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Chairman's Remarks



Summer Sunset

Our programme of Public Talks is now into its summer recess: the June talk by Stephen Hunt on planning developments attracted our now customary large audience; a full report follows in this newsletter. Our thanks go to our Executive member, Neil Harris, for arranging such an interesting series of talks with resulting attendances regularly exceeding 100 plus. We return on Thursday 10th September with a talk on the Stamford Bridge tapestry commemorating the 'other' important battle of 1066.

As previously announced, the Society is hosting the next quarterly Regional meeting of YHACS (The Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Civic Societies) on Saturday 11th July at 1.00pm in the Toll Gavel Church meeting room, and our members are welcome to attend to meet other like-minded people, and learn more about the activities of the Association and Civic Voice. The detailed agenda is being finalised by the YHACS Committee and will be published shortly.

Thank you for your continuing support and I hope you all have a lovely summer.

Dick Lidwell

Once again, the Civic Society has taken the lead in organising HODs and we have a bumper 48 page programme for you covering East Riding. This year's brochure includes venues and events in Beverley, Bridlington, Cottingham, Goole, Hedon, Hornsea, Howden and Swanland plus other villages in the East Riding, such as Aike, Etton, Holme on Spalding Moor, Whitgift. All venues and events are free and we thank VEY (Visit East Yorkshire), Beverley Town Council, Yorkshire Wolds Heritage Trust, Friends of Beverley Minster and the Georgian Society of East Yorkshire for their financial support which has enabled us to produce and circulate the brochure

As well as all our usual venues in the town we are pleased to announce that once again some familiar locations, normally closed to the public, have agreed to open, such as Norwood House, the home of Bostonair; Beverley Friary which was very popular last year; number 2 Highgate, which was oversubscribed last year and we must thank Nancy Blackbourn for welcoming visitors to her home every year. Thanks also to Richard Stott who will lead tours of the former Beverley Savings Bank on Lairgate.

We are pleased to have worked with the Goole Civic Society, Hornsea Civic Society and the Cottingham Local History Society to develop the programme. Thanks also to Max Lunn of Hebblethwaite House, for developing the programme in Bridlington and surrounding villages.

The free brochure giving full details of all these events and more will be available from local libraries, churches, cafes and hotels from early August

As we have done in previous years, the Society aims to provide volunteers at a number of locations to greet visitors and advise them of any restrictions on site and to point out many other open venues. Please help to promote the town and the Civic Society during this annual celebration of heritage by contacting Sandra if you are able to help at any of the events in the table below –

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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Event	Date	Times	Can help ✓
Barges on the Beck	Friday 11 September	11-00 to 13-00	
		13-00 to 15-00	
	Sunday 13 September	11-00 to 13-00	
		13-00 to 15-00	

Beverley Friary	Saturday 12 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 13 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	

Event	Date	Times	Can help ✓
2 Highgate	Friday 18 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	
	Saturday 19 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	

Norwood House	Friday 11 September	11-00 to 13-30	
		13-30 to 16-00	

Etton – Cherry Corner	Saturday 12 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 13 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Saturday 19 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	
	Sunday 20 September	13-00 to 14-30	
		14-30 to 16-00	

Former Savings Bank, Lairgate	Saturday 12 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	
	Sunday 13 September	10-00 to 12-30	
		12-30 to 15-00	



For your Diary



The summer break is well and truly here but don't forget you are invited to the YHACS July meeting to be held in Toll Gavel meeting room from 1.00-4.00pm. Find out more about the wider Civic Society world and get updates on what is happening at Civic Voice. There will be a talk on Industrial Beverley by Dick Lidwell and a discussion on solar and wind power. Refreshments are provided.

Thursday 16th July 7.15pm

Hessle Local History Society

Hessle Miscellanea: Stories of Hessle

Ian Wilkinson

Hessle Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

Friday 17th July 8.00pm

Barton Civic Society

Behind the scaffolding: The story so far at Baysgarth House

Liz Bennet

Joseph Wright Hall, Queen's Street

Barton Upon Humber

The Old Burial Ground



Photo courtesy *Dick Lidwell*

The working party continues its work with managing the ground and their hard work is bearing fruit with the wonderful flowering this summer. There has been an increase in people wandering in and enjoying the peacefulness away from the busy North Bar, in addition to learning about its history through the two History Boards. Our sound and camera recorders reveal a wealth of bird song, and a few night time visitors; the fox being a regular!

Some other matters:

In his talk last month, Stephen Hunt, illustrated the depth of the role of the Planning and Economic Development Department. One has to bear in mind that The East Riding Department is one of the busiest in the country covering such a wide geographical area of beautiful countryside and coast, plus hundreds of Listed Buildings (450 in Beverley alone). It was encouraging also to hear of some of the enforcement orders made to maintain the quality of buildings and the street scene within Beverley. The Planning Group is due to meet him and the Conservation Officer for the Society's biannual meeting to discuss planning matters on Thursday 9th July. Should you have any particular matters you'd like to raise at that meeting do please contact me.

