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Humber Bridge Sportive

– Sunday, 11th June –

The event will again be based at the Hesslewood Business Park, and we look forward to welcoming as many riders as possible. Sign-up is possible via our website, British Cycling, or the QR code on the digital poster.

We are working with P.A.U.L For Brain Recovery this year, and are also supporting the Hull Children's University.

All of the proceeds from this event are given to local charities, and we are proud to have donated over £90,000 since 2014. For example, we recently presented an iPad to the nurses on the Neurosurgery & Major Trauma Ward at HRI, who liaise closely with the charity, P.A.U.L For Brain Recovery. As patients and their families face the challenges of recovery from major brain injury, the iPad will provide links to the advice and support options that are now available, thanks to the work of Paul Spence and his team.

Your participation in the sportive will help us to fund similar projects in the future – please check out the website for further information about our event:

www.humberbridgesportive.co.uk

Thank you.

Ian and Andy.



THE LAWNMOWER SOCIETY:

Wellbeing Group, based at Hessle Sporting Club
Wednesday Evenings. 7.30 p.m.

Physical and mental wellbeing is a constant challenge in society. As the population ages and the service provided by an overwhelmed NHS becomes more limited, people start to look in other directions for everyday support. The recent and ongoing Covid 19 pandemic provided a perfect storm of health challenges. Isolation due to lockdown, over eating and drinking whilst stuck in our own homes, the almost impossibility of getting generalised healthcare support, including face to face GP and hospital appointments, left many people anxious, depressed and alone.

However, it isn't just recent events which have left many people with wellbeing needs, the impact of ageing, and the fact that many of us don't socialise as we did previously. There is also been a false belief that "big boys don't cry". Men (mainly) have traditionally not shared their physical and mental health concerns, thus many develop late stage cancers, or take their own lives due to depression. The toll is horrendous.

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Over the last decade or so a number of initiatives have emerged where men are invited to engage in a range of groups which are targeted at promoting and maintaining their general health and wellbeing. Therefore a number of groups including Men in Sheds and Andy's Man Club have sprung up to fill the gap. Women, who historically are generally better at caring and sharing, have arguably less need for such formal structures, but thankfully there are also a range of opportunities in a similar vein. The benefits are starting to become evident and bear fruit.

Another initiative which has transformed the opportunities for health, fitness and comradeship is the enormous growth of Walking Football. There are a number of clubs that have sprung up in last decade that play this sport. Generally targeted at the over 50s. Many including males and females, have achieved great social and fitness success. Hull and the East Riding is well represented in this sporting arena, with two clubs in particular participating in this game. Hessle Sporting and Cottingham Rangers share many of the same players and have a very healthy following. They have even played in tournaments in Spain and Portugal as well as the UK!

The football sessions are well attended and many great friendships have developed. This offers support for many of the players, most of whom are retired and are experiencing a diminishing social circle away from work. Lockdown was especially difficult. One or two of the initiatives that helped alleviate the isolation was a WhatsApp Group called Football Funnies where jokes and humorous videos were posted to lighten the mood. Another was a weekly online quiz group where players and their wives/partners would participate in a pub style general knowledge quiz. The dark days of Covid were brightened for a few hours. A secondary benefit of these was that we kept an eye on each other.

Hessle Sporting, like all FA regulated football clubs, is obligated to have wellbeing champions, and a range of structures have been implemented to support this. Therefore, in collaboration with the Club Committee and Trustees, a proposal to develop a wellbeing group was considered and then implemented in the spring/early summer of 2022...just as we started to emerge from the pandemic restrictions. The club very generously gives free access to the facilities, and the invitation to attend a meeting was initially extended to Hessle Sporting and Cottingham Rangers walking football cohort. As a result the Lawnmower Society was launched.

This group runs every Wednesday evening from 7.30 p.m. The attendance is mainly (but not exclusively) men. The objective is to provide a supportive and educational space, in which physical and mental health issues can be shared and hopefully resolved. It is an open group (now with attendees that don't play football), but there are some ground rules including confidentiality which helps to facilitate discussion. All members provide input on an equal basis. The name was chosen to reduce stigma, and we soon discovered that the attendees have a range of lawnmowers from robotic, through sit on, to hover types; if you find train spotting too exciting, then this may be for you. In addition we regularly invite guest speakers. These have been interesting and popular, and include ex-England Lioness footballers, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation service, a professional actor of stage and screen, and an ex-spy!

This group has been running for 8 month so far, and is very well attended. We have also been approached to roll out the format in the midlands...so word has spread!

If you, a friend or family member are interested in coming along just pop in, or please contact:

Dr Barrie Green. Email: bazgreen@hotmail.com, or Mr Charlie Walker, Hessle Sporting Club.



