

Howden News

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HOWDEN LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2018 5.00 – 8.00PM

As in previous years, Howden's Late Night Shopping event will take place in the Market Place and provide a fun evening of entertainment and shopping for all the family, helping everyone get in the mood for Christmas.

Local traders and a variety of market stalls, both inside and outside the Shire Hall, will once again create a festive atmosphere that's not to be missed. There will be the opportunity to browse and buy those special Christmas presents.

For the young children, who have been especially well-behaved all year, Father Christmas has promised to spend a couple of hours with us in a specially prepared Grotto in the Shire Hall. We look forward to meeting both residents and visitors to the town for a fun evening.



Mark Scott with his hot chestnut stall.

Please remember that in preparation for the event, the Market Place will be closed to cars on the day, except for delivery vans, from 10am until approximately 10pm.

SUPPORT FOR HOWDEN PRE-SCHOOL FROM A-ONE+

Many of you will have noticed the Highways depot, close to the Junction 37 motorway roundabout, that is servicing the Ouse Bridge maintenance works. A-One+, the contractors appointed by Highways England to carry out the work and who are occupying this depot, have recently completed a project to support our local community.

Improvement to Howden Pre-School was selected as a community project by A-One+ for Phase 1/2 of the Ouse Bridge Bearing Replacement Scheme. As a result, during the last week in October, the entrance way to the Pre-School Main Gate was upgraded. The footpath with the green netting and geotextile, joining the Pre-School to the main path in The Ashes, has gone and a much more practical superb tarmac path is now in place. This will make it so much easier for parents/carers visiting the Pre-School and especially for those with push-chairs. Additional work in the Pre-School garden will also be carried out by A-One+ to help improve this area for the children.

A big 'THANK YOU' to A-One+ for their generosity. These much-needed improvements are very much appreciated by the community of Howden.



Carrie Richardson, Howden Pre-School Manager and Jonathan Baron, Area 12 Site Engineer for A-One+ on the newly installed tarmac path.

MORE WILLOW THAN YOU CAN THROW A BAT AT!

Since Howden Marsh was planted up in the late 1970s and early 80s the trees have grown and until recent years they have had very little management. The dominant tree is willow. Unfortunately, some species of willow are not very good at standing upright. Those of you who walk around the Marsh will have seen the large willows leaning against gravity, the smaller shrubby willow alongside the boardwalk and paths falling over and rerooting and encroaching onto the paths. Also, as the site was planted up so close together the majority of the trees are of a similar age and size - there is very little structure whether it be size, age or variety.

Before the willows take over or cause serious damage we need to start to thin them out - but do not worry they will grow again! There are also a number of other tree species trying hard to grow amongst the willow but they need a little space and light to get established.

The willow growing close to the boardwalk needs to be cut back to the stem, some 3m off the boardwalk! This will open the side of the boardwalk to encourage a better grass and floral carpet and other tree species such as ash, silver birch and hawthorn to get established. The cut down willow will grow as a coppice. This is where a single stem has been cut down and as it regrows it puts out many stems and this creates a shrubby plant which helps to give the woodland some size structure and variety. The work will look dramatic but will very quickly grow back. It will also be easier to keep the edge of the boardwalk and the paths clear of intrusive branches.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS & INFORMATION

The next meeting of the Town Council is on **Tuesday 18th 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 on the notice board outside the Shire Hall, or by visiting the Town Council's website at: www.howden-tc.gov.uk. There you can also find out about individual members of the Council and the staff employed and you can keep up to date with what is going on in the town and find out what the Council does. You will also find links to all the latest planning applications, details of ongoing projects such as Howden Marsh Local Nature Reserve, the Derwent Crescent Play Park and grounds maintenance within the town.

THE ASHES PLAYING FIELD.....NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

Much has been publicised recently about mental health and wellbeing and it is a proven fact that enjoying a walk in the park can improve our general health. How lucky we are then in Howden to have The Ashes on our door step!

Whatever the time of year the park looks beautiful. The Trustees of The Ashes work hard to ensure that the park, a registered charity, continues to be maintained and developed for the people of Howden and the surrounding villages to enjoy. Howden Town Council have generously supported the park over the years with an annual grant to support the general maintenance.

Over the summer of 2018 The Ashes saw much development work with the opening of Abbott's Bridge linking Jubilee Walk with the car park, additions to the Daphne D'Ark Play Park providing the long-awaited toddler swings and the planting of new trees and shrubs. The Trust have also provided much needed groundsman facilities.

The new groundsman Bob Fox is making 'his mark' on the park and the response from park users is very complimentary about his work and how wonderful the park looks whatever the time of year.

