

Howden News



TOUR DE YORKSHIRE STAGE 1

THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2018

2018 TOUR DE YORKSHIRE CYCLE RACE WILL RIDE THROUGH HOWDEN!

There is bound to be lots of excitement as the hundreds of cyclists taking part in the Tour de Yorkshire Cycle Race speed through our town. The whole race will be televised around the world and helicopters will follow the riders every inch of the way. Howden will be on show across the world!

Where will YOU choose as the best vantage point to see the race?

The route of Stage 1 of the race will see both the Women's Race and the Men's Race approach the town from Thorpe Road, where there will be an exciting Sprint Stage of the competition, navigate the Longs Corner Roundabout, pass along Hull Road and round the corner onto Flatgate passing Howden School, along Bridgegate reaching Corn Market Hill where they pass our beautiful Minster, then along Pinfold Street, turn right onto Knedlington Road, and finally turning left at Knedlington crossroads on their way to Boothferry Bridge. The exact times when the riders will race through the town have yet to be confirmed, but we do know that the Women's Race will be in the morning followed later in the afternoon by the Men's Race. In between the two races the publicity caravan of special race vehicles and the Tour Ambassadors will pass along the route offering photo opportunities with cycling legends and giving out flags and gifts. It offers to be a spectacle not to be missed!



How is Howden preparing for the Tour de Yorkshire spectacular?

So that everyone can benefit from this wonderful opportunity a Howden Events Group, made up of members of Howden Town Council and representatives from local organisations and businesses, has already started work planning how to celebrate the event in the town and make this a day to enjoy for both residents and those choosing to visit the town and watch the race here. We will post further details on the Howden Community Facebook page and in local media over the next few weeks.

How can you help support the event?

We want all homes and businesses along the route through HOWDEN to get into the spirit of the day and welcome the riders to our town with a display of Yorkshire flags and bunting in the yellow and blue colours of the county. Let your imagination flow and let everyone see your decorations! Then, turn out and cheer the riders along as they speed through Howden – you may even be on TV!

To find out more about the Tour de Yorkshire, or if you are interested in becoming a Tour Maker, visit the website: www.letour.yorkshire.com.



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**HOWDEN VINTAGE DAY
SATURDAY 28TH APRIL!**

Howden Live together with the Howden Events Working Group are planning a vintage themed event the weekend before the Tour de Yorkshire, culminating in an evening performance from The Northern Showtime Orchestra: The Glen Miller Show!

Plans are still at an early stage, but keep an eye on howden-live.com and join the Howden Vintage Day Facebook group to keep up to date.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Each year the Town Council holds an Annual Town Meeting, which is open to all residents of Howden. At the meeting the Chair of the Council presents a review of the activities of the Council over the last 12 months.

If you would like to know more about the workings of the Howden Town Council please attend the Annual Meeting in April/May. The date is yet to be confirmed, so keep an eye on the council noticeboard outside the Shire Hall or see www.howden-tc.gov.uk for dates.

**HOWDEN
VINTAGE DAY**
REVISIT THE '40's, '50's & '60's

MUSIC DANCE RIDES STALLS FOOD

SATURDAY APRIL 28th
12 'til Late. Details at www.howden-live.com

ON AND OFF STREET PARKING IN HOWDEN

You will have noticed that there have been changes to the controlled parking zone (CPZ) and the two public car parks in Howden. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council have now implemented the changes. These are a 2 hour parking restriction in the majority of the on street parking bays without a residents permit, changes to the location and length of some of the parking bays, a new 'loading only' parking bay on Market Place. Also, there are changes to the charges in the car parks off Hailgate to encourage more people to use them rather than risking a fine for parking for too long on the streets, including much cheaper season tickets.

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Civil Enforcement Officers (parking wardens) are out and about checking on permits and time limits and will issue a parking fine without question. If you feel that you have been treated unfairly you must appeal the fine with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. For more details go to www2.eastriding.gov.uk and type in CPZ or car parks in the search.

Howden Town Council asks that when parking in the on street bays car drivers make sure that they park right up to the lines at the end of the bays (the tyre contact point with the road has to be inside the bay lines - in particular the ends) to ensure the maximum number of cars can park within the bays. Parking spaces on the streets are at a premium as some of the bays only accommodate two cars if they park correctly. Please park with consideration for other drivers to maximise the use of the space available.

YOUR HOWDEN – PROMOTING OUR TOWN

Your Howden was a campaign launched in 2016 and funded by the ERYC's high street fund. Its aim was to promote Howden and all it has to offer.

