



Home-Start

## £64k lottery grant saves local family support charity

A family support charity that has been fighting to survive for over recent months will be able to continue its work in Ryedale for another 2 years thanks to a £63,939 grant from The Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

Home-Start Ryedale recruits and trains parent volunteers to support families who are struggling to cope for any reason, including domestic abuse, multiple births, isolation, depression, bereavement and lone parenting.

Set up in 2007, Home-Start Ryedale has been serving its local community ever since. It is one of 334 local Home-Starts that are spread right across the UK and forms part of the UK's leading family support charity.

The 2 year Lottery grant will be used to help fund the running costs associated with their activities. Jo Oliver, coordinator at Home-Start Ryedale said: "We feel extremely privileged that the Lottery Reaching Communities Fund can see the benefits our project will bring to children and families throughout the area. In a time when many

charities are facing uncertain financial futures, to receive funds to continue our service is fantastic news."

Despite the grant, staff at the charity will not be resting on their laurels. "While we continue our family support work thanks to this grant, it is crucial that we also look at ways to continue to be funded after this runs out. Families have always needed support through the hard times, and probably always will. We need to use this time to diversify our income and appeal for individual donations, company



support, and other grants, so we can continue our work after this grant runs out."

For more information on becoming a volunteer, or to find out more about Home-Start Ryedale please call Jo Oliver, t: 01653 693551, e: [hsryedale@googlemail.com](mailto:hsryedale@googlemail.com) or visit [www.home-start.org.uk](http://www.home-start.org.uk)



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The RVA offices will close for Christmas on **Friday 23 December** at 3pm and reopen on **Tuesday 3 January** at 9am.

**Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

# News



## Update from NCVO Trustee Conference

As a Trustee of RVA I was asked if I would like to attend the NVCO Trustee Conference in London at the end of October. I felt it was an opportunity to gauge the feelings of the voluntary sector across the country and to see how it compared with our experiences in North Yorkshire and in particular in Ryedale.

There were four points that came across that I wanted to share with you:

- It is important to see change as an opportunity not just a crisis
- The voluntary sector needs to consider joint ventures with the private sector, this is very new territory for us but the message came across that as a sector we need to consider the possibilities of managing civil society values with business acumen
- There are 1 million Trustees in the UK involved in 220,000 charities; there are currently 1 million young people not in education, employment or training (referred to in the media as NEETS). If every charity in the UK supported one young person and gave them a role within their charity either as a trustee, volunteer, on work experience or helping with the charities IT, our society would be a better place.

• Martha Lane Fox (MLF) as digital champion for the coalition government has been asked to engage with the 9 million people who have no interaction with computers or the internet. MLF challenged the voluntary sector to embrace digital technologies, it can be done without huge financial implications, for example facebook, twitter and skype conferencing are all free. Over the next 5-10 years all of us will have to embrace the digital age. A smart phone (2/3rds of the audience owned one) gives instant access to the internet. Smart phones are a tool for mobilizing communities, the voluntary sector must engage with new technologies if they are to stay in touch with their communities.

I came away from the conference confident that RVA and the voluntary sector in Ryedale was moving in the right direction. We still have some way to go in embracing new technologies and feeling our way in partnerships with other voluntary sector organisations and in collaborative working with the private and business sector. The road ahead promises to be interesting and challenging but I hope that the opportunities for Ryedale will be positive.

Claire Hall, Vice Chair, RVA and Chief Officer, Ryedale Carers Support



**101 is the number to call when you want to contact your local police - when it's less urgent than a 999 call. 101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

You should call 101 to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to your local officers.

For example, you should call 101 if: your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged, you suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood.

101 is being introduced as part of the government's wider work to improve access to the police, ease pressure on 999, and help to efficiently and effectively tackle crime and disorder.

You should continue to call 999 when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call, or how long you are on the phone.

Calls to 101 are answered by police call handlers in the control room of the local police force. This ensures that staff with local knowledge can answer and deal with the calls and respond appropriately. You will **not** be put through to a large national call centre.

**101 will be introduced in North Yorkshire during December 2011.**

# Training

## Redundancy and Restructuring - all the options



This course will enable you to approach organisational change and HR management in a downturn in a constructive and positive manner.

Attendees will leave with a wealth of knowledge on best practices for managing process, communicating changes, maintaining legislative compliance and minimising the impact on your organisation.

Almost every organisation is experiencing difficult times at the moment. This course looks at the options available to any organisation facing a downturn in activity. Options are not just limited to redundancy, and the emphasis here is on early consultation with your employees so that you can find the best way forward for both them and you.

By being aware of all the options available to you before you need to make decisions you will help your organisation and improve employee relations.

Date: 12/01/2012 Time: 09:30 - 16:30 Venue: ACAS Yorkshire and Humber, Leeds, LS2 8ER

Price: £160.00 + VAT

For more information or to book go to: <https://obs.acas.org.uk/ViewEvent.aspx?EventId=185181>



### North Yorkshire and York Forum

organises a wide range of high quality, value for money training aimed at voluntary and community organisations and their trustees, staff and volunteers.

