

Howden News

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TOUR DE YORKSHIRE RETURNS TO HOWDEN!

Thursday 2nd May – Stage 1 Men’s Race

Remember last year? On the day Le Tour arrived, the town was abuzz with people who all came out to cheer on the cyclists as they sped through Howden. Residents and businesses had really done the town and themselves proud with their yellow and blue bunting and decorated bicycles creating wonderful displays that welcomed both the cyclists and visitors to the town. Our nomination as Best Dressed Town was certainly well deserved!

HOWDEN did a great job and consequently..... the race is back!

This year there will be one race passing through the town – the Men’s Race – and the route will take the cyclists in the opposite direction to that of 2018. Due to it coinciding with long awaited road works, the route will also pass through different areas of the town.

The cyclists will start in Doncaster and head through the town coming from Knedlington Crossroads, along Knedlington Road, past the Cemetery, the Catholic Church, down Treeton Road with The Ashes Playing Field and the imposing Minster towering above on their left, curving round onto Hailgate, past Highbridge House and Elizabeth Homes, the Methodist Church, the Infant and Junior Schools, up to the Cadet Building at Cross Keys Corner, along Hull Road at the top of Derwent Crescent and on to Longs Corner Roundabout, where the race will leave Howden en-route to Gilberdyke and Newport.

Lots of great vantage points for watching the race... where will you choose to cheer the riders through the town?

BEST DRESSED TOWN / SPIRIT OF LE TOUR / LAND ART

Howden Town Council will be coordinating the 'dressing' of the route with bunting across the streets just before the Easter weekend and a huge piece of Land Art depicting the heritage of Howden is planned for the main field in The Ashes, where we hope it will be on full view as images from the race helicopter are beamed all over the world.

We hope that all the residences and businesses along the route will also want to give a very warm welcome to the cyclists and decorate their properties appropriately. Last year there was lots of amazing creativity shown and it really was appreciated. Indeed, it is the enthusiasm shown that has brought the race back to Howden!



Once again members of Howden Civic Society will be judging all the decorated businesses and private residences looking for the 'Best Dressed', awarding certificates and a prize to the winner in each category. So... start planning your decorations now... there are not many weeks left! The race will be followed by the television cameras and live coverage shown in over 80 countries... Howden will be on show!

This will be a great day to spend time in Howden visiting one of our many cafes, restaurants, or tea rooms and browsing the individual shops. Please remember too Thursday 2nd May is also Local Election Day and the Shire Hall will be used on this day as our Polling Station.

As more details of Le Tour are released by 'Welcome to Yorkshire' we will know the time we can expect the race to come through the town and the time of the 'race caravan' which proved to be quite a spectacle itself last year! These will be published on social media for you and in the local press. You can follow the race and find more details at www.letouryorkshire.com.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This annual meeting is held for the residents of Howden so the Town Council can explain in a little more detail some of the functions of the council. For example; how it works and under what Acts of Parliament it can function; how it spends its budget raised from the precept; results of the election on the 2nd May; or any other item that has been requested by residents of Howden. The meeting this year will be held on May 21st in the Council Office on Bridgegate. All residents are welcome to attend. Visit www.howden-tc.gov.uk for details.

DISTRICT, PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS THURSDAY 2 MAY 2019

The four-yearly, all-out, elections for District Council and Town and Parish Councils in the District will be held on **Thursday 2 May 2019**. Polling stations will be open from **7.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.** on that day.

If they wish to serve for a further term of office, all councillors currently in office must stand for re-election.

If the same number as, or a lesser number than, nominations are received than there are vacancies for the Council or Ward, candidates validly nominated will be elected unopposed. If there are more nominations than there are vacancies, an election will be held.

Key dates in the election timetable are:

Friday 22 March 2019 - Publication of the notices of election. Nominations may be submitted from this date (but not before). Nominations must be delivered by hand to County Hall in Beverley.

Wednesday 3 April 2019, 4.00 p.m. - Close of nominations. No nominations may be accepted after this date.

Friday 12 April 2019 - Last date for applying to be included in the register of electors (if not already included) to enable you to vote at the elections on 2 May.