Following on from the initial campaign and a consultation meeting with businesses last summer, a 'Promoting Howden' group was formed which aims to:

- Encourage fuller participation in Howden life by more of its residents.
- Increase visits and use of the facilities by visitors from a broader catchment of villages and towns within the area.
- Promote Howden as a tourist destination for UK and overseas visitors.
- Sustain and build the economy of Howden.

The group is made up of volunteers from local businesses, community groups and the town council and is now planning various activities/projects during 2018 including the following:

MARKETING

Promoting 'Your Howden' via:

- Updated maps in town centre and other locations.
- A new 'Your Howden' leaflet to promote local businesses.
- Updating of the 'Your Howden' website at www.yourhowden.co.uk.
- Advertising in the Yorkshire Wolds and Beyond tourism guide and the Visit Hull and East Yorkshire website at www.visithullandeastyorkshire.com.
- Development of the Howden page on the Welcome to Yorkshire site at www.yorkshire.com/places/east-yorkshire/howden.



TOURIST INFORMATION

There is now a Tourist Information (TI) Point within the Howden Shire Hall – our status as an official TI point also entitles us to promote Howden via our TI points in East Yorkshire.

EVENTS

Helping to plan and manage key events in the Howden calendar such as the Tour de Yorkshire (coming through Howden on 3rd May) and Late Night Christmas Shopping.

REGIONAL LINKS

Linking in with other projects in the region such as ERYC countryside events, walking/cycling initiatives, heritage events and Welcome to Yorkshire initiatives.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Promote your business, group or event on the Your Howden website, just email editor@yourhowden.co.uk and we'll input your details.
- Promote your business or event via the Howden Tourist Information Point. Pop in to the Howden Shire Hall week days 9am – 4pm and have a chat.
- Become a Howden Volunteer. If you have some spare time and are able to help with local events and initiatives please email us at editor@yourhowden.co.uk. Any amount of time and support you can offer, no matter how little, would be much appreciated.
- Join the Promoting Howden Group. If you've got some ideas for the group and have some time to spare each month to attend meetings and take away some actions, then please email us at editor@yourhowden.co.uk.

WHAT IS HOWDEN TOWN COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO (AND NOT DO)?

So, what is Howden Town Council (HTC) anyway? What do we do? What is that ‘precept’ thing on your council tax bill? We’re the people who are in charge of parking and traffic, right? The ones who empty the bins and turn the street lights on, correct?

Well no. Actually it’s a bit different to what you may expect....

What does the Town Council do? We can only do what we are allowed to by law. We can own and maintain land such as the allotments, cemetery and council office on Bridgegate. We can employ people such as the Town Clerk and street sweeper. The council can also spend public money on things like the Christmas lights, hanging baskets and give grants and funding to local organisations such as The Shire Hall, The Ashes, Howden AFC etc. We lease the Marsh and Derwent Play Park from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) and manage them. We also pay for grounds maintenance of certain areas, such as the Minster churchyard. Oh, and we provide many of the salt bins around town, so if the footpaths need de-icing, then feel free to use the contents (just don’t be greedy), you’ve paid for it after all!

We are **not** responsible for managing the roads, traffic, parking within the parish, or waste collection. Those are examples of things managed by the ERYC at Beverley, so if you spot a pot-hole, or have an issue with parking enforcement for example, then either visit www2.eastriding.gov.uk, or pop into the ERYC customer service centre on Hailgate. The Town Clerk gets a lot of queries and complaints from people about issues such as these, that she is unable to resolve and can only be sorted out by County Hall. It doesn’t hurt to let us know about any issues though, we do keep a record and we challenge ERYC on an all too regular basis about the state of the roads and inconsistent enforcement of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), amongst many other issues.

We are also a statutory consultee on planning applications within the parish. We can comment based on local knowledge and what we think is best for Howden, but do not make the final decision. **Important note here:** The planning system in England is based on a presumption of right to build. In other words; if there is not a good legal reason why a development should be refused, then it will be granted permission. I know, on Grand Designs, or Homes Under The Hammer they always take forever to get through planning, but that’s just television. Usually most applications are approved and more than 80% are decided by officers employed by ERYC, not by councillors at all. Something important to realise here is that whatever the Town Council says has to be taken into consideration, but we don’t decide. One objection from HTC has a lot less influence than several objections from residents. If we objected to a large housing development without backup from **you**, it’s no good, it will likely happen. However, if there is massive local objection then that may make a difference, so go to www2.eastriding.gov.uk to comment, or write in and have your say!