For more information and courses go to

[www.nyyforum.org.uk](http://www.nyyforum.org.uk)

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# Partnerships



## Will Week Success

Ryedale Charities Together ran their third Will Week in October – and it was their most successful yet.

All six firms of solicitors working in Ryedale generously supported us – and the Gazette and Herald provided additional publicity, as well as our featured advertisement.

All of the solicitors wrote at least one will and most wrote several. Pearsons & Ward in Malton made a fantastic effort on our behalf, with thirteen clients writing wills and giving a donation.

It has been very heartening in difficult times to have such great support from both the solicitors who gave their time and the people who gave donations.

Several people gave donations in excess of the amount we had asked for and also spoke appreciatively of the support that they or friends and family had had from the charities involved in the Ryedale Charities Together partnership.

There are still one or two donations to come, from people who made appointments towards the end of November, but it is already clear that our Will Week will raise over £3,000! Many, many thanks to all who took part.

In addition to raising money through donations, we hope that the publicity generated might help to raise local people's awareness of our small, purely Ryedale charities and encourage them to think about leaving a 'local legacy' to either the partnership or individual organisations.

If you would like any further information about leaving a legacy or giving a donation to Ryedale Charities Together – or any of its member charities - please phone 0845 519 2575



**READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? Donate your used books NOW!**

**Ryedale Charities Together** can use them to raise funds that will enable us to continue supporting disadvantaged local people.

Take your used books to -

**Ryedale Voluntary Action, Community House, Wentworth Street, Malton**

**Next Steps Community Café in Norton**

**Ryedale Carers Support, Tinley Garth, Kirkbymoorside**

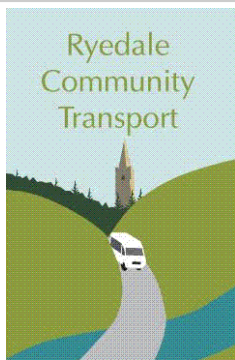
**Helmsley Walled Garden**

or telephone 0845 519 2575



For more information on our partnership go to [www.ryedalecharitiestogether.org](http://www.ryedalecharitiestogether.org)

# Local Focus



## An update from Ryedale Community Transport

Ryecat became **Ryedale Community Transport** earlier in the year, and have recently moved premises from George House, Malton to Unit 2 Minster Court, Hugden Way on the Norton Industrial Estate.

The new premises are well situated, purpose built and provide easier access to the A64 for the Ryedale Community Transport fleet.

Ryedale Community Transport would like to invite everyone to join them at Malton and Norton Rugby Club on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 12.30 for their Annual General Meeting and Official Launch.

Transport will be provided from the Rugby Club to their new premises at Minster Court, Norton for an informal tour of the building and give you an opportunity to meet the staff and look at the Fleet vehicles. A return journey will be provided for the start of the AGM.

The official Annual General Meeting will start at 14.00 at Malton and Norton Rugby Club.

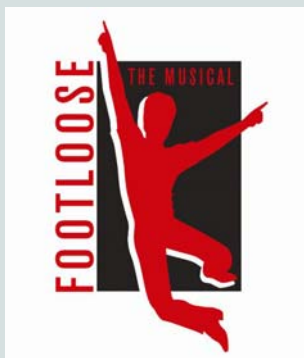
Ryedale Community Transport invites your continuing support to improve their service for the community of Ryedale and to meet the transport needs.

**So please put this date in your Diaries as your support is invaluable.**

**If you would like any more information on the events or would like to join the team of Volunteer Drivers please contact 01653 699059.**



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**[www.encephalitis.info](http://www.encephalitis.info)**

# Funding

## CLA Charitable Trust

The Country Land and Business Association (CLA) Trust aims to help to provide facilities for the disabled to take part in country sports and recreation as well as training in agriculture and horticulture.

It also promotes education in the countryside for disadvantaged children and young people.

The average grant awarded is in the region of £2,500.

Applications should be for a specific project or item of capital equipment, rather than on-going running costs.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information see [www.cla.org/AbouttheCLA/GrantsApplication](http://www.cla.org/AbouttheCLA/GrantsApplication)

## NYCC Innovation Fund

### **NYCC Innovation Fund Early Bird Alert!!**

The second round of this fund is due to be announced in December. More information on the fund can be found at: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=16130>

## Planning your fundraising

Has your organisation recently experienced cuts in funding or does it feel as if you have lost direction recently, prompting a need to revisit how you plan your fundraising?

RVA's Funding Advisor, Sarah Lally-Marley is available to meet with groups looking to put together a long term funding strategy to enable them to achieve greater sustainability and improve chances of funding success.

