



Outcome: Community Support

Group case study: TCV York - Hull Road Park

“Members of the community now have a sense of ownership and pride for Hull Road Park and a desire to take on the commitment of keeping their community happy and healthy.”

Through the work of TCV, communities become stronger, working together to improve the places where people live and tackle the issues that matter to them.

TCV brings residents and other stakeholders together and provides them with the practical expertise, resources and training they need to engage in sustained social action that makes a positive difference. A perfect example of this is Hull Park Road in York.

Years of council cutbacks led to the green space, Hull Park Road, to become plain and unloved with minimal input and only essential maintenance.

81% of our volunteers say they feel more connected to their local community since volunteering with TCV.

Source: TCV impact figures 2020





With high hopes for the park but a very small pot of funding, a group of local ward councillors approached TCV with an idea to generate a Friends of Hull Road Park group. Their aim was to have more people use the park and help to make it attractive for investment by the city council and other funders.

The councillors were already working towards a community café in the park and wanted a project to compliment this. TCV stepped in and engaged local volunteers to make the plans a reality.

Our expertise lies in helping communities identify specific challenges and working with groups to address them. This may include finding resources and funding opportunities and for the Hull Park Road project, the TCV York team identified partners and a locally available grant.

The project now has a regular volunteer group of six who meet every Thursday to carry out gardening projects within the park.

The community café is run by Choose2Youth, a social enterprise working with young people with additional needs, and a group of eight young people join the Thursday volunteers to help out.



Volunteers have planted over 1,000 bulbs in the park, transformed a very tired rose bed into a colourful central display, laid paths, removed brambles and kept the park clear of litter.





With the help of the TCV York midweek group, corporate volunteers and members of the local community, the park has seen a transformation and has gone on to hold events such as the Tang Hall Family Festival and Party in the Park.



"The park has started a wonderful transformation for people and wildlife through the dedication of the volunteers. The impact on the community is shown by their appreciation. People regularly stop to chat and thank the volunteers for their efforts, and some of those who stopped to chat are now volunteers!"

The park is on a journey to become a wonderful community resource, where people can connect with nature, exercise and relax, a place that the community can be proud of."

Rachel Earnshaw, TCV Senior Project Officer

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