

EAST RIDING PARISH NEWS

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

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YORSwitch

CHEAPER ENERGY TOGETHER

Cheaper energy?

The council has been awarded a grant of £775,175 by the Department of Energy and Climate Change which includes support for its 'Cheaper Energy Together' collective switching scheme. We would be delighted if you could promote the scheme through your own networks of contacts and websites.

Households throughout the East Riding can register to take part, and nearly 3,000 households have already done so. They are invited to provide their energy use information when they register for the first auction.

The key dates are:

- registration opened Friday, 15 February
- registration closes Monday, 8 April
- auction with energy companies Tuesday, 9 April

The most straightforward way for residents to register for the scheme is through the website at: www.eastriding.gov.uk/yorswitch

People without internet access can call in to a customer services centre with a copy of their energy bills, or call our customer services team on (01482) 393939.

To support more vulnerable customers who cannot use the usual three channels for registration, we have several 'YORSwitch Ambassadors' for the next few weeks, who can visit people in their own homes.

We are working with Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council to raise awareness in parishes which are primarily without mains gas supply. For other town and parish councils, or community groups, we would be pleased to come and explain the initiative.

The auction in April is the first in a series of planned auctions designed to make the scheme as inclusive as possible, extended in future to small businesses and other organisations as well as continuing to be available to residents who do not take advantage of the first auction.

If you have any queries or would like someone to come and talk to you please call Emily Croft on (01482) 395335 or Pete Arden on (01482) 395551.

Community Partnerships

The dates of the next meetings are:

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

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

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
Monday, 11 March at 2pm – Roos Memorial Institute

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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Careful what you post on the internet

A keen cyclist has had two specialist bikes stolen from his garage, whilst at home in Driffield.

The victim is a member of a bike club and regularly posted updates on the cycling club's website and Facebook, picturing him with his bikes.

Officers investigating the theft are not ruling out the possibility of someone identifying the home of the bikes by seeing the cycles on the internet.

Driffield's PCSO, Claire Watson, said: "The victim took every effort to secure the bikes in his garage.

"I would like to use this opportunity to raise awareness about posting status updates on the internet which may invite a thief to your home.

"I quite often see status updates checking-in at an airport, saying holiday for two weeks. That can tell burglars your house will be unoccupied to be burgled.

"You wouldn't leave a note on your door telling people you are away, so please avoid advertising your valuables online."

The Home Office's fact sheet 'Steer clear of cycle theft' is available at www.directgov.uk



Severe weather grants

A further £200,000 in the council budget for next year will support local winter maintenance. The council announced: "Following successful working with parish and town councils through the town and parish grants scheme, the council will commit a further £200,000 from reserves to keep this important scheme running."

Geoff Seward, of Kilham Parish Council, welcomed the announcement, saying: "During the recent cold spell we gritted village roads that are not treated by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and mechanically shovelled the snow from roads before gritting. We gritted on 12 occasions, and on a couple of times only in the vicinity of the village school which we treat as a priority area.

"There is no doubt that this initiative has enabled the residents of Kilham to move around the village more freely and with a much-reduced risk to limb and vehicle. It has also started to change the way people respond to local issues / problems. There is an increasing acceptance that self-help is likely to be the only help available. The grant has made that possible."

Alison Spencer, of Fridaythorpe Parish Council, said: "We use our salt spreader a lot, and make sure it is washed down regularly to keep it in great condition. Our local garage has agreed to maintain it for us, including greasing the moving parts."

We are discussing the details of the renewed scheme, and its management, and will send you further information as soon as it is available.

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster carer?

The fostering team is looking for foster carers for children of all ages from birth upwards, and is particularly keen to find suitable carers for older children and teenagers. If you want to know more, events are being held on:

- Wednesday, 20 March at 6pm at The Meridian Centre, Withernsea
- Wednesday, 24 April at 6pm at Tickton Grange Hotel, Tickton
- Wednesday, 19 June at 6pm at Tickton Grange Hotel, Tickton.

Guests will be able to talk to existing foster carers, looked-after children, social workers and East Riding of Yorkshire Council's specialist training team, to ask any questions they may have. There will also be a presentation by the fostering team.

To find out more or register your interest, please ring (01482) 396673 or email: fostering@eastriding.gov.uk





Two-weekly bin collections

Residents in Hedon, Withernsea and surrounding villages will start having their blue recycling and green landfill bins emptied every other week from 11 March. They are among the first East Riding residents to go onto the fortnightly service. In the next few weeks, households in the Hedon area will start receiving letters giving them a calendar of the new collection dates.

Subsequent phases are:

- from 6 May: all households in the Bridlington area, including Flamborough, Driffield, Nafferton, Hornsea and the surrounding villages
- starting in July: households in Beverley, Cottingham, Anlaby, Hessle, Brough, South Cave and surrounding villages
- from September: households in the Market Weighton area, including Pocklington, Stamford Bridge and surrounding villages
- from October, the final phase: Goole, Howden, Gilberdyke, Snaith and surrounding villages.

