**Harrogate Countryside Activities Programme**

**October to December 2025**

**Dates for your diary:**

Saturday 18th October 2025: 35th Anniversary Ceilidh, Starbeck

Tuesday 4th November: Harrogate Advisory Group

Friday 14th November 2025: GAS Awards, Yorkshire Arboretum

Monday 8th December: 2025 Annual General Meeting

**ADVENTURE CLUB**

This outdoor pursuits group can be more strenuous than some, but we try and keep it fully inclusive wherever possible.

Saturday 25th October CAVING IN

A subterranean adventure in a brilliant purpose-built indoor cave at Yeadon Tarn. Cost: £14 Trip: £10 Travel time: ½ hour

Sunday 16th November GUN WITH THE WIND

A shot at accessible indoor air rifle shooting near Swinefleet, with a brief walk to blow away the cobwebs. Cost: £12 Trip: £12 Travel: 1¼ hours

Friday 28th November GOING SWIMMINGLY

We’ll go to Starbeck Baths for an evening swim, with fish and chips to boot! Admission: £4 Trip: £5 Travel: 20 minutes Meet from: 5.30pm

Saturday 13th December CHRISTMAS CLIMB

More hanging around at Harrogate Climbing Wall. Cost: £15 Trip: £10 Travel: 20 mins

**OUTINGS GROUP**

Open to anyone with a physical disability or sensory impairment, we visit a wide range of wheelchair accessible locations.

Saturday 11th October LAND OF IRON

A visit to the Ironstone Museum at Skinningrove. Manual wheelchairs only admitted on the mine tour. Admission: £10, Carers FREE Trip: £12 Travel time: 1½ hours Sunday

12th October CORE, IT’S APPLE DAY!

A visit to Bradford’s Bowling Park Allotments, to join in with their celebration of the humble apple. Admission: FREE Trip: £10 Travel time: 1 hour

Saturday 18th October FAIR DO

A trip to the Scarborough Fair Collection and Vintage Transport Museum, where classic cars jostle with steam engines, mechanical organs & fairground rides. Cost: £9.80, Carers FREE, Trip: £12 Travel time: 1¾ hours

Saturday 8th November AUTUMN WOODS

Explore the autumnal delights of Middleton Woods, the largest ancient woodland in Leeds. Admission: FREE Trip: £12 Travel time: 1 hour

Sunday 9th November TEMPLE NEWSAM

Enjoy the Jacobean country house and parkland on the edge of Leeds, with a seasonal craft market thrown in too! Admission: £10, Carers FREE Trip: £10 Travel time: ¾ hour

Saturday 29th November NOSTELL PRIORY

A winter stroll around the grounds at Nostell, followed by a peruse of the craft market and a warming winter beverage. Admission: FREE Trip: £12 Travel time: 1 hour

Sunday 7th December SHIPLEY GLEN

A visit to the historic glen on the edge of Bradford. We’ll pop into Bracken Hall Countryside Centre and, if it is running, have a go on the Victorian tramway (manual wheelchairs only). Admission: £2.50 Trip: £10 Travel time: 1 hour

Sunday 21st December CHRISTMAS MEAL A short walk around Yeadon Tarn, before enjoying a scrumptious festive feed at Hawthorne Farm, Yeadon. Cost: Two courses, £16.99 Trip: £10 Travel Time: ½ hour

**WILD THINGS**

Have fun exploring the natural world - you never know when nature calls!

Sunday 26th October BROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

A chance to see badgers, in the company of Ella Dixon. Cost: FREE Trip: £12 Travel: 1¼ hours Meet from 5pm, Back late!

Fri 21st - Sun 23rd November WILD TEESSIDE RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND Teesside is alive with wildlife, and we’ll see loads of it this weekend! We’ll visit RSPB Saltholme, see the seals at Greatham Creek and pop into Scorton Lakes. We’ll stay at Watson Scout Camp in Carlton-in-Cleveland. Cost: £100

Sunday 14th December FOWL PLAY A trip to RSPB Old Moor, near Barnsley, for over-wintering wildfowl and waders. Admission: £6, Members/Carers FREE Trip: £12 Travel time: 1¼ hours **TANDEMONIUM!** Our seven tandem clubs are based in Guisborough, Harrogate, Ripon, Selby, Wakefield, Wetherby and York. Most of our clubs continue until the clocks go back at the end of October. Ask your leader for details and also of the date of your tandem club meal.

**SPIN CLASSES** We have a FREE Zoom-based spin session on offer each week. Please join in the fun - contact us for details. Don’t forget, we can lend you an exercise bike or a tablet if that helps! Mondays Spin class (exercise bikes & music with Ella Dixon), 6.30-7.30pm

**EASY GOING WALKS** Shorter walks that are suitable for more casual walkers and wheelchair users.

Friday 24th October FRIGHT NIGHT Visit historic York for a spooky ghost walk. Cost: £10 Trip: £12 Travel time: 1 hour Meet from 6pm

Sunday 2nd November PUMPKIN UP THE VOLUME A riverside walk to The Strid, along the famous Bolton Abbey Pumpkin Trail. Admission: £3 Trip: £12 Travel time: 1 hour

Saturday 20th December SUTTON BANK Enjoy ‘the finest view in England’. Admission: FREE Trip £12, Travel time 1 hour

**YORK WALKING GROUP**

We’re helping ambulant disabled York residents to enjoy weekend rambles twice a month. Contact us for further details if you would like to take part. The dates of our forthcoming York walks are:

Saturday 11th October GOLDEN ACRE PARK Meet at Wilberforce House. Distance: 6 miles. Travel time: ¾ hour

Saturday 15th November HUGGATE, YORKSHIRE WOLDS Distance: 5½ miles. Travel time: ¾ hour

Sunday 30th November AMPLEFORTH ABBEY TO YEARSLEY WOODS Distance: 6 miles. Travel time: ¾ hour

Sunday 23rd November WETHERBY Meet at Marygate car park Distance: 6 miles. Travel time: ½ hour

Sunday 7th December PATELEY BRIDGE Meet at Marygate car park Distance: 5 miles. Travel time: 1 hour

**SELBY WALKING GROUP** We’re helping ambulant disabled Selby residents to enjoy weekend rambles once a month. Contact us for further details if you would like to take part. The dates of our coming Selby walks are:

Sunday 19th October WELBURN, HOWARDIAN HILLS Distance: 6 miles. Travel time: ¾ hour

Saturday 1st November NEWMILLERDAM & CHEVET LINE Distance: 5½ miles. Travel time: ¾ hour

Saturday 6th December SPOFFORTH CHRISTMAS TREE WALK Distance: 5 miles. Travel time: ½ hour

**ALLOTMENT GROUP** Our intrepid allotment group lives life on the veg. Why not join the 24-carrot fun! The allotment group is finishing in mid - November, but we will start up again in March 2026. We meet on Fridays from 10am to 3pm

To book a place on an activity, telephone Open Country CI (01423) 507227. We look forward to seeing you soon!