

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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New independent watchdog for East Yorkshire

A new organisation will be the local consumer champion for patients, service users, and the public for health and social care. 'Healthwatch East Riding of Yorkshire' started on 1 April. It is being introduced by the Government, both nationally and locally, as part of wider changes taking place in health and social care.

The new organisation will be independent of the council and NHS and be run as a social enterprise. It will replace the services currently provided by the East Riding of Yorkshire Local Involvement Network. Healthwatch will give residents and communities a stronger voice to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided in their local area.

Healthwatch will listen to people's experiences of health and social care services, and provide information, or signpost people to it, to help them make choices about health and care services. This will include directing people to specific support if they need help to make complaints about NHS services.

It will have statutory powers including a seat on the local Health and Wellbeing Board. This means that those that provide and commission of services will have to listen to the views and experiences of local people.

Healthwatch will give people who are interested in health and social care services the chance to get involved as a volunteer, both on its management board and by helping to engaging with local people and scrutinising services. Healthwatch will work with a wide variety of community and voluntary groups, and with local people and communities including children and young people. Visit www.healthwatcheastridingofyorkshire.co.uk for more information.

You can also find out more, including how to get involved, by contacting Angela Ward on (01482) 391492 or at: angela.ward@eastriding.gov.uk

Social media

There is a growing list of ways the council use social media to give you information, including a Twitter account for up-to-the-minute East Riding travel information. This is especially useful to drivers and pedestrians during winter months when hazardous weather conditions make travel dangerous.

You can find out more at: www2.eastriding.gov.uk/say/social-media

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are:

Beverley and Rural area
Wednesday, 10 April at 2pm
– Coltman Avenue
Children's Centre, Beverley

Bridlington and Driffield area
Monday, 22 April at 12 noon
– Resource Centre, Victoria Road, Bridlington

Goole and Howdenshire area
Wednesday, 10 April at 10am – Bubwith Leisure Centre

Haltemprice and Hunsley area
Friday, 12 April at 10am – Wolfreton School

Holderness area
Wednesday, 28 April 10am – Thorngumbald Village Hall

Market Weighton and Pocklington area
Wednesday, 17 April at 10am – Market Weighton 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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Check your pipes?

One type of distraction burglary is by bogus callers, where someone at your door provides false or misleading details to get into your home or obtain work.

They adopt a number of guises such as plumbers, high pressure sales people, builders, and people who offer to tarmac your drive.

They then deceive or confuse you into parting with cash or property. These distressing crimes are often aimed at the most vulnerable members of our community.

They may say innocent things, like:

- I'm here to check the pipes
- I need to check the water / turn the water off
- the water is unfit for drinking
- I need to check for damp
- there has been a gas explosion up the road
- I've lost my puppy / cat
- can I use your toilet?
- I'm from Age Concern - can I take down your pension book number?

Help to beat them by following these simple tips:

- **STOP** - are you expecting anyone?
- **CHAIN** - always use door chain
- **CHECK** – double-check caller identification.

Always report bogus caller crime - Call Humberside Police on 101 or, in an emergency, 999.



Life-changing Lotto £50K up for grabs

The People's Millions is an annual TV competition run by Big Lottery Fund and ITV which awards Lottery funding to community projects that will improve the lives of local people. This year there are four awards of between £20,000 and £50,000 on offer in each of the 19 ITV regional news areas across the UK.

Voluntary and community groups can apply for anything from youth and environmental projects to schemes that improve employment prospects or help people in need. All are in with a chance of bagging the Big Lottery Fund cash, provided that entrants can convince their community through a broadcast on ITV regional news that their idea is worthy of the prize.

The deadline for completed entries is 12 noon on Monday, 13 May. More information and entry packs are available on The People's Millions website at www.peoplesmillions.org.uk

Sport activation fund

The Community Sport Activation Fund, operated by Sport England, accepts applications from community amateur sports club for grants between £50,000 and £250,000 for projects that will increase participation in sport. The aim of the fund is to:

- increase once a week participation in sport by those aged 14 and over
- encourage and support local partners to work together
- invest in projects that will deliver sustainable increases.
- support communities to help ensure sport becomes a regular part of the majority of people's lives.

Round 2 opens on 7 May and closes on 1 July. More information is available at: www.sportengland.org/funding/get_funding.aspx



Organisations throughout England with an income of £30,000 or less can apply for repeat and ongoing activities under Awards For All until further notice. Through this, BIG aims to respond to the many pressures small organisations face with cuts to funding and rising costs. For more information, visit:

www.awardsforall.org.uk





Driffield leisure centre Tone Zone

In March, Driffield leisure centre's fitness suite was closed for a £190,000 refurbishment, and reopened on 30 March. Swimming facilities at the centre were unaffected and extra exercise classes programmed.

The new Tone Zone has the latest Matrix exercise equipment such as treadmills, cross-trainers, cycles and weight training equipment. There are also new free weights, benches and a stretching area.

