



# Community First Yorkshire



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### About us

Community First Yorkshire is an influential, regional body working across North, South and West Yorkshire to inspire and support positive local action. We are the first port of call for voluntary and community organisations, and social enterprises in North Yorkshire looking for practical support.

We help with everything from governance and funding, to strategic planning and community engagement through our training and events, resources and networks.

We are also a rural community council, part of the national ACRE Network (Action with Communities in Rural England), helping communities improve the quality of life for all people living and working in rural Yorkshire.

### Media spokespeople

Community First Yorkshire has a number of people who can give expert media comment and background briefings on all aspects of our work, including how to help communities develop, the joy of volunteering, and rural issues.

Contact our Marketing & Communications team for any help you need.

### Getting in touch



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# Our spokespeople

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## About Jane



### **Jane Colthup, Chief Executive**

Jane has recently joined Community First Yorkshire and is passionate about the power of community and helping people make a difference by feeling connected. Jane has a wealth of experience in the private, public and voluntary sector, and in speaking to the media including press, radio and TV.

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## About Mark



### **Mark Hopley, Head of Community Support**

Mark leads a team of development officers who work across North Yorkshire to support community groups, charities and social businesses. Mark's main areas of interest include charity governance, funding advice, collaborative working and creative problem solving. He is an expert in the health agenda and supporting communities to thrive.

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## About Caroline



### **Caroline O'Neill, Head of Policy & Partnerships**

Caroline has worked in the private, public and voluntary and community sectors. She focusses on national and local policies and plans to identify what it means for people, community groups and places. Her main areas of expertise are economic development, children and young people, skills development, safeguarding and rural communities.

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