

# SOUNDS OF OUR CITY

## Otley Ukulele Orchestra

Otley Ukulele Orchestra was established in 2012 and started as a small group meeting weekly at The Woolpack Studios, Otley. Richard Sabey and Jennifer Pugh lead the group and the weekly sessions often attract 30 players, who love to play hits from Bruce Springsteen to Queen and everything in between!

“The ukulele is such an accessible instrument” says Jennifer, “and many people who come along to the group have never played an instrument before and don’t read music”.



Otley Ukulele play a lot of songs you wouldn’t necessarily associate with the instrument; with songs such as ‘Should I Stay or Should I Go’ by The Clash and ‘Take On Me’ by A-Ha regularly making an appearance in their performances. ‘So many songs sound great on the ukulele, and you can’t help but smile and sing along when we get going!’

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Over the years, Otley Ukulele Orchestra have played at many community events such as Otley Carnival and Kirkstall Festival as well as putting on their own shows like Spookulele, their annual Halloween themed party.

The group often do gigs for charitable causes, organising fundraisers for Wheatfields Hospice amongst others.



Playing the ukulele in a group is a wonderful way to make friends, develop musical skills and most importantly, have fun. We welcome players of all abilities and regularly run courses for beginners. Come and get involved!

Otley Ukulele Orchestra meet every Monday 7:30-9.30pm for a sing-and-strum-a-long at The Woolpack Studios, 14 Bondgate, Otley, LS21 3AB.

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