

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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Tackling dog fouling

In October, a Bridlington man was faced with paying over £700 after East Riding of Yorkshire Council took him to magistrates' court for failing to pay fixed penalty notices after his dogs had persistently fouled the street near his home.

By working in partnership with town and parish councils, East Riding of Yorkshire Council is enforcing the message that irresponsible dog owners who fail to clean up their mess could end up in court.

Twenty town and parish councils are now taking part in a scheme to tackle dog fouling. East Riding of Yorkshire Council is inviting the councils to training sessions on how to provide evidence for penalty notices and court cases. Five town and parish councils have been taking part in the scheme for the last few months: Stamford Bridge, Wilberfoss, Withernsea, Cottingham and Nafferton.

A recent training event was provided for representatives from a further 15 town and parish councils: Drifffield, Hutton Cranswick, Skerne and Wansford, Barmby Moor, Pocklington, Millington, Newbald, North Cave, South Cave, Burstwick, Hedon, Preston, Gowdall, Pollington, and Snaith and Cowick.

Councillor Jackie Cracknell, portfolio holder for community involvement and performance, said: "This scheme is about making sure those few irresponsible owners, who have not yet got the message that they have to clean up the mess, come under greater pressure.

"Our aim is to improve the reporting of incidents of dog fouling and speed up the time it takes to deal with them. We hope that by involving town and parish councils, residents will feel more comfortable reporting to their local representative what they have seen or an owner who persistently offends."

If your town or parish council is interested in future training events, contact Stuart Allen, animal warden team leader, on (01482) 396360 or email stuart.allen@eastriding.gov.uk

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are:

Beverley and Rural area
Tuesday, 21 January at 10am
– Leven Recreation Hall

Bridlington and Drifffield
Tuesday, 10 December at 12 noon – Cass Hall, Drifffield

Goole and Howdenshire
Wednesday, 22 January at 10am – Shire Hall, Howden

Haltemprice and Hunsley area
Wednesday, 15 January at 10am – Cottingham Civic Hall

Holderness area
Monday, 27 January at 10am – Sproatley Village Hall

Market Weighton and Pocklington area
Monday, 16 December at 14pm – Barmby Moor Village Hall

You can see agendas and notes of previous meetings 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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OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Spinning a yarn

A textile craft group is expanding into towns and villages throughout Holderness, thanks to a £1,800 grant from East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Community Learning Fund.

The South Holderness Textile Crafts Group has developed from the Roos textile crafts group which formed in January. The new group is expanding its reach to Hedon, Withernsea, Ottringham and Burton Pidsea.

It will promote textile crafts and give residents the chance to learn new skills, share their own craft, or just pop in for a chat over a cup of tea.

The group is friendly and informal, and welcomes anyone who likes to make things whether they are an absolute beginner or an expert.

For more details contact Karen Harbour on (01964) 671609 or Kath Conway on (01964) 672905, email info@karenharbour.co.uk or visit the website www.southholderness.co.uk for details and venues of meetings.



Churchyard conservation

The Conservation Volunteer group in East Yorkshire has recently completed a wildflower meadow creation project in the churchyard of St. Magnus's Church, Bessingby. This involved removing the overgrown vegetation and turf from an area the size of a tennis court and sowing a wildflower and meadow grass seed.

Many rural churchyards are prime wildlife havens for a variety of plants and animals. The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) is a national environmental charity that works with volunteer groups in practical conservation work on Local Nature Reserves, woodlands and green spaces all over the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Paul Charlton, who coordinated the maintenance work at St. Magnus's Church said: "I am very pleased with TCV. They did a brilliant job, turned up on time and just got on with it. We are just waiting now to see the wildflowers next year."

Over the past five years, TCV volunteers have been involved in the management, conservation and creation of wildlife rich habitats. TCV would be very interested to hear from any parish that would like to improve or conserve a churchyard for the benefit of both wildlife and visitors. For further details please contact Ian Jakulis, senior community officer, or (01482) 620309 or email i.jakulis@tcv.org.uk

TCV are always looking for new local projects that need the help and support of volunteer involvement, fund raising or general project management and development. Also, if you are interested in volunteering with the TCV, please contact: Leah Hallas (Asst. Project Officer) (01482 620309) l.hallas@tcv.org.uk

Fly tipping

As evenings draw in and fly tippers get more active under the cover of darkness, East Riding of Yorkshire Council is stepping up patrols of the area's hot spots. Enforcement officers are continuing their crack down on fly-tippers by regular inspections of known hot-spots and immediate investigations into all reports received from members of the public.

But fly tipping is not something the council can tackle alone, and they need the eyes and ears of everyone and appeal for them to call us if they see anything suspicious, such as vans with the back doors open on lanes or quiet roads.

Those who report suspicious incidents to the council are assured that their information is treated in the strictest confidence. To report any suspicious behaviour, call the council's customer service number on (01482) 393939.





Additional salt bins

As well as treating the precautionary and responsive road networks in the winter, East Riding of Yorkshire Council maintains salt bins for the public's use. The bins allow our residents to spread salt onto the roads and footways to reduce hazards from ice and snow.

