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East Riding 4 Community

This free, easy-to-use database has been designed to help local community groups find funding for their projects. It contains details of thousands of grants, loans and other forms of financial help and provides a one-stop-shop for funding information. It is available to be used by anyone in the East Riding of Yorkshire, including community and voluntary groups, clubs and schools.

To use the website, visit it and register your details. You can search for funding by answering four questions about your organisation or project. If you don't already have a project in mind, you can browse through different project categories.

There are options to get help and advice, get a list of schemes and save your results. You can even set up email notifications to alert you to new and updated schemes. Visit www.open4community.info/eastriding to find out more.

People's Millions open for applications

Big Lottery Fund and ITV have launched the People's Millions public voting competition for 2014. This year, organisations can apply for up to £50,000 for projects that help communities to enjoy, as well as transform, their local environment. The competition is open until Tuesday, 13 May and entry forms are available from www.peoplesmillions.org.uk or by calling 0845 0101112.

ESF Community Grants

Humber Learning Consortium has launched the Community Grants 3 Programme, distributing £4.29 million in small grants in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Grants of between £2,000 and £13,000 are available. The deadline for the second round is Friday, 9 May, at 4pm, and the third round opens immediately afterwards.

Humber Learning Consortium is offering some one-to-one application support. For application details, deadlines and eligibility, go to: www.hlc-vol.org/partner/community-grants-3/what-are-community-grants

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are:

Beverley and Rural area
Tuesday, 6 May at 2pm – Cherry Burton Village Hall and 4 July - Beverley Minster Meeting Rooms

Bridlington and Driffield area
Tuesday, 10 June at 13.30pm – Bridlington Fire Station

Goole and Howdenshire area
Wednesday, 11 June at 10am – East Cowick Village Hall

Haltemprice and Hunsley area
Wednesday, 7 May at 10am – Brantingham Village Hall and 19 June – Skidby Village Hall

Holderness area
Monday, 2 June at 10am – Aldbrough Village Hall

Market Weighton and Pocklington area
Friday, 30 May at 10am – Warter Community 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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Scams awareness month

The Citizens Advice Bureau is joining forces with the Trading Standards Institute to launch a campaign to help ordinary people fight back by helping them spot and stop scams.

Con-artists are coming up with new ways to prey on people, from landlords renting out non-existent flats to bogus job offers and training opportunities. It's easy to get scammed if you don't know the signs.

There are hundreds of scams, including fake lotteries and prize draws, bogus health cures, dodgy investment schemes, pyramid selling, and phishing. It is estimated that nearly half the people in the UK have been targeted and £3.5 billion lost to scams every year.

During May, the Citizens Advice Bureau will provide advice and information about how to spot a scam, to give residents the confidence to report these criminals and stop the scams.

New scams appear as more people become aware of them and as criminals try to keep one step ahead.

To find out more, contact Matthew Cawley, consumer empowerment partnership officer, Hull and East Riding CAB on (01262) 605644 or matthew.cawley@hull-eastridingcab.org.uk



Bogus callers

In the first two weeks of April alone, East Riding residents lost thousands of pounds to deceitful bogus workmen, claiming they can offer them a service like re-pointing roof tiles, plumbing repairs or maintenance work for cash, when they actually do no work or a very poor job at an inflated price.

We would all like to think that people would not pressure an already vulnerable person into buying an over-inflated service on their own doorstep. But sadly this is one of the oldest tricks in the book for rogue traders to get quick cash. The majority of East Riding victims are older and vulnerable residents. Victims quite often feel ashamed or embarrassed that they were tricked into taking a service they did not need and fell for the 'hard sell'.

The police are clamping down on this type of crime. Chief Inspector James Glansfield said: "Generally speaking, it is very rare for genuine traders to cold call. If they do, they must:

- give seven days' cancellation notice
- give a written quotation
- give a contact telephone number and, more importantly, a contact address.

He added: "No money should be exchanged prior to the work being carried out. If the tradesperson offers to take you to the bank, threatens, intimidates or is aggressive towards you, you should call the police immediately."

Loan scam warning

Trading standards officers warn that local people are being targeted by bogus loan operators trying to con them out of hundreds of pounds. Some loan firms are targeting those with a poor credit rating who have been searching online for a loan. Firms are contacting potential customers by text, email or cold call and misleading them into handing over money upfront for loans that are never arranged.

The officers report that this is a new type of scam nationally and there are reports of applicants in the East Riding paying hundreds of pounds by bank transfer to get a loan quickly, but then receiving nothing in return. Bogus firms are not authorised to provide credit services and customers who use them have little or no chance of getting their money back when they make an upfront payment for a loan.

Trading standards advice to those looking for a loan is to always check out loan firms by looking online at www.fca.org.uk or by calling 0800 111 6768.



YORSwitch

CHEAPER ENERGY TOGETHER

Bulk oil buying

Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council (HWRCC), working with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, has completed five monthly bulk oil purchasing rounds for this county-wide scheme. Anyone can benefit from cheaper heating oil in East Yorkshire by becoming a member. Membership, normally £20 for a household, is free to the first 200 members so there is still a chance to join the scheme for nothing and see if you can save money on buying heating oil.

