

# YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE

THURSDAY, 6th July, 2017 - Coffee Morning



**KEVIN HUTCHINSON** a member of the YAA Fundraising team gave us a really interesting, illustrated talk about the invaluable work done by the Air Ambulance teams saving lives in this region.

The Charity was set up in 2000 and with the addition of the second Air Ambulance in October 2007, they were the first Air Ambulance in the UK to own and operate a Dedicated Air Desk in the UK.



There are now two Air Ambulances which operate from the Nostell Priory Estate near Wakefield and RAF Topcliffe near Thirsk, and together both Air Ambulances cover the whole of the region. They are both the familiar Yellow, which colour was chosen as the first helicopter came from the Automobile Association and that is their colour!



Both of Yorkshire's Air Ambulances are Airbus H145's, G-YAAC and G-YOAA. Each is equipped with state-of-the-art medical and helicopter specifications and can reach speeds of up to 160 mph. Together they cover the whole of the region seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The crew, which are based at either the Nostell Airbase, near Wakefield or RAF Topcliffe, near Thirsk are all part of a highly skilled team of paramedics, pilots and doctors.

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity relies on the generosity of individuals and organisations to help save lives across Yorkshire but Kevin was keen to reassure us that YAA never knock on doors for donations, or leave bags on doorsteps to be filled, or do any 'chugging'.

To keep both of Yorkshire's air ambulances in the air they need to raise £12,000 per day, or £4.4 million per year. They have so far rescued 7,283 people.

Our members were very generous in their donations.

**Thank You Anna for the Article.**