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**SAVE THE DATE
2025**

FEB LOVE HESSLE
Date TBC

APR 6 HUMBER BRIDGE FARMERS MARKET
Humber Bridge Car Park

APR 12 AITCHESONS SPRINGFEST BEER FESTIVAL
Hessle Town Hall

APR 14 SCARECROW TRAIL
Hessle Town

MAY 8 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS
Venue TBC

MAY 18 HESSLE WEST OPEN GARDENS
Various Locations

JUNE 14 HUMBER BRIDGE SOAPBOX DERBY
The Humber Bridge

JULY 13 HESSLE FEAST
Hessle Town Centre

AUG 8 HESSLE PLAYDAY
Tower Hill Park

OCT INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PEOPLES
Date TBC

NOV 28 HESSLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
Hessle Town Centre

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL ARE BUSY FILLING UP THE DIARY WITH SOME FANTASTIC EVENTS FOR 2025, FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA@HESSLETOWNCOUNCIL OR VISIT WWW.HESSLETOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK



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HUMBER BRIDGE COUNTRY PARK NEWS

New Projects and Anniversary Time!

It's been a busy time at the Country Park recently. But first, happy 20th anniversary to the Friends of the HBCP, and a huge thank you for everything you do to make sure this treasured nature reserve is here for visitors to enjoy and a place for wildlife to thrive.

With the groups unwavering support, we (ERYC) received funding from the UK Government for our Improving Meadows and Woodlands Project. Looking after these valuable habitats for today and the future is at the heart of everything we do.

Last autumn an enthusiastic 450 people joined in Love Your Meadow, a community planting weekend. Thank you for planting an amazing 4000 wildflowers in the butterfly meadow, they are a real biodiversity boost and will enhance this wonderful place. The wildflowers were grown locally at Miresbeck Nursery and are thriving on the reserves chalky soils. The event attracted so many fantastic families, and I loved seeing everyone's imaginations in full swing creating flower fairy gardens with wildlife artist Michele Davy.

Now we need your help again at Love Your Woods, a community tree and bulb planting weekend. Join us and plant willow, alder and birch trees to replace the ash trees which have sadly been affected with ash dieback disease. These species are more tolerant of flooding, which is happening more often. Last winter it affected the reserve for 6 months, and its lasting impact is plain to see. The weekend is not all about soil and spades though, this time you can enjoy discovering tree fairies.

Become a Friend of Humber Bridge Country Park. We are on the reserve every third Saturday of the month.

Web - humberbridgecountrypark.co.uk

Facebook - Friends of Humber Bridge Country Park

Join in the Love Your Woods community planting weekend.

Web - Love Your Woods

Facebook - East Riding Local Nature Reserves

Bev Hylton, ERYC countryside access team at the country park.

Image shows: Members of the Friends of the HBCP with nature reserve volunteers.



HESSLE SPORTING CLUB COMMUNITY HUB.... WHAT'S ON !



Are you over 55 and need to get out of the house and meet new friends?

Then did you know every Monday morning from 11am till 12 we run Walking Football
(you don't have to walk if you're as fit as me 😊)
meeting from 10.00 a.m. for refreshments, just turn up.

Also Saturday mornings we have Development Centre from 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. for Nursery and Reception, and 10.00 a.m. – 11.10 a.m. for year One boys and girls interested in football.

All take place at

The Hessle Sporting Club Community Hub, King George V Playing Fields, Beverley Road, Hessle



REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Have Your Say



In November we had the first Remembrance Day parade in Hessle since 2019. We had a lot of positive feedback from the event. The traffic marshalling, traffic management and road closures were all organised and paid for by Hessle Town Council. The Council would like feedback from the residents of Hessle, particularly those who were able to attend the event. Did they enjoy it? What went well and what could be improved upon? We would also like to know if the residents of Hessle wish the Town Council to continue funding this event. The cost for 2024 was £2.5k

Please complete the form below and drop it in to the Town Hall.



Cllr John Bovill at the remembrance parade in 2024

Alternatively let us know your thoughts via email Communications@hessletown.karoo.co.uk or message us on social media @Hessletowncouncil

Would you like Hessle Town Council to continue to fund future Remembrance Day parades at a cost of £2,500?

