

East Riding December E – Bulletin

Welcome to this December issue of my E Bulletin which aims to keep you informed about the work of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and also any community news and information from partner organisations. 2019 has been a very busy year for me as Engagement Officer for the East Riding and there has been a lot of activity by volunteers and partner agencies alike working hard to make the East Riding a safer place to live, work and visit. 2020 promises to be even more successful as communications and joint working improves. All that remains is for me to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all at the Meet The Commissioner events as below.
Debbie Fagan, Engagement Officer (East Riding), OPCC.



A message from the Police and Crime Commissioner

As it approaches Christmas I would like to say I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable festive period. I'm pleased to report the work of the past three years is really starting to pay off. Increasing the numbers of police by around 500, improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the force so it received 'good' grading in every aspect of its work when Inspected by Her Majesty's Inspectorate for the first time in its history, the force now having the highest morale in the country when four years ago it had the lowest, together with the work to emphasise the role of Parish Councils in being a key player to voice local concerns so they can be addressed, is making an impact. I realise not everyone is feeling this yet but the signs are good. After some years of rises we are beginning to see a reduction in crime again and reports of anti-social behaviour are reducing. There is no complacency here however and we will work to ensure the improvements continue into the future.

An invitation to Meet the Commissioner

Many East Riding Parish Councillors have already taken the opportunity to meet Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) Keith Hunter by attending one of our 'Meet The Commissioner' meetings throughout the East Riding and heard about the work he has done and taken part in a Question and answer session with him. We are now extending the invitation to not only Parish Councillors but East Riding Farm Watch and Neighbourhood Watch Members too.

The PCC represents the public in policing and other areas of community safety and victim services and in doing so is keen to meet groups who live and work in Humberside to tell them about his work, to answer questions and to hear your views and ideas.

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Due to the size and geography of the East Riding and the PCC's commitments across Humberside, I have arranged 5 meetings across the East Riding, the details of which are below.

We are taking this opportunity to invite active volunteers from Farm Watch and Neighbourhood Watch Groups across the East Riding to these sessions so they can not only talk to the PCC about his work but learn about each other's work in helping make our communities safer.

We know that there are many rural non-agricultural residents who see rural crime happening but don't recognise it as crime and therefore take no action, hare coursing is a good example of this. Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators can help to raise awareness and help to increase positive action by residents in rural areas helping to make our rural communities safer and stronger. The meetings are as follows:

Thurs	9th January 2020	Hull Ionian's RUFC, Brantingham Park, Brantingham Rd, Elloughton, Brough HU15 1HX	6pm - 8pm
Wed	29th January 2020	Cass Hall, King St, Driffield YO25 6QW	6pm - 8pm
Wed	12th February 2020	The Studio, Pocklington Arts Centre, 22-24, Market Place, Pocklington YO42 2AR	6pm - 8pm
Thurs	20th February 2020	Skirlaugh Village Hall, Benningholme Lane, Skirlaugh HU11 5EA	6pm - 8pm
Tues	3rd March 2020	Shire Hall, 13, Market Place, Howden, DN14 7BJ	6pm - 8pm

I appreciate the meetings are in winter months but they are the least busy time of year for farming communities. You can attend any of the above meetings, the only thing I ask is that you register by emailing me, Deborah.fagan@humberside.pnn.police.uk or by telephoning, Mia on 01482 220764. We look forward to seeing you.

Debbie Fagan

Information from Partners:

A Request from Humberside Police



Community Advisory Groups

Do you live in or around Bridlington, Goole, Beverley, Hedon, Haltemprice?
Do you have an interest in your community and the policing of it?
Do you represent a minority community or group and can you offer up to three hours of your time every couple of months?
If so, please contact SPOCCommunitySafety@humberside.pnn.police.uk to find out more.

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Welcome Emma,

Hi, my name is Emma and I'd like to introduce myself as a new member of the HEY Smile Foundation Community Hive team. I've only been at Smile a few weeks so far but my role involves supporting voluntary and community sector organisations to thrive. I have a background in community health promotion and I'm currently coordinating a community lifesaving CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training initiative that I'll be able to tell you more about in the New Year.

Commissioned by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Smile offers free development support for all voluntary organisations in the East Riding. You can get in touch with the Smile Community Hive team on (01482) 590270 or hive@heysmilefoundation.org.

Thanks, Emma.

Emma Kelly
Community & Partnerships



Raising Awareness – Dementia Friendly Communities

Many places and people in East Riding have been working for some time on initiatives around Dementia, these include:

The Alzheimer's Society offer a range of information about making communities more dementia friendly: <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/dementia-friendly-communities/making-your-community-more-dementia-friendly>

One opportunity is to go through a recognition process to become Dementia Friendly, see this link for a description of the steps involved: <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/dementia-friendly-communities/how-to-become-dementia-friendly-community>

Work is ongoing to gain this recognition for East Riding as a whole, communicating with a range of people is part of this process to raise awareness. Smaller localities or groups can also sign up for recognition, whilst it isn't compulsory to sign up in this way to be a Dementia Friendly Community, it does acknowledge what is being achieved and can raise further awareness. For example, the Hessle Dementia Friends Network has completed this recognition process.

You may have heard of the Dementia Friends Initiative: www.dementiafriends.org.uk which is a useful initiative in a Dementia Friendly Community. A Dementia Friend is somebody that learns about dementia so they can help people in their community. Too many people affected by dementia feel that society fails to understand the condition they live with. Dementia Friends help by raising awareness and understanding, so that people living with dementia continue to live in the way they want.

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Dementia Friends Sessions are one hour in length. They are mainly delivered by volunteers and will take place as and when their capacity allows. There is no charge but a suitable venue will need to be provided, the aim is to create enough interest for a number of sessions to be rolled out in the coming months. If you would be interested to hold a Dementia Friends Session for your town or parish councillors and members of your community, this can be arranged by contacting Margaret McHugh at Hull and East Riding Alzheimer's Society on 01482 211 255, Margaret.McHugh@alzheimers.org.uk

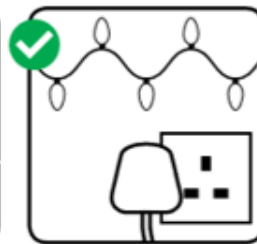
Some important messages from Humberside Fire and Rescue Service



Decorations can burn easily – so don't attach them to lights or heaters.



Keep candles, lighters and matches out of children's reach. Never leave burning candles unattended.



Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.



Store fireworks safely. Never go back to a lit firework and keep a bucket of water nearby.



Take care around open fireplaces as clothes may catch fire.



Take time to check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are at greater risk from fire.



Most fires start in the kitchen. Avoid leaving a cooker unattended. Avoid cooking when under the influence of alcohol.



Make sure your family and visitors know how to escape in an emergency.



Make sure cigarettes are put out properly.