

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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YORhub 4 Good Fund

The YORhub fund is inviting community groups in the East Riding to submit applications for funding of up to £5,000 for their community projects. To qualify, projects must be sustainable, locally-sourced, use small to medium enterprises, and encourage self-sufficiency, empowerment and sustainability.

Jayne Nendick, project manager at Shores Homecare Patchwork Project in Withernsea, received backing from the fund in 2013 to buy a larger greenhouse. She said, "Thanks to the funding received we've tripled space available and taken the project to the next level by making it accessible and open to all."

Other recent projects include 'Men in Sheds' and Walton Community Library:

Walton Community Library: the funding was used to re-configure the Library's front desk, fit a new carpet to replace the stained and worn existing carpet, buy two new leather sofas, a coffee table and a hot drinks machine to create a small lounge area. The area is used by everyone in the Walton village community, such as young mothers, elderly visitors, and reading groups, as a meeting place and to provide a small, safe and welcoming environment for activities.

Men in Sheds: this programme of activities brings men from different backgrounds together to build their confidence and skills. This includes people who have experienced bereavement, redundancy, retirement or relationship breakdown. The YORbuild 4 Good Fund allowed the project to invest in tools and materials, and provided men over 55 with opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends and in doing so, to rebuild their confidence. So far, twenty-four men have visited the shed with nine attending more than once a week.

To apply to the fund, download an application pack from the YORhub website at www.yorhub.com/what-we-do/economic-regeneration. The pack includes guidance notes on completing and submitting the application. The Fund is only open to applications sponsored by users of the YORbuild and YORcivil construction frameworks – a list of sponsor organisations is included in the application pack.

The deadline for return of applications to the fund is Wednesday 30 April 2014.

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are:

Beverley and Rural area
Tuesday, 6 May at 2pm –
Cherry Burton Village Hall

Bridlington and Driffield area
Tuesday, 29 April at
10.30am – Barmston Village Hall

Goole and Howdenshire area
Wednesday, 30 April at
10am – Laxton Village Hall

Haltemprice and Hunsley area
Wednesday, 7 May at 10am –
Brantingham Village Hall

Holderness area
Tuesday, 22 April at 10am –
Preston Community Hall

Market Weighton and Pocklington area
Friday, 30 May at 10am –
venue to be confirmed

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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Superfast Broadband Business Support

Businesses across the East Riding are set to benefit from investment from the European Regional Development Fund. This will help small- and medium-sized enterprises take advantage of new digital technologies enabled by faster broadband.

The Broadband East Riding project has developed a business support programme to help eligible businesses learn about, and exploit the opportunities presented by digital technologies.

The business support programme includes a dedicated business adviser providing one-to-one advice, a diagnostic report highlighting strengths, weaknesses and an action plan to take forward. They also run workshops and training courses on a range of topics.

The business support programme can only help businesses that are eligible, which is subject to ERDF criteria. For more information on what is available, and to register an interest, visit

www.broadband.eastriding.gov.uk/business-support



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Dog ban on beaches

Dogs will be banned from four East Riding beaches from 1 May to ensure children, families and visitors can play in the sand without stepping in something nasty. The ban by East Riding of Yorkshire Council will run until Tuesday, 30 September, the end of the holiday season.

The four areas are :

- Bridlington north beach, from the north pier to a line extending east from Limekiln Lane
- Bridlington south beach from the south pier to a line extending east from Kingston Road
- Hornsea Beach
- Withernsea Beach.

The ban is part of the council's campaign to win the coveted Blue Flag Awards run by Keep Britain Tidy to those deemed to be the best bathing beaches. Dog exclusions are among the standards that have to be met.

Dog owners are being urged to observe the bans and exercise their pets on areas outside the designated zones, which are clearly signposted. Anyone walking their dog in the restricted areas during the period of the ban could be issued with a £75 fixed penalty notice. For further information, contact the Foreshores Office, Princess Mary Promenade, Bridlington YO15 3LG, call (01262) 678255 or email foreshores@eastriding.gov.uk

Reaching Communities - Volunteer Project

East Riding Voluntary Action Services (ERVAS) has received £296,541 from Big Lottery's Reaching Communities programme to support the expansion of their Volunteer scheme, which supports our young people to increase their employability skills by engaging them in accessible and appropriate social action.

Volunteer will work with at least 15 secondary schools, and a number of other services, to make sure all young people have the chance to benefit from volunteering in opportunities they are interested in. As well as gaining recognition and accreditation for their volunteering work, and increasing their confidence, skills and knowledge, our young people will meet new people and take part in new, enjoyable experiences.

Reaching Communities has given ERVAS additional capacity, and there will be a new buddy scheme to offer support to disabled young people and those with additional needs, including mental health issues.



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Verge Nature Reserves

Road verges can be important refuges for wildflower grasslands that were once more abundant. As well as giving a home to flowers like orchids and cowslips, they also support butterflies and bees. They also provide a home for small mammals, which in turn can attract hunting barn owls.