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HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Enhancing the Town's Appeal in 2024



In 2024, Hessle Town Council has proudly continued its commitment to improve the experience of living in Hessle for residents, attracting visitors, and encouraging investment in the Town. Through a series of community-centred projects and financial support initiatives, the Council has demonstrated its dedication to making Hessle a vibrant and attractive place to live, work, and visit.

Improving Amenities for All

This year, Hessle Town Council has responded to community needs by installing new litter bins around the Town, they are located on: Buttfield Road, Boothferry Road/Rosner Drive, Hull Road/opposite the ex-servicemen's club and First Lane/Seaton Road. These additions help maintain cleanliness along these popular routes and encourage responsible waste disposal.

Enhancing Hessle's Charm with Seasonal Planting

In Hessle Square, the Council continues its tradition of seasonal planting in the public planters. This commitment to year-round greenery adds beauty to the Town Centre and uplifts the spirits of all who pass by. Whether vibrant summer blooms or the more subtle hues of winter plants, these displays contribute to the appeal of Hessle and show that our town is one that values natural beauty and community pride.

Honouring Local Heritage and Community Spirit

Two new benches have been added to Hessle's public spaces, offering residents places to pause, reflect, and connect. One of these benches, located in Hessle Square and supplied by his family, serves as a memorial to Frank Kitchen, honouring his memory and connection to our town as a local businessman, Town Councillor & Town Mayor. The second bench will be placed on Jenny Brough Lane and will add a welcome restspot for people passing by.



Supporting Community Groups Through Grants

A vital part of Hessle Town Council's community strategy is providing financial assistance to local groups that support the social, cultural, and recreational life of Hessle. In 2024, several community grants have been awarded to various groups, including:

Hessle First – for the popular Hessle Feast, which brings people together and celebrates local culture.

Hull Cycle Speedway – supporting the development of cycling and sport in our area.

Royal British Legion – to help with the annual Remembrance Parade, honouring those who have served our country.

Hessle History Society – promoting awareness of our town's rich heritage.

Hessle Brownies – fostering community spirit and personal growth in young people.

These grants, which can range up to £1,000 for standard projects and potentially up to £3,000 for larger initiatives, enable local groups to achieve their goals and enhance their services for Hessle residents. The Council's grants are awarded exclusively to organizations based in Hessle or national bodies with branches directly supporting the parish. This approach ensures that funds are directed to those who directly benefit our community.

How to Apply for a Community Grant

Hessle Town Council encourages other local organisations to apply for financial support to help achieve their objectives. Eligible groups are invited to visit the Council's website at Hessle Town Council Grants to learn more about the grant application process and to download an application form.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2025, Hessle Town Council remains dedicated to enhancing the town's appeal through both ongoing projects and new initiatives, the Council is committed to making Hessle a place we can all be proud of—one where people want to live, work, visit, and invest.



HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL 2024 ALL WRAPPED UP



February 2024 – Hessle Town Mayor Civic Service 2024

An opportunity for other Mayors and members of local community groups to come together and to raise awareness and funds for the Mayor's charity which last year was MIND and Humber Rescue. £600 was raised on the day.

June 2024 – 80th D-Day anniversary event & Beacon lighting

The event at the Foreshore, commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day, brought together around 300 people, offering Hessle residents and visitors an opportunity to honour those who lost their lives during the Normandy Landings and reflect on the sacrifices of all who participated in the operation.



June 2024 – Humber Bridge Soap Box Derby

The popular event celebrating creativity, engineering and teamwork. Amateur teams craft and construct their own unique soapbox carts, affectionately known as "bogeys," vying for both prestige and prizes. The day raised a massive £4,500 for Hull 4 Heroes. A huge amount that will help to support members of our local Armed Forces Community.



June 2024 – Business event

Attended by 27 local business owners who came to learn of the support and services available to them from East Riding Council.

July – September 2024 – Hessle Children's Trail

The Hessle Children's Trail 2024 turned the town into an exciting jungle-themed safari adventure for local families.

The event was organised by Hessle Town Council in collaboration with All Saints Junior School and local businesses. It aimed to provide families with a fun, free activity during the school holidays while encouraging footfall in local shops.



August 2024 – Hessle PlayDay 2024

This exciting event drew a crowd of around 2,000 people throughout the event, making it a memorable day for families in the community. Attendees enjoyed a variety of free, creative, and interactive activities, including a bouncy castle, arts and crafts, face painting, and games. Children also had the chance to participate in workshops, try soft archery, and even explore a real Humberside Police patrol car. A standout highlight of the day was the giant 'Hessle' letters, which became a popular spot for family selfies.