Monday 15 April 2019, 5.00 p.m. - Last date for the receipt of applications to vote by post at the elections.

Wednesday 24 April 2019, 5.00 p.m. - Last date for the receipt of applications to vote by proxy at the elections (other than emergency proxies - for further information about emergency proxies please contact Electoral Services).

If you wish to stand for election at Howden Town Council, the Electoral Commission's guidance is available at:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>

Nomination Papers are available on www.howden-tc.gov.uk for download, or contact Allie Milner, Clerk on **01430 430111** or clerk@howden-tc.gov.uk .

Once completed the nomination papers must be delivered **by hand**, to the Returning Officer at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley HU17 9BA, between 9:00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on weekdays from Friday 22 March until 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3 April 2019. **Under no circumstances will late nominations be accepted.**

HOWDEN PRE-SCHOOL PLAY AREA & GARDEN

The new Pre-School play area has recently been completed. The garden was funded by Pre-School fundraisers, The Co-op’s Community Fund, Tesco’s Bags of Help and Spaldington Wind Farm. The work was carried out by local company Environments For People. A massive improvement!



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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS & INFORMATION

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

DERWENT PLAY PARK

Ever since the Town Council inherited the Derwent Play Park we have had to replace a number of the different pieces of equipment. Some have been vandalised by the users and they have had to be removed for safety. Some have simply worn out and have become unsafe, others have suffered from both. Each year we have a professional inspection of the whole site undertaken by a third party. This year's report highlighted that the large castle structure in the entrance to the park was suffering from both vandalism as well as wear and tear and there was a recommendation to remove it for safety. That was the easy part, as three councillors raised it to ground level in a day. However the posts and the damaged safety surface had to be left as it was unclear what lay under the castle, or how it was fixed to the ground.

To replace the structure will cost a lot of money, money the Town Council does not have. All of the other pieces of equipment that have been replaced have been paid for by what is known as 'commuted sums' from housing developments. The pot of commuted sums for Howden is very low at the moment. Yes, there is a lot of housing development planned for Howden, but the agreed commuted sum from them does not come through until the houses are sold! In the meantime we have two options - the Town Council has the posts removed, the safety surface repaired and the empty space can be used for creative play, or the funds to pay for a new piece of equipment are raised and the vacant space is filled. Your views are most welcome. Please get in touch with the Town Council if you have any ideas and keep an eye on the Town Council's website for further developments.

HOWDEN CIVIC SOCIETY - SOUTH HOWDEN STATION

April 2019 marks the 60th anniversary of the final closure of the South Howden station and the line that ran through it. Howden Civic Society is mounting an exhibition and talk to commemorate this occasion. A brilliant working model of the station and its goods yard will be on show and even a recording of the miniature train passing along the lines and through the station. A talk will be given by a member of the Hull and Barnsley Railway Stock Fund on aspects of the railway and their collection of remaining wagons and carriages which they keep on the North Yorkshire Railway at Grosmont.

The event will be held on **20th to 22nd April** in the Shire Hall. Opening times are to be announced and admission will be free, although donations are welcome to support the continuation of the Heritage project. This will be an opportunity to see the station, as well as other stations within Howdenshire, see what evidence remains of the line and hear anecdotes from people who lived near the line, worked on the line or ran businesses that relied on the line to move their goods.

Philip Mephram - Howden Civic Society

IT IS ALL HAPPENING IN THE ASHES THIS SPRING TIME.....

With personal health and well-being high on the agenda, Howden is so fortunate to have The Ashes Playing Field at the centre of our town. Donated to the town in 1927 by Charles Briggs and with the formation of a trust to protect and maintain the area for the people of Howden, The Ashes is a wonderful resource for us all.

Visitors to The Ashes can't help to have noticed how well maintained the area is looking this spring thanks to the new Ashes Groundsman, Robert Fox, who during his first year in post has shown tremendous enthusiasm for his role and pride in seeing the park looking its best. The Daphne D'Ark Children's Play Park is well-used by local families and has recently been recognised as a PIPA Approved Community Site for inclusive play due to the wide range of equipment available.

As a registered charity, The Ashes Trust is reliant upon fundraising and successful grant applications to bring about improvements to the park. The Trust are very grateful to Howden Town Council who generously support the maintenance of the park through an annual grant.

