

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

Keeping you up-to-date with news about your area

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Local Access Forum

Public rights of way, parks and local nature reserves are excellent 'free' resources for health and well-being on our doorsteps. They are important parts of what our area can offer tourists and visitors to enjoy, and have strong links to improving well-being, economy and tourism.

The Joint Local Access Forum's annual report for 2014-15 is their eleventh, and summarises the key areas of its broad scope of work in the year. The forum can often provide advice on issues such as road safety, management of highway verges, countryside events and green infrastructure planning. The annual report can be downloaded from eastriding.gov.uk or you can request a copy from the secretariat by email from accessforum@eastriding.gov.uk or call (01482) 391691.

The forum meets quarterly and the next meeting is on Wednesday, 16 September at the council chambers at Skirlaugh. All forum meetings are open and members of the public are very welcome to attend.

Broadband update

The Broadband East Riding programme has already made superfast broadband available to more than 38,000 local homes and businesses, with over 40 exchange areas now live. Over 195 fibre cabinets have been enabled and 87km of fibre duct provided. Delivery of the first phase will continue until December 2015.

A second phase has recently been announced as part of a further £5.4m investment. This will allow a further 4,500 properties to be connected to superfast broadband by December 2017. East Riding of Yorkshire Council has chosen to partner with BT for the delivery of this second phase.

The latest programme developments are available at broadband.eastriding.gov.uk and include interactive maps of the first phase roll-out and a list of areas which have been upgraded and are already 'live'. Further updates will be posted onto the website as soon as they are available.

The site includes information about vouchers of up to £3,000 to help eligible small- and medium-sized businesses and charities in the East Riding to connect to faster, better broadband. Visit the business support page for more information.



Changes for partnerships

A scrutiny panel was established to examine the role and effectiveness of the community partnerships and renaissance partnerships. The panel's report was considered and confirmed by the full council on Wednesday, 29 July.

Officers have been asked to consider the recommendations of the review panel and implement changes in the light of them.

Town and parish councils will be kept informed of any proposed changes to the support that has been provided by the community partnership team in recent years.

You can see agendas and notes of previous meetings at eastriding.gov.uk

From the Home Page, type "Community Partnership" in the Search box and then choose from the results page.



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Chimney sweeping

Even though summer is not yet over, it is a good time to think about making sure chimneys are swept as many people will soon be lighting fires for the first time in months.

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to ensure their chimney is swept regularly according to the type of fuel used:

- smokeless fuels – at least once a year
- bituminous coal – at least twice a year
- wood – quarterly when in use
- oil – once a year
- gas – once a year.

Safe surfing

Humberside Police is reminding residents of the risk of cybercrime. There is no need to be scared of going online, provided you take sensible steps to protect you against criminals.

Most people are already password-smart, and protect their computers with anti-spyware and anti-virus software. But a new survey reveals that over half of the UK population have been targeted by online criminals with a successful attack costing £247 per person on average.

For more information on staying safe online, visit getsafeonline.org or actionfraud.police.uk

If you are a victim of cybercrime, call Humberside Police on 101.



YORSwitch savings top £1,400,000

An energy-switching scheme organised by East Riding of Yorkshire Council has saved residents more than £1.4 million on their fuel bills. YORSwitch is a free scheme which gives residents the chance to make savings on their fuel bills by registering to take part in a collective auction of energy suppliers.

Over 5,100 households in the East Riding registered for the most recent auction. These were combined with similar initiatives around the UK to create a collective of 30,000 households as part of the Big Community Switch coordinated by iChoosr. They recently presented a Certificate of Recognition for the money the council's scheme has saved its residents.

Hundreds more switches have taken place since then, bringing the domestic electricity and gas savings over the eight previous rounds to over £1.4 million in the East Riding. In the latest auction, over 60 percent of East Riding residents who registered went on to make the switch, saving an average £267 each.

The next auction will be the ninth. Residents will be able to register their interest until Monday, 12 October and the auction will be on the next day. Households are under no obligation to switch to the auction-winning supplier's tariff offer, and can register their details at eastriding.gov.uk/yorswitch

Electric blanket testing

Even though it is August, it is not too early to think about making sure electric blankets are safe to use this winter. East Riding of Yorkshire Council is offering free safety checks in September (dates for October will be in the next issue) :

- Tuesday, 15 September : 9am-5pm at Darby and Joan Hall, 58 Finkle Street, Cottingham, HU16 4AZ
- Tuesday, 22 September : 9.30am-12 noon at Hornsea Library, 77 Newbegin, Hornsea, HU18 1PA
- Tuesday, 22 September : 1.30-5.30pm at the Pavilion Leisure Centre, Queen Street, Withernsea, HU19 2QA
- Tuesday, 29 September : 9am-5pm at the Town Hall, Quay Road, Bridlington, YO16 4LP

Checks are by appointment only and take six minutes to check each blanket. It is free to East Riding residents, and they can bring multiple electric blankets to be tested. Those with poor mobility can ask for their electric blankets to be picked up and delivered back to their home. To make an appointment, call the council on (01482) 393939 or Citizens Advice Consumer Service on (01482) 396301.