October 2024 – Hesse After Dark Walking Tour

Attended by 95 people across three separate sessions, local historian and walking tour guide Mike Covell delved into the darker side of Hesse's history and its surrounding areas, uncovering some shocking discoveries along the way!

November 2024 – Community Remembrance Day parade and service

The parade began at the Town Hall on South Lane and made its way down Prestongate to Hesse Square, finishing at All Saints Church for the remembrance service. Following the service, there was a blessing at the memorial in Tower Hill Park.



Photo by Mark Abblett Photography



November 2024 – Christmas Light Switch On

Possibly Hesse's biggest-ever Christmas event, attended by around 3,000 people, who enjoyed an evening of live entertainment, street food, and, of course, the lighting of not only the Christmas lights but also Hesse's first real Christmas tree in five years, thanks to our very generous sponsor Relay Port Agency. Around 200 children visited Santa in our first ever grotto which was made possible by our sponsors MyBelle Boutique and Glam It Up and we can't not mention our helpful elves over at St Annes School & Sixth Form College who wrapped all of Santas presents for him.



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RV Productions are a video production company based in the East Riding, Established in 2022, the company specializes in creating bespoke video content tailored to individual and business needs. Their services range from wedding videography to commercial productions, music videos, and documentaries. RV productions very kindly offered to capture the whole event including drone footage! Check out our social media for the full video.



DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A HEDGEHOG HOSPITAL IN HESSLE?

Hessle Hedgehog Hospital has been rehabilitating and releasing Hedgehogs which were poorly or injured since October 2020. These days a team of 8 share the workload and last year 247 hedgehogs were brought into the Hospital.

Hedgehogs have been added to the Red List for British Mammals and classed as vulnerable to extinction. Estimates put the current hedgehog population for England, Wales and Scotland at less than a million, compared with a staggering 30 million in the 1950's. Nearly a quarter of the hedgehogs born into the world die before leaving the nest, about half of the rest do not survive to adulthood.

Hedgehogs need all the help they can get, here's how we can all help:-

Create hedgehog highways so hedgehogs can travel from garden to garden. Hedgehogs travel over a mile a night. If they encounter a brick wall or fence with no highways they have to go around and risk venturing onto roads

Collect materials, such as logs, leaves and brushwood that hedgehogs can use to build their nests or shelter in.

Provide a safe environment in gardens and allotments. Garden with wildlife in mind, leave an area as a wildlife sanctuary.

Supplement their natural diet of beetles, worms, caterpillar and suchlike, with kitten biscuits and meat based pet food. Always have fresh water available. There is very little natural food available at this time of year.

Seek advice and take immediate action when you see a hedgehog or hoglet in trouble.

You can follow Hessle Hedgehogs on Facebook



HEY CREDIT UNION'S CHRISTMAS SAVER

The Ideal way to save safely for a Happy Christmas.

HEY Credit Union's popular Christmas saver account makes budgeting for the festive season simple. It helps you to put some money aside regularly, safely and out of temptation's way until 1st November.

Just £10 a week saved from early January would give you a savings pot of around £500 when Christmas comes so now is the perfect time to apply!

Apply Today and make sure that next Christmas is free from hassle and financial stress.

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- Just like deposits in major banks, your money is fully FSCS-protected, giving you added peace of mind.
- Your savings can be accessed without fuss any time between 1st November and Christmas Eve.
- Withdrawals are made direct to your bank account or in cash, so you are free to shop around for bargains (unlike supermarket schemes or hamper clubs)
- A useful reward ("the dividend") is added to all eligible savings at the end of the year.

How to apply? www.hullandeycu.co.uk call 01482 778753 or pop in to one of the branches/community contact points.



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HUMBER RESCUE

As I start this update I am mindful of the quote by Capt. E.J. Smith, onboard the Titanic when asked, prior to his final voyage, to describe his career to which he replied – 'uneventful'. And it is with that in mind that I report that (at time of writing in late October) Humber Rescue has had an 'Average' year regarding number of emergency call outs. I strongly expect when reading this in print I will regret using these words and tempting fate after a busy end to the year. It is worth highlighting that 'Average' for Humber rescue is still exceptional for most lifeboat stations in the UK and it is with great thanks and appreciation to our team of volunteers that so many callouts have been attended and brought to successful conclusions.

