

## **Nycil News**



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## <u>Eight Become One In North Yorkshire</u>

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL 1 April 2023

One council for North Yorkshire

On 1 April, the county council and seven district and borough councils in North Yorkshire became one – North Yorkshire Council.

All eight councils have been working together to establish how best services can be provided, while ensuring business continues as usual. This means you will see minimal change as they bring services and staff together in the background. For example, your bins will be collected, you will be able to access your local library, take part in activities at

your local leisure centre, and contact your local planning department for advice.

Access to support and services will be easier, with one telephone number, one website and one customer service team, ending the confusion over which current council is responsible for which service. The new council will retain a main office in each former district area, supported by around 30 additional local customer access points in the places people go.

## Your Help Is Needed For More Wheelchair Access

North Yorkshire Disability Forum and its Accessible Transport Group are seeking your experiences regards the lack of wheelchair accessible taxis across North Yorkshire.

Nationally over 50% of all taxis are accessible. Across North Yorkshire Council's area it's 7.7% meaning that, in many towns and villages, neither wheelchair using residents or visitors can obtain a suitable taxi. North Yorkshire Council has agreed to commission an Inclusive Survey Plan via a specialist consultancy, to assess if more accessible taxis are needed, with the commitment to consider the consultant's recommendations within 12 months.

This is where your input is needed. We want to know your experiences, have you tried to book a taxi and been told there isn't one available? Have you had a pre-booking refused as the operator cannot guarantee the availability of an accessible taxi?

Have you missed appointments or social events because of this? But also do you have any examples of good practice that might be replicated by others?

It can be anything on the subject, we'd like to know so we can pass it on, if you've had experiences contact us on 01723588002 or email

admin@nycil.org.uk. Your input could be part of change for the better.



Have you got an interesting story or an event/group you'd like us to promote?

Get in touch and we'll include it in our next newsletter, for free!\* Please contact us at:

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## Come Give It A Go: A Taste of Treats Tuesday 16th May 12-3pm The Street Singing 1-2pm 1-2pm Table Tennis Zumba 2.15 pm Curling Refreshments Come on and Have a go!! dag

Scarborough Disability Action Group are holding a Treats taster day for people to come along and see what activities are available as part of Scarborough DAG Treats project.

Treats is for local people and its aim is to offer activities which will help people meet new friends and try out new activities.

The taster day will be held at The Street on Tuesday 16th may from 12pm until 3pm.