Councillor Symon Fraser, portfolio holder for environment, housing and planning, said: "Support for residents will include our recycling team which will be going from door to door. There will be a telephone hotline number, dedicated email address and an information pack. We offered this programme of support to those on the trial last year and it worked well."

East Riding youth offending service

This team works with young offenders up to 17 years-old, to reduce the risk of reoffending, and includes working a set number of hours either for victims or in the community. One aim is to engage the young person in education, training or employment.

The reparation work is mainly done at weekends or in the evening (daylight hours). Work undertaken includes tree planting, wooden bench and table renovation, leaflet distribution and back-room work in charity shops. The duration of work can be from two to six hours per session, and is supervised one-to-one. It is limited to one young person and one adult supervisor. All supervisors have an Enhanced CRB, and the young people have vigorous risk assessments that are regularly reviewed.

The team would be happy to discuss how their community work could benefit any non-profit organisation within the East Riding of Yorkshire Council area. Please contact Ian Taylor, restorative justice officer, on (01482) 396623 or email: ian.taylor@eastriding.gcsx.gov.uk

Kick start your heart

The council and NHS East Riding of Yorkshire are working with the British Heart Foundation to organise a Fun Run in Beverley on Sunday, 7 April at 2.30pm starting from the leisure centre.

The family-friendly two-mile sponsored fun run will take in part of the town of Beverley, and allows participants to enjoy the lovely countryside to the south of the town. It is aimed all people, regardless of age and fitness ability.

To register for the run or find out more about the event, or call (0121) 661 5161 (ext. 2) or visit bhf.org.uk/beverleyheartrun

Night Challenge 2013

Humberside Police's event returns for an overnight orienteering experience aimed at 13-17 year olds from across the area.

The event, in early March 2013, targets young people who have not had the opportunity to take part in such an event. Participants will tackle a 13-mile hike and complete five challenges along the route.

The event starts at Hull Ionians rugby club and takes on the challenging terrain of Brantingham Dale and surrounding areas.

There is more information at humberside.police.uk/lifestyle/night-challenge



Dignity in care

Dignity Action Day on 1 February saw East Riding of Yorkshire Council launch the Dignity Charter, which has been adopted by care and health professionals to ensure dignity is at the heart of all they do.

The charter is based around pledges which were put forward by delegates who attended recent Celebrating Dignity in the East Riding conferences, organised by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and held at venues in Bishop Burton, Bridlington and Goole.

The three pledges chosen by professionals and members of the public by an online survey are:

- See my past, See my present, Respect my future – think Dignity
- Dignity is for life, Life is for living
- It doesn't cost to care – Dignity is priceless.

For more information about Dignity in Care, contact Ruth Bridgland on (01482) 392235 or email ruth.bridgland@eastriding.gov.uk or Cathryn Fewster on (01482) 396497 or email cathryn.fewster@eastriding.gov.uk.

Swap fags for swag

Smokers are being encouraged to 'swap fags for swag' and consider the financial benefits of quitting - these can average: £7 a day, £49 a week, £210 a month and £2,555 a year.

NHS East Riding of Yorkshire's four-week sponsored quit is celebration of No Smoking Day on Wednesday 13 March. Anyone wanting to quit smoking is invited to begin their challenge anytime in the month and will be given a challenge pack complete with free goodies and a sponsor form. No Smoking Day 2013 was launched on Wednesday, 27 February giving smokers two weeks to get ready to quit on No Smoking Day itself.

Smokers are being encouraged to focus on what they could afford to buy. Nicola Wood, the public health manager for smoking cessation, said: "One of the biggest incentives for smokers to quit comes from considering the real amount of money they spend on cigarettes and thinking about what themselves and their family could afford if they were to give up for good."

For more information on the benefits of quitting as well as top quit tips, visit www.wequit.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

Local news

Hutton Cranswick: the parish council is sponsoring a 'Who do you think we are' event on Saturday, 6 April from 10am to 2pm at the SRA Clubhouse in Rotsea Lane, Hutton.

The event allows local voluntary organisations and small businesses in the village to promote themselves. The first event in October 2009 and had 22 entrants.

More information is available from Gina Simpson on (01377) 270173 or ginasimpson@btinternet.com

Withernsea: the town council is inviting nominations to recognise voluntary contributions and outstanding service to the community by an individual in the town.

The presentation will take place on Wednesday, 8 May at the Meridian Centre at 7.30pm.

Beverley: five bands based in the town will take part in a 'Soundclash' event at Beverley War Memorial Hall on 15 March.

The doors will open at 7pm and the first band on at 7:30pm. There will be a non-alcoholic bar, and the event will finish at approximately 9:30pm.

Tickets are £4 and available from the bands directly.

Remaining tickets will be available on a first-come first-served basis on the door.

