

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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More streets ready to glow in £14million street light scheme

More streets are getting ready to glow thanks to the £14million project to replace street lighting across the East Riding. The four-year scheme to install new metal street lamp columns and energy-saving lights began last year and is the largest ever undertaken by the council.

April will see the beginning of the second phase of the project – with 235 streets across the East Riding earmarked to get the new columns and lights installed by the end of March 2017.

A team of 32 council staff and additional contractors have been busy with the project since May last year, replacing all columns over 30 years old – the ones in the worst condition being replaced first for safety reasons.

Since the project began last year, the council has installed around 3,000 columns in 192 streets across the East Riding. The project is due to finish in March 2019, and by that time a total of 9,000 new columns will be in place and 16,000 new lights fitted on streets, highways and footpaths.

The scheme was made possible because the council successfully bid for £6million of additional funding from the Department for Transport. The project is supplemented by £4million from the council.

An additional £4million will be spent by the council on an energy reduction programme to replace the existing, traditional yellow and orange fittings with new white lights which give off better light and use less energy, which will help to reduce the council's carbon footprint.

Street lighting is not affected during the installations, with lights switching on and off at normal times.

The simple process involves fitting the new lamp columns as close as possible to the old ones. The old columns are then removed when electrical engineers transfer the power to the new columns.

To find out when lights in your area will be replaced, visit the council's website eastriding.gov.uk/streetlightswaps to view the schedule for this year's programme.

Brad Webster bows out

Many of you will have got to know Brad Webster over the last eight years.

Brad retired from work with the council on Tuesday, 1 March and immediate plans include a long list of larger DIY projects at home.

He has edited Parish News since its launch in June 2008.

For the last four years he has supported the community partnerships in the Beverley and rural, and Market Weighton and Pocklington areas.

We all wish Brad a long and happy retirement.

Parish News

The first Parish News was produced in June 2008 following a survey of town and parish councils about the types and format of information wanted. It has been produced monthly since then.

In that time it has progressively moved from being a paper-based publication to one that is shared electronically.

This edition will be the last one in its current form. It will be replaced by a new and exciting format in the near future.



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Central heating grants

East Riding of Yorkshire Council has been awarded over £1 million to help install central heating systems to households in the greatest need.

The money has come from the Government's central heating fund, which is a £25million capital funding programme designed to support local authorities deliver first-time central heating systems.

The council will work with energy company npower to install free central heating systems to eligible East Riding residents in privately-owned or privately-rented households.

Government figures show there are around 12,000 households in the East Riding in fuel poverty, which means residents have lower incomes but high energy costs.

Some of the highest areas of households in fuel poverty in the East Riding include areas in south-east Holderness and Driffield and the Wolds. This could be because they are not on the mains gas system and still buy oil to heat their homes.

For more information contact Jane Mears, senior environmental health officer at East Riding of Yorkshire Council on (01482) 396180 or email energyefficiency@eastriding.gov.uk



Residents feel the benefit of new superfast broadband

A Great Hatfield resident is super-pleased with her faster broadband connection thanks to Broadband East Riding. Previously, working from home would be really frustrating for Angela Worsley, a teacher. She often plans and prepares work at home, but her broadband was so slow she used to open an email attachment and make a cup of tea while it downloaded. She now makes much less tea.

Angela found the process of upgrading to be both quick and easy. She shopped around for a great broadband package, and recommends it to anyone living in an area where the work has been carried out. She says she cannot imagine going back to standard broadband.

Broadband East Riding is rolling out superfast broadband across East Yorkshire, giving residents and businesses access to speeds of around 24Mbps and above. The programme, part of the Government's national Broadband Delivery UK scheme, has brought superfast broadband to over 42,000 East Riding properties so far, with many more on the way.

Superfast broadband is live in Goole, Pocklington, Flamborough, Hornsea, Withernsea and more. You can find out if superfast is available to you at broadband.eastriding.gov.uk/where-is-live. To access the newly-improved speeds and take advantage of the benefits, residents and businesses need to contact their chosen internet service provider and upgrade their package – it is not automatic.

Broadband East Riding aims to connect a further 4,500 properties by December 2017, as part of Phase 2 of the roll-out. There is more information about the rollout at broadband.eastriding.gov.uk

SSE wins latest YORSwitch auction for dual fuel

Householders who signed up for the latest round of YORSwitch have once again been given access to great tariffs. As well as saving an average of £281 on their energy bills, many families have been able to fix energy prices for the year ahead.

There were 1,371 East Riding household registrations, which were added to over 60 similar initiatives by other local authorities to create a collective of over 18,000 households. The next round will open for registrations on Tuesday, 22 March and the auction will take place on Tuesday, 17 May.

You can register at eastriding.gov.uk/yorswitch, call (01482) 393939 between 9am–5pm Monday to Friday, or visit your local Customer Service Centre.





Top Ten recycling tips video

If you are looking for some inspiration to help you recycle more at home, or just make recycling easier, take a look at the new video put together by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It lists its Top Ten Tips on how residents can improve recycling around the home by following a few simple steps.