In terms of Number of jobs, we are currently sat at 93 call outs in 2024. With two months to go, following the current trend, we look to end the year with circa 120 call outs. This puts us at the top of the list for independent lifeboats with regards to shouts per year. Amongst the many callouts this year have been standard (yet no less urgent or important) jobs such as; vessels without power, groundings on the Humber's numerous mudbanks and people stuck in the mud. Notably this year we have attended jobs across the huge geographical area which we cover spending time in the river Ouse, Trent and the lower River Humber. A very noteworthy callout was that we were in attendance to assist the coastguard with rescuing a stranded porpoise stuck in the mud which was duly released – a very satisfying multi-agency call out for those involved.

This summer, as in the past 10 years, we have acted as safety boat for those brave enough to swim the Humber. During 2024, Humber rescue marshalled 6 swims with and there are 7 swims planned for 2025. The swims require a huge effort from our side in terms of manpower and assets deployed as the quick change of the tides and variations in swim times calls for a minimum of 3 vessels in the water. The sponsorship from these swims makes a vital regular contribution to our operations. In addition to the tenth anniversary of the Humber swims, Humber Rescue will hold the 35th anniversary celebrations on the 23rd of November 2024. We are holding a fundraising Gala Ball. We will be joined by many of our supporters and friends both to celebrate 35 successful years of Humber Rescue and look ahead to challenges and the obstacles we are yet to face.

Looking into the more distant future, the organisation is set to meet many challenges in the years ahead. To continue providing the best possible service for the community, we need to move quickly and embrace technological advances within our sector. Recently we have migrated most paperwork, equipment monitoring and planned maintenance to a computer-based system which should allow us to effectively track defects and more accurately plan expenditure. Alongside this, our conventional critical equipment is due its periodic renewal. With every call out, our equipment gets closer to the end of its working life and the life jackets and lifeboats will need renewal within the near future. As we are a fully independent charity, this is solely funded by our local sponsors. Being a beneficiary of the people of Hessle and the Humber regions charitable giving forms a huge part of our identity, which is a source of collective pride for all of our crew members. We reflect this pride in ensuring every pound donated to us is spent effectively, allowing us to continue our mission.

In closing, we would like to thank the continued dedication of the men and women on our crew who sacrifice their free time be it Christmas, birthdays and early morning red-eye call outs to provide a service which results in a safer Humber for the whole community. We would also like to extend a wholehearted thank you to the numerous local companies and the wider community who contribute financially to the organisation – without these contributions we would be unable to

provide this vital service. Our operational costs this calendar year are expected to reach over £100,000 for training, fuel, maintenance and renewal of equipment.

Finally, we remind members of the public to keep well clear of the Humber. Both rapid water currents and hazards sinking into the mud remain extremely dangerous. If you or someone around you is in distress please note we cannot be contacted directly for emergency callouts. CALL 999 and ask for the coastguard.

Louis Frank Stephens-Ramsden (Crew No. 5) of Humber Rescue.



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS TREE SPONSOR

This year, Hessle's Christmas tree has been proudly sponsored by Relay Port Agency, trusted customs specialists who have worked across ports in the UK for the past 40+ years.

In May 2024 Hessle Town Council conducted a survey to gather feedback from residents regarding the Christmas light switch on event and the overriding feeling was that the people of Hessle, wanted to see a real Christmas tree back in the square!

Being a local business with an interest in all things Hessle, Relay Port agency were happy to give back to the community.

Thanks to their generosity the town's tree stood bright in Hessle Square as a symbol of Christmas cheer and community spirit.

Thank You.



HUMBER BRIDGE FARMERS MARKET TO RETURN 06/04/2025

The much-loved, much missed Humber Bridge Farmers Market is making a comeback after a five-year absence. The Humber Bridge Board has agreed a trial with Yorkshire-based events company Little Hummingbird Events, with the aim to stage the first market on the 6th of April 2025.

The farmers market delighted shoppers every month, with local artisanal food stalls as well as unique arts and crafts for sale. The last farmers market was in early 2020 and was put on hold throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Owner and founder Nicola Hudson of Hummingbird Events said: "We're truly excited to be putting on such an event with the iconic Humber Bridge as a stunning backdrop."



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