

Howden News



HOWDEN LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2016

CHRISTMAS IN HOWDEN

This year we will be turning on the Christmas Lights on the 28th November to help get us all in to the Christmas spirit early and brighten up those dark nights. Thanks once again to The Press Association for their kind donation of the town Christmas tree.

Howden late night opening is on Thursday 8th December and we hope you will all come along and join in the activities we have planned. Along with the shops staying open until 8pm we will have craft stalls in both halls at the Shire Hall, along with teas and coffees downstairs served by the lovely ladies from the WI and the refurbished bar will be open upstairs to raise funds for the Shire Hall. Santa's grotto has a new home this year in Highgate House (next to Yorkshire Eyewear), so come along and visit Santa and



enjoy face painting, drawing and tombola stalls while you wait. Outside in the Market Place we will have hog roast, burgers, sausages and other delightful foods to try, fairground rides, choirs singing and to ensure that extra special

feeling we have the steam organ and hot chestnuts. The fun will be hosted by a DJ and will start at 4.45pm with the children from the infants school singing some lovely carols on the stage, supplied once again by H.B. Holt.

Then we shall countdown to Santa and

his elves arriving, giving us all a wave and a chuckle before heading off to his grotto to meet all the children and hear how well they have behaved this year and what they have on their Christmas list.

Please do come along and support all the local shops and enjoy the lead up to Christmas with us.

HOWDEN TRADERS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Howden Traders Association are organising a raffle to raise money for one lucky local charity, buy a ticket and give your vote to the charity you want to win the proceeds.

The charity with the most votes will receive the money raised. Tickets are £1 and the winner will receive £55 worth of vouchers to spend in our fantastic local shops, so why not come and have a look at what we have to offer here in Howden and buy your raffle ticket from any of these shops:

Beau Boutique, Michelle Louise,

Candy Andy's, All Occasions,
Rob Featherstone's, Touchwood,
Minster Fish Bar, Lissi Boutique,
Annie's Fruit Bowl, Flourish & Prosper,
Joanne Mahoney.

The winning ticket will be picked out at the Late Night Christmas Event on the 8th December and the winning charity confirmed. Do come along and enjoy the night with all the Howden Traders.

To help you with your Christmas shopping a selection of the shops will stay open until 6.30pm on Thursday 15th and 22nd as well.

GRANTS FROM HOWDEN TOWN COUNCIL TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2016

Closing date for applications 5th December 2016

Howden Town Council is inviting applications for grants for the next financial year from local organisations that provide services across the community of Howden.

Each year the Town Council aims to offer as many grants as it can to benefit the community groups of Howden whilst acting within their powers and the limit of their financial resources. In awarding grants the Council will give priority to organisations who aim to use the funds for specific projects and who can also show evidence of active fund-raising from other sources.

Full details of how to apply and the grant application form can be found on the Howden Town Council website www.howden-tc.gov.uk. Guidance notes and the grant application form can also be obtained by contacting the Clerk to Howden Town Council at 17 Bridgegate, Howden, DN14 7AE or by telephone on **01430 430111**. Allison Milner, Clerk to the Council, is available to answer any queries regarding applications.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 5th December 2016**. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by mid-December and grants will be paid in April 2017.

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE AND CHANGES TO CAR PARKS

After 2 years of consulting and deliberating the East Riding of Yorkshire Council are finally ready to undertake the statutory consultation as part of the Road Traffic Order that will be required to implement any changes to the CPZ in Howden. The Town Council have seen the latest proposals and made

further comment to them. As residents, shoppers and businesses in Howden you will get your chance to comment in either December or January. Then if all goes to plan the changes to the CPZ and the 2 car parks will be implemented in April 2017. **This will be your last chance to comment** - either to support, object or make suggestions, so have your say on parking in Howden, it will affect us all.

SHOP LOCALLY IN YOUR HOWDEN

Your Howden was launched last year with funding from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's High Street Fund. Its aim is to promote Howden and all it has to offer. Howden Traders Association was formed to encourage local traders to work together to improve the retail value of Howden. There are over 80 businesses in and around the town centre, have you been to them all yet? Your Howden website is there for everyone. Whether you need to know what is



going on around town or what offers the shops have got.

