

Howden News



HOWDEN LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2015 5PM TILL 8PM

CHRISTMAS IN HOWDEN

This year we will be turning on the town Christmas Lights and Tree on the 16th 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 sponsoring the tree and to H B Holt for providing the stage again this year.

Howden late night opening is on Thursday 3rd December this year and I hope you will all come along and join in the activities we have planned. Along with the shops staying open we will have craft stalls upstairs in the Shire Hall, with Santa's grotto, face painting, drawing and tombola downstairs. 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 KCFM and will start at 4.45pm with the children from the infants school singing some lovely carols around the Christmas tree. 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!



HELP SAVE OUR BANK!

HSBC have announced the closure of the Howden branch on January 15 at 3.30pm. How will it affect you, your family or your business?

Can you help write a letter to the HSBC with your concerns? For more details on how you can help and more details on how the closure will affect Howden and the neighbouring parishes go to www.howdentowncouncil.org.uk.

GRANTS FROM HOWDEN TOWN COUNCIL TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2016

Closing date for applications 30th November 2015

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.howdentowncouncil.org.uk. Alternatively, guidance notes and the grant application form can 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 30th November 2015**. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by mid-December and grants will be paid in April 2016.

HOWDEN YOUTH RECREATION PROJECT

For all 11-16 year olds in the Howden Area

Follow us on Facebook @Howden Youth Project

The Howden YRP is open every Thursday evening (term time) from 7-9pm at the Youth Centre in the grounds of Howden School. All 11-16 year olds from the Howden area are eligible to attend.

Howden Town Council took over the running of the 'youth club' in April 2015 from the ERYC who no longer saw it within their remit to provide such provision.

Jane Breach is the Leader of the Howden Youth Recreation Project -YRP- and she is ably assisted by the very experienced youth worker Jean Hill. Together they provide excellent leadership for the YRP which aims to offer 'a recreational and social opportunity in a safe environment that engages with mainstream young people from the Howden area'.

Each half-term a programme is published showing a special activity for each session. Through November and December these will

include a Quiz Night, Pizza Night, Car Design and Racing. These activities are in addition to the regular weekly opportunities which include the use of the sports hall for football, basketball, etc. There is also a pool table which is very popular! The young people are consulted on the activities and there is always a special event to end each half-term. These have so far included a trip to Hornsea with beach bar-b-cue and most recently the very successful Halloween Disco! This coming

half-term 'special' will be a trip to the Winter Wonderland in York planned for December.

Members pay a weekly admission fee of £1 and receive a membership card. All leaders and

volunteers are DBS checked and have a duty of care liaising with parents/carers as appropriate. New members are always welcome.....Jane and Jean create a wonderful atmosphere for young people at the YRP and a warm welcome awaits all young people who wish to join in the fun!

Please contact Allie Milner, the Clerk to Howden Town Council on **01430 430111** or Jane Breach, Leader of the YRP on **07835 840647** for further details or call in when the YRP is in session.



SHOP LOCALLY IN YOUR HOWDEN

Tired of traipsing to the national supermarket to do the large weekly shop? Why not support Howden's local independent shops instead? You might be surprised at what you can purchase in Howden and in a more relaxed and friendly environment.

Your Howden is coming to a high street near you.....

'Your Howden' is a new and exciting campaign set up by Howden Town Council and Howden Traders Association with funding from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's High Street Fund with the aim of promoting local traders and to encourage local people to use local shops.

Howden Traders Association was set up earlier this year to encourage all traders in the town centre to work together, to promote each other and to promote and participate in events and activities in Howden. It's all about working together to help sustain a healthy and prosperous town centre. Look out for this year's 'Festive Fiver' campaign, run and funded by the traders.

The aim of the High Street Fund for Howden is to promote Howden's high street by financing the production of a leaflet that will be distributed around Howden and neighbouring parishes promoting the businesses in the town centre; a new information board in the two town centre car parks; a giveaway bag for life; a new website - www.yourhowden.co.uk (under construction) that can be used to promote events, a business

directory, the town of Howden; promotion of the campaign to encourage local people to use local businesses instead of national chain stores or franchise. Did you know that if each resident over 16 in Howden spent just £5 a week in Howden's local independent shops it would be worth £0.9 million per year going into the local economy? That could rise to over £1 million + if you include the neighbouring parishes. Which means more jobs, better facilities and a nicer place to live.

