

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

May 2013



Compost giveaways

The council will mark Composting Week from 6-12 May by giving away 80 tonnes of free soil improver. Around 5,000 bags of the material will be given away at nine giveaways at:

- 8 May : Market Weighton - market car park
- 9 May : Withernsea - Pavilion / market car park
- 10 May : Hornsea - Broadway car park
- 14 May : Bridlington - Hilderthorpe coach and car park
- 15 May : Driffield - showground
- 16 May : Goole - West Park
- 17 May : Brantingham - Brantingham Park
- 22 May : Pocklington - Sport and social club
- 23 May : Preston - South Hunsley School.

Each event will start at 4pm and continue until all the bags have been given away. Each resident will be allowed two bags which will be put directly in their car boot by council staff so that residents do not need to do any lifting.

John Skidmore, the council's head of streetscene services, said: "The compost giveaways are the highlight of the gardening calendar for many of our residents. Not only is it free but the soil improver is of good quality for growing more vegetables and flowers. By holding nine giveaways we try and give as many residents as possible a chance to get a couple of bags."

Information on roadworks

From pothole repairs to works by utility companies, work in roads and footpaths is necessary to keep the country running. Accessible up-to-date information is important for parishes to know what is happening in their area, and to residents and motorists, allowing them to plan their journeys.

Following a trial last year, the council has signed up to the Elgin system which provides roadworks information. To see what is going on in the East Riding, and for further information, visit www.roadworks.org

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are:

Beverley and Rural area
Thursday, 30 May at 10am –
Leconfield Recreation Hall

Bridlington and Driffield area
Tuesday, 11 June at 12 noon
– Brandesburton Parish Hall

Goole and Howdenshire area
Wednesday, 22 May at 10am
– Shire Hall, Howden
NB incorporates election of
new chair

Haltemprice and Hunsley area
Friday, 24 May at 10am –
Petuaria Centre, Brough

Holderness area
Monday, 10 June at 10am –
Skirlaugh Village Hall

Market Weighton and Pocklington area
Thursday, 13 June at 2pm –
Training Centre, HMP Full Sutton

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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Humberside Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers report a 14 per cent rise in the number of reports received in the first quarter of 2013, compared with same period in 2011.

If you have crossed the Humber Bridge recently, you may have noticed the Crimestoppers Batman image at each of the toll booths, giving the message "Fight crime without revealing your identity". This message is also appearing at the KC Stadium during Hull City games – keep an eye out for it if you're watching the game.

The 'One Voice' campaign was launched in Bridlington in March to give the message that it takes only one voice to make a difference. It urges people to speak out about crime in their community. If you visit Bridlington, look out for the One Voice banners and posters.

In the coming months, Crimestoppers will be promoting the youth brand 'Fearless'. Take a look at the website www.fearless.org for useful and interesting information for young people, parents and professionals.

Remember – anyone can telephone 0800 555 111 or go online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

All information given is entirely anonymous.



YORSwitch: potential saving of £1 million for households

The first YORSwitch auction has taken place and offer letters and emails gone to those who registered. YORSwitch ambassadors have visited locations throughout the East Riding to talk to people about their offer letters if they need help.

More than 15,000 residents registered for YORSwitch, around 10 per cent of the East Riding's 140,000 households. More than 50 per cent were from households occupied by somebody aged 60 or over, and more than 20 per cent from low-income households.

The winners of the auction were British Gas, Scottish Power and Sainsbury Energy, supplied by British Gas. The next YORSwitch auction takes place on Tuesday, 4 June, and registration opened on Monday, 22 April.

Food provision in village halls

The Food Standards Authority is nearing the end of its consultation about how food law might apply to the supply of food by charities and social organisations in village halls and other community settings - it finishes on 21 May.

Their draft advice aims to help local authorities and community food operations in village halls and other community settings decide whether the food operation is a 'food business operator'. If it is, it needs to be registered and required to comply with food hygiene legislation. Operations that do not need to be registered are still legally required to supply food that is safe, but are not required to comply with food hygiene legislation when doing so.

Please pass this information to any contacts you have with social organisations and charities in village halls and other community settings that serve food. The website is: www.food.gov.uk/news-updates/consultations/consultations-england/2013/villagehall-consult

Gift Aid

Charities Online, the new system from HMRC to enable charities to claim Gift Aid online, was introduced on 22 April. Under the new system charities have three options for making claims, and need to consider the options and decide which is most appropriate for them.

If you are involved with any local organisations and sponsored activities that are registered as charities, you can find out more at: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/online/>





Doorstep buying

The council's trading standards team is reminding residents about rights and advice when buying goods or services from a trader who visits their homes. This includes:

- If the goods or services involved are more than £35 you are entitled to at least a seven-day cancellation period
- Door-to-door sellers must provide details of cancellation rights in writing at the time an agreement is made - if not, the agreement is unenforceable
- Use a security chain when opening the door
- Check callers' credentials – genuine callers will allow you time to check
- Think before you agree to buy - leave yourself time to think about it
- Always obtain the name, address and contact details of traders before entering into an agreement, and verify if possible.