For further information contact Sarah on 01653 600120 or email [sarahlm@rva-cvs.org.uk](mailto:sarahlm@rva-cvs.org.uk)

To download a copy of 'How to Write a Funding Strategy' see the RVA website

<http://www.ryedaleva.org.uk/SupportforyourGroup/factsheets.aspx>

### **To contact the Funding Advisor:**

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# VCS Services

## RYEDALE FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Ryedale Forum for Older people held a very successful meeting entitled '**The Faces of Our Champions**' on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> at Malton & Norton Rugby Club. Almost 70 members attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to show the members that there are real people who can take forward ordinary older people's concerns to the highest level.

The Chairman **Rob Salkeld** introduced the speakers: local MP **Anne McIntosh**; County Councillor **Shelagh Marshall** who is the County Older People's Champion and who chairs the Yorkshire Forum on Ageing and is also a member of the UK Advisory Forum on Ageing; District Councillor **Vivienne Knaggs** the new Older People's Champion for Ryedale and County Councillor **Val Arnold** the North Yorkshire Older People's Champion for Ryedale.

A very lively 'Question Time' included discussions on a wide variety of topics including: the lack of NHS dentists

in Ryedale; free bus passes; direct payments for social care; housing including affordable housing, extra care housing and the question of why empty privately owned houses cannot be released for use; the attitude of the Coalition Government to the problems of delivering services to older people in rural areas. The suggestion recently made that older people should give up their houses so that younger people could have them drew many wry comments.

All the speakers gave very informative responses and the meeting was thought to have been most useful both by the members and by the speakers who had welcomed the opportunity to address such a large and vocal group of older people.

A delicious sandwich lunch, provided by members, followed the meeting.

If you would like to know more about **Ryedale Forum for Older People** please contact Judith Denniss on 01653 697077 or email: [judithdenniss@live.co.uk](mailto:judithdenniss@live.co.uk)

## Digital Unite Learning Zone

The Digital Unite Learning Zone is an extensive resource of easy to use technology guides.

<http://learning.digitalunite.com/>

With over 200 free learning guides, the newly updated Learning Zone is one of the largest, independent online resources for helping people to learn more about digital technology. The guides are easy-to-use, offer guidance and information in a clear and step-by-step way and cater for people at varying levels, from the complete beginner to the more competent computer user.



## The Safe Network – safeguarding children and young people

Run as a partnership between NSPCC, Children England and Child Accident Prevention Trust, the **Safe Network** provides a website containing free practical safeguarding information and advice for voluntary and community groups, as well as running training events, an enquiry service, and community-based support through regional development managers, champions and other VCS partners.

Visit the website at [www.safenetwork.org.uk](http://www.safenetwork.org.uk)



## Making the Link: Preventing unintentional injury

Making the Link is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's (CAPT) networking and partnership site for senior practitioners and policymakers working in child accident prevention. It contains a free guide to partnership working in child injury prevention, case studies and the latest policy developments and statistics in this area. CAPT joined forces with Safe Network in early 2011.

More details at [www.makingthelink.net](http://www.makingthelink.net)



# VCS Services

## New website for Ryedale Counselling Service

Please visit our new website [www.ryedalecounselling.org.uk](http://www.ryedalecounselling.org.uk) to find

- Information about counselling, and specific issues e.g. anxiety, depression etc,
- Details of RCS services, and how you can access them e.g. self-referral, online counselling, face-2-face & telephone counselling,
- Sign-posting to other sources of advice & support.



**PANSI**

Projecting Adult Needs and Service Information



**POPPI**

Projecting Older People Population Information

If you are a Charity looking for statistical evidence to support a funding bid, POPPI and PANSI may be able to help. The Institute of Public Care have been working with Oxford Brookes University to produce an excellent user friendly website giving data for Ryedale from the Office of National Statistics (ONS). POPPI stands for Projecting Older People Population Information Service so gives lots of statistics for the over 65s and PANSI for Projecting Adult Needs and Service Information giving information for 16 – 64 year olds.

You need to register to use the website and you cannot use hotmail, yahoo or gmail email addresses. So if your organisation has an "org.uk" email address and a charity number it will be well worth having a look.

If you cannot access this information, RVA may be able to provide you with the information that you are looking for. Contact Sarah Lally-Marley on [sarahlm@rva-cvs.org.uk](mailto:sarahlm@rva-cvs.org.uk) or telephone 01653 600120

[www.pansi.org.uk](http://www.pansi.org.uk)

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## Malton and Norton Town Ambassador Pilot Project

The Malton and Norton Town Ambassador Pilot Project which was hosted by RVA has now ended. A copy of the final pilot report is available to download from the RVA website. Go to: [www.ryedaleva.org.uk/SupportforyourGroup/Publications.aspx](http://www.ryedaleva.org.uk/SupportforyourGroup/Publications.aspx)

## Useful Websites

[www.ryedaleva.org.uk](http://www.ryedaleva.org.uk) an online resource providing voluntary and community support.

[www.nyyforum.org.uk](http://www.nyyforum.org.uk) registered charity formed and run by voluntary and community organisations in York and North Yorkshire to promote, develop and support new and existing forms of voluntary and community action; and to ensure that their views and interests are well represented.

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