

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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Special Smiles
volunteers

Youth volunteering

Youth volunteering is alive and kicking in the East Riding. There are already lots of organisations and schemes that support young people of all ages to volunteer, including organisations like :

- St John Ambulance
- girlguiding East Yorkshire
- Humberside Scouts
- Humberside Police Lifestyle
- Duke of Edinburgh scheme
- the National Citizen Service.

But did you know that there is also a local scheme called Volunteering for Young People in East Riding (YYPER) which is managed by East Riding Voluntary Action Services (ERVAS) ?

YYPER already involves 320 young people aged between 12 and 16. They dedicate thousands of hours of their time by helping others. They volunteer in a range of projects like local gardening and community schemes, sports coaching, helping out in schools, local youth clubs, creative arts projects, and peer mentoring projects.

East Riding Voluntary Action Services are thrilled to be able to support young people to continue volunteering from 16 – 25 years, by joining forces with the national Vinspired team and their own volunteer centre. Through Vinspired, this age group can now receive nationally-recognised awards for their volunteering, which looks fantastic on their CV.

If you know anyone, of any age, who would like information about how to volunteer, or if you know of any young people who are volunteering and should get recognised for their efforts, please contact Dety Tyler or Paul Hamlett on (01482) 871077 or email them at office@ervas.org.uk.

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are :

Beverley area
Wednesday, 22 August at 10am - Middleton Village Reading Rooms

Bridlington and Driffeld area
Monday, 17 August at 11.30am - Bampton Village Hall

Goole and Howdenshire area
Wednesday, 29 August at 10am - Wesley Place, Snaith

Haltemprice and Hunsley area
Friday, 7 September at 10am - Wolfreton Upper School

Holderness area
Monday, 10 September at 14pm - Aldbrough Village Sports Hall

Market Weighton and Pocklington area
Thursday, 6 September at 10am Wetwang Village Hall

Agendas and notes of previous meetings are available at :

www.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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Staying safe in warm weather

Isn't it nice that we have had some good weather instead of the recent rain? On the occasions we are lucky enough to have warm weather we often fall into the habit of leaving windows and doors unlocked or even open, in the hope of cooling down.

Opportunist thieves know this, and can walk around their favoured areas looking for unsecured properties. Open doors and windows give them the opportunity to get in, grab property and leave in a matter of seconds.

These crooks will often grab the first valuable item they can get their hands on, like bags, purses, mobile phones, laptops.

With this in mind, police officers are reminding residents to remain vigilant, and ensure their homes stay secure during the day and night, even if they are in.

There are a range of extra preventative measures you can take to improve your property's security, like installing new locks and other security systems. To find out more, contact Master Locksmiths Association on (01327) 262255 or visit their website at : www.locksmiths.co.uk



Village taskforce

Our rural parish councils know about the efforts of our multi-skilled village taskforce teams who work in their areas. The maintenance teams now carry out a range of minor streetscene maintenance works in villages on a rolling 15 working day cycle. This is a change from the bigger visits once every two years in the former 'village visit' programme.

The work starts with a 'walkabout' with parish representatives, to identify streetscene works that need attention. These walkabouts are well under way, and the parish and area liaison team appreciate the help and involvement of all of those who are able to attend the sessions.

This year has not been without its challenges though. The rainfall in May and June made it virtually impossible to keep on top of our own gardens, and the village taskforce has not escaped the consequences of the weather. Many of the maintenance tasks have been set back to some extent, but grass-cutting in particular. Even when it has been possible to cut the longer grass, the clippings can look untidy until it mulches down with subsequent cutting.

The team has faced extra pressure this year from preparing for 'In Bloom' competitions, and the Jubilee and London Olympic celebration events across the area. These preparations are behind us now, and we hope to get regular streetscene maintenance back on track soon.

If you would like further information about the village taskforce, or want to report streetscene issues needing attention, please contact Mike Connor, taskforce and environmental enforcement service manager, on (01482) 395304 or e-mail him at mike.connor@eastriding.gov.uk

Special thanks from Beverley Folk Festival

Beverley Folk Festival would like to send a very big thank you to everyone who made cash donations to the street collectors during the festival weekend 15 – 17 June 2012. The total amount collected was a staggering £1,225.37 - double last year's collection.

Organisers are extremely touched by the generosity and support the public gave this year to Beverley Folk Festival which remains a not-for-profit organisation.





The pub is the hub

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales inspired the establishment of the 'Pub is the Hub' initiative 10 years ago. Since then it has encouraged local communities, licensees and pub owners to work together to support, retain and locate rural services in the public house setting. Recently 'Pub is the Hub' got lottery funding to develop its activities.

Since March 2012, the rural policy and partnership team has met representatives from 'Pub is the Hub' to discuss how we can work with local licensees and communities to support and develop pubs in rural East Riding.

