. These are in a large variety of locations, outdoor events or inside venues such as shopping centres and supermarkets. The events we attend are lots of fun and no two days are the same. Our staff and volunteers always get a warm welcome wherever we go.



Public Speaker

Our speakers attend numerous locations in their area to talk to a variety of groups about the lifesaving work of the YAA. Full training, equipment and an informative presentation will be provided. Our talks are extremely popular with many community groups, businesses and organisations. This could also include a shorter speech at a cheque presentation or at a dinner.



Collecting Tin Steward

Our Collecting Tin Stewards visit many shops and businesses across the region as our tins are a substantial income for the Charity. The role will also include counting and banking of these funds as well as ensuring the paperwork is completed correctly.

Volunteering testimonials



Katherine Sayers

"I have been volunteering for the YAA since 2003. I had been travelling on the bus, to work, along the A59 dual carriageway just outside Skipton and had seen the Yorkshire Air Ambulance helicopter land in the road. It was an instant decision, at that moment, that I wanted to help the charity and to keep that helicopter flying. We only had one helicopter at that time and it has been fantastic to be able to help the charity grow and see the addition of our second helicopter.

I attend events, man stalls and do bag packs and bucket collections. I have also helped out when our helicopters have landed at events."



**Andy Stockdale &
Rosemary Wood**

"We both retired at the end of 2015 having had very busy careers. We began volunteering for the YAA in January 2016.

We attend lots of events, often 'with' Polly and Percy, the YAA mascots and Herby the Helicopter who I made.

As well as the YAA merchandise that you can find in the online shop, we also sell my craft work on our stalls. These are mainly knitted items and two years ago I was awarded knitter of the year by a top knitting magazine for one of the YAA mascots that I had knitted."



Next steps

Visit our dedicated volunteer page on our website where you can find further information & our online application form: click [here](#)

Should you wish to discuss the roles further you can contact us on:



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