Each month, HWRCC collates the quantity ordered by members and rings six suppliers to get their best price. The minimum quantity is 500 litres and the price is the same irrespective of quantity ordered. In April, over 20,000 litres was ordered, giving a 7.52p per litre saving for members against the highest price quoted for a single 500 litre order - the price negotiated was 50.43p + VAT.

Membership forms are available at www.hwrcc.org.uk at the bottom of the scheme's page, or contact them on (01430) 430904 or email oil@hwrcc.org.uk

HWRCC is also looking for village co-ordinators for the scheme, to collate orders from members in their village and email them on the order deadline date. Coordinators help promote the scheme in their village using the leaflets provided – in return they get free membership.

HWRCC is working with Hull and East Yorkshire Credit Union to help residents who find it hard to buy oil because of high up-front costs. For a confidential chat, contact Peter Hirschfeld, rural energy advice officer on (01430) 434047.

Bulk energy purchase

East Riding residents can once again save money on their gas and electricity bills through YORSwitch, as registration is open to 10 June. The collective switching scheme has already saved residents £175,000. Average savings are increasing as collective switching becomes more popular with both consumers and suppliers.

The scheme works by gathering together people who are interested in finding out if they can save money on their energy bills. YORSwitch organises an auction for energy suppliers and the supplier providing the cheapest tariff will send an offer to all registrants. The offer is obligation-free and registrants do not have to switch. However, for those who do switch, YORSwitch takes care of the whole process and ensures that residents will not be without energy during the switch.

Residents can register for free and find out more information at www.eastriding.gov.uk/yorswitch. All the information required to register can be found on your latest energy bill. If residents do not have access to the internet, they can visit their local customer service centre or call (01482) 393939.



Compost giveaways

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is giving away more than 5,000 bags of compost at up to 10 giveaways across the East Riding in May.

Residents will each be given two free 15 kg bags and council staff will put them into the cars. Those without cars will be able to take along a barrow.

Councillor Symon Fraser, portfolio holder for environment, housing and planning, said: "The giveaways are the council's way of recognising the dedication of residents to recycling and to composting their food waste and garden waste in the brown bins."

The giveaways will start at 4pm and end when all the bags have been given away on a first-come, first-served basis:

- 7 May, Hornsea - Broadway car park
- 9 May, Humber Bridge - lorry car park
- 8 May, Preston - South Holderness College
- 13 May, Market Weighton - Market car park, Market Place
- 14 May, Withernsea - Pavilion car park, Station Road
- 16 May, Elloughton - Ionians rugby club, Brantingham Park
- 20 May, Driffield - Showground, Kelleythorpe
- 21 May, Bridlington - Hilderthorpe coach park, Hilderthorpe Road



Beverley Georgian Festival

A number of events are being organised by the Beverley Georgian Festival committee to celebrate both the 300th anniversary of Beverley Market Cross and the succession of King George I in 1714. The festival will run from Saturday, 13 to Sunday, 21 September.

As well as re-enactments, displays of Georgian properties, period music, theatre, film, costume and cooking, there will be a masked banquet in Beverley Minster, as well as film showings, food and hands-on craft activities.

There will be some free public shows and displays. Other events - concerts, displays and the Georgian banquet will be ticketed.

There is more information on the website at www.beverleygeorgianfestival.co.uk and tickets are available from Beverley Tourist Information Centre.

Monsters, marionettes and more

Beverley Puppet Festival is returning to the town this summer, held over the weekend of 11 to 13 July.

The festival will include a series of puppet theatre shows, featuring monsters, marionettes and more professional puppet companies than ever before.



This annual celebration of the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK takes place from 1-7 June, its 30th anniversary. Everyone is invited to join in – it is up to you to decide exactly how. Events can be publicised on the official Volunteers' Week website by following the link: <http://volunteersweek.org/events>

ERVAS is working with Volunteer and the Volunteer Centre to run a volunteering and community roadshow, visiting towns and villages across the East Riding over the week of 23 June. They would love to promote volunteering opportunities on behalf of organisations, to help to get more volunteers signed up and promote services to members of the public / other organisations. The events will also give a chance to network with staff and volunteers from other organisations.

If you would like more information on the roadshow or showcasing events / volunteers, email Anne Watkins at anne@ervas.org.uk or phone (01482) 871077.

Tyas Treats - changing young lives locally

This local charity helps vulnerable children in East Yorkshire who are in difficult and vulnerable situations, by giving them a much-deserved treat of their choice. They can request anything they wish no matter how large or small and the charity will see what they can do.

Maybe there is a family you know who are going through a hard time whose child could do with a little boost. If so, tell them about the charity or get in touch yourself and nominate someone.

There is an application form on the website at www.tyasfoundation.co.uk

The charity has allocated a sum of money to give away in June and July, and needs applications before 31 May.

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



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