We are now firming up details for a 'Pub is the Hub' launch event in the autumn - the provisional date is 9 October 2012 at Driffield Showground. To register your interest in attending the event please telephone the rural team on (01482) 391691 or email rural@eastriding.gov.uk

Local Nature Partnership

The Government has announced the Hull and East Riding area has been successful in obtaining formal status for a Local Nature Partnership (LNP).

Richard Benyon MP has revealed 50 new government-backed LNPs are being set up across England to change how organisations and local communities work on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. The Government's Natural Environment White Paper sets out policy on a range of issues about the natural environment and emphasises the economic and social benefits.

Benefits from the natural environment are known as ecosystem services, and include flood protection, pollination, climate regulation, food production and raw materials as well as providing significant health and wellbeing benefits. While many of these are important to us, we don't yet fully understand, or correctly value, all the ecosystem services we have.

Councillor Symon Fraser, cabinet portfolio holder for environment, housing and planning, said: "The aim is to encourage all sectors to engage with and benefit from the natural environment."

For further information please contact Nadine Senior, LNP development officer, on (01482) 391715 or email her at nadine.senior@eastriding.gov.uk

Youth mental health

A new national two-day course has been launched, aimed at people working or living with people aged 11-18 who may be experiencing mental health problems.

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches people how to recognise and respond to signs of mental health problems in young people. It does not teach people how to be therapists, but lets you know what to say and do if you are in a situation where a young person is in distress.

The training is free, and is subsidised by NHS East Riding of Yorkshire. Two dates have been arranged :

- 30 and 31 October 2012 in Gilberdyke
- 19 and 20 November 2012 in Cottingham.

For more details please contact Sharon Watts by email at sharonwatts@nhs.net or telephone (01482) 391562.

Public health vehicle

This colourful vehicle is a joint venture between East Riding of Yorkshire Council and NHS East Riding of Yorkshire. It is a converted 12.5 ton truck with an extending 'pod'.

You can hire it free if your event contributes to improving the physical or mental health of communities.

For more information, ring (01482) 394281 or 07702 366810 or email at : timothy.williams@eastriding.gov.uk



Planning for emergencies – are you prepared?

Come along and meet the emergency services and those agencies that plan for and respond to emergencies. Learn how you can be more involved in making your community a safer one on 30 August 2012 at Goole High School, Centenary Road, DN14 6AN starting at 6pm.

The session will be run as a speed-training event to provide knowledge and skills about how to prepare for emergencies. It will tell you who does what during an incident like severe weather, power failure, or influenza.

As well as learning how your community can be helped to support themselves until emergency services arrive, you will learn how to create an emergency plan for your community. There is also a chance for you to receive up to £100 worth of funding towards emergency equipment.

To book your place, if you have any questions, or would like more information please contact Beverley Brotherston, community resilience champion, by email at beverley.brotherston@harrogate.gov.uk or ring on (01423) 556014.

Capturing the East Riding – on the move again

The exhibition is moving to Pocklington Arts Centre after successful runs in Beverley and Bridlington. The 100 photos will go on display in the Arts Centre from Tuesday, 7 August to Saturday, 15 September.

Pocklington is an excellent destination for the show, as local groups including Pocklington Camera Club, the U3A, Pocklington Arts Society and the Town Council took part in the contest and helped get residents involved.

Pocklington Arts Centre is in Market Place, Pocklington - for more information, visit www.pocklingtonartscentre.co.uk. If you can't visit, you can see the 733 entries from the original competition online at : www.eastriding.gov.uk/leisure/events/capturing-the-east-riding/

Team News

We wish two team members all the best for the future : Martin Branton has left the team for pastures new, and Rose Blackburn will soon be taking maternity leave. Theresa Gale has joined us to support the Goole and Howdenshire, and Haltemprice and Hunsley, community partnerships.

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 **Coral Gladstone** on (01482) 391470 or email : community.partnerships@eastriding.gov.uk

Rudston wind farm survey

Rudston Parish Council consulted the parish in May 2012 to find out residents' views on potential wind turbine developments close to the village. Nearly a hundred village residents returned a form - almost a third of the parish.

The survey results were published with the July/August issue of the Rudston Newsletter, and on the Rudston website at www.rudston.org.uk/wind-turbine-results.aspx

Art and photography exhibition

Eloughton cum Brough Town Council will hold its annual event from 2 to 4 November at Brough Community Centre, Centurion Way Brough, HU15 1AY.

Trophies will be awarded for the public's favourite work in six categories. Entry forms can be obtained from the town council's office or by telephoning (01482) 665600.

£464,494 grant for Paull

Paull village has plenty to celebrate, as it has been successful with its bid from the Big Lottery Fund to build a new village hall. The money comes from BIG's Reaching Communities programme, which helps those most in need and builds stronger communities.

The village hall is a member of HWRCC's Rural Community Building Membership Scheme.

