

THE TOWN COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING REMINDER:

Enquiries about council tax, housing, planning, education/schools, public health, drainage, parking, highways, refuse collection, welfare and social services should be addressed to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Customer Services Centre at 69 Hailgate, Howden – at the junction with the road leading to the new Co-op store.

HOWDEN'S FIRST GYM 'THE VAULT' OFF TO A FLYING START!!

In recent years, Howden has had little to no indoor sports & leisure facilities. This has caused members of the local community to have to travel to other towns such as Goole, Selby and even Hull to exercise. But thanks to The Vault Fitness Centre, this is no longer the case.

The Vault Fitness Centre is located right in the centre of Howden, at 16 Market Place. If you've lived in Howden for a while, you'll probably know the location as the old HSBC bank, or the Heritage Centre. But now when you walk through the door, instead of seeing Cashiers and queues, you'll find yourself in a wide open space, filled with brand new treadmills, top of the range AirBikes and the sound of music and clattering free-weights.

The painstaking remodelling project was taken on in April this year by the business's owner, Alex Suggitt, who saw potential in the building's ground floor when the building went on the market earlier this year. The project included the removal of all rooms and offices, installation of brand new toilet and shower facilities, and the biggest challenge, the demolition and removal of a 100 + year old bank vault! Hence the name...

Now fully complete and open for business, The Vault provides members with full 7 days a week access to a fantastic range of brand new equipment. Including exercise bikes, treadmills, AirBikes, rowing machines, functional fitness equipment, and of course, a fully stocked free-weights area where the vault itself once stood.

The Vault is accessible to anyone and everyone over the age of 16 and has professional personal training packages available. In addition to this, The Vault also offers corporate packages to local businesses to help their employees stay fit and healthy.

Members feedback so far is that Howden's first and only gym has an extremely "welcoming, and positive atmosphere" with "plenty of help and support available at all times".

If you'd like more information, visit https://thevault.fitness/, call **01430 436333**, or simply pop in for a chat.

PROJECT LOO!

Project Loo was set up to build a Changing Place onto the public toilets in Howden. This is a large disabled toilet with a bench and hoist which prevents the individual from having to be changed on the floor. It also helps the carer with lifting the individual; preventing them from putting themselves at risk of injury.

The nearest Changing Places that are accessible publicly to Howden are Goole, Selby and Pocklington, then there isn't one for a further 25 miles. People who require these facilities plan their day around where they are located, because let's face it.... would you happily lay on a toilet floor?

Project Loo is proud to announce that the current fundraising total is £1715, with more to come!!! In addition to this amazing fundraising; the property owners have agreed to the use of the land next to the public toilets in Howden. Howden residents, you have been absolutely amazing and so generous.... I would like to

reassure you all that your donations are being looked after at Howden Town Council.

We still have a long way to go, but our community spirit is not just showing how wonderful we are as a town, but how inclusive we aim to be! Please can I express my thanks to Howden Rotary club as well as members of the public for donating so generously to our cause. *Cllr. Hannab Pears*

NEW TREES ON HOWDEN MARSH

Regulars to the Marsh might think that we have plenty of trees already. Yes we have a lot of trees, but could have a better selection to attract more wildlife? As has been WOODLAND mentioned in previous articles, the dominant tree on the Marsh is willow. The majority of the willow trees are not in the best of condition and need to be felled and left to re-grow as a coppice to help give the tree line a variety of heights and age structure. Amongst the willow are small numbers of other trees that are better for the wildlife. We would like to encourage more of these trees to get established around the Marsh.

Last winter we were given some very young oak trees that we planted and they are growing well, a little slow but now established. This year the Woodland Trust, under their Free Trees For Schools And Communities campaign, have given the Town Council a further 420 trees. These trees are classed as Wild Harvest and consist of hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, dog rose, elder and rowan. We will be planting them across the Marsh, in and amongst the existing trees and over time wildlife will benefit from a lot more natural food. If you would like to help on the Marsh this winter please let us know - clerk@howden-tc.gov.uk or **01430 430111**.