More developments are planned for early in 2019. The Ashes Trust are awaiting the response to a grant application to improve the paths around the park and funding has been gained for the Petanque Court which will be in place for the spring, offering another activity for families to enjoy together. Consideration is currently been given to the 'Howden Mile' a suggested jogging trail around the park interspersed with outdoor gym equipment, a Visitor Point and a feasibility study regarding the provision of changing facilities for sports teams.

The Ashes Trust appreciate all the support the park receives from Howden Town Council, residents and businesses in Howden and are committed to maintaining and developing the space to meet current and future need.



Opening of the new Abbott's Bridge in The Ashes on Yorkshire Day – 1 August 2018

HOWDEN 2019
CALENDAR

To promote our town, The Ashes Playing Field Trust, have published this wonderful calendar.

The calendar, sponsored by local businesses, has twelve great views of Howden, space to write all those important 2019

dates you need to remember, comes in a cellophane bag and with a sturdy envelope for posting to family and friends. Every Howden home should have one...and they make a great gift for family and friends living away from home.

By purchasing the calendar you will be supporting The Ashes Playing Field Trust to bring about more developments to our beautiful town centre park.

Available from Chappelow's Newsagents in the Market Place and California Gardens – price £5.



KEY HOWDEN EVENTS
FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY

SATURDAY 11TH MAY
Howden Vintage Day

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE
Ashes Picnic-in-the-Park

SUNDAY 7TH JULY
Howden Show



HOWDEN SWIFT PROJECT

As some of you will know, Howden has a population of Swifts that visit us every summer. Easily confused with Swallows and House Martins, Swifts are a bit bigger, with longer, straighter wings. The easiest time to identify them is when they form into loose groups and fly at great speed over the town, screaming to each other to keep in contact. Most people are not fortunate enough to see a swift very close up because they almost never stop flying.

Unfortunately, like many other birds, Swifts are in big trouble and those of you who have lived here for many years may have noticed that numbers have gradually dropped. This follows a national trend where populations have fallen by half in the last twenty years. Scientists are not entirely sure why Swift numbers are falling but one known problem is a decreasing number of suitable nest sites. Older buildings with small gaps under the eaves are ideal. However, these can be the very places that can become blocked when buildings are updated or improved.

There is hopefully something we can do as a town though, and many other towns and villages already have well established Swift projects. Initially we are just formulating ideas, but as the winter progresses there will be more specific plans in place before our Swifts return in the spring.

As a start, how about some amazing facts about these very special birds.....

Young Swifts leave the nest as soon as they can fly. From that day forward they don't touch the ground for 2 or 3 years until they are old enough to breed. They not only sleep on the wing, but can even sleep by resting half of their brain whilst using the other half to glide around. In fact the only time the birds ever actually land is when they enter a nest cavity to breed.

Look out for more details on the Town Council website, especially if you are already lucky enough to have swifts nesting each summer. One thing that we can certainly do in the spring is to map any known nest sites, so any information will be very useful at that stage.



REDUCING CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE TOWN

Along with most other towns across the country, Howden has its fair share of crime and anti-social behaviour. Howden Town Council is determined to ensure that the town remains a safe and pleasant place to live and work and is committed to liaising with Humberside Police to do this. Police Inspector Mark Lovell has already attended two meetings of the Town Council this year to discuss concerns and the ways that we can work together with the Police to keep our town safe.

One of the ways that we can all help with this is by reporting ALL crimes, incidents of anti-social behaviour and things that 'don't just seem quite right'. Residents should telephone 101 to report their concerns or of course telephone 999 if a crime/act of violence is in progress.

Another way of reporting crime and anti-social behaviour is by ringing:

CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555 111

Using this number the person reporting the offence does not have to give their name.

To bring visible community policing to Howden you will find that our local PCSO Simon Smith now has a base in an office within the Howden Town Council building on Bridgegate. The times when you will find him here available for you to 'drop in' and talk through any concerns are displayed on the noticeboard outside the Shire Hall and are also printed in the monthly publication Howden Matters.

PCSO SIMON SMITH'S SURGERY TIMES FOR 2018

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER:	
Tuesday 20th	- 11am to 1pm	Friday 7th	- 11am to 1pm
Thursday 22nd	- 5pm to 7pm	Monday 10th	- 5pm to 7pm
Wednesday 28th	- 11am to 1pm	Saturday 15th	- 11am to 1pm
Friday 30th	- 5pm to 7pm	Tuesday 18th	- 11am to 1pm
		Thursday 20th	- 5pm to 7pm
		Friday 28th	- 5pm to 7pm

It really is important that members of the community share concerns and report instances of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Please remember... only by the whole community working together with the Police will we keep our town a safe and pleasant place to live and work.

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