How are we funded? On your council tax bill, you will notice an amount called ‘Precept’. This is the amount of tax that the Town Council charges households within the parish. We set this amount every year, based on a budget of expenditure comprised of grants and the cost of services. The amount for each band is then worked out and applied to your bill.

So what is expected of your councillors? Quite simply to attend every meeting we are summoned to, turn up on time and make decisions. Simply, that’s it. We are ‘summoned’, not just invited, so punctual attendance is considered mandatory if possible, however many of us work and have other commitments, so it isn’t always possible, but if a councillor were to miss all meetings for six months, they would be removed from office.

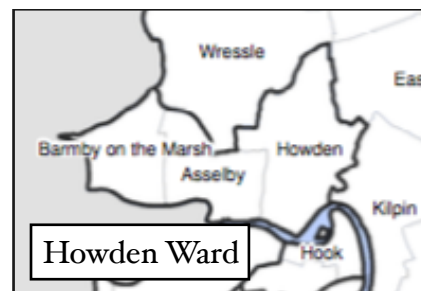
In practice though, councillors do much more than this in our own time voluntarily. So for example; when the Christmas lights go up, we do it ourselves to save money, we close the road

for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas late night shopping, we maintain the marsh ourselves, or meet with other organisations for a whole variety of reasons.

We're up for election every four years... but you don't remember voting for us, right? Well that's because there are thirteen councillors and if no more than that number stand, then there is no election, we're elected automatically. This is often what happens, so in 2016 on election day, you voted for a government and ward councillor, but town councillors weren't on the ballot paper, yet are still classed as 'elected'. If a councillor resigns, or too few stand, then the public have a right to call for an election for the empty post(s), which happens if ten voters write to county hall requesting one. If not the council can co-opt somebody to be a councillor. Usually we advertise the position and then chose from any applications we receive.

And no, councillors don't get paid, it's completely voluntary. We can claim expenses, but only with receipts for anything we are out of pocket for. No duck houses here! Individuals, even the Mayor, cannot make decisions on behalf of the council, so you can approach us and ask us for help, or to do something and we'll do what we can if it is appropriate, but anything that we do as an authority has to be put on an agenda and voted on at a meeting. If you stopped us in the street we could tell you where to get information, how to contact the clerk, or help you on a personal level, but not agree to spend public money, or promise that your application to build that new extension will get the nod!

Another thing people often wonder about, is what is the difference between Town and Parish Councils? Well not much really. The only main difference is that the Chairman of the Town Council also automatically becomes Mayor, which is a largely symbolic title. Howden is also part of Howden Ward, which also includes Asselby and Barmby on the Marsh Parishes and this is the area represented at ERYC by the ward councillor.



One councillor is elected by the others every year as the Chairman of the Town Council/Mayor, at what is known as the 'Annual Meeting' of HTC - not to be confused with the 'Annual Town Meeting' mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. The post does not have to change hands and there is no limit on how many years someone can serve as chair, so the same person can often hold the position for many years. You may know that Goole Town Council for example elects a different Mayor every year, but this is just because they choose to do things that way. Each committee also annually elects a chair in the same way. Also, HTC is not politicised, so at the moment it happens that we are all independent and not influenced by party politics, although anyone is free to be a member of a political party if they choose.



If you want to find out a little more about who we are, including council employees, or read our Registers of Interest, you can visit www.howden-tc.gov.uk. You can also see our mugshots so you know who we are when you pass us in the street!

THE ASHES PLAYING FIELD TRUST LOOK FORWARD TO 2018....

Having had a very exciting year celebrating the 90th Anniversary of The Ashes Playing Field Trust in 2017 with our '90 Memories from 90 Years' Heritage Lottery Funded Project, the Trustees of the Ashes are looking forward to another busy year developing the park for all to enjoy.

The Ashes Playing Field Trust is a registered charity and all Trustees are volunteers relying upon your support to maintain and develop our beautiful town centre park. We are grateful to Howden Town Council for their continued financial support through our application for an annual grant which goes a long way to enable us to provide the essential day-to-day maintenance of the park.

Visitors to The Ashes over the next few months can look forward to the following developments:

Toddler swings, two small trampolines, an orb rocker and a bench are to be installed in the Daphne D'Ark Play Park. The £26,000 funding needed to ensure this much wanted development takes place has now been acquired! Work will begin as soon as the ground is dry enough and we hope the work will be completed by late spring.

