

# Howden News



## HOWDEN CHRISTMAS LATE NIGHT SHOPPING THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2013

This year, the Christmas Lights and Tree will be going up on the 17th November to help get us all in to the Christmas spirit early and brighten up those dark nights. Thanks once again to all the local businesses who contributed towards the new lights last year and to The Press Association for sponsoring the tree again this year!

Howden Late night opening is on **Thursday 5th December** this year and we hope you will all come along and join in the activities we have planned. Along with the shops staying open late, we will have craft stalls upstairs in the Shire Hall, Santa's grotto, face painting, drawing and a tombola downstairs. Especially for the parents who need to warm up the Friends of Shire Hall will be serving mulled wine. Outside in the Market Square we will have hog roast, burgers, sausages and other delightful foods to try, fairground rides, choirs singing, Step Up Studio's kids performing, Dangerous Steve and circus skills and to ensure that extra special feeling we have the steam organ and hot chestnuts. The fun will be hosted by KCFM and will start at **4.45pm** with the children from the infants school singing some lovely carols around the Christmas tree. We shall then 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 build up to Christmas with us!

**Howden Christmas Fayre**  
Thursday 5th December 2013  
4.45pm - 8pm

Come along to Howden's Christmas Late Night Shopping evening!

Events start at 4.45pm with Carol Singing from Howden Infants School, then shortly after, Santa will arrive in his sleigh, accompanied by his elves!

**Within the Shire Hall**

- Santa's Grotto
- Pottery
- Cupcakes
- Tombola
- Antique Textiles
- Handmade Jewellery
- Handbags
- Jam & Chutneys
- Mulled Wine
- Face Painting
- Christmas Decorations & Cards

**Outside In the Market Place**

- Street Entertainment
- Dangerous Steve
- Circus Skills
- Music & Entertainment from KCFM!
- Carol Singing from the schools
- Children's Fairground
- Rides
- Burgers
- Hog Roast
- The Sausage Pan
- Chestnuts... & of course, Music from Steam Organ!

## HOWDEN FLOODING - UPDATE

The sun was out, the sky was blue when messages from the Town Council's flood phone started to come through. Thursday 5 July 2012, a very localised storm was hitting Howden and Goole. Howden was under water!

The next four days were spent 'all hands to the pumps' pumping gardens and streets across Howden. In the following weeks a detailed report was sent through to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council highlighting the key areas that had suffered from flooding around Howden. There had been very little response to requests for help from the East Riding as Goole and other areas were suffering as well, everyone was stretched. Howden had been left to the Town Council and the pumps it had purchased a few years previous.

A meeting was held with the East Riding to talk over what had taken place over the four days and what we felt was needed to prevent any further flooding around Howden. There were the obvious blocked road drains, ditches running at capacity and flooded roads. In addition to what could be seen there was the underlying issue of which organisation was responsible for which drain?

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council have, with a considerable amount of encouragement from the Town Council

undertaken a number of investigations and where they can they have undertaken repairs or unblocked drains. What has been achieved so far and what is outstanding is listed opposite. In addition a meeting between the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, The Ouse and Humber Drainage Board, Yorkshire Water and Howden Town Council is due to take place to try and identify who is responsible for which section of drain and what can be done to maintain the drainage system around Howden. In addition the East Riding of Yorkshire Council have applied the National Flood Defence Grant in Aid for funding to address some of the bigger projects that have been identified.

The above is a simplified update on all the work being undertaken. Hopefully, long term it will address the flooding issues. However it must be pointed out that the local and wider drainage system, even when clear and working can only cope with a certain amount of water, especially if the heavens open again directly over Howden! If you do notice any blocked drains or flooding on the roads report it to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council either by phone **01482 393939** (24hrs), log the issue as a complaint on their web site via the compliment, comment or complaint section, or in person at the Customer Service Centre on Hailgate.

## TOWN COUNCIL DRAFT EMERGENCY PLAN

The Town Council is currently working on an emergency plan for the Howden Community.

To assist in the event of a serious incident in the town, we would like a nominee from each street in Howden. This person would be needed for communication of actions to the residents in their street and for checking on vulnerable residents.

If you are interested in volunteering, have

any suggestions, or would like further information, please contact:

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Email: [clerk@howdentowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@howdentowncouncil.org.uk)

Also, a reminder that the emergency phone number for the Town Council in the event of flooding etc. is **07528 870148**.

