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HUMBER BRIDGE CHARITY CYCLE SPORTIVE



Sunday, June 11th saw the 8th edition of the HBS - since 2016 the sportive has been based at the Hesslewood Office Park, which provides an ideal setting for any event, and over 400 cyclists signed up to ride one of our 3 route options.

It was great to welcome regular supporters, some of whom have ridden every event, along with a number of teams, including Hullensians RUFC, Tranby, Beech Holme Tandem Club, and Fitmums & Friends, all of whom were raising money for their own causes. It's great to know that the ride is being used as a vehicle to generate money for charities other than our own. Our main partner this year was P.A.U.L For Brain Recovery, a charity headed-up by Paul Spence, doing terrific work with individuals and families who have been affected by acquired brain injury.

In effect, this was our 10th year, as even the 2 Covid years saw some crazy cycle challenges raise money for organisations in Hessle and beyond. This means that the proceeds from 2023 take the grand total to over £100,000, all of which has been donated to a wide range of charities in East Yorkshire, Hull, and North Lincs. This would never have been achieved without the generous support of local sponsors, loyal supporters, and a huge number of volunteers.

<https://humberbridgesportive.co.uk/charities/>

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Ian Nicholls and Andy Cawley

HESSLE FEAST *Sunday, 9th July 2023*

Another brilliant day organised by Hessle First, with financial and volunteer support from Hessle Town Council.
A really big thank you from the organisers to everyone that helped make the day a success.



HEY CREDIT UNION IS HERE IN HESSLE!

Hessle's new branch of HEY Credit Union, our region's leading not-for-profit savings and loans co-operative, is already proving popular.

You can find the friendly HEY Team in Hessle Town Hall, South Lane (HU13 0RR) every Tuesday morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Credit unions are an ethical choice for local people. Their safe savings accounts make it easy to put a little money aside for Christmas, holidays, the future or just a rainy day. They also help people afford their lives with low-cost responsible credit options.

It's simple – and completely free - to become a Credit Union Member, either in branch or online. In fact, there's even a £25 starter bonus available for anyone joining in Hessle this year.



John Smith, one of HEY Credit Union's founders who grew up in Hessle, says: "Everything we do is to benefit our members. We're here to help people become better off, not to make money out of them. Some of our members save with us, some borrow and some do both.

"We can help you to build a rainy day fund, or save up for retirement, as well as spread the cost of those big household items over a sensible period. When considering a loan please check our rates and give us a chance to help. You may be surprised how much money you could save, on loans large or small. We can lend

smaller amounts than banks typically offer and a trained underwriter looks at every application – so it's never a case of the computer says 'no'. And, because we care about our members' well-being, we won't lend more than we think you can afford to repay."

With some unique products including a popular Christmas Saver account and a Family Benefit Plan, HEY Credit Union is proving a lifeline for families just now, and a great way to build future resilience. Find out more by visiting www.hullandeycu.co.uk. The website includes handy money tips, budget planners and links to support services.

Hessle Town Council and the Trustees of Hessle and Anlaby Food Bank have kindly supported the local launch.

Why not pop in to the Town Hall for a chat (no obligation) one Tuesday? You'll be sure of a warm welcome (including tea or coffee) and ready help with any questions you may have.



HESSLE WEST OPEN GARDENS 2023



The sun shone and nearly one thousand people came out to support this year's Hesse West Open Gardens. Along with garden entry fees, refreshments and other fund-raising activities ranging from train rides to egg hunts, pottery, plant sales and books, we are delighted to announce that we raised a whopping £8,200.00 for local charities, making 2023 our most successful year yet.

Our cheque presentation event in early July will see Dove House Hospice, the Hesse Church Tower appeal, Hesse and Anlaby Foodbank, Hesse Scouts, Hesse Community Centre and the Hesse Hedgehog hospital all receive generous financial contributions so a massive thank you to everyone who came and made the day so enjoyable.

The scouts tell us they will be buying 5 tents with their money and their first trip will be to Austria. We are sure they will have a wonderful time and go on to use the tents for many more forthcoming adventures.

