

## UK's Co-op spends £15m to expand stores in Yorkshire

**UK retail chain Co-op is set to open 10 new stores and upgrade further 11 sites in the Yorkshire region as part of a more than £15M store investment program in 2018.**

Planned new stores include sites in York and Harrogate and Northowram. Overhauls are set for petrol stations in Ingleton and Mytholmroyd and improvements for existing stores including those in Thirsk and Helmsley and Sheffield, according to a company release.

The stores will offer a range of fresh, healthy foods and grocery items.

The Co-op's expansion in Yorkshire forms part of its UK-wide plans to open around 100 new stores in 2018.

"We have the ambition for our stores to be at the heart of local life, bringing communities together and offering our Members and customers great quality products when and where they need them," said John McNeill, the Co-op's divisional managing director.