

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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East coast floods

The coastal flood happened 60 years ago, on 31 January 1953, when a combination of high tides, storms and low pressure caused devastating flooding along the east coast of England. 307 people lost their lives, 24,500 homes were damaged and over 30,000 people were evacuated.

Investment in flood defences and emergency response since 1953 means communities around the Humber are now better protected than ever. But recent flooding across the country shows the importance of being prepared.

To mark the anniversary, Humber Local Resilience Forum is encouraging all residents to be aware of the risks of flooding, and to be prepared to help themselves. There are three important steps for residents to take to make sure they are prepared for flooding from rivers or the sea. These are:

- check if you live in a tidal or river flood risk area. You can visit the Environment Agency website www.environment-agency.gov.uk to find out if you are at risk of flooding from the sea, tidal river or main rivers
- sign up to Floodline Warnings Direct. If you live in an area of tidal or river flood risk, you should sign up to receive flood warnings. You can do this online or by calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188
- make a flood plan for each household. Residents can ask for a plan, including the steps they could take if floodwater looked like it could enter their home by calling Floodline or download one from the council's website.

Pothole repair crews doubled

Together with most of the UK, the East Riding has had its share of rain during 2012, in the second wettest year since records began in 1910.

Since the beginning of January, the council has doubled the number of pothole response teams to eight. The level of inspections on our most important routes has also been increased to identify those areas in need of most attention.

Please report potholes by calling the highways customer care line on 0845 600 1666 or visit our website.

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are:

Beverley and Rural area
Tuesday, 19 February at 10am – Etton Village Hall

Bridlington and Driffield area
Monday, 11 March at 12 noon – Burton Fleming Village Hall

Goole and Howdenshire area
Wednesday, 27 February at 10am – Swinefleet Village Hall

Haltemprice and Hunsley area
Friday, 1 March at 10am – Hessele Town Hall

Holderness area
Monday, 11 March at 2pm – Roos Memorial Institute

Market Weighton and Pocklington area
Tuesday, 5 March at 2pm – Kirby Underdale 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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A bright idea

Would you let a stranger enter your home, have a look at all of your valuables and take what they wanted before leaving?

The answer is going to be “no” but that is what, in effect, people across the East Riding are doing by leaving their homes in darkness, when they set off to work for the day.

Day-after-day, calls are made to Humberside Police reporting homes and garages have been broken into, taking valuables, some of sentimental value, mobile phones, televisions, handbags, wallets and cash.

We all know daylight disappears early at this time of year. Anyone eyeing up your house can be well-hidden in the hours of darkness.

Make your home as burglar-proof as you can, and consider installing a light or radio on a timer switch.

Police in the East Riding have teamed up with Homebase and B&Q to offer a 10 per cent discount off any timer switch they sell with a Humberside Police flyer.

The flyers should be on display in the stores in Bridlington, Willerby and Hessle.

Winter services events

Recent multi-agency events attended by residents and local councillors, in Driffild, Cottingham, Hedon and Howden, are informing the winter services policy review. The events were particularly well-attended by parish councillors.

Lots of ideas were raised and are being evaluated, but the biggest issue raised was concern about liability if a person cleared snow from a path and then someone slipped on the area. The Government has produced guidance, with the message being that people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves. It says it is unlikely anyone will be held legally responsible for any injuries if a path is cleared carefully.

The events agreed that the guidance should be promoted more widely by parishes and the council. You can find more information at: www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway

Several parish councillors said the events were a good opportunity to learn what other parishes were doing and to discuss ideas. There was particular interest in supporting each other to develop local community emergency plans and sharing practical ideas.

Parishes talked about how to encourage greater awareness of vulnerable people who may have mobility problems caused by snow and ice, and how to develop contact lists of people who are prepared to help in good neighbour schemes to assist with snow clearance.

Detailed analysis and feedback will be available on the web shortly and the link will be circulated to all parish councils. If you have any ideas to share please email lester.burton@eastriding.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

This is one of the most successful crime prevention initiatives in the country. National statistics show that if you live in a Neighbourhood Watch area your chances of being burgled reduces from 1 in 35 to 1 in 344.

There are 140 Neighbourhood Watch Groups registered with the East Riding Association, but a lot of the East Riding is not covered. The council is committed to supporting Neighbourhood Watch and would like to encourage more people to get involved and start a group in their area.

Help is available whether you are looking to start a new group or re-launch an existing one. The police and other agencies work closely with the council to support the groups. So, why not make your local area a safer place to live and help develop more of a community spirit by starting a new group or joining an existing one?

For more information contact Julie Llewellyn on (01482) 391013, by email at julie.llewellyn@eastriding.gov.uk or visit our website at: www.eastriding.gov.uk/living/crime-and-community-safety/preventing-crime/neighbourhood-watch





Draft Local Plan consultation

The Draft Local Plan sets out proposals for the amount and location of new development, including homes, shops and businesses, over the next 17 years. It contains a number of planning policies about issues like providing affordable housing, protecting the landscape character, and minimising the risk of flooding. It also has maps to show where it is proposed to support development.

