

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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Boxing Day floods

Villagers in Wilberfoss have said a big thank you to seven of East Riding of Yorkshire Council's grounds maintenance team who spent 16 hours battling to prevent flood water reaching their houses after the village beck burst its banks. Council staff worked tirelessly to save more than 50 homes from flooding on Boxing Day.

Many of the properties near the beck had already suffered badly from the devastating flooding of 2007, with some residents having to vacate their homes for nearly a year afterwards.

The grounds team were out and about checking flooding hotspots on Boxing Day morning when they were called to Wilberfoss – and they immediately went to the aid of residents. Between them they delivered almost 500 sandbags – weighing a total of around six tonnes – to protect houses from water inching ever closer.

They then used a council water pump, and travelled to the Goole depot to fetch a second, larger pump, to shift water beyond the road bridge on Main Street to stop the water level getting any higher. The team was at the scene until after 1am. The team from Market Weighton, Goole and Carnaby depots returned to Wilberfoss early the next morning for a 10-hour shift to check on the situation and collect the pumps.

Is your Emergency Plan up to date?

Several parish councils were contacted to warn them about high rainfall that fell over Christmas and New Year, and the rise in river levels. They were also asked to consider activating their Community Emergency Plans and some parishes did.

In some cases this showed contact details had become out of date, through changes in parish councillors and different contacts in the public services. Perhaps now is a good time to review your plan and update it? If you do, send an updated copy to the emergency planning team at heps@eastriding.gov.uk

Humber Emergency Planning Service's website at heps.gov.uk contains useful information to help plan ahead to minimise the impact of emergencies.

WAR Officers

Would your parish council, or a group in your parish, like to know what happens to your recycling or how it is sorted?

Ever wondered what it is made into or would you just like some more information on what goes in each bin?

Waste and recycling officers can provide a number of different presentations to suit different groups. They can also arrange relevant activities if required.

In 2015, the team visited 36 different groups and spoke with hundreds of people from groups including U3A, Brownies, ladies groups and even a wine club.

They already have some bookings for 2016 and welcome invitations from all walks of life and ages, no matter how small a group.

If you would like to book them or discuss any waste and recycling issues, email karen.wagg@eastriding.gov.uk or call:

- Karen Wagg on (01482) 395388
- Chris Black on (01482) 395291
- Matthew Broadhead on (01482) 395579



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Village Energy Champions

Are you an active member of your community, who could be described as a 'trusted voice'?

Would you like to be given training to help members of your community in energy-related matters?

Would you like to help people in your community who have a health condition made worse by living in cold homes?

If the answer is yes to the above, Peter Hirschfeld of Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council would like to hear from you.

You will get an interesting volunteer experience, learn about energy-related matters such as fuel poverty, energy efficiency, how to keep warm in winter and how you can help members of your community overcome some of these issues.

You do not need to be an expert. As well as training you will be given a file of information sheets and contact details for organisations and individuals who can help.

For more information, call Peter Hirschfeld at Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council on (01652) 637700 / 07539 477046 or at peter.hirschfeld@hwrcc.org.uk



Tour de Yorkshire

At a roadshow at Tickton Grange on Tuesday, 26 January, Welcome to Yorkshire described plans for the race and how local communities and businesses can get involved in the event. Last year, it is estimated that 1.5 million spectators along the route watched the race.

This year the race starts in Beverley on Friday, 29 April and preparations for the start event are under way. But communities along the route can also get involved by decorating their villages and towns, and arranging their own events.

You can sign up to an electronic newsletter at letour.yorkshire.com/email-updates If you would like to become a Tour Maker the application form is at surveymonkey.com/r/TourMakers2016

Opportunities for young people to help local communities

East Riding Voluntary Action Services will deliver the 2016 National Citizen Service (NCS) for 16-17 year-olds in the spring and summer. The scheme allows young people in the East Riding to give 30 hours to help local communities.

Projects in 2015 included improving access for clients to the garden area at Priory View Day Services Centre in Bridlington, painting and decorating The Pavilion in Roos and painting and decorating North Frodingham's village hall.

NCS is a nationally-recognised programme to help young people with future education, training and employment applications, including university. The young people graduate with a recognised qualification in first aid, as well as taking part in a range of activities, workshops and learning discussions.

If you have young people in your community who want to find out more or have ideas about potential projects, contact Detty Tyler at detty@ervas.org.uk or call (01482) 871011.

Library consultation

Nearly 8,000 people have had their say on the future of libraries in the East Riding in the first phase of the public consultation, which finished at the end of December.

