

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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Looking after you

East Riding of Yorkshire Council's carers' service offers a range of advice, information, and support for people who take on the responsibility of looking after someone else. This could be a close family member, a relative or a friend who cannot manage at home without support because of frailty, illness or a mental or physical disability.

A carer provides a substantial amount of care for the person on a regular basis, but is not employed to do so in a paid or voluntary capacity. The council is committed to improving support to carers, because it recognises they are substantial providers of community care.

All carers share a need for information. Caring may bring practical, emotional, and financial problems - it can be a great help to talk to someone. The carers support service offers:

- information, advice and support to all carers
- monthly drop-in groups throughout the East Riding
- a freephone advice and support line - 0800 917 6844
- activities and training courses designed to support carers in their caring role
- stress-busting and relaxation activities.

The service can provide information about:

- people's rights as a carer
- financial and legal matters
- carers assessments and carers services in the East Riding
- local, regional and national support groups
- other organisations and services that may be useful.

A discount card is available for all carers who have had a carer's assessment, and a carer's passport to leisure that gives 50 percent discount off the majority of leisure activities run by the local authority at their leisure centres.

For further information, contact the East Riding carers support service on freephone 0800 917 6844.

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are:

Beverley and Rural area

Thursday, 10 January at 2pm – Community Hospital, Beverley

Bridlington and Driffield area

Monday, 21 January at 12 noon – Skipsea Village Hall

Goole and Howdenshire area

Wednesday, 16 January at 10am – Holme on Spalding Moor Village Hall

Haltemprice and Hunsley area

Friday, 18 January at 10am – Cottingham Civic Centre

Holderness area

Monday, 28 January at 10am – Methodist Church, Hornsea

Market Weighton and Pocklington area

Thursday, 24 January at 10am – Allerthorpe 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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Police successes

Humberside Police has welcomed the fantastic responses of a number of its departments after a year of positive arrests and returning stolen property to victims of burglary and theft.

Neighbourhood policing teams, incident response teams, the criminal investigation department and divisional intelligence bureau are just a handful of the teams who work effortlessly together to ensure crimes are resolved and offenders are brought to justice.

Detective inspector Paul Kirby, said: "I advise people to register their new Christmas gadgets with immobilise by visiting www.immobilise.com. In the unfortunate event that their property is taken, we are far more likely to return stolen property if it is registered.

"Immobilise is an online registering programme that stores details of all your valuable items. This increases the chances of us returning stolen property to rightful owners."

For further information or to report anything to Humberside Police, call the non-emergency number 101 - or 999 in an emergency. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Future of advice provision in the East Riding

The council has agreed additional funding from existing budgets to support the continued delivery of a general advice service when the current East Riding Community Legal Advice Network finishes in April 2013.

Changes to national policy have made continued operation of the Community Legal Advice Network non-viable from 1 April 2013. The Legal Aid, Sentencing, and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 removes much of the scope for people to access free legal aid specialist advice. This significantly reduces the level of funding available to provide these services.

Councillor Jonathan Owen, deputy leader and portfolio holder for performance, transformation and strategic partnerships, said: "In response to these changes, the council has developed a 12-month interim service to be delivered by the current provider. Hull & East Riding Citizens Advice Bureau will offer general legal and other advice services to residents of the East Riding. This can only be put in place because we have agreed to increase our funding contribution by £30,000."

In addition, the grant arrangement between the council and the Cherry Tree Community Association to deliver general advice in Beverley will also be continued alongside the interim service. The Cherry Tree Community Association works in close partnership with both the council and the Citizens Advice Bureau to deliver the most comprehensive service possible.

Christmas debt

The East Community Legal Advice Network provides specialist advice on debt, benefits, housing, employment, and community care. The months after Christmas are always the busiest time for the Hull and East Riding Citizens Advice Bureau, when it comes to helping clients with debts.

The service is always free, confidential, and impartial and no charges are made, unlike many debt management companies. The bureau has been providing advice since 1939 and is an integral part of our communities.

If you know someone who has experienced problems with credit, utility bills, rent or mortgage arrears or other debt, or think their lender may not have acted fairly, they can get help from an experienced adviser through the Community Legal Advice Network. The telephone service is available 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday, on 0300 3300 888. Appointments are available at nine outreaches across the East Riding.





Chairman's Awards

We are encouraging town and parish councils to recognise residents and groups in their community by nominating them for the prestigious Chairman's Awards, which are now into their fourteenth year. The council presents these awards to individuals, companies and organisations in the East Riding to recognise their achievements towards enhancing the well-being of the area in which they work and live.

