



About Rural Action Yorkshire

Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY) is a charity working with rural communities throughout North, West and South Yorkshire to help improve the quality of life for the people who live and work there.

We help our members to recognise and develop the skills and knowledge that exist within their community, empowering them to have an input into how their local area and services are managed.

RAY aims to ensure that rural issues and 'the rural voice' are heard, acknowledged and addressed by policy-makers at all levels of government. We also work in partnership with other voluntary and statutory organisations.

How can we help? We'd love to hear from you.

For information on becoming a RAY member, call 0845 313 0270.



Contact us to find out more

Contact **Martha Holmes**, Winter Weather Development Officer, to get involved in setting up a scheme in your community, or to find out if you are eligible for a grant:

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You can also call RAY for more help & ideas or follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on the latest news and events @RuralYorkshire

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Well, Warm & Safe in Craven

Support to prepare for winter and fight fuel poverty across the district of Craven.

Events, workshops and small grants on offer to help your community.



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Enabling Your Rural Community



Set up a Winter Weather scheme

Well, Warm & Safe in Craven runs until the end of April 2015 and will focus on engaging with winter weather schemes already in operation across Yorkshire as well as encouraging residents to set up more. There will be small grants available to help towards this which communities and volunteers can apply for.

A winter weather scheme might be establishing snow wardens in your village, buying more salt bins to clear paths, or setting up a befriending service to reach out to more isolated neighbours who may need a little extra help.

RAY will work with communities to bring their ideas and hopes to reality.

If you would like to know more, apply for a grant, gain inspiration or share your own ideas, come along to one of our events or give us a call today!



Energy Switch sessions & more

What help is available?

The Craven Winter Weather project will provide support for setting up winter schemes and emergency plans, training on how to become more resilient as a community, and small grants where eligible to help towards costs.

There will be events across Craven and rural North Bradford on an array of topics including tips on switching energy supplier and on staying warm and healthy. RAY staff will be on hand to answer queries and deliver support to communities and volunteers ensuring that planning for winter is not a large, daunting nor solo task.

Who will benefit?

Community leaders such as parish councillors, volunteers and village hall representatives are all welcome, as well as anyone interested in the Craven area.

The project will also benefit older or vulnerable people who may be more at risk this winter, and anyone living in a cold home.



Past work & inspiration

Fighting Fuel Poverty

Rural regions are more susceptible by nature than others to bad weather and the rising costs of oil and energy. The number of people living in fuel poverty is rising dramatically across Yorkshire.

Our work seeks to address this and previously we have assisted 14 communities to set up winter weather schemes. These projects helped to ensure that villages and vulnerable residents are able to access support during severe weather and some of their ideas are below:

- improve equipment stores as part of a community resilience plan
- additional snow clearance to improve accessibility
- assist in travel to medical & other appointments
- deliver essential items to older people
- purchase defibrillators

More ideas are found on our website.