The 'Pop-Up' Skate Park sessions, funded by a Crime Reduction Grant administered by the Two Ridings Community Fund, will continue to be held on the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in 2018 once the weather is dry and suitable. The first 3 sessions were an overwhelming success. Thank you to everyone who came to take part, watch and support.

The installation of an Interpretation Board depicting the history of the park over the last 90 years – this will share key aspects of the heritage of the park with visitors and will be supported by funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

A leaflet to guide visitors around the park giving details of key features will be available, once again supported by funding from HLF.

Planning permission has now been granted by the ERYC for the addition of a Visitor Point on land to the south of the groundsman's shed. This will provide a focal point for heritage and nature trails around the park for school children and others.

Now that permission is in place the Trustees of The Ashes are working to find the money that will make this development a reality.

This development will also see improved facilities inside the groundsman's shed.

The installation of a new rustic bridge over the moat linking the car park with the more tranquil area of the park that is Jubilee Walk. Funding for this development has been obtained from the £3,420 raised by shoppers at the Co-op who chose The Ashes as their 'Good Cause' in 2017, £7,000



from Drax Community Fund and £1,000 from a local benefactor.

If you would like to become an Ashes volunteer and help with some of our events or basic park maintenance please become a Friend of the Ashes. Leaflets are available in Howden Post Office.

If you would like to share your memories of The Ashes and/or any special or unusual photographs of The Ashes, please contact Angela on **07860 622133** or email her at angwiles@aol.com. The Trustees are continuing to build up their archives and intend to produce a book to celebrate the centenary in 2027.

The Ashes Playing Field Trust now publish an e-newsletter each month. If you would like to be on the mailing list, please email Angela at angwiles@aol.com.



THE ASHES WELCOMES RESPONSIBLE DOG WALKERS

What better sight is there than happy dogs and their owners taking a walk in their local park? On some occasions The Ashes can rival Crufts with the variety of dogs happily running around.

However, please will dog owners remember that The Ashes Playing Field is for everyone to enjoy including very young children.

So, once again we are appealing to dog walkers to be responsible and follow our basic code:

- Always clean up poo from your dog and place it in the dog poo bins located around the park.
- Dogs may run free on the large field but we do ask you to keep your dog on a lead in ALL other areas of the park especially the small field where the children play.
- And....please do not let your dog off the lead at all when children are playing.

HOWDEN PRESCHOOL

Howden preschool is a local charity hidden within Howden's beautiful Ashes. We are open term time, Monday to Friday 9.15-3.15. We offer the 2 year funding and the 3 year funding and also provide wrap around care for the Howden infants C of E school nursery so families are able to access the 30 hour funding which came into affect in September 2017.

Our preschool offers an amazing and dedicated workforce who have a detailed knowledge of the early years foundation stage and the role of Ofsted. They are also incredibly passionate and supportive of families with special educational needs and disabilities and have the experience of being the Lead Professional for the Educational Health Care Plan process, as well as having close relationships with the National Portage Association, the ERYC Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) team and other education and health professionals in a bid to give every child the best start on the journey to school life.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Howden Town Council for their continued support and their generous grants which have allowed us to fund activities within the community and support the local economy.

IMPORTANT!

EVER WONDERED WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WATERCOURSES AROUND HOWDEN? **IT MIGHT BE YOU AS A RIPARIAN OWNER!**

As most of you will be aware there have been regular reports of 'foul smells' from Derwent Drain, especially in the open sections next to the Ashes Playing Fields.

This is the main riparian watercourse through Howden and runs from the North Howden Pumping Station beyond Derwent Estate, then alongside Hull Road and parallel to Hailgate to Treeton Road, where it joins the drain alongside Treeton Road and runs under the Boothferry Road (A614).

Howden Town Council has taken the lead and organised a joint working group of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Environment Agency, Ouse and Humber Drainage Board and the Town Council to investigate the source of the contamination which causes the smell. The likely cause is a cross/miss-connection pipe that should have been connected to the foul sewer rather than the riparian watercourse.

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Environment Agency, Ouse and Humber Drainage Board will be reviewing what information they have about the drain and then they will write to all properties that are above or adjacent to Derwent Drain. They will be advising property owners of their legal responsibilities and offering advice regarding possible cross/miss connections.