Promoting Howden is a role being led by the Town Council. They have placed an advert in the Yorkshire Wolds and Beyond tourism guide and have encouraged all traders and organisers of events to register with the Visit Hull and East Yorkshire website to help increase visits to Howden, especially with Hull being the City of Culture in 2017.

For more information visit www.yourhowden.co.uk.

VACANCY FOR A TOWN COUNCILLOR

There is a vacancy on Howden Town Council caused by the resignation of a Councillor.

If you are interested in what being a councillor entails, visit the website at www.howden-tc.gov.uk where you will find reports and minutes of meetings describing the range of the council's activities. Meetings of the council and its committees are open to the public to attend, and the details are posted on the website and on the noticeboard outside the Shire Hall in Market Place a week ahead of each meeting.

The full council meets on the evening of the third Tuesday every month, and there may be special meetings called from time to time. Councillors are also required to serve on other committees such as Planning, Amenities, Resources and Asset Management, and Burials. So typically a councillor will be required to attend approximately 30 evening meetings a year. In addition councillors are involved 'on the ground' helping with things like public events (such as Remembrance Sunday, or Christmas late night shopping), maintenance jobs at Howden Marsh Local Nature Reserve, emergency assistance (for example with flooding), putting up the Christmas lights and representing the council on other local organisations - to name but a few!

An important principle that this council has adhered to historically is that it is not governed by party politics.

To be eligible you must be 18 years of age or more and a citizen of Great Britain, the Commonwealth, the Republic of Ireland or another Member State of the European Union, and either:

1. Be registered as a local government elector in Howden.
2. Occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in Howden during the whole of the preceding 12 months.
3. Your principal or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in Howden.
4. Have lived in Howden (or within 3 miles of it) during the whole of the preceding 12 months.

You may be disqualified from standing if you:

1. Hold a paid office with Howden Town Council.
2. Are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
3. Have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than three months without the option of a fine, during the five years preceding the election.
4. Are subject to any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

Anyone interested is invited to contact the Town Clerk by phone on 01430 430111 (office hours) or email: clerk@howden-tc.gov.uk



THE ASHES PLAYING FIELD TRUST

Since the public launch of the Ashes Development Plan in April 2016 the Trustees have been working to acquire grants and raise money to make the development plans a reality. The development is a long-term project which we hope can be completed in time for our centenary in 2027 using an incremental approach based on several grant applications and our own fund raising efforts.

Since April the park has already seen numerous small improvements - improved greens at the Bowling Club, the installation of a new 'roundabout' in the Daphne D'Ark Play Park for the children which will accommodate a wheel chair and thus make our play area inclusive for all, much needed maintenance to some ageing trees and new tarmac improving the main pathway through the park. Almost £100,000 has been raised and spent in 2016 to fund these improvements. Over the coming

weeks new noticeboards will appear on the groundsman's shed where information will be displayed to keep everyone informed of matters relating to the park, the foundations of the old pavilion will be removed so top soil and seeding can take place to prepare it for use and development and new swings for the 'tiny tots' will be installed.

Plans and funding for major improvements to the drainage of the large field, the Treeton Road entrance and the creation of a wonderful outdoor performance space are currently under investigation.

As a charity run park where all the Trustees are volunteers, raising money through grants and fundraising is key to future development. Once again in 2016 The Ashes are grateful to Howden Town Council for providing them with an annual grant that supports park maintenance.

THE FRIENDS OF THE ASHES

The Friends Of The Ashes initiative was introduced earlier this year to give everyone the opportunity to play an active role in the development of The Ashes Playing Field. 'Friends' help the Trustees raise money and/or volunteer their time to help around the park.