Spring 2019 sees the replacement of the benches in the park. This has been made possible through funds from The Ashes Development Fund.



INSTALLATION OF THE PETANQUE COURT

During April, the Petanque Court will be built and open for use. We will be welcoming the Howden U3A Boules Group to play regularly on the new court. As a designated Olympic sport for 2024, Petanque will become very popular over the coming years and during the summer we expect to see many families enjoying this game. This development has been made possible by funding from the Drax Land Fill Fund, Tesco Bags of Help and the Spaldington Wind Farm.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TARMAC PATHS

Once the new benches are in place, work is scheduled to start on improving the tarmac paths. The improvement to the paths will be funded by a successful grant application to the WREN Landfill Fund. Preparations are already underway for the tarmac work, with paths being cut back and weed killer applied to the edges.



COME AND JOIN US IN THE ASHES DURING 2019 FOR THESE EVENTS

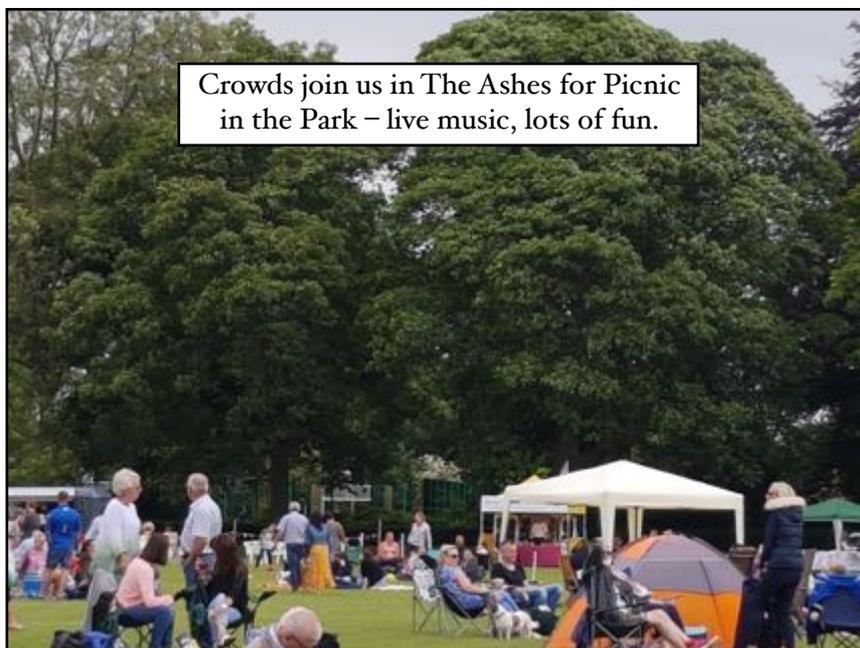
Sunday 24th March -the Howden Rotary Town and Country Walk. Leaving from The Ashes at **1pm**.

Saturday 11th May -from **11.30am** - Ashes Vintage Tea Room serving tea and home-made cakes in the Bishops Manor supporting Howden's Vintage Day.

Sunday 16th June -from **12 noon** - Ashes Picnic in the Park with live music and fun for all the family. FREE to enter, bring your deck chairs, a picnic and all the family.

Sunday 7th July - the Ashes play host to the annual Howden Show.

Wednesday 7th August - The Ashes 5K/10K Run and 1K Family Fun Run – helping Howden stay fit and healthy – a race starting and finishing in The Ashes with medals for all finishers.



Crowds join us in The Ashes for Picnic in the Park – live music, lots of fun.

BECOME A 'FRIEND OF THE ASHES'

If you would like to support your local park and get involved by helping at any of the above events as a 'Friend of The Ashes' please contact Angela Martinson, Ashes Trustee, on **07860 622133** or email angwiles@aol.com.