The video is at <http://bit.ly/r-ecycle> or you can click the link on the homepage at eastriding.gov.uk

Residents in the East Riding are very good at recycling at home, but many will want to know how to make it easier for them to recycle even more. The Top Ten Tips include information on:

- how you could pick up a bargain at the East Riding's first Reuse Shop at the Humberfield Waste Recycling Site – which sells good quality items people no longer need
- where you can pick up free biodegradable liners for your kitchen caddy
- how you could get a larger blue bin if your current one isn't big enough for all your recyclable waste
- how you can sign up for bin collection day text reminders, so you never miss putting your rubbish out.

Healthy Homes Project

Do you know a resident who may have a health condition made worse by living in a cold home? Would they like some help to make their house warmer and improve their health? If the answer is "Yes" to either of these questions, contact Peter Hirschfeld of Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council on (01652) 637700 or email peter.hirschfeld@hwrcc.org.uk

Support will be wide-ranging and tailored depending on individual needs, such as providing basic energy-saving advice, conducting home visits to identify cold-related issues, providing debt and benefit advice, installing renewable heating systems in eligible homes and registering vulnerable individuals for the Priority Services Register.

The project is also looking to recruit local volunteers to become Energy Champions in their community. These volunteers will act as 'trusted voices' in their area, offering help and support to the project and making referrals.

The project is funded by British Gas Energy Trust, and more information is available on the website hwrcc.org.uk

E.ON Energy Action Fund

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to registered charities, not-for-profit organisations and schools in Great Britain for energy projects and events that show both energy benefits and community benefits and can be completed by December 2016.

The funding is intended for a range of energy-related improvements and activities, from appliances and insulation to educational events. Priority will be given to projects focused on reducing energy use and renewable energy.

The deadline for applications is Friday, 8 April. The guidelines and application form are at eonenergy.com/about-eon/community/energy-action-fund

National Citizen Service

A conference at The Lawns Centre in Cottingham on Tuesday, 19 April will discuss how a project in your community could benefit from 450 hours of voluntary work over a week.

It will also describe how young people from your community can become involved in the projects.

For more information, call Lisa Harris on (01482) 871077 or email lisa@ervas.org.uk



Withernsea car boot

These annual events in aid of the town's Christmas lights will happen on Good Friday, 25 and Easter Sunday, 27 March at the Memorial Car Park on Pier Road.

Cars / tables cost £5 each and can be booked by calling the town council on (01964) 614984 or emailing info@withernseatowncouncil.co.uk

Withernsea Town Award

The town council is once again running its annual event to recognise residents for what they do in the community.

It is inviting nominations from residents to recognise voluntary contributions and out-standing service to the community by an individual living in the town.

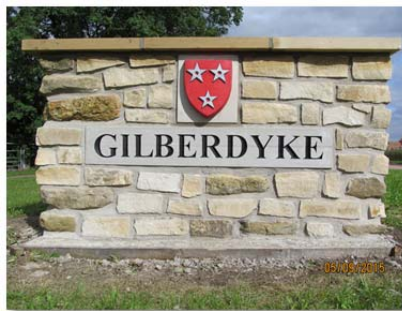
The presentation will take place on Monday, 25 April at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Orchard Windfalls fund

Grants are available for orchard-planting projects in school or community grounds in the UK. Children under the age of 16 must be involved in the planting or related educational activities.

The deadline for applications is Thursday, 31 March.

For further information, visit treecouncil.org.uk/grants/orchard-windfalls.



New signs for Gilberdyke

Like most communities, Gilberdyke was keen to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. After a lot of discussion the parish council decided that new village signs would be a long-lasting way to mark this historical occasion, and a reference to village history should be included.

The research started with Gilbert Hansard, a knight from Walworth Castle, whose name is attached to the village. He was granted permission from the Bishop of Durham in 1154 to dig a dyke to run north-south to drain a marshy area called Foulney (near the present-day Welham Bridge) to the River Ouse at Blacktoft. It was decided to incorporate Gilbert's Coat of Arms into the sign, with the village name below it.

Following a visit to Gilbert's ancestral home at Walworth Castle, now a hotel, it was agreed to swap a copy of the coat of arms casting for 2½ tonnes of long-discarded stone from the castle's grounds.

The location and method of construction of the signs was discussed and agreed with East Riding's highways team, and a local company provided the concrete for the foundations free-of-charge. Two time capsules were put under the bases; one by children from Gilberdyke School and the other by 'senior' villagers from the Gilberdyke Good Companions.

The mould for the castings, and the castings themselves were made by craftsmen from Selby. These were then built into the signs by a local builder.

The parish council is justifiably proud of the finished product, and wants to thank everyone who has been involved with this project.

Swanland Heritage Centre

The centre opened again on Friday, 4 March and will be open on Fridays 2-4pm and Saturdays 10am-noon. There will be a Tranby Exhibition in March, and the Annual General Meeting is in April. New documents and data have been added to the website.

The volunteer staff are a happy crowd, and welcome everyone for a chat, to find relatives or read about and see photos of Swanland history.

For more information, call; Colin on (01482) 631844, Janet on (01482) 633286, John on (01482) 634615, Ian on (01482) 632800 or Yvonne on (01482) 634863 or visit the website at swanlandheritage.info

