

## Scarborough DAG Newsletter

**Summer Issue 2025** 



Scarborough Disability Action Group (DAG) is celebrating winning a significant grant from The National Lottery Community Fund, for their Advice Service. The grant will also run for 4 years.



Ian Whitfield DAG Chair said "A very big thank you to all National Lottery players and to the National Lottery for supporting DAG.

The DAG team help with a range of advice, It's vital that we are here to help whatever the need so that people they know they are not alone"

Tim Vasey DAG manager said "We are delighted that the National Lottery has recognised our work in this way. It is important because it helps both to build relationships with with being a user led group we can others facing similar challenges and to support DAG volunteers create their own circle of friends and peers"

The National Lottery Community Fund recently launched its new strategy, 'It starts with community', which will underpin its efforts to distribute at least £4 billion of National Lottery funding by 2030. National Lottery players raise over £30 million a week for good causes across the UK. Thanks to them, last year The National Lottery Community Fund was able to distribute over half a billion pounds (£615.4 million) of life-changing funding to communities.

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#### **DAG AGM**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Scarborough DAG recently held its AGM at the Street and online via zoom as well.

The attendees heard from Ian Whitfield, chair and DAG manager Tim Vasey, which involved talking them through the printed annual report and discussing DAGs and its plans for the next few years.

Treasurer Paul also went through DAG accounts and we agreed on a new auditor after Jane our previous has retired

There was also a report on the Treats project

There was also guest Speaker from North Yorkshire Council Energy saver to talk about tips to help reduce energy.

A thank you to Andrew Steel from CAVCA for his tech support to get us online for zoom, also thank you to Phil Mort for providing a wonderful lunch for us all.

If you would like to find out more about joining as a DAG member contact DAG on 01723 490029

## Filey Bay Today



Dag was recently successful in gaining funding from local charity Filey Bay Today.

The charity is run by volunteers and help local charities in Filey and local areas.

We were successful in getting funding; this funding will go towards the cost of Filey drop in sessions at the Evron Centre monthly.

Tim Vasey DAG Manager said "It is nice that Filey bay today see DAG helping Filey residents as needy cause in the community, and the money will help us be there for a year"

## **Trip to Bird Garden**



Treats had a trip to Filey Bird and animal park in June, Everyone had a great time, even with some rain

Everyone enjoyed looking at the animals including Parrots, Alapacas, Snakes and also there was a dancing parrot.

The group also found out that horses favourite TV show was neigh-bours

A thank you to Dial a Ride for their help and support on the day and to the staff at the garden and the café staff as well.

#### **Council Meetings**

DAG has been attending North Yorkshire Council Equality and inclusion meetings.

The meetings are a good way to meet people and chat about DAG. There has been guests including Phone Switchover, Probation Service and reps from other CVS across the borough and even as far away as Sefton.

#### **Cricket Club**

Scarborough Cricket Club recently held a charity night in aid of Scarborough DAG with music performance from Easy Strreet.

A big thank you to the club for a great night and helping DAG raise some funds.

#### **Water Board**

We recently had a talk from Dan from Yorkshire Water, Dan talked to the group about what schemes Yorkshire Water have to help people such as needing bigger writing in bills, easy read bills and a emergency scheme if you the water goes off.

A big thank you to Dan for the talk.

## **VCSE Get Together**

DAG recently took part in VCSE get togethers, held at the street by Cavca CEO Mel, The events are aimed at how the whole voluntary sector can and how we can have a collective voice to make sure there is a chance of surving with current funding and workloads.

## **DAG Away Day**



Following on from last years Away Day, we decided to have another away day, this time at St Catherines Hospice meeting room.

The last away day looked at the skills needed to deliver the organisation's strategy and also Conducting a skills audit of existing board members and how to recruit new members.

The aim of this year's away day was to look at how to fill gaps in the board and look at ways to recruit new board members and to look at our policies making sure we are up to date.

We also looked at a Organisational review, funding and income generation strategies, Board development and governance, Strategic planning and partnership work.

Ian Whitfield DAG chair said "Board development is vital to the ongoing success of DAG, the away day was a big help to identify gaps we are missing as a board and how to ensure the board is running at its best and its effectiveness as a board to make sure we are hitting our development plan and enabling DAG run as the best it can"

A big thank you the all the staff and St Catherines for their help and support.

## **New Viewing Point**

DAG has recently been working with The Scarborough Wild Eye Seawatching Station on Marine Drive in creating a new viewing point to watch animals and the sea.

There is access for wheelchair users, a ramp for access, a wheelchair-accessible telescope, and free parking for Blue Badge holders next to the station.

The area also includes seating, and information is provided in various formats including audio and captioned video.



#### Become a Member

Join DAG for a small annual donation and receive a membership card, newsletter, a vote at our annual general meeting, and many other benefits.



## Filey Access



We have been working with Dave Biggins on a project looking at Filey and surrounding areas on accessibility in shops and local business to help improve access in the town for all.

## **Big Local**

DAG was again invited to Barrowlciff on ice event held at Wreyfield Drive Methodist Church

A big Thank you to Kerry Lee for the invite and for letting DAG being part of the journey of the Big Local project which has sadly ended.

## Spotlight on DAG

We are pleased to have been interviewed on a podcast where DAG chair Ian and Manager Tim talked about DAG and what they do and the work that DAG does in the community and why DAG is needed.

## **YBS** Donation



We are pleased to have been awarded funding from Yorkshire Building Society which will towards a new computer which will help DAG to make sure we can support people more digitally than we do at the moment to help with online applications more.

We have got a donation from Cober Hill Hotel by selling the Table tennis tables to which will help with DAG costs.

We are pleased to say that the Buffalos have given DAG a donation towards running costs.

## **Treats Update**



Treats recently took part in a Enamel workshop making their own enamel items

There was lots of fun on the day and the event was a success

Mark Smith Treats Co-ordinatior said "The day went well and we had a good time at the café creating our own enamel items"

You can see some of the creations on DAG Facebook page

Treats also took part in a Rural Arts workshop and also some resin workshops

The group has been to see Noises off at the Stephen Joseph Theatre and had a social get together at the street.

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#### **Support DAG**

Become a member of the group and you'll get a membership box including a DAG mug, key ring and button badge. This is part of our new £10 annual membership offer and includes a regular newsletter. In addition members are entitled to vote at the group's AGM.

If you're interested in becoming a member please get in touch



DAG is a registered charity. The group is responsible for its own fundraising and so any donations that help the group to continue and develop its work are very much appreciated!

Or you can make a donation via one of the funding websites are are on such as Local Giving