Tribute music festival

One of the summer's biggest tribute band music festivals in the UK is now in its ninth year. Brand new for 2015, Tribfest will feature four days of main stage music. It happens at Sledmere House from Thursday, 20 to Sunday, 23 August.

The event allows families to enjoy an affordable, fantastic, fun weekend away, meeting fellow festival friends old and new, while listening to some great live music, performed on a stage of high-quality with a big screen, top lighting and sound to accompany this.

Weekend ticket holders can buy Thursday early-entry tickets for an extra day of festival fun, including a main stage headline performance by Dublin's own, The Joshua Tree, a tribute to U2. Find out more about the event and buy tickets at tribfest.co.uk

Reuse Shop

Everything and anything is on sale at the East Riding's first ever Reuse Shop, from furniture to bicycles, TVs to power tools. The shop sells good quality, reused goods at East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Humberfield waste and recycling centre, near Hessle. All of them started as unwanted items taken to recycling centres in the area by local residents.

The shop is open to anyone - all you need to do is go along and make an offer, as all items are sold on a barter system. It is run by FCC Environment, the company which manages the council's waste and recycling sites. The firm has invested nearly £400,000 in the project and created nine jobs.

The Reuse Shop is open from 10am-5pm, seven days a week – the same hours as the recycling centre. It has also recently held the first of many auctions on site. There is a drop-off point on site for people wanting to call in to donate unwanted items. All items are checked for safety before being sold.

Rural Health Checks

Dates have now been confirmed with parish clerks for almost 30 of these events in a wide variety of locations throughout the East Riding to take NHS Health Checks to communities. The checks are available to everyone aged 40-74 who has not been diagnosed with one of these conditions : heart disease, stroke, diabetes, kidney disease and certain types of dementia.

The checks are available by appointment only, and parishes will be promoting the events locally.

Supplementary Planning Documents

These documents build on and provide more detailed advice and guidance about the application of policies in the East Riding Local Plan. Two documents are available for comment :

- affordable housing : to inform the application of Policy H2 – providing affordable housing
- land south of Beverley : land is allocated to provide around 1,900 homes, significant areas of green space, and an extension to Keldmarsh Primary School.

Once adopted, the documents will become an important consideration in determining relevant planning applications. Comments on both should be made on or before Friday, 4 September.

You can read the documents at all customer service centres and at main libraries, or at eastriding.gov.uk/spd

You can respond to the consultation by email to forward.planning@eastriding.gov.uk or post to Forward Planning Unit, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

You can speak to a planning officer about the documents on these numbers :

- affordable housing : (01482) 391751
- land south of Beverley : (01482) 391750.



Summer activities in Goole

A full programme of activities has been arranged by Goole Youth Coalition to keep the area's younger people occupied during the summer break.

There is a wide range of activities including play sessions, twilight football, family films, art in the park, street games and touch rugby.

For a full programme of events, visit fish.eastriding.gov.uk and select the option 'Activities for babies, children and young people'. Or call Theresa Gale on 07887 516186.

Homelessness

HullHARP is using a grant of £86,000 to deliver an outreach project to homeless people in Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire.

Outreach workers are trained to deliver support to rough sleepers and build up their trust over time to encourage them to take up the help on offer. This can include access to emergency accommodation and referrals to other agencies including healthcare providers.

If anyone is aware of a person that is sleeping rough they can log a referral on the website streetlink.org.uk and the referral will go straight to HullHARP.



Local produce market

Twenty stalls will offer the finest quality of locally-produced food and drink, giving something to tempt every taste-bud at markets in Beverley on Wednesday, 19 August and 16 September. The markets are open 9am-3pm in Wednesday Market and are free to attend.

Visitors on Wednesday, 19 August will have extra summer holiday entertainment to enjoy including Beverley Garland Dancers, Professor Fiddlesticks' circus skills, children's activities, and a prize draw for a hamper of local produce. For more information call Beverley Town Council on (01482) 874096 or visit beverley.gov.uk

Walking and outdoors festival

Now in its fifth year, the Yorkshire Wolds Walking and Outdoors Festival takes place from Saturday, 12 to Sunday, 20 September. The programme includes activities in three 'Walkers are Welcome' towns : Market Weighton, Beverley and Pocklington.

The wonderful landscape and rich heritage of the Yorkshire Wolds will be showcased through a range of outdoor pursuits that includes : cycling, special interest and historical walks, horse riding, nature safaris, bush-craft, Nordic walking, specialist guided walks, sat-nav treasure hunt, and boating or canoeing.

There are also walks from the Walking for Health scheme, a series of free guided walks from 30 minutes to two hours for all ages and abilities, aimed at anyone interested in walking or wanting to slowly introduce exercise into their daily routine.

The festival offers activities to appeal to families, casual walkers and enthusiasts. You can download the programme from theyorkshirewolds.co.uk

Give us your news

Parish News is happy to receive comments from town and parish councils about the content and format of this newsletter – please feel free to get in touch and give us your opinions.

We welcome proposals for articles but cannot guarantee to print everything, as space is limited. If you would like to contribute to Parish News call **Brad Webster** on (01482) 391431, or email community.partnership@eastriding.gov.uk