The Citizens Advice consumer service is at www.adviceguide.org.uk, and the trading standards team at www2.eastriding.gov.uk/business/trading-standards

Dementia Awareness Week 19 - 25 May

To mark the week and raise awareness, the Alzheimer's Society Hull and East Riding is holding "An Evening of Musical Memories" on Wednesday, 22 May from 7pm to 9pm at The Freedom Centre, 97 Preston Road, Hull HU9 3QB. Doors open 6.30pm.

Alzheimer's Society, East Riding has launched a new website offering up-to-the-minute information on dementia and services for people living with the condition in the county. It is at: www.dementiaeastriding.gov.uk

The website has details of all the services Alzheimer's Society provides in the East Riding, which include a dementia adviser service, Memory Cafes, information and support programmes, befriending and activity groups.

Volunteer Trustees

Does your community organisation sometimes need skills like accountancy, management, marketing, communication, media, law, human resources and customer service? East Riding Voluntary Action Service is working to collect a database of candidates who wish to become volunteer trustees. They can also promote your volunteer roles via the national website Do-it. Please get in touch with Liz Briggs if you would like to take advantage of this service on (01482) 871077 or at liz@ervas.org.uk

Support for new businesses

The council's adult education service is working with Be The Boss (UK) Ltd to run free sessions across the East Riding to help our residents take the next steps to grow their own business.

Sessions start on Saturday, 11 May in Bridlington and continue through to October in a range of locations. Topics include:

- introduction to keeping financial records
- introduction to budgeting and costing
- introduction to human resources.

For more information about the sessions, please call 07896 465 247 or email office@betheboss.org.uk

Rural community broadband

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs has launched a further funding round of the Rural Community Broadband Fund.

This fund is separate to the government's main broadband programme which is being delivered locally through the 'Broadband East Riding' project.

For more information, please contact Steve Howdle, rural development officer on (01482) 391696 or stephen.howdle@eastriding.gov.uk



Skerne's new notice board

A new notice board, funded by the council's Local Grants Fund, is complete with a bespoke bronze plaque to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

The notice board was designed and made by Driffield joiner Chris Greenlaw, a former Skerne resident, using English oak. The two villages' joint jubilee fund paid for the brass plaque.

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council chairman, Ian Lambie, said: "We are very grateful that the Local Grant Fund allowed us to replace the noticeboard. It is a very valuable local resource, showing residents and visitors what is going on in the area."

The parish council is putting together a second grant application to the Lissett Wind Farm Fund in a bid to secure the balance of money required for a noticeboard for Wansford, complete with a similarly-inscribed bronze plaque.

Withernsea Car Boot

The weekly event has relocated to Memorial Car Park, Pier Road. It is open every Sunday from 8.30am. The events' fees support the town's Christmas lights.

For more information, ring Withernsea Town Council on (01964) 614984.

Parish News feedback

Dr Jennifer Zarek, who has just given up her role as clerk to Huggate Parish Council, sent us this comment about Parish News: "It is really good when any council takes the time and initiative to tell residents what it is doing. And especially when they report how residents' opinions have made a difference, and how they have supported residents' initiatives and action. Especially the latter, as it is nice when people feel sufficiently motivated to take action to meet community needs and enhance the community environment."

Uncleby Education Centre

Halifax Estates has worked with local farmers, Natural England and the council to renovate a former Methodist Chapel and schoolroom into an educational facility. Natural England's Level Stewardship Scheme grant helped the Estate to convert the building into an education centre with a classroom, toilets and washing facilities. It will also be available for any meetings or seminars for up to 50 people, as it will have a fully-equipped kitchen and toilet facilities.

The education centre will be available to primary and secondary school groups free-of-charge, and a charge for non-school uses. It will provide a base to use abundant learning opportunities at the two adjacent farms. This might be wildlife, bug-hunting, and agriculture for primary school children or art, creative writing and physical geography for secondary pupils. The location of the education centre will provide inspiration for a variety of art and craft courses.

The centre will be opened on Friday, 31 May. For further details and bookings contact Halifax Estates on (01759) 368219.

HEART event

Holderness Community Partnership, British Heart Foundation, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and British Red Cross are supporting this event on Saturday, 11 May between 10am and 2pm at the Meridian Centre, Withernsea. Because Holderness is so rural, ambulance response times are not as good as in other parts of the East Riding.

The event will raise awareness of what can be done by local people to help those in need in times of crisis. There will be talks and demonstrations on hands-only CPR, how to use a defibrillator, first-aid demonstrations and much more. Yorkshire Ambulance Service will be there to promote the Community First Responder Teams where local people sign up to be the first response and administer help while an ambulance is on its way.

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

