



2026 York Mystery Plays

Wagon pusher – Person Specification

(For Dissemination to Performance Groups)

About the Event

The 2026 York Mystery Plays are staged across York city centre, with performance wagons moving between designated stations on a fixed schedule.

Wagon movement takes place through public areas and at certain points interfaces with live traffic under controlled arrangements.

A minimum of 8 pushers must be present for every wagon movement. Wagon pushers will be directed by the Wagon Master responsible for each play.

Role Summary

Wagon Pushers assist with the safe and controlled movement of the performance wagon between stations.

This is a practical, physically active role requiring focus, reliability and teamwork.

Essential Criteria

The individual must:

- Be aged 18 or over
- Be physically fit and capable of pushing a heavy wheeled structure
- Be able to follow instructions clearly and promptly
- Be comfortable operating in busy public environments
- Be reliable and punctual

- Wear suitable, sturdy footwear

Availability Requirements

Pushers must be available for scheduled wagon movements relevant to their group:

Sundays

- Approx. 07:00 – Move wagon from compound to Deans Park
- **10:30–17:30 – Scheduled wagon movements between stations (start and end times vary by group)**
- Approx. 17:30 – Return wagon to compound

Midweek – Shambles Market (Where Applicable)

- Mid-afternoon movement from compound
- Evening performance movements
- Approx. 22:30 – Return wagon to compound

Groups may organise internal shifts, but numbers must not fall below 8 during any movement.

Recruitment Responsibility

Each performance group is responsible for recruiting and coordinating a minimum of 8 suitable pushers for every scheduled wagon movement.

Pushers do not need to submit individual details centrally at this stage, but group leads must confirm that sufficient numbers are in place prior to event dates.