Issue	Action
Longs Corner Roundabout - water sitting on the road following rain	Drains were identified and cleared by ERYC.
Water sitting on Hull Road by the bus stop	Repairs being undertaken to the road gullies in the area by ERYC.
Flooding of Hull Road and Thorpe Road Avenues	Above two issues will reduce the amount of water running into Hull Rd Avenue. The route of the surface water sewer has been identified between Thorpe Rd Ave and Hull Rd Ave. Part of the system was jet cleaned. A further site visit will be required to clear the downstream section of the system. In addition an additional road gully is recommended at the lower end of Hull Rd Ave.
Derwent Road, road flooding	Access to the existing riparian culvert was found to be inadequate. An additional access chamber will be provided at the junction with the main surface water culvert at Hull Rd.
Selby Road, road flooding	The surface water culvert was jet cleaned from Blakeys Crossing in both directions. An obstruction was found at the rear of Kensington Gardens. Further site works will be required to clear the obstruction. However, the system is operational at this time.
Buttfield Road/Meadows, various issues including blocked drains and overflowing field drains	Yorkshire Water contractors removed an obstruction from a drain on The Meadows. ERYC have repaired a section of road drain in the area of Buttfield Lane. ERYC have cleared one of the drains feeding the open drain on Buttfield Rd but further investigations are required to locate and clear the outlet drain that runs along Buttfield Rd.
Batty Lane	Investigations have found that there is a lack of capacity in the drains. ERYC working on a preferred option.
Station Road, pooling near junction with Flatgate	Collapsed drain, repairs undertaken by ERYC.
Other works	The Drainage Board has undertaken clearance works to the drains they are responsible for.

HOWDEN CARNIVAL - THANKS!

The Howden Events Committee would like to thank all the shops and pubs which contributed to the successful Howden Carnival this year! Special thanks to **Hovedene Homes, Brian Leighton, Howden Joinery, Contrac Lighting, Drax, Ashes Association & The Rotary Club**, without whom the event would not have been possible!



[brianleighton.co.uk](http://brianleighton.co.uk)

HOWDEN LIVE - CHRIS HELME (BAND) + JOE HARKIN

### Shire Hall - Saturday November 30th 2013 £10

Chris Helme first rose to prominence as the front man of John Squire's post-Stone Roses band 'The Seahorses'. Still rightfully remembered for the anthemic Britpop classics 'Love Is The Law' and 'Blinded By The Sun' – songs that evoked everything the 90's stood for, the excitement, the culture and the bands that provided a voice in a period of political and social imbalance. Present day societal context may well in fact mirror those times but the man himself, now, appears cut from an entirely different cloth.

Helme has an enviable back catalogue, bolstered further by his acclaimed works with The Yards, but it's his latest offering The Rookery's knack for melody and imaginative, intricate, three-way guitar interplay that brings each track to such lush, blossoming, climaxes. Add to this Helme's keen ear for arranging and those brooding string passages resonate even more deeply.

"Echoing the fragility of Gram Parsons, while flirting with the rustic side of Neil Young." *Uncut*

"Dreamy but driven indie folk. Enhanced by lavishly layered productions and a deftly deployed string quartet." *Q Magazine*

Check out [howden-live.com](http://howden-live.com) for more up and coming events!



### DATE SET FOR HOWDEN SHOW 2014

The date for next year's Howden Show has been set for Sunday 6 July – so be sure to pencil it in your 2014 diaries!

Although it may seem like a long way off, planning for the 2014 Howden Show is already under way following a very successful Annual General Meeting last month, at which a number of people expressed an interest in volunteering on the day or joining the committee.

Andy Formon, Chairman of the Howden Show Committee, said: "We've got a fantastic team but we can always do with a little extra help, so it was pleasing to see new faces at the AGM. Planning for next year's show has already begun behind the scenes and we want to ensure that it's even bigger and better than this year. It's not too late to get involved, either as a volunteer or committee member."

He added: "We're particularly keen to hear from people who want to help us achieve our charitable aim of promoting horticulture, agriculture and rural pastimes. We are making funding available to expand and develop these aspects of the show."

Howden Show was a finalist in the 'Best Local Food and Drink Event' category at the 2013 East Yorkshire Local Food Network (EYLFN) awards, which took place recently. It was shortlisted in recognition of its hugely popular Food Festival.

