

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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Lighting the way

The future will soon get a lot brighter thanks to the launch of the council's £14million project to replace street lighting across the East Riding.

The council was successful in bidding for £6million of funding from the Department for Transport to replace columns, supplemented by £4million funding from the council. An additional £4million will be spent to replace traditional yellow and orange lamps with white, low-energy fittings.

The scheme is the largest the council has ever undertaken. It will see 9,000 brand new street lamp columns installed and 16,000 new lights fitted on streets, highways and footpaths by March 2019.

The four-year street light replacement programme began in May. A team of 32 council staff and additional contractors are now busy across the East Riding.

The columns will be generally made of steel unless the light is in a conservation area, in which case it may have a coloured coating to reflect the local area.

Town and parish councils who are interested in having more ornate street lights should get in touch with the street lighting team on (01482) 395740 who can discuss costs to upgrade.

This year the team will install around 3,000 metal columns in 192 streets across the East Riding to replace those columns over 30 years old, with a target of 250 new columns each month,

Lighting will not be affected during the scheme, and will switch on at normal times, as each new column will be fitted next to the old one. The old ones will then be removed when electrical engineers transfer the power to the new columns.

If you want to find out when lights in your area will be replaced, you can visit the council's website at eastriding.gov.uk/streetlightswaps to view the schedule for this year's and next year's programme.

Transparency Code

Clerks of parish councils affected by the Code have recently been contacted by ERNLLCA to let them know about four, free-of-charge, information sessions about the Code which came into force on 1 April.

The events will explain each council's responsibilities under the Code and give guidance on how to apply for funding to help them provide the required web-based information.

The sessions will take place on Tuesday, 6 and Wednesday, 7 October. They will cover training needs, how much time is required to stock the website, and how much to keep it up-to-date.

Advice will be given on what a suitable website could look like.

ERYC support

East Riding of Yorkshire Council's democratic services team has also been looking at how it can support parish councils to meet the requirements, and will be writing to them soon.

If you would like to know more, contact Julie Lidster, senior committee manager, on (01482) 393211 or julie.lidster@eastriding.gov.uk



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Beryl

The national tour of this critically acclaimed play celebrating the life of Yorkshire cycling legend, Beryl Burton, is stopping off in East Yorkshire for four dates:

- Wednesday, 21 October at 7pm : Longcroft School, Beverley
- Thursday, 22 October at 7.30pm : Spotlight Theatre, Bridlington
- Friday, 23 October at 7.30pm : Lund Village Hall
- Saturday, 24 October at 7.30pm : Swanland Village Hall

You can find information about how to book seats at blaize.uk.net/beryl/

Darts championships return to Hull

The Winmau World Masters Championships is one of the most prestigious darts tournaments on the calendar and is being held at Hull City Hall this year. It will run from Friday, 9 to Sunday, 11 October and attract competitors from all over the world.

This year landmarks the 42nd Winmau World Masters in association with EY Events and Hull City Council and will be broadcast by British Eurosport across the UK.

To buy tickets, visit hullcc.gov.uk/hullcityhall or call Hull City Hall on (01482) 300300.



Preparing for the icy blasts

East Riding of Yorkshire Council has been getting ready to do battle against snowdrifts and ice. Essential machinery and vehicles have been serviced, ready for action to keep 3,500 kilometres of roads moving in spite of snow and ice.

The council's fleet of snow ploughs, gritters and mobile snow blowers have been serviced, and salt barns and depots filled to their capacity of around 17,500 tonnes. The 60-strong team of gritter drivers have completed their training, and are carrying out test runs of the precautionary and secondary routes.

Salt bins are also being checked and re-filled where necessary as part of the council's routine winter preparations. With a total of 1000 bins and 400 salt heaps, it takes time to service them all.

The council's winter team provides the winter service, which is a year-round operation. The precautionary network covers around 38 per cent of all roads in the area, about 1300 km; the secondary network covers a further 12 per cent.

For full details of winter services, and how residents can help the council prepare for extreme weather conditions, visit eastriding.gov.uk

Changes to WREN application procedure

WREN has announced that all applications to the new unified Community Fund must be made on the online application form. This scheme helps deliver public amenity projects within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in WREN's operating areas across England and Wales.

The Community Fund offers grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 for projects that show commitment to the protection of the environment, and the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other public amenity a community can access and use for leisure or recreation purposes.

Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, replacement doors and windows for village halls and community centres, play equipment in open public spaces, and providing skate parks.

Community organisations and other not-for-profit organisations and groups can apply for funding as long as they have a formal constitution and bank account. All projects should be ready to start within six months of a funding decision being made. The deadline for the next round of funding is Wednesday, 13 January. For further information visit wren.org.uk/apply/wren-grant-scheme





Your chance to have your say

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is asking residents to give their views on the future of its library service. The council is proud of its library service, has worked hard to improve facilities and remains committed to providing an excellent service.