There are four membership options:

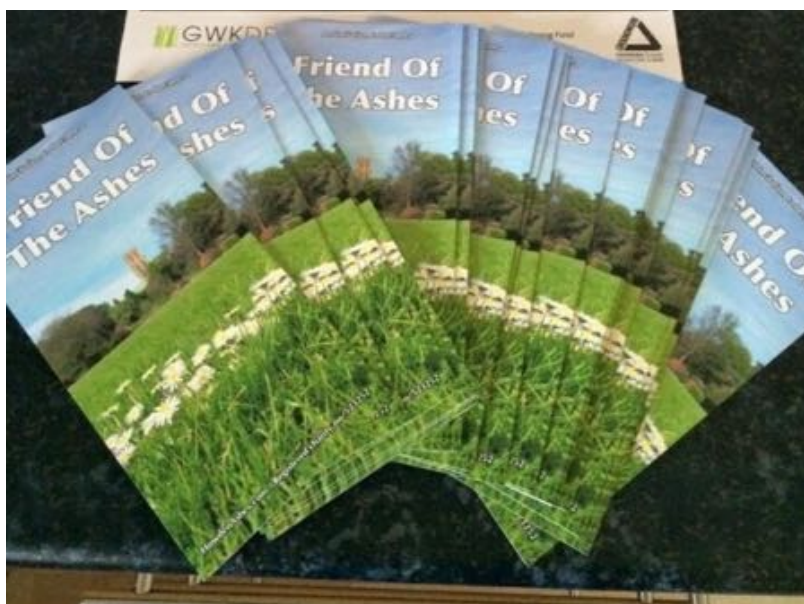
Friends who give a regular financial donation towards the future development costs of the park.

Volunteer Friends who contribute their time for such essential work as litter picks, maintaining flower beds or helping at fundraising events.

Business Friends are local firms who want to give something back to their community and are willing to sponsor our events and activities.

Sporting/Charitable Friends who work with us for the benefit of the community as a whole.

*If you would like to become a 'Friend of the Ashes' and help with the development of our park, please contact Angela on **07860622133** or pick up a leaflet from Howden Library for further details.*



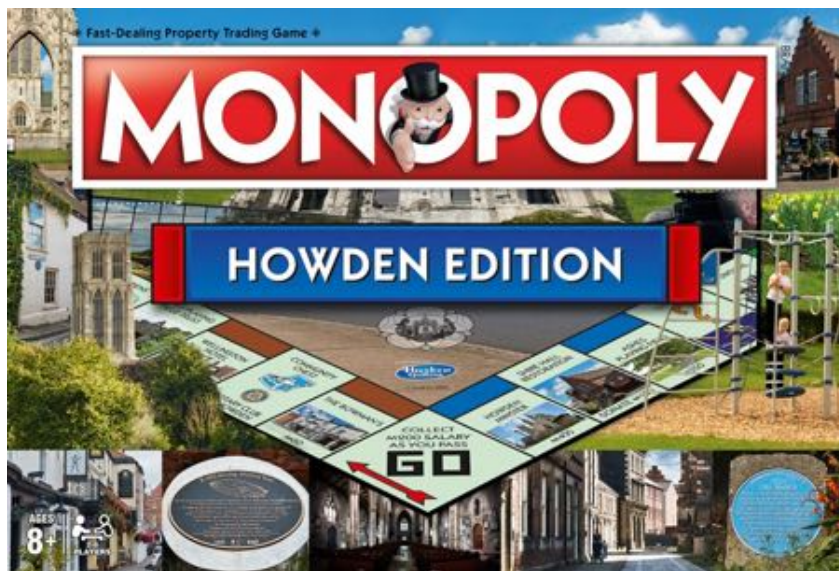
THE ASHES IS CELEBRATING 90 YEARS IN 2017

The Ashes Playing Field is 90 years old in 2017 and to mark the occasion the following two items will be on sale throughout the town in time for Christmas:

HOWDEN MONOPOLY – A LIMITED EDITION

A HOWDEN EDITION of the popular 'MONOPOLY' board game has been developed by the Trustees featuring local landmarks and local organisations and all funds raised from its sale will go to The Ashes Development Fund.