THE ASHES PLAYING FIELD - YOUR LOCAL PARK

We are so fortunate to have The Ashes - 15 acres of beautiful leisure and recreation space in the centre of our town! Living near a 'green space' is regarded as essential to good health and well-being so the maintenance and development of The Ashes remains important to the town.

Successful grant applications, including support from Howden Town Council, and on-going fundraising has seen the volunteer Trustees being able to put in place several improvement projects in 2019 - renewed tarmac paths, new benches including picnic benches in the children's play area and the very popular Petanque Court. In addition, ongoing excellent maintenance work by our groundsman Bob Fox, has meant the park is looking in good shape.

THE HOWDEN 2020 CALENDAR...

...Published by the Ashes Playing Field Trust, is on sale now for just £5. Featuring the work of 5 local artists the calendar is fun and great for giving a clear overview of the year with space to write in those important events. An excellent Christmas gift! Calendars can be purchased in the following local shops – Chappelow's Newsagents, Parkin's Butchers, That Tea Room, Jo Mahoney, Shire Hall Office and California Gardens. Please buy one and support The Ashes Development Fund.



LOVE YOUR PARK? WANT TO HELP IT TO DEVELOP?

SIGN UP AS A FRIEND OF THE ASHES

The Ashes Trust are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways at our forthcoming events in 2020 and beyond. Come along and say 'Hello' to Trustees at Howden's Late-Night Shopping Event on Thursday 5th December, try your luck on our tombola and talk to us about becoming a Friend of the Ashes and the ways in which you can help us maintain our beautiful town centre park.



IT'S BACK FOR 2020 – THE HOWDEN ASHES 5K AND 10K RUNS WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST 7PM

Earlier this year the Ashes Playing Field Trust organised the very successful Howden Ashes 5K and 10K Run with a 1K Fun Run for those who wanted something less strenuous. This was a run that not only raised funds for The Ashes but also promoted Howden with runners coming from all over the Yorkshire region. Over 50 volunteers from the local community assisted as Race Marshalls or in Race HQ which was in the historic Bishops Manor House. Sponsorship for the event came from several generous local businesses.

This multi-terrain run which starts in the Ashes Playing Field, follows a route

through the town centre and around Howden Marsh, will be held again on Wednesday 5th August 2020 starting at 7pm. The website is now open for runners to sign up at: http://myi.raceresult.com/141480

Join in the fun of this occasion either as a runner, a volunteer or just come out and cheer the runners on the night.



FLOODING AND YOUR TOILET!

Following heavy rain does your toilet back up? Do you have to wash in a bucket because your sink does not empty?

The Town Council are aware of a number of incidents recently when this has happened. But we would like to know more. To help put the pressure on Yorkshire Water to improve their pumping stations in Howden we need to know the extent of the issue. Please let us know! Drop the Town Council a line either email clerk@howden-tc.gov.uk or write to Howden Town Council, 17 Bridgegate, Howden DN14 7DE with your details, what the problems have been and what has been done about them in the past.

We will be working with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Yorkshire Water to try and resolve the problems. In addition it is recommended that you also inform Yorkshire Water about your drainage problems, especially since you pay them to take the water away. Call them on **03451 242424** or visit their web site at www.yorkshirewater.com and go to 'contact us'.

CHRISTMAS AND COMPANY

'It's the most wonderful time of the year' sang Andy Williams in the festive classic - and Christmas can be wonderful - but not for everyone.

For many people, of all ages, Christmas can be a difficult time. After last years' successful launch, Christmas and Company will once again be offering a proper three course Christmas Day lunch to people who would appreciate a little company and companionship.



We have had amazing support from The Shire Hall and many local businesses - and last year nearly 100 local people responded to our Facebook campaign offers of support and sponsorship!

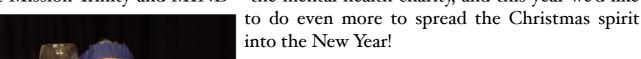
Our guests are not going to be reached by social media alone, local networks and word of mouth are key to spreading the word, and that's where you come in.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to join us, to meet old friends and make new ones, have a chat, share a few laughs and simply enjoy good company on Christmas Day, please get in touch.