Subject to what information about the drain is on record and any cross/miss connections identified, there might be a need to send a survey team into the drain to see if they can identify where the contamination enters the drain. If this happens and the source of the contamination can be found it **might lead to a prosecution**. If you receive a letter from the working group please take note of its content and act accordingly.

What is a Riparian Owner?

A riparian owner is the person, or people, with watercourses on, next to or under their property. Riparian owners have the responsibility for maintenance of these watercourses. A riparian watercourse refers to a watercourse that is legally owned by the landowner. In the simplest terms, with the exception of sewers, any channel or pipe that carries rainwater is a riparian watercourse. Riparian responsibilities usually lie with the person who owns the land or property, but may be the tenant, depending upon the agreement in place. Riparian owners have a number of responsibilities, which if not undertaken correctly **can result in legal action** being taken by enforcement agencies (such as the Environment Agency, Lead Local Flood Authority or Internal Drainage Board).

Such responsibilities include:

- Allowing water to flow through their land without any obstruction, pollution or diversion which affects the rights of others;
- Accepting flood flows through their land, even if these are caused by inadequate capacity downstream;
- Keeping the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase flood risk, either on their land or downstream if it is washed away;
- Maintaining the bed and banks of the watercourse and the trees and shrubs growing on the banks and clearing any litter and animal carcasses from the channel and banks, even if they did not come from their land;
- Keeping any structures, such as culverts, trash screens, weirs and mill gates, clear of debris;
- Not causing any obstructions, temporary or permanent, that would stop fish passing through.

The general rule is that **landowners have a legal responsibility to keep watercourses that pass through or adjacent to their land clear**. This rule also usually applies to landowners who have a watercourse between them and the public highway.

For the Howden area, the Ouse and Humber Drainage Board maintains about 270 miles of riparian watercourses at the public expense and is also the Land Drainage Authority for the remaining watercourses in its district, with permissive (elective) legal powers to enforce works if required or desirable. The exception to this is where the Environment Agency are the Main Rivers Authority.

It is unlawful to undertake works on or adjacent to a watercourse without the consent of the Drainage Board. Planting or deposition of any material in the watercourse such as grass cuttings is also unlawful.

Failure to abide by the above **may be an offence** which can lead to **summary conviction**.

For further information please contact the Ouse and Humber Drainage Board on **01430 430237**.

NEW TOWN STREET SWEEPER

Howden's well known street sweeper, Ken Hawksworth (pictured) retired last October. The Town Council would like to thank Ken for his many years of service to Howden and wish him all the best for the future.

Our new street sweeper is Chris Howard, who has been doing an excellent job since taking up the position and you've doubtless already seen him out and about!




HOWDEN SHOW 2018

The annual Howden Show takes place on the first Sunday of July every year – so in 2018 the show will be on Sunday 1st July. Although we are 6 months away, planning is starting to hot up and preparations are well underway. We asked lots of people at the Christmas late night shopping evening in Howden in December whether a Big Top would be a welcome attraction and a resounding “YES” was the answer, so we are working to make that happen, alongside a great entertainments programme with something for everyone!

Even though it's the middle of winter, we are already excited about the horticulture competition, and are busy hunting out talented local musical acts to appear in the ever popular Community Tent. It's never too early to start getting ready for the Show. I know that many people will be planting and planning their entries for competitions such as grub-in-a-tub, flowers, fruit and vegetables, children's competitions, cake, jams and chutneys – we look forward to seeing all of the fabulous local produce. People from far and wide come to the Howden Show, last year was no exception, with over 5,000 people coming along to the Ashes in Howden for the day – we were very close to selling every ticket, so get them early.

Our agricultural roots are really important to us and many people visited the Rare Breed Sheep display last year so we plan on having more speciality breeds in 2018. We hope that the Equestrian events are as hotly contested as ever – perhaps even as much as the children's fancy dress competition (although, having seen the elaborate entries get bigger and better year after year it might be hard). We'll keep our fingers crossed for another fine day – as it has been for the last few shows – and welcome you all. If you want to keep up to speed on the show, follow the Facebook site and we'll let you have as much information as possible nearer the time. So make a diary note for the 1st of July and get the summer off to a bang – pop along to Howden Show – see you there!

HowdenShow 

HOWDEN SHIRE HALL AND HOWDEN LIVE

Howden Shire Hall is a community space in the heart of the beautiful market town of Howden. As well as hosting live music, dance, theatre, comedy and film events, it can also be hired out for private parties, meetings and weddings.

