

CASE STUDY

NHS staff get their hands dirty in aid of Doncaster community centre



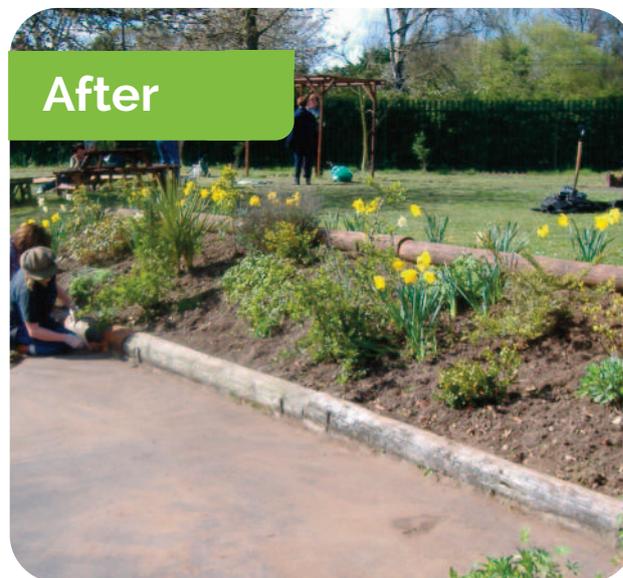
Cantley Community Centre Doncaster – Spring 2014

The community centre is a registered charity which acts as a communal hub for culture and learning for the local people of Cantley and wider areas of Doncaster, offering a range of leisure, fitness and educational activities.

This Spring Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning support (YHCS) teamed up with NHS Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to roll up their sleeves, get their hands dirty and make measurable improvements on the external environment of Cantley community centre.

Staff volunteered over 140 hours and carried out work to revitalise the garden of the community centre, making it a space that the local community can enjoy. This involved clearing paths; pruning overgrown plants; weeding; and general tidying up before planting new perennials, painting garden furniture and repairing the garden's willow tunnel.

The community engagement project was a joint partnership between YHCS, Doncaster CCG and Business in the Community, which helps organisations to connect with their local communities, and is just one in a series of projects that YHCS are taking part in alongside CCGs in West and South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw.

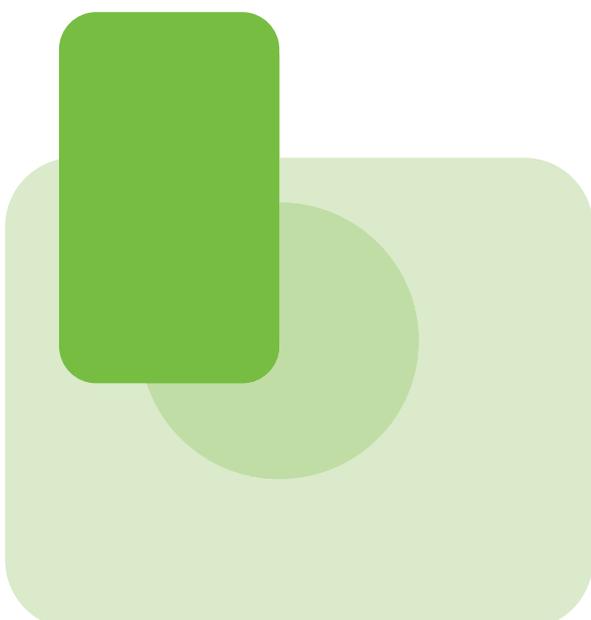


John McConville centre manager, expressed his delight to both YHCS and Doncaster CCG teams:

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May I take this opportunity to express (well try at least) our thanks and appreciation for the organisation and work that the team of volunteers carried out. We were overwhelmed by the good spirit and bonhomie displayed throughout the day. The results are staggering. I have already received a number of compliments about the condition of the garden.

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YHCS is proud to be part of this project, as a socially responsible organisation which believes that it's important to support our local communities in sustainable and practical ways. It's great to have the opportunity like this to get hands-on and make a difference to people's lives.