HOWDEN MONOPOLY will first be available for sale at the Late Night Opening event in the town on Thursday 8th December at the special pre-Christmas price of £25. However, to ensure you don't miss out on this limited edition you can pre-order your set now at California Gardens, Joanne Mahoney, Parkin's Butchers and the Shire Hall office.



THE ASHES PLAYING FIELD 2017 CALENDAR

The calendar will also be available from the beginning of November. Celebrating 90 years of our beautiful Ashes Playing Field, look out for this lovely limited edition calendar with excellent views of your favourite park provided by the Howden U3A Digital Photography group and sponsored by twelve of our local businesses. Calendars are available from California Gardens and Jo Mahoney for a *minimum* donation of £3, or more if you wish to help us raise maximum funds.

AND FINALLY... SEARCH FOR A NEW SECRETARY FOR THE ASHES TRUST

Barbara Abbott is “hanging up her pen and keyboard” after over 20 years supporting the Trustees of The Ashes as their Secretary. The Trustees are therefore looking for someone who is willing to take on this role of supporting The Trust in its work....and what an exciting time to become involved with The Ashes!

The ideal person will have an interest in the Ashes and its development and a key aspect of the role will be to attend the monthly evening meetings to take minutes and circulate them promptly to all Trustees. There will be other associated duties linked to the role.

The suitable person will be well organised with an eye for detail, have good verbal and written English, be ‘computer literate’ especially in the use of word, excel and the use of email and have the ability to respect confidences.

The role does carry a small remuneration and expenses will be paid.....although it is expected that the appropriate person will also be ‘community minded’!

If you have any interest in taking on this position, please contact Barbara Abbott on **01430 430433** to discuss the role in more detail.

HOWDEN METHODIST CHURCH
Our New Cross

In 2014 I met a lady that changed my life. Her name was Anne Heald. She was the very thin pale looking lady that welcomed me when I first entered Howden Methodist Church in that same year. As soon as she spoke, I knew I had made a friend. Warmth oozed from her. We soon became firm friends and shared a lot of thoughts about the church and the services. Her illness took hold of her later that year and she became unable to come to the church. I visited her weekly (as did about four other people from the church) and we spoke about garage doors (we mended them), walls with peeling paint (we repainted them), plants in the wrong place in the garden (we moved them). Anne & I liked *doing* things together. I went on holiday that year, and Anne looked at me squarely and said, 'I will not be here when you get back.' I tried to pooh-pooh the notion, but sadly she was right. In her will, she left some money for a cross to be put on the church. Anne and I had discussed this earlier, and she was right. If you drive down Hailgate toward the Police Station, you get to a point where the road bends and the church is obscured by a garage. Even at 20mph, blink and you have gone past. Coming back from the Police Station and the name of the building is inconveniently facing the direction you are travelling in. Doh! Missed it again. Visitors often cruised up and down Hailgate and in the end resorted to ringing someone to report, 'I can't find the church'. With a four figure sum to spend, the church decided we needed a big cross so that people would notice it. I like to think that in a way Anne helped me build it.

The cross is 1500mm high and 750 mm wide. I tried cutting perspex with a hack saw. Don't try it. It takes hours to cut 5mm thick stuff and you just end up with a lot of blunt blades. So off to a specialist firm the perspex went for cutting on a computer controlled machine. *Not* cheap. Everything appeared to go very well until I went to fit it. Both rooms in the church near the cross location do not have power sockets. My wife 'bless her' said 'well it is lit by LEDs so run it on batteries.' Sorry, I

should have mentioned that the cross is illuminated. So 12-volt supply. Hold on; it has to have a time clock as its planning permission specifies the times it can be lit. Boating bits catalogue to find 12-volt timer. Rightly or wrongly decided to run the lighting on high capacity AA cells. Charge them four at a time? Forget it there are twenty batteries, far too tedious. Search for a charger that does charging ten batteries at one go. Got one. SO one problem followed another. Days, weeks passed. Not to worry we cracked all the problems and the fit date is now the first week in October. So by the time you read this, it SHOULD be there. I think the church might need to pray a bit about this as it hasn't been plain sailing up to now. Wish us luck dear reader; I think we are going to need it.