The results are being analysed to determine what, if any, proposals, are going to be put forward for the future of the service. If there are any, these will be consulted on later in the year.





Rural broadband

Latest figures show more than 42,000 premises across the area now have access to superfast broadband thanks to the Broadband East Riding programme. East Riding of Yorkshire Council's project working with BT has helped to upgrade more than 200 cabinets with fibre optic and laid almost 300km of fibre duct.

This year, Broadband East Riding will start helping to connect a further 4,500 premises in rural areas; working towards the national ambition to make superfast broadband accessible to 95 per cent of the country by 2017.

You can get more information about Broadband East Riding on the website at broadband.eastriding.gov.uk or email broadband@eastriding.gov.uk

Events on council land

Many town and parish councils hold events on council land, helping charities with their fund-raising activities, attracting visitors and helping local businesses with extra trade and economic activity.

The council's application process for events on its land is explained in a guidance document. It is available, together with an application form, to download from the website www2.eastriding.gov.uk/leisure/events/organising-an-event-on-council-land/

At least three months' notice is needed to deal with the issues that must be considered when organising an event on council land. The guidance gives information about setting up an event, including requirements for public liability insurance, health and safety, food hygiene and other licensing, and preparing risk assessments.

The council asks commercial organisations like funfair operators to pay fees but there is generally no charge for the use of council land for not-for-profit charitable events, apart from an administration fee towards the cost of setting up the necessary licence agreements.

The costs vary depending on the nature of the event but many organisers take advantage of five-year multiple-site agreements that help reduce costs by requiring a one-off payment in the first year.

If you would like further information, contact John Read at john.read@eastriding.gov.uk or call him or Nina Hutchings on (01482) 393998.

Fire Service consultation

Have you had your say about Humberside Fire and Rescue Services proposed cuts? The service is putting forward efficiency options to save money which mean some fire stations could lose a fire engine.

A number of public events were held during January to discuss the proposals and no more are planned.

However, the consultation is live until midnight on Monday, 22 February and you can complete an online survey at humbersidefire.gov.uk/operational-efficiency-programme-survey

Drug driving

A new law came into place a year ago to deal with the increased number of people driving while under the influence of drugs. Since March 2015 drivers can be tested for drugs as well as drink at the road-side.

The police can now use testing kits on drivers that they suspect of driving under the influence of drugs.

The penalties for drink or drug driving are the same.

If you are convicted you will receive:

- a minimum 12-month driving ban
- a criminal record
- a fine of up to £5,000 or up to 6 months in prison, or both.



Shiptonthorpe people power

The village hall has recently been successful with its bid to the OneFamily Foundation for £5,000 for stage lighting. Applications to the fund are submitted and posted on its website.

It is then up to members of the public to vote for their preferred scheme. The winning bids are those with the highest number of votes – Shiptonthorpe used its networks of contacts to amass 256 votes.

The village hall has played host to a community theatre group since 2009. They produce an annual sell-out pantomime involving 40 community members, attracting almost 500 people over two weekends.

The lights were installed in time for this year's event in the last week of January.

Swanland Heritage Centre

The centre will open again in March but they are happy to open up if you or your friends would like to visit sooner.

Call one of the following Heritage Centre contacts:
Colin Jackson (01482) 631844, Janet Barnes (01482) 633286, Ian Macfarlane (01482) 632800, Yvonne Dumsday (01482) 634863.

swanlandheritage.info



Local Links meetings

East Riding Voluntary Action Service has arranged its next networking and information events for parish councils and community organisations:

- Wednesday, 17 February, 10.30am-12.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Bridlington
- Wednesday, 17 February, 6-7.30pm at Cass Hall, Driffield
- Wednesday, 24 February, 12:45-3pm at St Nicholas Community Room, Beverley

Topics will include an update on Better Care (Bridlington and Beverley), community-led local development (Bridlington and Driffield), and a presentation by the BIG Lottery Funding Advisor (Beverley).

If you would like to know more, or plan to attend, contact Fiona Turner at fiona@ervas.org.uk or call (01482) 871077.

Photography competition in Elloughton-cum-Brough

The town council will hold its ninth Open Art and Photography Exhibition this spring, with an exhibition from Friday, 8 to Sunday, 10 April at the Petuarua Centre, Centurion Way, Brough. Opening times are:

- Friday - 7.30-9.30pm
- Saturday - 10am-4pm
- Sunday - 10am-2pm

Trophies will be awarded on Sunday at 2pm for the most popular painting and photograph in show.

You can contact Vicky Herring for further details on (01482) 665600 or email deputy.clerk@elloughtonbrough.karoo.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**

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