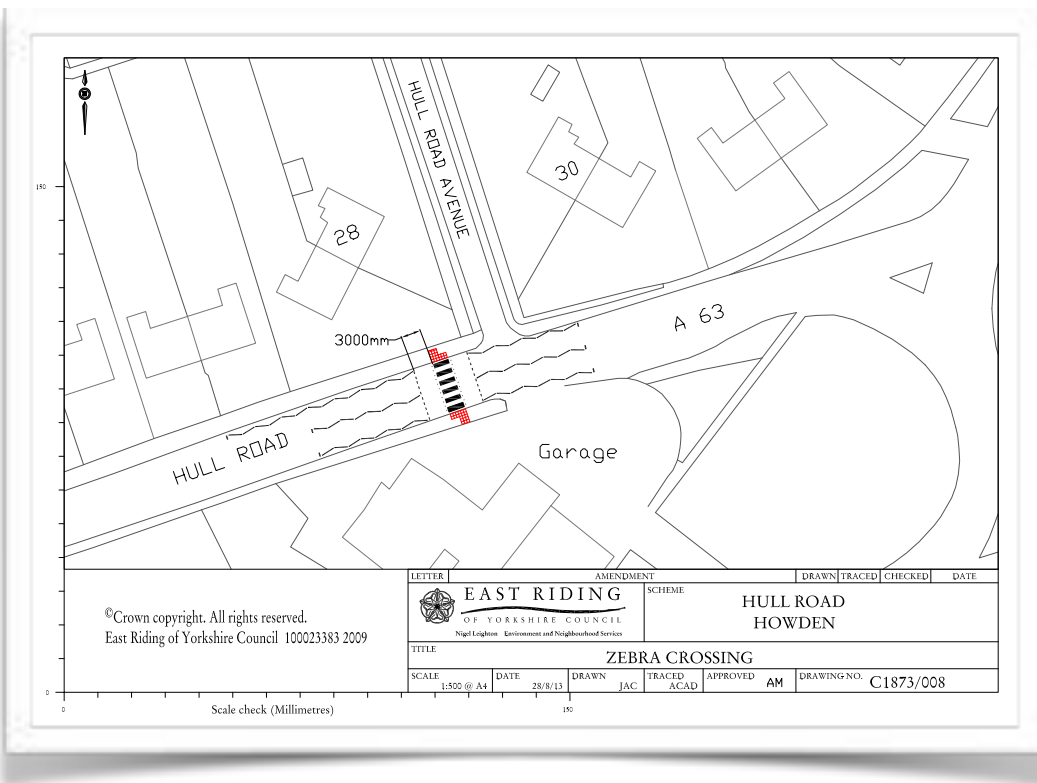
To find out more about volunteering, or for details of a Christmas social event being planned by the committee, please email: [secretary@howdenshow.co.uk](mailto:secretary@howdenshow.co.uk)

**HowdenShow** 

NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON HULL ROAD

A number of residents approached the Town Council earlier this year expressing their concern over the number of school children, and local residents crossing the busy Hull Road to use the refurbished store at Longs Garage. 'It would only be a matter of time before there is an accident' was the general comment. The Town Council approached the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to see if a pedestrian crossing could be installed in the area. Following a series of site visits and head counts the East Riding of Yorkshire Council agreed to a new zebra crossing at the point shown on the plan. The crossing will make crossing the road safer and will help slow the

traffic down in the area. The crossing is being funded from the Local Transport Plan for Howden. If you have concerns over crossing the road in any other part of Howden please let the Town Council know.



NEWS FROM THE SHIRE HALL

As a registered charity (no 224206) we are always looking at ways to keep our wonderful building up and running. We need to find approximately £45,000 per year to do this.

All this is done by hall hires, fundraisers and grant applications. In short we have to raise and find every single penny of that £45,000.

A new group has very recently been established. 'Friends of the Shire Hall' is a group of people passionate about the Hall who are willing to give up some of their time to help us in our fundraising efforts. The more people who can, the more we can do.

It could be sparing a couple of hours a

month helping out at events, setting up tables and chairs to helping organise and run a big one off charity event.

If you would like more information on this please contact me at the office on 01430 432510, email me: [howdenshirehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:howdenshirehall@hotmail.co.uk), join the Facebook group **Friends of the Shire Hall**, or just come along to our next meeting. Taking place on **Thursday November 21 at 7pm** it is a chance to meet us all over a glass of wine and share your ideas. Hope to see you there.

**Sarah Hardcastle**  
Venue Manager, The Shire Hall



## NEWS FROM THE ASHES

As most of you will know The Ashes Playing Field is run by a charity and not by the local or East Riding council.

As with any charity we have to obtain funds, grants etc in order to function.

Howden Town Council have always been the main provider of funds giving us an annual grant. This money is taken from the parish precept charge of your council tax.

During the last few years the Ashes Trust has benefitted from funds not only for the standard maintenance (our Groundsman's wages) but grants for trees, paths and the pavilion maintenance. We have also been able to start building funds for equipment replacement and an emergency fund.

However, due to central government capping local expenditure, this last year saw a substantial drop in the funding available to us and next year could be worse!!!