Howden Town Council's role has been to apply for the funding, to coordinate the campaign and encourage the local traders to work together under the banner of

Howden Traders Association. The Your Howden website is being built alongside a revamped Town Council website and will have the facility to promote any business in Howden, not just in the town centre. There are some 85 businesses in the town centre that are open to the public - pubs to cafes, boutiques to estate agents etc.. There will be many

more that are based in Howden that might benefit from being listed on the new website directory. If you own a business and would like to be listed, free of charge, please send your business name, contact details and a short paragraph about the business to the Town Council. For contact details, see the back page of this newsletter.

For more information on the businesses and events in Howden visit www.yourhowden.co.uk or Your Howden on Facebook.

Go on give Your Howden a try!



IMPROVEMENT ON THE WAY AT THE ASHES

It's been a really busy year in The Ashes with many highs and some lows.

During the course of the last year we have successfully completed a number of improvement projects with the help of successful grant applications from a variety of sources. The most notable of these was the Daphne D'Ark Play Park. This was opened in August at a cost of £65,000 raised by means of grants with a further £7,000 for the fencing being provided by ourselves.

Further grant funded work is taking place on the Bowling Greens. This work involves installing an automated sprinkler system and perimeter concrete channels. The cost of the work is £46,250 which has been raised by the Bowls Club through a grant application process.

As soon as this work is completed work will begin on resurfacing parts of the main path that runs from Treeton Road gates to the Bishop's Manor house. Please bear in mind that parts of the path will have to be closed during this work.

The fire and subsequent loss of the pavilion on Easter Monday shocked everyone. The landscape of the park will never be the same again. However, the event prompted much interest in The Ashes and questions about the future of the site. Work was already underway with regards to seeking major funding to refurbish the park however this incident has been an impetus to continue with this work and secure funding for the long-term improvement of The Ashes as a whole. A very exciting prospect!

To this end, in liaison with Groundwork

UK, a landscape architect has been deployed to work on the improvement ideas provided through two scoping meetings, one of which invited representatives of over 40 local groups to attend, in addition to the views of the pupils at Howden School. Before the end of the year it is hoped that the Trustees will be in a position to reveal to the community these

tentative improvement plans for The Ashes and to seek public opinion, ideas and views through a series of 'roadshows'.

The Trust will be applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a grant of up to £1 million to support the improvements based on preserving and explaining the heritage of the park. Subject to the acceptance of the initial proposal by the HLF, in 2016 the Trustees will then have to embark on a Funding Strategy to raise the £50,000 required to 'match fund' the grant application.

We do understand that no matter what we do in the way of improvements it will not suit everyone (it is highly likely that the Trustees won't agree on everything) however, we are working towards providing a better facility for the people of Howden and something that we can all be proud of. We hope to maintain your support through this process.

If you would like to support The Ashes, either as a volunteer or financially, please contact our secretary Barbara Abbott on **01430 430433**. Further details of the roadshows and our funding strategy will be available soon on our website www.howdenashes.com, on Facebook and Twitter, in Howden Matters and in the local press.





THE NEW ASHES PLAY EQUIPMENT IN USE!

SHIRE HALL AND HOWDEN LIVE EVENTS

Howden Live kicked off the season with a SELL OUT performance by LIVEWIRE on 11th September!

As a charity, the Shire Hall rely on fundraising events to continually offer improvements to the venue. The Shire Hall is delighted to have recently added afternoon entertainment from Howden local, Mike Smith.

Tickets for Shire Hall and Howden Live events available at Touchwood Homecare, **01430 431535** or the Shire Hall office, **01430 432510**.

Howden Live website:

www.howden-live.com

(tickets and full listings available here).

The Shire Hall website:

www.howden-shirehall.com.

Both Howden Live and Howden Shire Hall have Facebook pages. For further information and interviews/photo opportunities, please contact Venue Manager Angela Stone on **01430 432510** or email:

howdenshirehall@hotmail.co.uk

Shire Hall Registered Charity: 224206



FORTHCOMING SHIRE HALL EVENTS:

20th Nov: Joint Fund Raising Event – the Shire Hall & Howden Infants PTA presents: 'Into the 80s' Tribute Band. Tickets £10.