HEY Credit Union has opened a weekly branch inside Hessle Town Hall. Anyone in the Hessle area is welcome to pop in any Tuesday morning between 10 am and 12 noon to find out about their range of not-for-profit services, including safe and handy savings accounts and affordable, responsible credit options. It's free to join and there's a £25 bonus for Hessle residents who open a Christmas Saver account this year. Visit www.hullandeycu.co.uk for more information about becoming a Credit Union Member.



HESSLE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB



Hessle Rangers Football Club formed in Hessle in 1976. The club is a community interest company who lease the former Hessle High Lower School on Beverley Road, Hessle – now known as Bilsdon Park in tribute to the club's founders Peter and Janet Bilsdon.

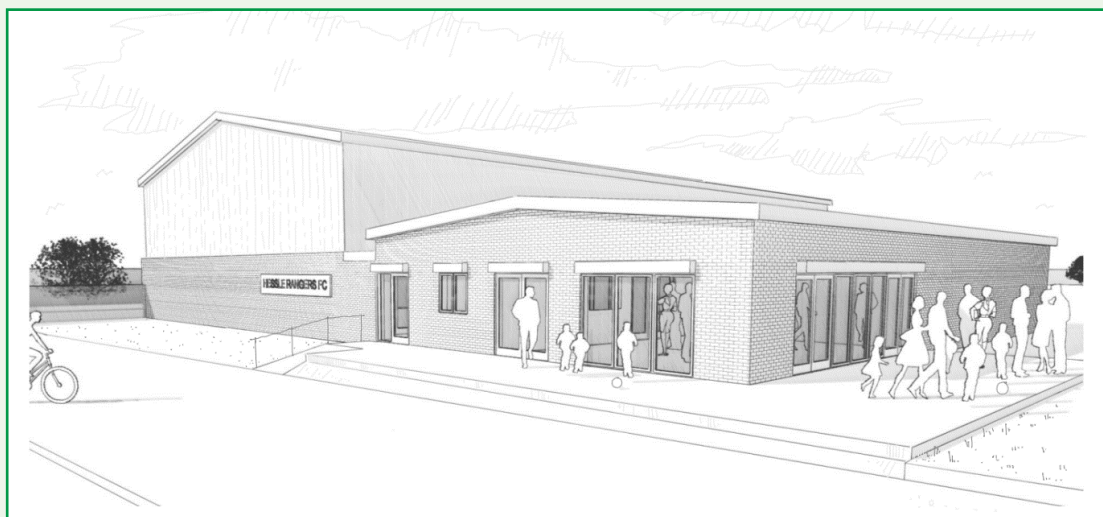
Hessle Rangers is a 3* England Accredited club, and has 5 senior teams, with 4 men's teams competing in the Humber Premier League, East Riding County League and Hull Sunday League and a Ladies team who are a part of the East Riding Women's League. The club has 19 junior teams in the HDYFL and 5 girls' teams in the ERGFL, as well as a Ladies Walking Football squad.

There are numerous ways for children to join Hessle Rangers with the club's popular First Touch Football sessions taking place every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at Bilsdon Park for boys and girls ages 4–7 years and a Wildcats session for girls aged 5–11 taking place on a Wednesday evening between 5.30–6.30 p.m. These sessions are on all year round and new players can just turn up and try the first week for free. The club is also launching new sessions on Monday nights for children aged 8-11 who are new to football or struggling to find a game and will run from 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. throughout the spring and summer.

The club has an outstanding community partner in our neighbours St Anne's School with whom the club share the use of each other's facilities for the benefit of the young people who attend the school and the boys and girls who play football.

Hessle Rangers has planning permission for a pavilion building on Bilsdon Park which will adjoin the existing Sports Hall on site and provide changing and WC, kitchen, and meeting facilities to improve the on-site experience of all of the young players and allow the club to increase its usage of the site and its usefulness to the community. Both the sports hall and the grass pitches have been used by other community groups and sports teams and Hessle Rangers continues to make them available where possible to other users.

The club is looking for further funding towards the new pavilion project and has lots of opportunities for local sponsors to get involved in the project in exchange for exposure on a site that has many thousands of unique visitors per annum. Full details of the project are at www.hesslerangers.co.uk





HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES



From the Planning Committee

At the December meeting of Hessle Town Council's Planning & Traffic committee a pre-planning application was put before the members. A presentation was given by Story Contracting Limited, who were acting on behalf of Network Rail, about the proposed replacement of the footbridge at Hessle Station. It was explained that it was nearing the end of its life and it would need replacing during 2023. After listening to the presentation there were two major concerns expressed by committee members.