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank Howden Town Council for their continued support.

In order to combat this shortfall (and we are not the only group to lose out on these grants) we have embarked on a series of fundraising events engaging with council members and other local groups. The first

major project this year was the Mayfest music festival held on the Ashes and entirely funded by us. The profits made from this were about £1000 and next May we intend to do the same again (weather permitting) and hope to make it bigger and better.

During the last year Trustees and Friends of the Trust have engaged in bring and buy sales, tombolas and raffles as well as applying for numerous grants.

In this newsletter are details on work being done on the Diamond Jubilee Walk in The Ashes. All of the money needed to complete this project has been fund raised or come from willing donations. This redevelopment shows what can be done.

In order for us to keep the park functioning as it is, to continue maintenance and to make improvements we have to keep fund raising. If we can do this by putting on functions such as Mayfest, that we know you enjoy then we will. If we ask for donations and you feel able to give then thank you!

2014 promises to be a difficult year for the Trust but with your continued support we know we can make it work.

[Chris Dalton](#)

[Chair – Ashes Playing Field Trust](#)

The Ashes Playing Fields Trust includes six members nominated by the Town Council, and there is presently a vacancy. The Trustees are all local residents and are responsible for the upkeep of the park and

the management of the Trust. Meetings are held monthly. Any resident who is interested in serving as a Trustee is invited to contact the Clerk to the Council by letter, telephone or email.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ROOM HIRE

The Council has revised it's scale of charges for the use of the meeting room at 17 Bridgegate. The room is a well equipped and flexible space which can be used in a variety of ways - whether for a formal meeting, seminar, lecture, display or exhibition etc - and has a well equipped kitchen available to users. Charges for local voluntary organisations/charities are:

- By the hour: £10 per hour

- Half day (9am-1pm, or 1-5pm): £26
- Evening (6-9pm): £18
- Whole day (9-5pm): £48
- Whole week (Monday to Friday): £160

The room is also available to hire on Saturdays, price depending on requirements. We also have a scale of charges for commercial hire. Price on application. Contact us for any further information.

### SCOTT'S HELP OUT AGAIN!

On a warm sunny day in September a number of staff from Scott's Co (UK) Howdendyke kindly volunteered their services to the town. It was agreed that some would re-paint the play equipment at Derwent Park, and the others would spend their time in the Ashes, in the Diamond Jubilee Walk, tidying the edges of the path. A productive day was had by all and an enormous amount was achieved, thereby benefiting the whole community.

A huge thank you to Scott's and all the volunteers who gave their time so willingly. This is the second year they have given their services to the town and it is greatly appreciated!



### VANDALISM AT DERWENT CRESCENT PARK

Town Councillors are very concerned about a recent spate of vandalism at the park which has seen two large pieces of play equipment put out of use.

A large basket swing had to be removed from the play area, because the rope binding had been cut and the rope unravelled to the extent that it had become unsafe.

Shortly after that, a lateral balance swing was dismantled by vandals which rendered it unusable. There was a suspicion that it was their intention to sell it for scrap metal value. Fortunately a local resident of Derwent Crescent, when he found out what had happened, removed the pieces to his own

garden for safe keeping and was able to repair and restore it with the help of other residents and local police. Many thanks to you all!

Unfortunately the basket, which is only a year old, could not be repaired and will be replaced at a cost of £950. We are very grateful to the local resident who repaired the swing, as replacing it would have cost £3,650!

It is such a shame that this kind of mindless vandalism by a few people can spoil things for everyone else. Please can local residents keep an eye open for any suspicious activity at the park and report concerns to the police and to us at the Town Council.

### CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE REVIEW

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council is considering a review of the Controlled Parking Zone and Car Parks in Howden. The Town Council would like the views of residents, so that these can be raised during the review.

Any suggestions would be welcome as to how to improve the parking situation in the

town. If you have any ideas please contact the Clerk.

Also, a quick reminder that there is a free period at the ERYC car park near the new Co-Op before a ticket is required. Please consider taking advantage, rather than parking on the street!

## About Howden Town Council

Visit the Town Council’s Website at: [www.howdentowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.howdentowncouncil.org.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.

If you would like to be listed under the business section or have your organisation's news and events promoted on the website, simply contact us.

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### Howden Town Council is:

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Cllr. Daphne D’ Ark	Cllr. Robin Drury, Chair of Amenities Committee	Cllr. Rich Hart, Chair of Planning Committee	Cllr. Ingrid Haywood
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### TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Town Council is on **Tuesday 26th November** at **17 Bridgegate**.

All 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.howdentowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.howdentowncouncil.org.uk) or on the notice board outside the Shire Hall.