28th Nov 10am: Local Craft Fair

3rd Dec: Howden Christmas Late Night Opening

11th Dec 1pm: Adult Christmas Movie

11th Dec 4pm: Kids Christmas Movie

16-20th Dec: Howden Pantomime Group Present: Dick Whittington £8

18th Dec 2-3.30pm: The Shire Hall Presents: A Festive Celebration courtesy of Mike Smith & Guest(s)

FORTHCOMING HOWDEN LIVE EVENTS:

5th Dec: The Red Dirt Skinners £10

23rd Jan: Two Pianos £10

6th Feb: Holy Moly & The Crackers £10

20th Feb: The Steve Fulsham Band & The Nicol Band £10

5rd Mar: Martin Turner plays the music of Wishbone Ash £15

19th Mar: Maggie Bell & Dave Kelly In Concert £15

NEWS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

We are asking for your help to improve the water quality of the Old Derwent Drain that runs through Howden. During the summer this year the drain became badly polluted again and is causing local concerns. Yorkshire Water have investigated their sewer network in the area and have found that there are no blockages or misconnections discharging into their sewers. It appears, therefore, that there are misconnections direct from private properties into the culverted stretch of the Old Derwent Drain which is causing the pollution.

The Environment Agency, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Howden Town Council are working together to identify these properties and ensure that wrong connections are corrected, preventing pollution from occurring. As part of the investigation the drain will be surveyed to identify the source of any pollution.

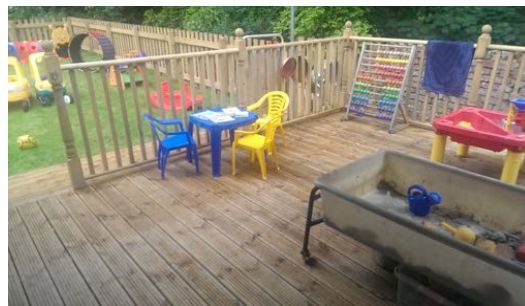
If you own land with a watercourse running through, whether adjacent or underground in a culvert you are legally a riparian owner and as such have rights and responsibilities, which includes the maintenance of any culvert. These responsibilities also include allowing water to flow through your land without becoming polluted, keeping the banks clear and maintaining the bed of the watercourse and removing litter and obstructions.

One of the main sources of pollution effecting water quality is caused by wrongly connected appliances within homes, referred to as misconnections. These might seem quite minor on their own – often just a single washing machine or sink, but the discharge can contain harmful chemicals which result in water becoming septic and highly polluting. Water companies generally find between 1-12% of properties are misconnected. The result is that untreated waste water is discharged directly into our rivers and lakes impacting on our health, wildlife and the quality of our environment.

A misconnection is an illegal discharge that causes pollution and the legal responsibility for addressing a misconnection ultimately rests with the property owner, although tenants can have responsibility in some cases. If a misconnection is identified from a property the local council and the Environment Agency have powers to enforce its correction and to address the pollution. The property owner or tenant could face legal action being taken against them for causing pollution and under the polluter pays principle will be charged for the costs incurred in identifying the source.

This is how the drain looked in the summer – we need your help to get it clean again.





HOWDEN PRE-SCHOOL IS RE-BRANDING

Howden Pre-School has been established for over 30 years and continues to develop and improve year on year. It provides opportunities for children to develop and learn, preparing them for the move into full time school.

Our new image reflects the modern and child focussed ethos of Pre-School (re-brand supported by Howden Rotary, logo designed by Sherbet Lion, email laura@sherbetlion.co.uk).

Give your child the opportunity to play, learn and explore in a natural environment in this outstanding, community setting.

- Nestled in a beautiful, woodland location in the heart of Howden
- Open term time Monday to Friday
- Morning and afternoon sessions available including lunch club and lunch time `school run` to/from Howden Infant School.
- Dedicated team of well qualified and professional staff with an excellent staff to child ratio.
- Free flow indoor/outdoor play in new, covered play area.
- Places for children from 2 to 5 years old (funding available; www.fish.eastriding.co.uk)
- Learning and development based upon the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework
- Competitive fees



Begin your child's learning journey in a happy, safe environment that's full of fun!

For more information, please see our website www.howdenpre-school.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

All enquiries please ring Jo Hallam (Manager) in term time school hours; **07738 947175** or **01430 434769**.

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NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE COMING SOON!

Howden Town Council's new website will be online soon, with a new revamped look and will be linked with the new Your Howden website.

Visit the Town Council's existing Website at: 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 new website, simply contact us.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Town Council are on **Tuesday 17th November** and **Tuesday 15th December** 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 or on the notice board outside the Shire Hall.