Town and parish councils can apply for a new salt bin to help treat footpaths and roads. Any proposed locations must meet certain criteria before one can be provided. For advice on whether a salt bin would benefit your community, or to ask for an existing salt bin to be refilled, call the winter services team, on 0845 6001666.

Salting is most useful before bad weather occurs, as ice is difficult to remove once it has already formed. Try not to over-salt the surface – the salt does not need to be spread like sand. An amount about the size of a bag of sugar is more than sufficient to treat up to 50 square metres. Be careful not to spread on to grass or plants as salt can kill them.

There are more details about winter maintenance, including plans showing what roads and footpaths are salted, where salt bins are located, and how to report a damaged salt bin, at www.eastriding.gov.uk/winter. There is also information on the Met Office's website, at www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/get-ready-for-winter

Christmas waste

Last December and January, East Riding residents threw away 19,000 tonnes of waste, and most of it went for recycling and less to landfill. This year we hope our residents will continue to recycle, as follows :

- Blue bins : can be used for Christmas cards, plastic packaging and cardboard, stripped of sticky tape, empty large sweet tins, washed glass bottles, and washed and squashed tins and drink cartons
- Brown bins : the turkey carcass, sprout peelings and plate scrapings should be wrapped in a corn starch bag or newspaper and put in the bin for composting
- Real Christmas trees : can be put out with the brown bin and the council will take them away for composting. They can also be taken to any of the council's 10 household waste recycling sites
- Electrical goods such as TVs, fridges, small electrical items, washing machines and ovens : can be taken to the council's 10 household waste recycling sites.

The household waste recycling sites are open 10am-5pm every day except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve when they will close at 4pm. They are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. For locations and information about the materials they accept, visit www.eastriding.gov.uk

Use of red diesel fuel

Overwhelming parish council support for the use of red diesel fuel in vehicles gritting rural areas has led to the move being signed off by HM Revenue & Customs.

This means farmers can use tractors and other equipment on the roads for gritting while powered by coloured diesel. Previously, only vehicles constructed or adapted solely for gritting roads were allowed to use red diesel for gritting purposes.

HMRC has accepted that, due to their design and off-road capability, farming vehicles can often be the most suitable vehicles for snow clearance and gritting. It follows a firming-up of the rules after a temporary respite on red diesel last winter to help with road clearance in remote communities.

You can read more at <http://tinyurl.com/oeb5vm9>

Consumer Empowerment Partnership

Hull & East Riding Citizens Advice Bureau has launched this new partnership with East Riding and Hull Trading Standards, to empower consumers across Yorkshire & the Humber.

If you'd like to find out more information, contact Matthew Cawley on (01482) 605644 or email matthew.cawley@hull-eastridingcab.org.uk



VAT legislation review

This consultation is an opportunity for parish councils and charities, including village hall management committees, to put forward their views and raise awareness of the problems that they face or have had to deal with.

Parish councils are able to reclaim VAT and halls owned and managed by them benefit from this. The majority of village halls are not registered, and are therefore unable to reclaim VAT on improvement / maintenance work.

If you would like to find out more about the consultation, please contact Action with Communities in Rural England on (01285) 653477 or email d.clarke@acre.org.uk. The deadline for responses is 14 February 2014.

Broadband East Riding

Superfast fibre broadband delivering speeds of 24Mbps and above will be rolled out to more than 42,000 homes and businesses in the East Riding of Yorkshire within the next three years as a result of a multi-million-pound partnership between East Riding of Yorkshire Council and BT.

For more information on the Broadband East Riding project, visit www.broadband.eastriding.gov.uk

Christmas events

Here are some more Christmas events that we didn't have space for in last month's edition.

Friday, 13 December	7.30pm	Wansford	Christmas entertainment with Terry Jarvis and friends at the Village Hall.
Saturday, 14 December	6pm	Barmston	Father Christmas will be at the village pond in Sands Lane, with Christmas music and mince pies.
Monday, 23 December	6pm	Swanland	Roundabouts, stands, music, carols from Christ Church, refreshments and fun for all. Father Christmas will be rowed across the pond by his sturdy elf.

Community allotments

Would you like a community allotment in your area? Community allotments offer a range of benefits including:

- The satisfaction of producing your own fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs
- healthy outdoor activity
- fun for all the family
- a sense of community spirit
- organic crops
- meeting people with a similar interest
- protecting the environment.

Local charity Environmental and Management Solutions wants to work with parish councils and local communities to get people working together to develop and manage community allotments. This will include devising a series of projects to address issues such as design and layout, crop rotation, flora and fauna, as well as wildlife habitats, if appropriate.

If you would like to find out more, contact Jan Boyd on (01482) 709810 or email Jan.Boyd@freedomcentre.info

Lottery bid success

Withernsea Town Council is delighted to have been awarded a grant offer from the Reaching Communities Lottery Programme for £ 418,000.00 to fully renovate the Meridian Centre into a multi-functional community hall.

It is expected that work will start early in the New Year and is expected to take at least four months.

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