The top entries in each category will be invited to an awards ceremony, to be held at The Spa Bridlington in May 2013, when the winners will be announced. The five categories are:

- **The community:** recognises groups and individuals who work tirelessly to help others in the community with a non-commercial project.
- **Built heritage:** celebrates private homes and business premises that have been sympathetically renovated and restored to retain the character of the East Riding.
- **The environment:** for those who have improved the environment or area where they live. This includes reducing waste, addressing litter problems or creating and enhancing wildlife habitats.
- **The business award:** recognises companies who have helped the economy flourish. This can be through recent expansion, the creation of new jobs or investing in the training of employees and the area.
- **Sport:** has three sub-categories: junior volunteer, talented performer and service to sport and play.

Visit www.eastriding.gov.uk/chairmansawards to submit a nomination for the Chairman's Awards or ring Sarah Asquith, civic officer, on (01482) 393260. The closing date for nominations is 11 February 2013.

Up-to-date winter travel information

You can now receive up-to-the-minute travel information for the East Riding by following @ER_roads on Twitter. This is especially useful to drivers and pedestrians during winter months when hazardous weather conditions can make travel dangerous. Visit www.eastriding.gov.uk for more information on staying safe this winter.

Salt bins

To report a problem or to have an existing salt bin refilled, call the council's highways customer care line on 0845 6001666.

Fishy goings on

Residents have complained about door-to-door fish sellers who are not regular traders in the area. They sometimes target elderly and vulnerable members of the community with high pressure tactics.

The trader demands a high price for poor quality fish and the quantity provided is less than you would expect for the price charged. Often, the trader will stay at the door until you agree to buy fish, whether you want to or not – this can be intimidating.

There is no suggestion that you should stop buying from legitimate traders, with established rounds, who go door-to-door.

To report a suspicious fish seller or cold-calling doorstep traders acting suspiciously, call the citizens advice consumer help line on 08454 04 05 06 or your local police on 101.

Monument management

LEADER Coast, Wolds, Wetlands and Waterways programme has secured £70,000 to deliver a monument management scheme to support the conservation and management of nationally important heritage.

Some of the funding will be used for archaeological research and building condition assessments which will unlock larger grants from English Heritage and Natural England.



Positive activities grant

The council's youth support service is keen to develop and expand the amount of positive activity available to young people aged 5 to 19 years. Following a one-off donation by arvato government services, they are offering small grants to voluntary, not-for-profit organisations, who want to provide more activities for young people.

The organisations may be an established club or a new group, and need funds to buy new equipment, help with running costs, staffing, rent, or the like. There is £63,000 available to two bands of applicant:

- Band 1 for individual organisations up to £2,500
- Band 2 for organisations that operate countywide, or in more than one or more localities, up to £5,000.

It is hoped the fund will be able to support a variety of organisations that must be able to spend the grant by 31 March 2014. The deadline for completed application forms is 1 February 2013, and late bids will not be accepted. All applications will be considered by a panel on 8 February 2013. Funding is not available to voluntary organisations that receive grant aid through the ERVAS sports club scheme.

For further details, contact Lynda Harris on (01482) 392806 or lynda.harris@eastriding.gov.uk, or William Vodden on (01482) 392803 or william.vodden@eastriding.gov.uk

Community review

Parish or community-led planning has been around for many years and involves consulting rural communities on the issues and needs of residents. These are prioritised and an action plan produced to take forward the ideas generated. The full plan takes between 12 – 18 months to complete.

Some communities have expressed interest in community consultation that uses a shorter timescale. Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council has taken on board the suggestion for a short and snappy community consultation and adopted a system used successfully elsewhere, called Community Review.

This uses a one-night community consultation and action planning event organised in partnership with the community and / or parish council. More information about community review can be obtained from Peter Hirschfeld on (01430) 434047 or by email at peter.hirschfeld@hwrcc.org.uk or on the website at www.hwrcc.org.uk/projects/29/index.phtml

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

Awards for all

Big Lottery has confirmed that a pilot version of their popular small grants scheme, Awards for All, has been a big success. The new version was drawn up to respond to the recession and was piloted in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

The 'recession response' version means that repeat, regular and on-going activities are eligible for Awards for All funding. Previously the scheme has been aimed at new projects and initiatives.

Also, organisations with an annual income of £30,000 or less are especially encouraged to apply. You may wish to pass this information on to colleagues / groups that you are in contact with.

Protecting playing fields

Sport England's funding programme, Protecting Playing Fields is investing £10 million of National Lottery funding in community sports projects over three years from 2011-2014.

Round four of the programme opened on 10 December 2012 and closes on 18 February 2013.

The final funding round will run in 2013. Details will be announced in due course.

Town and parish councils are eligible to apply. For further information please visit: www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx

