

## Yorkshire pilot YCRBS

The Arthur Rank Centre was delighted to receive a grant from Yorkshire Churches Rural Business Support in July 2018. The grant enabled us to conduct a pilot project for a new ecumenical resource to help 4 rural churches reduce social isolation and loneliness within their local community.

<b>Littlebeck</b>	To establish a series of regular community projects
	A reminiscence group has been established, for older people in the local community to meet regularly and share memories
<b>Kirbymoorside</b>	To reach out to local parents with young children
	A Teddy Bear's picnic launched a series of child-focused events.
<b>Oxenhope</b>	To expand an existing coffee afternoon which is attended by the older generation to include parents of school-age children as well
	The weekly café is celebrating its first anniversary this year with up many parents of school age children within the group of 30 regular attendees which ranges in age from 2 – 90+!
<b>Swaledale &amp; Arkengarthdale</b>	To consider how to reach out to members of the community who might not want to join in with an activity but would still value contact
	Established a community programme in partnership with Age UK running a weekly drop in, linked with outreach work

We were delighted to be able to report that the initiative successfully established four new community projects supporting isolation and loneliness within their community and has helped over 100 people – 25 per project – to feel more engaged on a local level.

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*“The church is generous and hospitable, offering itself back to the community without asking for anything back!” – Local mums, Kirbymoorside*

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