An additional donation will be made to the Tranby Gate Woodland and Wildlife Haven (at the junction of Ferriby Road and Heads Lane) allowing them to buy lots of spring bulbs - look out for them flowering and brightening up the area in due course.

A big thank you also to Hesse Community Centre for the use of the minibus and the Hesse Scout leaders for driving it around the gardens.

A final big thank you to all the gardens who opened this year, particularly those joining us for the first time. Without their generosity this wonderful community event would not be possible.

Please make a note in your diary for May next year (specific Sunday to be agreed) and/or join the Hesse West Open Gardens Facebook group for updates and information about Hesse West Open Gardens 2024.

It will be our 30th year so see you all there as we continue to give the Chelsea Flower Show a run for its money!





HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES



Town Hall Refurbishment

We are thrilled to announce a momentous occasion that has been a long time coming. After years of planning, patient anticipation and Covid, the Town Council has finally got the green light and the much-awaited building and renovation work on our beloved Town Hall is due to begin on the 14th August 2023. This remarkable development marks a major milestone for our community, and we cannot wait to witness the transformation of this cherished landmark.

For decades, the Town Hall has stood as a symbol of our town's history and cultural heritage. It has served as a gathering place for civic events, town meetings, celebrations, and a hub of community activities. Unfortunately, the wear and tear over the years had taken its toll on the building, making the need for restoration and updating even more crucial.

The journey towards this moment has not been without its challenges. The Town Council has had to navigate various hurdles, including budget constraints, bureaucratic procedures, and multiple proposals, all while ensuring the preservation of the Town Hall's architectural integrity. However, the unwavering commitment and dedication of the staff and Council members and the ardent support of the community and Town Hall users have triumphed over every obstacle, paving the way for this transformative endeavour.

The restoration project aims not only to repair the aging structure but also to enhance the Town Hall's functionality and accessibility. Plans include expanding the room space, installing modern amenities, and improving facilities for the benefit of all residents. The architect we have engaged will ensure that the Town Hall retains as much of its historical charm as possible while embracing the advancements of the present.

As we embark on this exciting chapter in our town's history, it is essential to remain patient and we ask for your understanding of any temporary inconveniences that may arise during the construction phase. Rest assured, the result will be a rejuvenated Town Hall that we can all be proud of for generations to come.

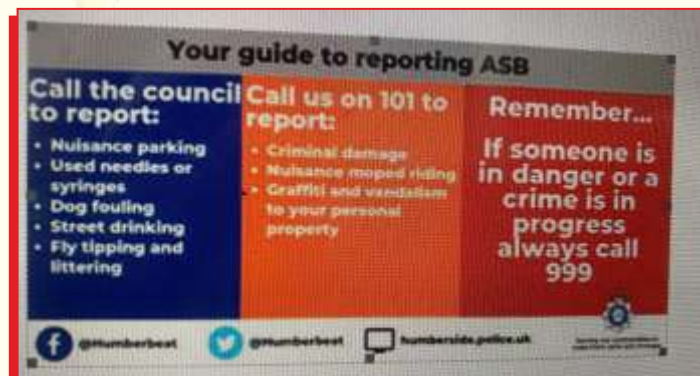
Kim Cooper
Town Clerk

Tower Hill Memorial Park

The improvements to the play area have been completed over the last few weeks, and we hope you will agree that it was worth the wait. Incorporated in the new play area are several pieces of inclusive equipment, as well as the addition of a few benches.

You will hopefully start to see over the coming months work to improve further elements of the park, to include the installation of CCTV cameras.

The Town Council is still receiving reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in the park and especially in the play area and residents are asked to continue to report all incidents through 101. On the right is a guide to the reporting of Anti-Social behaviour. The council in the guide refers to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.



HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES

New Noticeboards

Following a request from over 50 residents the Council have funded the purchase and installation of a new Noticeboard on First Lane. Enquiries regarding advertising on the noticeboards can be made with the office on 01482 648566 or htc@hessletown.karoo.co.uk

Currently there are 14 boards around Hessle at the following locations: Town hall x 2, Hessle Library, The Square, Grounds of the Health Centre (Hull Road), Hull Road/Northolme Road, Hull Road (opp Buttfield), First lane/Hull Road, First lane/Winthorpe Road, Railway Station (Southfield), Beverley Road (North), Cemetery corner (Swanland Road), Swanland Road (North), Cambridge Road (opposite the row of shops).