Whilst we are suggesting a minimum donation of around £5 a head to help cover the food costs, we are very happy if people would like to give more as our aim is to run the event to break even with any additional revenue donated to local charitable organisations.



Last year we raised over £650 which was shared between the Goole Foodbank at Mission Trinity and MIND – the mental health charity, and this year we'd like



To book just call in at Touchwood Homecare on the Market Place who are very kindly managing our tickets again this year.

To find out more you can go to the Christmas & Company Howden Facebook Group, email us: christmasandcompanyhowden@gmail.com or call us on **07774 729096**



ROAD GULLIES BLOCKED - REPORT IT!

When it rains do the road gullies in your street or around Howden back up and overflow onto the road? Does this overflow flood your garden? Sometimes it's because there is so much water and they can't cope with the volume, but sometimes it's because the gully or the pipe work the gully feeds into is blocked and needs to be cleared. You need to report it to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Either call **01482 393939** or visit their web site www.eastriding.gov.uk and search for flooding and drainage where you can report a block gully, or you can report it in person at the Customer Service Centre on Hailgate on the corner to the entrance to the big Co-op. You will need a road name and a house number or street light column number as a reference.

HOWDEN TOWN COUNCIL INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

Howden Town Council aims to offer as many grants as it can to Howden's community groups, however our powers and financial resources are limited.

In the present economic climate there are many competing pressures on finances, and Howden Town Council is conscious of the need to strike a balance between the desire to restrict the financial burden on local taxpayers and the continued provision of services for the community.

Howden Town Council's funds are drawn from local tax paid by all Howden residents and therefore the Council's policy is to prioritise support for organisations providing services across the community of Howden. We do not fund individuals unless their project is to benefit the community of Howden.

We like to fund things such as:

- Services to aid the community of Howden
- Repair and replacement of town assets and built heritage
- Projects to alleviate the disadvantages of being a rural market town
- Community engagement ideas
- Improvement of our natural heritage

Priority will be given where:

- The funds will be project-based, as opposed to being put into reserves
- There is evidence of active fund-raising from other sources
- Optimal use is being made of existing resources, including 'in-kind' and voluntary help

Please contact the Clerk, Allie Wilson on **01430 430111** or email <u>clerk@howden-tc.gov.uk</u> for an application form. The cut off date for receiving the forms back is **Monday 23rd December.**

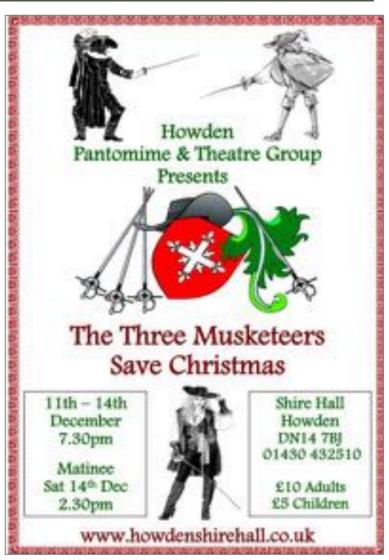
HOWDEN SHIRE HALL

Howden Shire Hall Trustees and all users would like to give thanks to Howden Town Council for their generous contribution towards the funding of our recently renovated toilets. The primary funding provider was FCC Communities Foundation (formerly Wren) with match funding met by Howden Town Council, Co-op Community Fund and Shire Hall fundraising efforts. We have also received a generous donation of cleaning and hygiene products from local company Technikraft to ensure that the new facilities remain clean and well maintained. LED lighting was donated by Contrac Lighting which will help us to minimise electricity costs and reduce our carbon footprint. Lastly, huge thanks to local firm Aquarius of Howden. We are beyond delighted with the standard of workmanship and finish delivered, and hope you will enjoy using our "posh" new toilets when you next visit us for events.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing to be able to improve our current disabled access toilets as part of #projectloo. Our recent Community Fashion Show raised a staggering £1295!

We are grateful to everyone

who took part and came along to support on the day and, in particular to Cllr Hannah Pears for her commitment to raising awareness to provide dignity and confidence for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.





UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SHIRE HALL

•Cast in Stone are a Howden based theatre company featuring local actors. This year, they will perform East Riding playwright Jane Thornton's hilarious life-affirming "I want that hair"... "don't we already have enough hairdressers in this town?"

•Howden Panto and Theatre Group return with their annual Christmas cracker! Great fun for all the family. (Oh yes it is)....

•Tickets are now on sale for our ever popular New Year's Eve Ceilidh with the Hessle Ceilidh Band! Did you know you can reserve a table for parties of 8+ and can even pre-order bubbles for midnight!? Tickets £17.50/£10 (under 16s)

www.howdenshirehall.co.uk 01430 432510



HOWDEN'S HERITAGE SHOWCASE

Howden Civic Society would like to invite you to take part in an event next June to celebrate the artistic talent that undoubtedly exists within Howden.

We want to showcase visual art, such as drawing, painting, film-making, architecture, ceramics, sculpting, model-making, photography, tapestry and quilting and many other expressions of skill and imagination, all of which must show some aspect of Howden. We already have offers to show the scale model of South Howden Station, digital art showing Howden, diorama, the Civic Society's collection of paintings by Frances Hutchinson and Cynthia Potter, and more. We will also be able to display many of the DVDs that the Civic Society has showing aspects of Howden. What else can you offer?

The items would not be for sale, although orders may be taken, entry for visitors would be free and there is no charge to exhibit.

This early notice is intended to give you time over the winter to create new work or plan how you can present your existing achievements. The event will be held in the Shire Hall, probably on the weekend of 20 and 21 June.

Please let me know whether you would like to take part, either as an individual or in a group, and whether that date would be suitable. Please email me at howdensheritageshowcase@btinternet.com

Philip Mepham - Chairman - Howden Civic Society

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS & INFORMATION

The next meeting of the Town Council is on **Tuesday 16th 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.

Notices of meetings and agendas can be found displayed in the window of the Council's office at 17 Bridgegate, 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 we employ 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.

INFORMATION ISSUED ON BEHALF OF EAST RIDING YORKSHIRE COUNCIL – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

ERYC have ceased posting notices of planning applications through the doors of neighbouring properties and are now publicising all planning applications by posting a site notice or site notices on lamp posts in the vicinity of the property seeking planning permission.

Residents do not need to wait until they see a site notice and can be kept informed automatically of new applications in their area by registering with Public Access on the ERY Council's website.

Registering with Public Access allows users to:

- View details of planning applications and enforcement notices
- Monitor the progress of planning applications and receive updates via email
- Submit comments about an application
- Search from a constantly updated list of applications
- View all associated documents, including plans, application forms, consultation responses and decision notices with conditions

Residents that do not have internet access can visit any of the council's libraries where computers are available to view and comment on planning applications online. This is a free service, but will require residents to register when using the facility. Make a note of the application number or post code address as given on the site notice before visiting the library.

A step-by-step guide on how to use Public Access can be viewed on the planning service's webpage at: www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-disclaimer/

BECOME PART OF

HowdenShow)

www.howdenshow.co.uk

Do you LOVE Howden?
Do you LOVE being part of a fabulous community?
Do you ENJOY working within a fantastic team?
Do you WANT to meet new people?
Would you LIKE something to put on your CV that any employer would find truly credible?
Do you WANT to JOIN a successful and well organised show committee?

If you've answered yes to any or all of the above then read on...

Howden Show Committee is made up of a small, yet passionate and motivated team of volunteers and we are looking for like minded people who love our town to join the team. Whether you have experience in organising events or have no experience at all we'd love for you to get involved.

As a show team we break the responsibilities up into manageable chunks and have a concise description for what is required within each role. We do however work as a team and help each other in any areas any of us are unsure of. The monthly committee meeting is an opportunity to ask for any help (although this can be sought via email also) and an opportunity to brainstorm and offer help and suggestions...as well as having the obligatory team banter.

Further information: Email - anna@longthorp.com Tel - 07734 386402

#teamhowden Be part of the community

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