Coming soon to Howden Shire Hall:

FEBRUARY

- 2nd You're having a laugh!' Comedy Night
- 3rd Boo Hewerdine and Fiona Lee (Howden Live)
- 9th Howden Cinema - films tbc
- 17th Jo Harman (Howden Live)
- 23rd An afternoon of entertainment - guests tbc
- 24th ~~Take That Live - Take That Tribute Act~~ **SOLD OUT!**



MARCH

- 2nd The Swing Commanders in association with Feathersteps School of Dance
- 3rd The Jar Family (Howden Live)
- 9th Howden Cinema - films tbc
- 10th Decorative and Country Home Fair hosted by Little English House
- 17th - 18th Carlton Railway Society Exhibition
- 21st - 24th Sister Act presented by Stagedoor Academy
- 30th An afternoon of entertainment - guests tbc
- 31st Heart of Glass - Blondie Tribute Act (Howden Live)

For more information and tickets pop in to the Howden Shire Hall box office (located next to the hall in the old library), call 01430 432510/436322 or visit www.howden-shirehall.com. Please note we can now take bookings/ card payments over the phone.

Howden Live tickets can be purchased from Touchwood Homecare in the Market Place or online at howden-live.com, where you can also find prices and much more about upcoming acts.

REGULAR CLASSES AT HOWDEN SHIRE HALL

MONDAY		THURSDAY	
9.30am - 10.30am	Music Time	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Howden Walking Group (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month)
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Music Time	9.00am - 12 noon	U3A (Last Thursday each month)
6.30pm - 8.30pm	Adult Dance (TATs)	10.00am - 1.00pm	Art Venturers
8.30pm - 9.30pm	Zumba	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Teen Café
TUESDAY		6.30pm - 7.30pm	Pilates
10.00am - 11.00am	Let's Get Playing	FRIDAY	
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Linguafun	9am - 11.30pm	Friday Market and Café
6.30pm - 7.30pm	Pilates	SATURDAY	
7.45pm - 9.45pm	Ballroom & Salsa	10.15am - 12 noon	Children's Dance Classes (TATs)
WEDNESDAY			
10.00am - 11.00am	Tiny Talk Baby Signing		
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Karate		

HOWDEN HERITAGE CENTRE PROGRESSES

Howden Civic Society is pleased to announce that it has been able to secure a further three years lease on the Heritage Centre at 16 Market Place. This will enable it to continue to develop the facilities, but it is dependent on securing further funding.

The remainder of the ground floor will soon be open to the public and we can extend the facilities for volunteers to manage the growing collection of objects and information. This will also enable the Centre to develop its website and digital information and improve access to its collection throughout the week.

The Centre will soon be able to host small meetings, educational talks, and be the focus of guided walks around the blue plaque trail and the premises awarded the status of outstanding building as well as the R100 trail. We have already hosted several visits by groups of interested people from outside Howden.

The Centre will be developing interactive displays and has been helped in the creation of the space by three Howden school students as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme activities. Volunteers are also starting to collect oral histories from local residents so that their stories will be maintained and made accessible for future generations.

We also plan to develop a re-enactment of the story of the Howden highwaymen in the bank's old strongroom.

Another project being developed is an archaeological dig in the back garden of the Heritage Centre. This was previously the site of the Bishop's lodgings and other buildings that formed part of the Bishop's Palace. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our medieval history and even get a glimpse of what was on the land before the palace was built. Plans are being made to involve residents of all ages in a community dig, with financial support from the Town Council.

The Society is hoping to be able to work with Howden Minster, Historic England and English Heritage to make the old Choir part of the Minster accessible to the public. The feasibility of opening the Chapter House is also being examined.

2017 was an exciting year for the Society with the opening of the Heritage Centre. This is understood to have attracted visitors to the town who might have otherwise just driven by. This should benefit local businesses.

Howden Civic Society can only continue its development of the Heritage Centre if sufficient funds are available to pay running costs. The Society is launching its 'Supporters of the Heritage Centre' scheme shortly. If anyone would like to use the facilities on offer or even work with us to meet your needs in some way, please contact volunteers at the Heritage Centre who would be pleased to help. If you would like to donate to the Centre or offer to volunteer a few hours please look out for the leaflets.

The Centre is open each Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. The Society can be contacted by visiting the Centre, by email to info@howdencivicsociety.co.uk, or by post : Howden Civic Society,

c/o The Shire Hall,
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Howden Heritage Centre

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Town Council are on **Tuesday 20th February** and **Tuesday 20th March** 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 with 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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