LONG AWAITED ROADWORKS

At long last Hull Road, Flatgate, Bridgegate and Pinfold Street are to be resurfaced! The contract for the works has been awarded by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and work will be commencing on 25th March and will last for 5 months. The contractor is planning to undertake the resurfacing of the road and paths in stages starting on Pinfold Street. There will be some disruption to the movement of traffic and parking, but residents will be given notice and there will be diversions in place. Some of the works, depending on the street, will be controlled by traffic lights, some streets will be closed off while they are working on the road and some works will be undertaken at night. Residents will be given access for overnight parking. Final details of the works will be posted on the Town Council's web site as soon as we know more.

Due to the roadworks, this year's Tour de Yorkshire which was scheduled to run up Pinfold Street through to Hull Road, will now run along Treeton Road and Hailgate instead. Next year they will have a very smooth surface to ride on!

HOWDEN LIVE SPRING 2019 SEASON

Friday March 29th - KAZ HAWKINS **£12.50**

Saturday April 13th - THE GROUNDHOGS **£14.00**

Saturday April 27th - THE JAM'D * **£12.50**

**At Howden Working Mens Club. Please Note: Partial unreserved seating only*

Saturday May 11th - THE FRANK SINATRA STORY -
THE NORTHERN SHOWTIME ORCHESTRA **£12.50**

(Part of the 2nd Howden Vintage Day)

Saturday May 25th - SANDRA'S WEDDING + HAPPY ENDINGS
and ALEX GOLISTI **£10.00**

Doors are **7.30 for 8pm** at the Shire Hall unless otherwise stated.

As well as the online ticket provision via howden-live.com, tickets can also be purchased at our box office: The Shire Hall, 11 Market Place, Howden, DN14 7BJ

HOWDEN SWIFT PROJECT

Anyone interested in being involved with the Howden Swift Project please contact the Town Council on **01430 430111**. As this is a new project, this year we would like to record all known swift breeding locations across Howden and where swifts feed. This information will be fed into the national swift project. Once we know where swifts are nesting and feeding we can look at encouraging residents to put up nest boxes. This project needs your help!

HOWDEN MARSH LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Visitors to the Marsh will have noticed that the Town Council has started to remove an area of trees alongside the boardwalk at the St John's Street entrance. The trees removed are mainly willow, which is the dominant tree on the Marsh and the tree that gives the Council the most problems. There are a couple of different species of willow on the Marsh, one of them known as Crack Willow, and it does exactly what its name applies. It can drop branches, fall over, or split very easily. The branches that are still connected to the tree after they have split away can re-root where they make contact with the ground and start to grow again. But unlike most trees that prefer to grow upwards, these re-rooted branches spread outwards.

Every year the Council has to cut back the spreading willow branches from alongside the boardwalk and the main path. This year we have made a conscious decision to start to cut back the willow to the original stem and replant with other trees such as hawthorn, wild cherry, rowan, silver birch and oak. The stumps of the cut willow will re-grow as a multi stem, known as a coppice. This will give a varied structure to the Marsh, one of a coppice shrubby growth along with taller trees. This will be better for the wildlife, the aesthetic appearance of the site and for the long term management. Over the coming years the Council will work its way along the boardwalk cutting back the overhanging areas of willow and replanting with other tree species. If you look carefully amongst the willow growth you can see some of these more desirable tree species trying to grow already. They need space to grow. By thinning out the willow they will be able to blossom. The replanting might not happen in the same year as the felling as it is good practice to see what re-grows first and protect them with guards before over planting with imported plants. All of this work is undertaken by volunteers hence it can take longer, which sometimes is better as the changes can be less dramatic.



There are only three approved entrances onto Howden Marsh - St John's Street, Marsh End and off Selby Road. All other unauthorised entrances from back gardens are to be closed off. This is a requirement of the lease the Town Council has with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the owners of the site. This work will be undertaken alongside the felling of the willow and the replanting. If anyone with an unauthorised access onto the Marsh has a problem with the access being closed off they are to contact Property Services at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

CONCERTS AT THE MINSTER 2019

Throughout the year Howden Minster will be presenting an extended series of evening, lunchtime and organ concerts.

Prepare to be dazzled by brilliant young flautist Chris Hill, a three-time category finalist at BBC Young Musician of the Year. And expect musical fireworks aplenty from virtuoso concert violinist Charlotte Rowan, who performs throughout Britain and America.