Litter Bins

'The Town Council continues to keep the streets of Hessle tidy and litter free by funding the purchase and installation of litter bins. Two new bins have been installed recently; on Heads Lane/ Tranby Avenue and Greenfield Avenue, Jenny Brough Lane near to the open space area. In the coming months, it is hoped a further bin will be installed in the play area of Tower Hill Memorial Park.

Any requests for litter bins, can be forwarded to the Town Council for consideration by the Environment & Open Spaces Committee.'

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Thursday 10:00 to 11:00 or 12:30 to 13:30

I operate small classes with a maximum of 8 to ensure all needs are catered for. This is a fun and friendly group for all abilities. You are more than welcome to visit, observe the class and discuss your individual requirements. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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Humber Bridge SOAPBOX DERBY



Returns in Thrilling Spectacle of Fun and Charity

The Humber Bridge Soapbox Derby, an eagerly anticipated event that had been missing from the calendar since 2019 due to the pandemic, made a triumphant comeback to Hessle. The soapbox race, which first started in 2012 and has become a beloved tradition in the town, was organised in aid of and partnered with the charity Hull4Heroes, attracting enthusiastic crowds eager to witness the heart-pounding spectacle.

This year's soapbox derby featured fifteen teams, each showcasing their creatively designed carts, fondly known as "Bogeys" by the locals. Hull4Heroes founder, Paul Matson, emphasized that it aimed to raise awareness for a good cause while providing the community with an enjoyable and exhilarating experience.

Hessle Town Council's events team member Phil Withers expressed their delight at the soapbox derby's return. In previous years, the event had managed to raise over £100,000 for local charities, making its absence in recent times even more disappointing. However, the spirits were high as the 2023 soapbox derby brought back the excitement and camaraderie that had been sorely missed.

Competitors from various parts of East Yorkshire poured their efforts and creativity into crafting unique soapbox racers, competing for the fastest time on the specially designed racetrack located at the Humber Bridge car park. Among the standout designs was an impressive military jeep-themed cart from Holderness Academy, which earned them a well-deserved victory in their category.



Social media platforms buzzed with photos and videos as participants and spectators shared their experiences. The Humberside Fire and Rescue Service described the day as one filled with "plenty of thrills and spills," capturing the thrilling moments that unfolded as daredevils zoomed down the hill in their colourful soapbox racers.

FMG Repair Services showcased their creativity with a delightful Mario-themed "bogey," delighting onlookers young and old. Similarly, Brianplant's bright yellow industrial vehicle-inspired soapbox caught the attention of many, adding to the vibrant atmosphere of the event.

Ricky Ward, representing FMG Repair Services, expressed joy in the team's involvement in building their soapbox and the positive reception they received



from the community. With smiles and laughter all around, the soapbox derby proved to be a fantastic day out for everyone involved.

However, the ultimate winners of the Humber Bridge Soapbox Derby were the team from ABG, a Bridlington-based print equipment manufacturer, whose skill and speed propelled them to victory, earning them well-deserved applause and admiration.

The soapbox derby's return showcased the community's resilience and their commitment to supporting local charities, even during challenging times. With the event successfully raising funds for Hull 4 Heroes and providing a day filled with excitement and joy, it was evident that the spirit

of togetherness and fun was stronger than ever in Hessle.

As the sun set on the 2023 Humber Bridge Soapbox Derby, the town celebrated not just the thrill of the race, but also the camaraderie and unity that the event had fostered. With the promise of more soapbox derbies in the years to come, Hessle could look forward to future events, filled with fun, charity, and community spirit.



Entries for private individuals and schools open soon after Christmas for the Humber Bridge Soapbox 2024 but registration is open NOW for corporate entries and sponsorships.