Photo Notes:

1. There is a voltmeter on the door of the battery box so a check can be made of its state of charge and also a small window so you can see if the cross is lit or not.
2. The assembled cross lying on our table at home.
3. Open the battery box door and there is a small LED strip. Without going outside, you can set the colour and the intensity of the lights. I tried it flashing RED, but the wife said that was the wrong message to give out. So it's very pale blue and a medium brightness setting as the perspex does not let that much light through it.
4. My artist impression [sent to the town planners]. It's a one-off project. The blue background isn't quite right (the actual background is more a royal blue) and it's not shown far enough up the wall. A parked van will obscure it, defeating the object. So the cross top will line up with the top window line.

If you would like something similar for your garden, please contact me. I would not make another one of these for all the tea in China but I'm quite happy to advise you how to do it.

Paul Hickman – Buildings Steward –
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Artist's Impression of how the cross created from funds left by Anne Heald (in her will) will look.

SUPPORT HOWDEN POST OFFICE!

Did you know that Howden Post Office offers all these services?

Cash withdrawals and deposits for both business and personal customers, bill payments, including council tax and council rent and payment of road tax. They also hold Euros and US Dollars and can offer a next day service for other currency and travel money cards as well as all the other traditional post office services.

Howden Post Office is an fantastic asset for the town, come and see what it can do for you!

SHIRE HALL EVENTS

Tickets for our annual Town Panto will go on sale Monday 31st October. This year is The Wizard of Oz (as a Pantomime). Performances run from Weds 14th Dec to Sat 17th Dec inclusive. Doors will open at 7pm for 7.30pm and seating priorities will be given to those with mobility issues. There will also be a matinee at 2pm on the Saturday and this year the children of Howden Infants are coming to see our special school's performance on the Thursday afternoon. For the first time, local children were invited to perform as our Munchkins and rehearsals are now well under way.

The children will break up from school on Friday 16th December so we have programmed Howden Cinema to run Kids Christmas Movies on Mon 19th, Tues 20th and Weds 21st Dec. Tickets will be sold on

the door with screenings at 11am each day and our Lower Hall Cafe will open each day for lunches during the week. There will also be an evening screening on Weds 21st December for adults/families.



The ever popular Mike Smith will have special guest appearances at his afternoon entertainment slot on Friday 23rd December. This will be preceded by our Lower Hall Cafe Christmas lunch (booking recommended).

Following the excitement of Christmas, we have arranged a special New Years Eve celebration at The Shire Hall. The Hessle Ceilidh Band will have us all on our feet for this great family friendly event. Our resident bar will be open and tickets priced £15/£10 are on sale now! By popular demand, we are also likely to offer Hog Roast sandwiches for sale.

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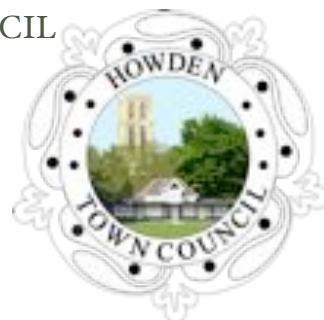
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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Town Council are on **Tuesday 15th November** and **Tuesday 20th December** at **17 Bridgegate**.

Council meetings are open to all Howden residents, they start at **7pm** with a public session at **8pm**. The public are also welcome at all meetings of the 'Amenities', 'Planning' and 'Resources and Asset Management' Committees.

A full list of all meetings and agendas can be found at www.howden-tc.gov.uk or on the notice board outside the Shire Hall.

TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

Visit the Town Council's website at: www.howden-tc.gov.uk to keep up to date about what is going on in the town and find out what the Council does. Here you will also find links to all the latest planning applications, details of on-going projects such as Howden Marsh Local Nature Reserve, the Derwent Crescent Play Park and grounds maintenance within the town.

You can also find out about individual members of the Council and the staff employed, as well as agendas and minutes of Council meetings and committees.

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