

# Thank You...

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## For making YBS Fest such a success!

On Sunday 25th September, colleagues, friends and families from all over the country joined together and faced the elements to celebrate the first ever YBS Fest. A good day was had by all and here are some snaps from the day.

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ave teams took on the We're A Knockout challenge, from obstacle courses, foam pits, and a few cheesy renditions of the Hokey Cokey and YMCA, to battle it out for the title of YBS Fest Knockout Winners 2022. It was a close competition, and after a huge effort from all of our teams, 4 teams entered the final, with one victor - Well Done Team Williams pictured

(Joanne, Ewan & Lewis Williams, Paige & Adrian).

The winning team were all friends of our colleagues in Huddersfield. Lisa Beaumont said:

Absolutely loved being involved in It's a knockout at the YBS Fest. It was so much fun and anybody could get involved from young to old, all abilities.

On the day we had to come up with a team name and talk tactics. Some obstacles you had to be agile & quick, others you need to be co-ordinated and accurate. The games were fun, very competitive & messy. At one point I was covered head to toe in foam, which was hilarious. 100% would do it again and I would definitely recommend it to everyone.

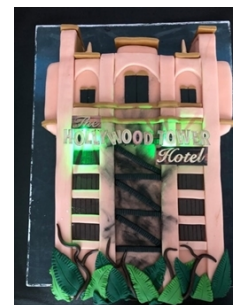




Colleagues enjoyed food, drinks, stalls and games, including the stocks (thanks to [Nicky Moss](#) and her team) footie (thanks [Laura Fozard](#)), and also had some fun with the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation.



On the day, colleagues also cast their votes for the winners of the YBS Fest Pet Show and Bake Off competition!(Pictured: meet Roger, winner of the YBS Fest Pet Show. Voters were dazzled by his charm, and our winning bake off entry)



Congratulations to:

**YBS Fest Pet Show**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Roger (pictured) owner: Gemma Brearley, Compliance

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Aria - Nik Deavall, SP&S

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Boxy & Ginger - Andrew Wright, IT & Transformation

**YBS Fest Bake Off**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Hotel (pictured) - baked by Rebecca Conway, Mortgage Distribution

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Carrot Cake - baked by Kat Leonard, Organisational Development

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Pinata Cake - baked by Tanya Nicholl, Customer Services

**And we also drew the winners of the raffle:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £60 Dining Out Card Voucher – Charlotte Mathers, Bradford HH

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £40 Garden Centre Voucher - Jo Williams, friend of Huddersfield's Knock Out Team

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Vocation Brewery Ltd Edition Case - Mark Palmer, Dewsbury

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Award Winning Spice Rub Kit - Preeya Kaur, Balance Sheet Management

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Chocolate Bouquet - Aimee Haggis, Shared Services & Resilience

6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Limited Edition YBS Bear - Sarah Belcher, Customer Services

To celebrate the festivities, our dedicated Community Champions held bake sales, tombolas and raffles across our Retail Network, all to raise funds for Age UK.



We're still waiting for the final numbers, but it looks like YBS Fest has raised over £2500 so far - a great amount for Age UK, and all funds will be matched by YBS, doubling our total.

Thanks so much to everyone who came or bought a raffle ticket, and to our volunteers who organised stalls on the day.

### **The difference you are making**

Helping people build their financial resilience is at the heart of YBS Purpose and by fundraising and supporting our partnership with Age UK and our fundraising activity such as YBS Fest, you are really making a difference.

Since launching the Building Better Lives programme, Age UK have supported **3148** older people who have experienced life-changing events and worked with them to improve their situation and plan for their future. Age UK have submitted **2523** benefit claims to help older people access the finances that they are entitled to. To date **over £5.1 million** have been confirmed, an average of £1704 per person supported through the programme - People just like **Shirley**.

Shirley (74) got in touch with Age UK as she was worrying about the rising cost of her utility bills.

Shirley has various health conditions, including arthritis and an enlarged left aorta. Due to these conditions Shirley has some physical limitations, her balance is not good, and she is in pain and has to walk slowly and gets out of breath, despite having some aids to help her. One of Shirley's conditions affects her bones and she has been advised to keep her heating on to help her manage these symptoms but with the energy prices rising Shirley was worrying about how she would be able to cover the bills.



Following an in-depth discussion with an advisor and a successful review and application, Shirley is now in receipt of the higher rate Attendance Allowance. "I am so chuffed and really appreciate your help. I am so glad I managed to find you – the extra income means so much to me and my husband. This will really help to cover the bills."

**Want to make a difference in the lives of older people? Here's how...**

What	When	How

Leeds Abbey Dash	Sunday 23rd October	Link to more info <a href="#">here</a> (log into community hub first!)
Christmas	A reminder to the retail network to order your hamper kits NOW!  Yorkshire Drive Christmas Market - keep an eye out for more details coming soon!	See details included in the RNWU  Departments - think up your stall ideas now and get in touch with the community team!
Colleague friends and family raffle	Coming soon - keep an eye out for more details	

We hope to see you at the next one!