The Hessle Waits: Over 100 years of Christmas Carolling

Hessle is a place steeped in history and tradition, but did you know that we have a Christmas tradition in our community dating back to 1916? It was then that the Hessle Waits first began, singing Christmas carols to sick children in a local hospital and fundraising for the Hesslewood orphanage.

Today the focus of our group remains to raise as much money as possible for a worthy, charitable cause and for many years our choice has been Dove House.

In fact, pre Covid, the Hessle Waits had raised a grand total of £74,000 through the generosity of the Hessle residents, supporting us as we sing Christmas carols in Hessle square, in Hessle streets and at some large private house parties, which we fondly call supper calls. We do like to sing for our supper and so far we have never gone hungry!

We are a hardy and determined bunch and will go out in all weathers in the run up to Christmas, never wanting to disappoint our residents, safe in the knowledge that a warmed mince pie or glass of mulled wine will be offered and gladly quaffed!

Like all of society, The Waits has suffered from the impact of Covid and singing as an activity was particularly badly affected. However, after a pause of 3 years, the Hessle Waits are bouncing back stronger than ever this year. In fact, we are moving towards registered charity status and are looking to bring some traditional Christmas cheer into the lives of all our residents for another 100 years!



We have now started to plan our Christmas carol routes for Christmas 2023 and will shortly be contacting residents who have previously hosted us at their homes.

If you would be interested in hosting the Waits in your street or at a party or if you would be interested in joining us to sing some carols at Christmas time please get in touch for more details.

Our email is hessle.waits@gmail.com or you can contact me on 07920 005865. We are always in Hessle Square singing on Prestongate the last Saturday morning before Christmas, so come along and take part in a local tradition that dates back over one hundred years!

Hilary Hogan, Chair, Hessle Waits

'RENDEZVOUS – C'EST BON'

After having to postpone our visit to Thizy-les-Bourgs (ex -Bourg de Thizy) due to the pandemic, we discussed the possibility of a visit halfway between our two towns. It was agreed that Brussels would be the most convenient and pleasant place to meet and after numerous telephone calls and emails, a suitable hotel was selected, and transport booked.

The resultant meeting was a great success and all the friendships have obviously continued during the pandemic and the opportunity to meet each other face-to-face was welcomed by the 17 from Hessle and the 18 from Thizy-les-Bourgs.

After the first few moments elation meeting our friends face-to-face for such a long time, we set off to find the various eateries in Brussels and reminiscences of our enforced time apart. The next day after a wonderful breakfast in the hotel, Craves, we headed for the nearest hop on hop off bus tour which was at a pleasant 25° in the sunshine around the sites of Brussels.

As there are 35 of us, it was difficult to all eat together during the day, but we managed various cafés and bars in small groups but reassembled together on the evening in a private room of a local restaurant with friendly and entertaining staff, so a good time was had by all and a brief speech by Jean-Michel Brossette, the French Chairperson and Graham Billany for the Hessle Twinning Association, rounded off a very pleasant evening.

The parting on the last day was very sad, but as everyone had enjoyed each other's company, it was agreed that the venture had been a great success. The Hessle group departed on the Eurostar and the French travelled South on the TGV to Lyon.

To continue such an amicable arrangement since its inception in 1988 is an indication of the loving friendships that have evolved during our Twin Town Association. We hope to continue with some sort of joint meetings, but as we are all getting older it is more difficult to travel. Should anyone wish to join our friendly Association and find friendships with our twin town in the beautiful Beaujolais region in France, do not hesitate to contact Graham Billany (Chairperson) on (01482) 645559 or email graham@ship-repairer.co.uk.

Thanks to all the Committee at Hessle Twinning Association for the diligence in making the trip possible, especially Pauline Rothwell, who booked all our travel through Earles Travel and found such a wonderful hotel, also Jean-Michel Brossette the French Chairman who found a restaurant with a menu to suit all and a communal room for us all to meet up again.



HESSLE COUNCILLORS WALKABOUT

'Thank-you to all the Council Officers and staff from the various service areas who attended our Hessle walkabout on Thursday, 27th July to discuss various problems and issues.

Hessle Ward Cllrs David Nolan, John Bovill and Simon Pickering'





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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.

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