During the consultation, which closes on 5 April 2013, we will take a display showing the main proposals around the East Riding. We will also hold drop-in sessions where the public can talk to us about the proposals. Details about the displays and drop-in sessions are on our website, by email from forward.planning@eastriding.gov.uk, or by telephone on (01482) 391739.

The 'Draft Strategy Document' and 'Draft Allocations Document' are on our website at <http://eastriding.limehouse.co.uk/portal>, and in customer service centres and main libraries. You can make comments online, by email, or by post to Forward Planning, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Cross Street, Beverley, HU17 9BA). We would prefer you to comment using the interactive version.

Community funds

We have recently posted a briefing note to all town and parish councils to answer key questions about 'Community Funds' linked to energy-related developments including wind farms and gas storage. There is also a frequently-asked questions document. If you have not received these documents or would like to discuss them further, please contact our rural policy team by email at rural@eastriding.gov.uk or call them on (01482) 391706 or 391695.

£30,000 boost for community projects

Three Wolds community projects have benefited from tens of thousands of pounds in grants from WREN:

- Melbourne Village Hall has received £24,000
- Holme-upon-Spalding Moor Heritage Project received £5,458
- Market Weighton Community Hall was awarded £8,900.

Gray Robertson, chairman of the Melbourne Village Hall, said: "The funding has secured the future of the venue. It was a wonderful surprise for us."

Stephen King of Market Weighton Community Hall management committee said: "It is fantastic that WREN can make funds like this available to communities."

Broadband survey

This survey closes on 28 February, and we are asking town and parish councils to help us with a final push to increase the response rate for the survey about demand for broadband.

The briefing note we sent you recently gives an update on our Local Broadband Plan, and explains how you can to help before then – even five or ten extra survey responses from your parish will help the project!

You can see the briefing note in the documents section at: www.broadband.eastriding.gov.uk or call Steve Howdle, rural development officer, on (01482) 391696.

Performance report

The report showing the council's performance against its priorities is now available. It looks at how we performed in a number of key areas during 2011/12. It also gives an overview of our spending during the year and the work done to respond to funding reductions from Government.

The report is on our website at: www2.eastriding.gov.uk/council/performance/council-services/

If you have any questions about the report please contact Emma Thompson, performance officer on (01482) 391437 or email her at: emma.thompson@eastriding.gov.uk



Cutting red tape

Licensing: rule changes announced on 7 January will mean that community venues – including community centres, schools, village halls and hospitals – will be exempt from licensing restrictions on a range of entertainment and cultural events. They will be free to put on events like dance displays and concerts without having to apply to the local council for a licence.

Under current rules, eligible organisers either have to apply for a Temporary Event Notice at least 10 days prior to putting on an event, or apply for an entertainment licence, that on average costs over £200 for new applications.

The change – to the 2003 Licensing Act – has been brought about following a public consultation, and is part of the Government's 'red tape challenge', aimed at removing unnecessary bureaucracy from civil society organisations, charities and businesses. You can read more at:

www.culture.gov.uk/news/media_releases/9652.aspx

Criminal record checks for volunteers: the Home Office announced on 20 December 2012 that new portable criminal-record checks will be free for volunteers. The 'Update Service', due to go live in spring, means that once a volunteer has had a criminal-record check, they should not need to face a new check every time they start a new volunteering role. Instead, the system will allow an organisation to check online to see whether the volunteer's circumstances have changed since their first check.

You can read more at www.homeoffice.gov.uk/

Census 2011 data release

The Office for National Statistics plan to release key statistics and quick statistics at a small area level for England and Wales on 30 January. As soon as the data are released, the data observatory team will load the data onto the East Riding Data Observatory website at www.eastriding.gov.uk/dataobs. This will take a few days and the team will be unable to answer questions on what the data are showing.

They will post a news item on the website when all the data have been uploaded. If at that point you need further information on Census 2011 outputs, please contact the team using the 'Feedback' button on the website or email dataobservatory@eastriding.gov.uk or telephone (01482) 391430.

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

Local news

Wilberfoss: the parish council and playing fields in Wilberfoss have joined forces with Wilberfoss in Bloom to build a memorial to the Jubilee and a celebration to the Olympics.

They are installing an outdoor table tennis table, together with seating and a garden area. They have got funding and are half way through the project.

Withernsea: a car boot sale at Italian Gardens starts on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and then every Sunday. Starting at 8.30am, the entry fees for the stalls will go towards the town's Christmas lights fund.

A Sizzle and Saw Saturday will take place at The Hut on 23 March, providing woodwork and activities for all ages. All are welcome: pre-schoolers to teenagers, mums and dads, grandparents and carers.

This new project is supported by the Friends of the Hut and funded by Community First. For more information please contact Maxine Wood (weekdays 3.30 – 6.30pm) on (01482) 395281 or David Johnston (01964) 614000.

Beverley: actors recently visited St. Nicholas Primary school to spread the healthy lifestyle message. After seeing the play, the pupils took part in an interactive workshop.

The play is touring nine East Riding primary schools.