New equipment incorporate integrated televisions with a wide choice in channels, compatible with iPods and with their own personal fans. The new equipment also gives customers a choice of locations they can run or cycle through : from the streets of Hollywood to tracks around the Grand Canyon.

For more information on the new Tone Zone, exercise class programme or opening weekend, contact the leisure centre on (01377) 257480 or visit: www.driffieldleisurecentre.co.uk

Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO)

Village halls and community centres are traditionally unincorporated charities, but the need to operate in a more competitive and business-orientated market has meant hall committees have to consider the requirements of any contracts they decide to enter into, as well as those of grant making bodies and local authorities.

CIO status offers a legal form that is suitable for village halls, community centres and other community organisations. Currently, only brand new charities with anticipated annual income of over £5,000 may apply to register as a CIO. Essential guidance on CIOs and a timetable is available on The Charity Commission's website at: www.charity-commission.gov.uk

Green Deal for community buildings

It's not just domestic buildings that can benefit from the Green Deal – the deal for non-domestic buildings will operate in largely the same way as the domestic scheme. Applying for Green Deal finance could be an attractive option for improving the building's heating or lighting efficiency. Not only will these improvements reduce overheads, but they will also help the building to reduce its carbon footprint.

If you would like to know more, please contact Margaret Kirk of HWRCC on 01430 434046 or by email at margaret.kirk@hwrcc.org.uk

Beverley Festival news

The 2013 festival not only has top names from the world of music, but has now confirmed leading comedy acts for its weekend programme in June.

The festival comedy will start on Friday, 21 June with Patrick Monahan, an Irish-Iranian stand-up comedian from Teesside. He is a comedy festival regular and has performed all around the UK and across the globe, as well as being in great demand for TV shows.

John Shuttleworth will make his first visit to the festival, and will appear in his own concert on Saturday, 22 June.

The music line-up music includes a first-rate programme of Americana music with leading country music star Gretchen Peters and singer / song-writer Steve Forbert. There will also be festival favourites, The Whiskey Dogs with their special brand of old-time music.

The full programme of music includes: legendary Scottish duo, The Proclaimers on Friday, 21 June; Show of Hands with Miranda Sykes on Saturday, 22; and Oysterband on Sunday, 23 June.

More information is available from www.beverleyfestival.com or by calling the office on (01377) 217569.



Howden meeting room

The town council has established in its new office at 17 Bridgegate. There is a large meeting room on the ground floor which is furnished to allow flexible use of the room. There are kitchen facilities, as well as toilets including facilities for the disabled.

The council is happy for local organisations to hire the room for meetings and other activities. If you would like to know more, please contact Liz Charnock on (01430) 430111 or by email: clerk@howdentowncouncil.org.uk

Numbers to play with

Data from the 2011 Census shows that, in the East Riding, there are:

- 338,690 people
- 197,200 working age adults
- 70,824 adults aged 65+
- 56,628 children and young people
- 47,710 pupils attending schools
- 50,000 increase expected in people over the age of 65 over the next 25 years.

You might also be interested in some numbers about the services provided by the council last year:

- 188,878 calls received by our customer service centres
- 13,500,000 bins collected
- 97,521 tonnes of waste recycled
- 37,816 tonnes of household waste was disposed.

Criminal records bureau changes

Last December the Criminal Records Bureau and Independent Safeguarding Authority merged to become the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Changes to criminal record checks being made by DBS this spring will affect all charities that employ volunteers. The two main changes are that DBS will:

- limit the issue of a paper Disclosure to the applicant only - organisations will no longer receive a copy.
- make Disclosures more portable. Applicants will be able to pay a small sum of money each year for a Disclosure they can take from 'job' to 'job'. It is expected that DBS will provide this service free of charge to volunteers.

Operating PAYE in real time

If your council uses PAYE to pay its staff, you may have to start reporting PAYE information to HMRC in real time from 6 April. You may see this referred to as Real Time Information (RTI).

This means that your accountant, bookkeeper or payroll bureau will have to:

- send details to HMRC every time you pay an employee, at the time you pay them
- use payroll software to send this information electronically as part of your routine payroll process.

For more information about getting ready to report PAYE in real time, please visit: www.hmrc.gov.uk/payerti/getting-started/payee-basics/rti.htm

Yorkshire Wolds Heritage Trust

Has your parish council considered joining this trust, which coordinates between local authorities and conservation groups? It has played an active role in a wide range of activities and groups, including: landscape and countryside character assessments, the Local Plan, the Rural Partnership, and LEADER Programme.

It has also organised seminars to encourage parish councils and villages to undertake village design statements and to examine new uses for old buildings.

Corporate membership is just £15 a year. If your parish council would like to become a member of the trust, or for further information, please contact: The YWHT Membership Secretary, Mrs Margaret Cowell, 12 Bracken Road, Driffield YO25 6UJ or by email to margaretcowell@kingsmill.karoo.co.uk

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