During the summer months you can enjoy a weekly series of lunchtime 'cream tea' concerts by the region's leading organists, as well as a much-anticipated return visit from New Zealand-based international concert organist Paul Rosoman.

There will be plenty of vocal drama too. Don't miss the Jorvik Gilbert and Sullivan Company's concert performance of *Patience*; talented local mezzo-

CONCERTS AT A GLANCE		
Saturday 6 April	Community Chorus: Fauré & Karl Jenkins	7.30pm
Saturday 4 May	Selby Music Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 9 May	Amy Butler, piano	1.00pm
Saturday 8 June	Opera17	7.30pm
Thursday 13 June	Charlotte Rowan, violin & Charlotte Stevenson, piano	1.00pm
Monday 24 June	Matthew Lazenby, organ	1.00pm
Monday 1 July	Max Elliott, organ	1.00pm
Saturday 6 July	Jorvik Gilbert and Sullivan Company	7.30pm
Monday 8 July	Steven Maxson, organ	1.00pm
Thursday 11 July	Elizabeth Kenwood, oboe & Peter Reasbeck, piano	1.00pm
Monday 15 July	Robert Poyser, organ	1.00pm
Saturday 20 July	St Peter's Singers	4.30pm
Monday 22 July	Matthew Collins, organ	1.00pm
Monday 29 July	Paul Dewhurst, organ	1.00pm
Saturday 3 August	Florence Taylor, mezzo-soprano	7.30pm
Monday 5 August	Andrew Christer, organ	1.00pm
Thursday 8 August	Pam Waddington Muse, mezzo-soprano & Peter Sproston, piano	1.00pm
Monday 12 August	Paul Thompson, organ	1.00pm
Monday 19 August	Nigel Holdsworth, organ	1.00pm
Monday 26 August	Craig Cartwright, organ	1.00pm
Saturday 31 August	Paul Rosoman, organ	7.30pm
Thursday 12 September	Chris Hill, flute & Amy Butler, piano	1.00pm
Thursday 10 October	Steven Goulden, tenor & Amy Butler, piano	1.00pm
Saturday 12 October	Augustiner-Kantorei	7.30pm

soprano Florence Taylor will make her Minster debut; and award-winning tenor Steven Goulden will perform Schumann's famous song cycle Dichterliebe. The concert series will end in a spectacular fashion with a visit from the renowned German choir Augustiner-Kantorei.

There will be twenty-four concerts in total, running between April and October, and many of the events have free admission. So do come along and enjoy some wonderful music in the beautiful setting of our Minster.

For full details, pop into the Minster to collect your free concert brochure. You can also join the Minster's concert mailing list by contacting howdenminster@gmail.com and follow the Facebook page **@HowdenMinsterMusic**

LOADING BAY ON MARKET PLACE

A number of people have received parking tickets when they have used the loading bay in Market Place. Just to clarify what the rules are: "Provided that the loading and unloading is a continuous activity, a vehicle can park or wait for as long as is necessary for goods to be loaded or unloaded from the vehicle. However, if a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) observes the vehicle and sees no signs of activity, the CEO will observe the vehicle for five minutes and deem that the loading and unloading activity is not taking place then issue a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN)". - *Parking Operations Manager East Riding of Yorkshire Council*.

DOG FOULING

Very simple. If your dog fouls in a public space you **must** pick the mess up. It is an offence to not do so under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Public Spaces Protection Order 2016. Anti-social offenders are those that do not pick up after their dog when the dog fouls on any pavement, or in an open space that people have access to. Posters have been placed on street columns to remind dog owners.

Unfortunately there are not enough dog wardens to catch the offenders, but you the public can help. If you see anyone letting their dog foul and they do not pick it up you can report it. If you know who the person is, record the time and location and report it to the dog warden service. If there is dog mess left on the pavement you can ring the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and they will arrange for it to be removed. If there is a persistent problem area please report it to the dog warden service. Dog owners, it's your responsibility to clean up after your animal and to dispose of it safely either at home in the green bin or in any of the street bins.

Dog Warden Service **(01482) 396301** or dog.warden@eastriding.gov.uk and to have a mess cleaned up **(01482) 393939** and ask for the Streetscene Team.

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