The first was that the proposed footbridge was very much a 21st century design, whereas the existing one is very much in keeping with the surrounding area, the Southfield Conservation area developed during the 19th century. The committee asked if the design of the footbridge could be altered, even if only superficially, so that it was more in keeping with the residential area in which it is located.

The second concern was how 'future-proof' the new bridge would be. There have been several attempts over the past few years to get the railway line to Hull electrified and the committee expressed its concerns that if this new bridge was put in place, it would jeopardise any future electrification plans. The contractors said they would report back the committee's concerns to Network Rail.

At February's Planning & Traffic committee meeting, a response was read out from Network Rail saying that due to 'budgetary constraints' the original design will be submitted to East Yorkshire Council as 'prior approval.' The Town Council reiterated its opposition to the application. This matter has also been taken up by our local MP Emma Hardy.

National Tree Planting Through the East Riding Tree Planting Fund

There is a national tree planting campaign and Hessle Town Council are asked to participate by identifying areas where trees can be planted.

So far, working in partnership with East Riding of Yorkshire Council we have planted trees in various areas across Hessle including King George V playing fields, Tower Hill Park, Tranby Lodge Gate and First Lane playing field in-order to enhance the natural environment. Sadly, some of the trees have either died through lack of water during the dry summer last year or through vandalism.

This year, again working with East Riding of Yorkshire Council we are continuing to fund tree planting. Through a successful grant application, we have been able to fund 56 new trees, planted in locations over the whole of Hessle: Barnetby Road, Boothferry Road, Brigg Drive, Ferriby Road (amenity land) First Lane, Fishmore Avenue, Hull Road, King George V playing field, Station Road (amenity land) and The Circle.

If you know of an area that would benefit from a tree being planted, then please let the Council know.



HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES



Tower Hill Memorial Park

Play Area Update

Following the public consultation, the Town Council have made a decision on the design and instructed the provider. Work on the new play area should begin with the next few months.

Annual Town Meeting

Come and have your say!

*This is a chance for you to meet your
Town Councillors and put concerns to them.*

Hessle Town Hall
Tuesday, 30th May 2023 – 7.30 p.m.

Town Mayor's Civic Service

Sunday, 12th March

The Mayor's Civic Service was held on Sunday, 12th March, the occasion is to welcome other Councillors and Mayors to Hessle to thank people who have supported our community over the Mayoral term and to raise well needed funds for the Mayors chosen charity.

Cllr Davison, as Town Mayor, welcomed Mr Brian Bradley – Deputy Lieutenant for the East Riding of Yorkshire, Mrs Jacky Bowes – High Sheriff of the East Riding of Yorkshire, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Hull and the Chair of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council as well as Mayors from across the county to attend the church service in Tower Hill Methodist, followed by afternoon tea at the Town Hall.

A collection after the Church service and raffle during the afternoon tea raised £850 for the Mayor's Charity of The Alzheimer's Society.

THE HUMBER BRIDGE SOAPBOX DERBY

The Humber Bridge Soapbox Derby is back for 2023!

We're incredibly pleased to announce the return
following a break of 3 years.

The event will take place on Saturday, 1st July

for further details on how to take part or spectate please visit www.humberbridgesoapbox.co.uk



– HESSLE FEAST FOR THE FUTURE –

Sunday, 9th July

Overall, the cost to put the event on is around £8000 ...with the £3000 grant from Hessle Town Council and £2000 donated by new local company Open Fibre we have saved this year's Feast!

We have many more fundraising ideas to take forward to next year as we're sure the cost of events like ours are only set to rise. Local businesses and pubs have been very supportive of our cause too donating anything from £5-£100 to ensure we put on the best and safest day for the whole community to come down and enjoy. They of course, like us would be disappointed to see it not go ahead.

We will also be having collection buckets around the site on the day, so we'll be appealing to the public to donate to guarantee a Feast in 2024.

In the meantime, if you wish to donate you can do so via our Fundrazer page

https://fundrazr.com/728ex8?ref=fb_36uGH7_ab_7nqKZqGM6bF7nqKZqGM6bF

Another great way of ensuring we keep our costs as low as possible is to volunteer on the day. We have lots of roles that are easy to do and by offering a couple of hours, would save us having to bring in people from the outside. Please contact us at hesslefeastinfo@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.



HESSLE SUPPORTS UKRAINIAN REFUGEES



When the war in Ukraine started a year ago I, like so many people around the world, was shocked at what was happening to innocent people across the country. As the humanitarian crisis unfolded and so many millions of Ukrainians started to leave their homeland and needed assistance from the West, I began to wonder how I could help. This desire came not only from the sentiment of horror for their situation that so many of us had at that time but from my own personal history of living in Ukraine. Whilst at university in the Nineties, I spent six months living and studying in the Ukrainian port City of Odessa as part of my course of studies. I arrived there in early 1993 not knowing anything about the place that was to be my home but was welcomed by my hosts into their family home even though they had no idea who I was. Their motivation for taking me in was to help their own daughter practise her English but it soon became more than that – they soon began to treat me like a child of their own. It was this depth of generosity that prompted me to try and give something back to people like my hosts, family people, who needed help.