However, the world is changing and councils need to adapt. Like local authorities across the country, the council is facing huge pressures on its budget because of continuing reductions in funding from central government. The council needs to consider whether savings can be made to the libraries budget while providing a library service which is flexible, modern and relevant to today's and future customers.

The council launched a consultation process on Tuesday, 29 September to give anyone who has an interest in the East Riding Library Service an opportunity to say how they think the library service should be delivered in future years.

Councillor Stephen Parnaby, OBE, leader of the council, said: "This council has an excellent track record of investing in services like libraries and our recent investment in superb new facilities at Haltemprice and the ongoing work on the new community facility at Driffield demonstrate that commitment. However, the reality is that, in a time of ongoing financial cutbacks, we have to find savings and we need to re-examine how we spend the money we have.

"We need to consider whether savings can be made to the libraries budget and we have launched a consultation process to allow people to give us their ideas as to whether this can be done and how we can best achieve a vibrant and sustainable library service which can best meet the needs of our customers.

"I would encourage as many people as possible to take part in the consultation, to give us as wide a range of views as possible and to help us develop a plan for future delivery of this popular and important service."

The survey is available online at eastriding.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/libraries-consultation/ and hard copies of the survey are available at libraries, customer service centres, leisure centres and children's centres. The closing date for the return of the surveys is Monday, 21 December.

Results from the survey will be used to consider whether changes will be made to the service. Any proposals will be the subject of a second phase of public consultation in 2016.

During the consultation, residents will also be able to keep in touch with progress via social media at [facebook.com/eastridingcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eastridingcouncil) and Twitter @East_Riding.

Community grants

Esh Group, a construction group based in the North of England, is offering the opportunity for charities and local organisations to apply for grants of up to £1,000.

Esh Group believes in adding value to their commercial operations above and beyond contract requirements through a series of structured and transferrable community engagement programmes.

It is running its Community scheme for its third consecutive year in the Yorkshire and Humber region, and is open to applications from Friday, 23 October.

Applications are welcomed from organisations in the East Riding region that are making a positive difference in their local community. Applicants are encouraged to visit eshaddedvalue.co.uk/programmes/esh-communities/ for more information.

The application form will be available to complete electronically through the link from the opening date. The closing date for applications is Friday, 27 November.

For any questions or queries, contact Celeste Armitage at celeste.armitage@esh.uk.com or call (07854) 940898.



Go Electric is coming!

Holderness Area Rural Transport is taking delivery of two all-new electric mini-buses later in the year. They plan to make them available for community groups to use in the South Holderness Area from January onwards.

Events have been planned for late September and early October to help local community groups find out more about how they can book and use these new minibuses.

If you are involved with a community group in the South Holderness area and want to find out more, why not come along to meet them and find out more. You can contact HART on (01964) 536684, email hart@medibus.org.uk or visit the website MEDiBUS.org.uk

East Riding Theatre

The programme of events for October and November is now available, and the season starts with the Beverley Literature Festival from Thursday, 1 to Saturday, 10 October.

Other shows include comedy shows, puppet festival, bluegrass folk and vocal bands, and a play starring Vincent Regan.

You can see the programme at eastridingtheatre.co.uk, call (01482) 874050 or email boxoffice.eastridingtheatre@gmail.com



In Bloom success for Hutton Cranswick

At the 2015 Yorkshire in Bloom awards ceremony on Tuesday, 8 September a cheer went up from Table 10 when Hutton Cranswick was announced as the Gold Award and joint category winners. Gina Simpson, the village's coordinator of Village in Bloom, received the Gold Award from Helen Bainbridge, a well-known horticulturalist.

In her remarks to the 375 delegates present, Helen stressed the importance of In Bloom and community groups working together and passing on knowledge and expertise. At this year's awards, there were 43 entries in the It's Your Neighbourhood section. This element of the In Bloom campaign encourages volunteer groups to clean up and enhance the area near where they live.

Christmas food and drink in Beverley

Beverley's Christmas Festival of Food and Drink will take place on Saturday, 28 November from 10am-3.30pm in the gothic setting of Beverley Minster. This will be the fourth year it has been held, and will have over 60 stalls.

Available produce will include hand-raised pork pies, Christmas puddings, beers and liqueurs. Everything is made with locally-sourced ingredients and created by local producers. Cookery demonstrations and musical entertainment add to this fun and festive day. For more information, visit beverley.gov.uk/events/

Appeal for memories

Staff and volunteers at Beverley Community Museum would like to hear from anyone with memories of working for some of Beverley's key industries for a new autumn exhibition. The exhibition is called "Beverley Innovators", and covers Armstrong Patents, Deans & Light Alloys, John Cherry Engineering and Akrills.

Anyone interested in lending or donating items for the exhibition, or who would be willing share their memories, should come to the Guildhall (next to the main post office) on any Wednesday or Friday, or contact Fiona Jenkinson on (01482) 392783 or email fiona.jenkinson@eastriding.gov.uk by Friday, 18 October.

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 brad.webster@eastriding.gov.uk

