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## Armley Helping Hands has been awarded a prestigious regional community award

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Armley Helping Hands are the latest recipient of The Duke of York Community Initiative Award. His Royal Highness The Duke of York founded the initiative in 1998, primarily and actively encouraging the development of community spirit, individual leadership and initiatives in Yorkshire and the Humber. The initiative supports projects through a dedicated award scheme and recognition of excellence. Its principal aim is to foster and increase community spirit throughout Yorkshire and is only awarded to community schemes of outstanding merit which meet the rigorous and robust assessment criteria. Armley Helping Hands Chairperson Mrs Jean Johnson said: "Being awarded the Duke of York Community Initiative is a fantastic achievement and a real honour for us and the members who give their time so freely. We are very proud of the work we do and this award is a marvellous seal of approval."

Simon Blagden, Chair of Trustees for The Duke of York's Community Initiative Award scheme, said: "On behalf of myself and the Assessment Panel, I would like to offer our congratulations on what is a great achievement." Armley helping Hands received its award from The Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire, the Hon Susan Cunliffe-Lister who also read a personal message from The Duke of York, who was unable to attend the Ceremony because of the thick fog which was prevalent across the country.