When I heard that the good people of Hessle were to welcome Ukrainians into their homes, I wanted to find a way that I too could help. Having taught modern languages in schools for the past twenty years, I offered my services to Hessle Town Council, and they jumped at my offer. In August 2022, we started running weekly English lessons at Hessle Town Hall. We began with 12 students and lessons progressed well. They learned phrases to help with shopping and daily life then we moved onto the world of work and applying for jobs, and we had lots of laughter along the way too. As the weeks passed, numbers dropped away but this was a positive thing as our visitors were settling into life here and finding jobs so could no longer attend the lessons. By the end of the four-month course, we were down to only three or four learners.

I feel very privileged to have been able to help these people settle into life here in East Yorkshire and I only hope that my work with them has gone some way to helping them cope with what remains a terrible situation.

Jo Harding

HESSLE WEST OPEN GARDENS 2023

This year's Open Gardens takes place on Sunday 21st May, from 11am to 5pm. In this, our 29th year, we are delighted to welcome several new gardens joining us for the first time as well as others returning after a few years. As far as humanly possible, sunny weather is guaranteed as you stroll around up to 18 beautiful gardens on Davenport Avenue, Southfield, Woodfield Lane, Ferriby Road, Dunstan Drive and Boothferry Road.

Please note this is a cash only event where only the adults pay and children go free. All participating gardens will have balloons and posters outside their property so to get your ticket, simply go into any of the gardens and make your purchase. The ticket takes the form of a map so you can clearly see which gardens are open and plan your preferred route. We are grateful to the Hessle Community Centre who provide a free minibus service on a loop around the participating area and the Hessle Scout Leader who drives it - simply hop on and off!

Some gardens also offer refreshments at very reasonable prices including tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, biscuits, ice creams, and ploughman's lunches so you can really make a full day of it. Visitors are also welcome to bring their own packed lunch and sit and eat it in their favourite garden.

Some gardens will have plants for sale too, all home grown with many ready to be potted out.

All money raised on the day is donated to local charities including Dove House Hospice, so you not only have a great day out but also contribute to some wonderful and very worthy local causes.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day and would be grateful if readers would spread the word to friends and family and help us raise the profile of this wonderful community event. We have a Facebook page: Hessle West Open Gardens so please like, comment and share. If anyone has any questions or would like to find out more about getting involved please contact the Joint Coordinators on 07973 915692 or message us on the Facebook page. Thank you.



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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**



Hessle Branch of the Royal British Legion are looking for New Members this year.

We meet once a month and try to raise funds at various community events throughout the year.

We are also offering Branch Community Support to those Armed Forces Veterans and their family members who might need some support.

Not sure? Worried?

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hessle.secretary@rbl.community

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Symptoms could include intermittent sound, blocky images (pixelation) or loss of TV signal.

Free support is available from Restore TV. Restore TV's role is to ensure people can continue to enjoy free to view TV when mobile is upgraded in their area. It provides help to anyone experiencing interference to TV services caused by mobile signals. Restore TV offers additional support for people who are 75 years of age or older, are registered blind or partially sighted or receive any of the following benefits: personal independence payments (PIPs); attendance allowance; constant attendance allowance or War Pensioner's Mobility Support.

Cable and satellite TV, such as Sky or Virgin, are not affected. However, viewers with these services, who also watch free to view TV through an aerial, can receive a free Restore TV filter.

Residents are more likely to be affected if they live in an area with weak digital television reception, have a TV signal booster and whose TV aerial is close to a mobile mast.

For residents in flats or communal buildings, Restore TV provides landlords or property managers with support to resolve the problem.

Any viewers who experience new interference to free to view TV or require further information should contact Restore TV on:

- 0808 13 13 800 (free from landlines and mobiles) – restoretv.uk



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A chance to meet and discuss local issues with your Neighbourhood Police Team. No appointment necessary just drop in.

Held each month at Hessle Town Hall on the following dates and times:

5th June: 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

17th July: 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

17th August: 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

18th September: 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

30th October: 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

20th November: 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

6th December: 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

We look forward to meeting you.



HESSLE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

All ages welcome!



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The elections will have taken place after this issue has gone to print, therefore we are unable to publish names and contact details of the Councillors.

Should you wish to speak with a Councillor, please contact the Hessle Town Council office on (01482) 648566 or email: htc@hessletown.karoo.co.uk

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