Nearly 70 verges in the East Riding have been designated as Verge Nature Reserves. Almost 40 have also been designated as Local Wildlife Sites because of the number of wildflowers they support. In order to maintain their interest these verges need management. This includes cutting them, preferably in late summer after the flowers have set seed, and removing the cuttings. If verges are left unmanaged they can become dominated by brambles and be invaded by scrub from adjacent hedgerows.

LEADER funding for the Country Mile Project, which managed some of the verge nature reserves, ended in January 2012. East Riding of Yorkshire Council funded some management in 2012 but, with continued financial pressures on budgets, resources are no longer available for annual management of the reserves.

The sustainable development team is looking at different ways to secure the management of verge nature reserves. This may include funding from development schemes and working with farmers who wish to cut local verges for hay. They would also like to hear from any parish councils or community groups who would like to manage a local reserve. For more information, contact Vaughan Grantham, biodiversity officer, at vaughan.grantham@eastriding.gov.uk or call on (01482) 391718.

Have Your Say

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is carrying out a survey of residents to get their views about a range of subjects. Around 1,000 residents are being contacted by phone to complete the survey, but views of all residents are welcome through the website: the survey is available at <http://bit.ly/PTKftZ>

Parish councillors are invited to complete the survey in their role as residents as distinct from their official capacity. Parish councils can also publicise the survey by promoting the link through their existing information networks.

If individuals have already completed the survey by telephone, there is no need to fill it in again.

LEADER Rural Development Programme

Four events were held at the beginning of April to allow people to have their say about a range of issues:

- agriculture, forestry and fisheries
- natural and cultural environment
- communities
- local business, and small- and medium-sized enterprises.

You may not have been able to go to the events, but you can still take part in the online survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/JRX68G5

If you are not sure if you are in our Leader area, you can look at the map at:

www.ruralprogrammeseastorkshire.co.uk/rdpe

HMRC Employment Allowance

Almost every employer which is a charity, including community amateur sports clubs, and pays employer Class 1 NICs on their employee's earnings will be eligible to get Employment Allowance. This could reduce Class 1 National Insurance Contributions by up to £2,000 every year.

To check eligibility and get further information about the Employment Allowance go to

www.gov.uk/employment-allowance



Withernsea Millennium Play Park

Withernsea and Holderness Play Action is inviting people to come and join them on Friday, 25 April from 12-7pm to get involved in discussing the future of the park.

Anyone interested is invited to come along and take part in a range of family fun activities including face painting, cake stall, soft play, arts 'n' crafts, refreshments, mobile skate park, and tombolas.

For more information, email: bernie.clarke@eastriding.gov.uk or kshaw@playaction.org.uk or phone (01482) 395281.

Withernsea Garden Competition 2014

The Town Council has arranged its annual competition for judging on Friday, 8 August. There will be five categories for entries:

- business premises, including holiday parks
- front / rear gardens, regardless of size
- allotment gardens
- educational / care-disability groups
- children's most imaginative tray garden

Entry forms are available from Withernsea Town Council, 243 Queen Street, Withernsea and must be returned by noon on Friday, 25 July 2014.



Beverley Folk Festival wins top prize

The best of the region's tourism industry was celebrated at the Remarkable East Yorkshire Tourism Awards on Thursday, 13 March at The Spa Bridlington. Prizes were awarded to over thirteen organisations from the region in the food, accommodation, attraction and event sections.

The Beverley Folk Festival was selected from a record number of entrants to be one of 71 finalists. It was up against tough competition with six other finalists in its category of Remarkable Tourism Event. It was picked as joint winner of the category with Hull's Freedom Festival - the first time judges could not choose a clear winner for the award.

The 2014 festival takes place on 20–22 June, with headliners such as Billy Bragg, and Chas and Dave on the bill. With First World War commemorative events taking place around the UK, author Michael Morpurgo will read from his book, War Horse, with musical accompaniment from acclaimed folk composer John Tams. You can find out more by visiting www.beverleyfestival.com, call (01377) 217569 or call at Beverley Tourist Information Office, Butcher Row.

Swanland Festival 2014

Since the Millennium, Swanland residents have arranged a festival every two years to support various charities. This year's event will take place between Friday, 4 and Sunday, 13 July 2014. There will be some great activities all over the village during the week, including East Coast Big Band, a ball in the village hall, open gardens, cream teas, plant sales, a choir, arts on show, a bridal / christening event, music, boats on the pond, and loads of other things to suit everyone. Last year the festival was so popular that 2,000 people came and there was still room for more. For more details, visit www.swanland.info/Festival-2014.htm

MSc Dissertations

You may recall that Paul Abbott and Edwin Maund recently asked for help with a survey about both planning and dog control, as part of their dissertations. If you have not already replied, it is not too late.

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.partnerships@eastriding.gov.uk

