Commitment to Armed Forces community earns local NHS prestigious Silver Award

Last Friday, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) announced it has been proudly awarded the prestigious Silver Award in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS). The award is a testament to the ICB's "unwavering commitment to supporting the armed forces community", firmly aligning with the values and principles of the Armed Forces Covenant. Announced on the eve of Armed Forces Day, the recognition as a Silver Award holder emphasises the ICB’s proactive stance in creating a supportive workplace for all employees, particularly those from the Armed Forces community. To find out more about the Armed Forces Covenant, visit [www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk](http://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk).

IMAGE: <https://unsplash.com/photos/person-walking-on-hallway-in-blue-scrub-suit-near-incubator-ZCO_5Y29s8k?utm_content=creditShareLink&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=unsplash>

York St John University announces the York Ghost Signs Project

York St John University researchers Dr Tyson Mitman and Maise Wilson have begun a mission to uncover the hidden histories behind York’s hidden “Ghost signs” - old, hand-painted advertisements which have been preserved on a building for an extended period of time. The pair are documenting digital records of their findings of old public signs on their website. One of their featured signs is for Mackinder Clothing on Church Street, originally owned by tailer Wingate Mackinder, notable for funeral wear and military clothing during the First World War. However, not all signs are ancient, one from the 1990s advertises Charlies Games, reflecting early computer gaming culture. For more information go to [blog.yorksj.ac.uk/yorkghostsignsproject.](https://blog.yorksj.ac.uk/yorkghostsignsproject.)

IMAGE: <https://unsplash.com/photos/a-tunnel-with-a-light-at-the-end-of-it-83p0iaw-XlQ>

City of York Council promotes ‘Buzz about York’ environmental scheme

The City of York Council have been executing the ‘Buzz about York’ environmental scheme throughout the summer. The campaign aims to promote biodiversity and cultivate green spaces that grow and thrive with wildlife, with the schemes name hinting at a focus on creating a healthy environment for bees to live and pollinate. It includes a range of trials including planting flowerbeds with perennial plants that are a good source of nectar, and a reduced mowing programme. The campaigns' locations include Duncombe Place, Blake Street, Skeldergate, Station Rise and Leeman Road junction, with the sites being marked with a green ‘Buzz About York’ sticker. The scheme plans on running until the end of August. For more information go to [https://www.york.gov.uk/Buz zAboutYork.](https://www.york.gov.uk/Buz%20zAboutYork.)

IMAGE: <https://unsplash.com/photos/macro-shot-photography-of-black-bee-zXxz8AAcSmE>