Amongst the many planning applications recently submitted was one to install security cameras and intruder alarms to Beverley's Friary; a welcome step which hopefully will be approved. One hopes too that ERYC will make a decision soon on the future use this important historic building.

Many of you will have attended the Clean Air Solar Farm Public Consultation on Tuesday the 23rd of June, and have submitted your comments. But should you have missed that opportunity the consultation continues, so there is still time for you to submit your feedback.

<https://cleanairsolarfarm.co.uk/consultation/>

To quote: 'We welcome feedback on our proposals at any time, but to help us best consider your comments ahead of our consultation in the autumn, we kindly ask for returns by Monday 13th July 2026.'

We Welcome Members' Views

The Civic Society Executive Committee will continue engaging with stakeholders and decision-makers, including our forthcoming discussions with Graham Stuart MP.

We would welcome members' views at any of our meetings, to any committee member, or by email bevcivicsoc@gmail.com

or through our website <https://www.beverleycivicsociety.com/contacts> where the comment form is towards the bottom of the page

Dick Lidwell

The following information is reproduced from the HEY History Calendar FaceBook page, by kind permission of Carol Osgerby, developer of the site. Each month we will attempt to include entries from her website which have relevance to Beverley and the surrounding areas.

1st July 1643, cannoneer John Stevenson was buried in St Mary's Beverley, having died in the town in a 'great scrimmage' in the Civil War (possibly the day before).

2nd July 1642, the Royalist ship Providence, commissioned by Queen Henrietta Maria, evaded Parliamentary ships by entering Keyingham Creek, which was too narrow for the larger ships, and landed a consignment of arms from Holland for the Royalist army. With help from local people, they unloaded ammunition which was taken to the king at York.

3rd July 1267, Alice Falketon was given permission by the church authorities to build herself a house in St Nicholas Churchyard, so that she could live as an anchoress. Enquiries had been made as to whether she was a fit person, with enough funds to maintain herself, and if this would be convenient to the parish.

4th July 1597, William Anlaby or Andleby, a Catholic convert born in Etton, returned to UK as a priest after training in France. He ministered to Catholic prisoners in Hull. He was executed at York as a Catholic missionary priest, and beatified by the Catholic church in 1929.

5th July 1776, John Wesley paid a visit to Howden and preached to a large congregation during a thunderstorm near Station Road, Howden.

6th July 1381, William Haldene of Beverley had his brains literally knocked out by John Erghom and others, with a pole-axe, 2 battle-axes, 6 swords, 2 forks and other weapons, before his body was thrown into the beck in Walker Lane.

7th July 1626, the Council in the North ordered Hull Corporation to fortify the town against threat from the Spanish.

8th July 1940, Mrs Evelyn Cardwell of East Carlton Farm, Aldbrough, arrested and disarmed a German airman who had parachuted from a crashed bomber. She was presented with the British Empire Medal by King George VI at Marine Hotel, Hornsea.

9th July 1915, Albert Baxter, private, and former Reckitt's employee, died in action with the East Yorkshire Regiment and is buried in RE Farm Cemetery, Heuvelland.

10th July 1931, Paul Robeson, singer, actor and political activist, performed at Bridlington Spa Royal Hall on his first trip to Yorkshire, receiving

several encores; when the Royal Hall re-opened after refurbishment in 1933, he returned to Bridlington.

11th July 1843, Archdeacon Wilberforce preached the last ever sermon in St Faith's church, Leven, before it was demolished, leaving only the chancel, which was itself demolished in 1882.

12th July 1537, Robert Aske of Aughton was hanged in chains outside Clifford's Tower, York, after being convicted of treason in Westminster, as the leader of the Pilgrimage of Grace.

13th July 1936, Oswald Mosley, leader of British Union of Fascists, found himself unable to book a hall in Hull. Mosley planned to give a speech in Corporation Fields, to recruit blackshirts to his organisation, but they were met with a large and hostile group of local people, and a riot ensued. Mosley was not able to give his speech.

14th July 1746, William Pulteney, MP for Hedon, Baron Hedon and the Earl of Bath, stepped down when after "48 hours, three quarters, seven minutes, and eleven seconds" he failed to form a government, and is now reckoned to be England's shortest-serving Prime Minister.

15th July 1855, Hull-born John Sheppard, a Boatswain's mate, attempted single-handedly to blow up a Russian warship at Sebastopol, Crimea, and was awarded the Victoria Cross 'for valour'.

16th July 1904, the *Beverley Guardian* reported a new phenomenon, 'the hatless brigade', when pedestrians of both sexes had been seen in Hornsea without any head covering whatsoever.

17th July 1882, deckhand John Fryer, 18, was lost overboard from Hull trawler *Superb* in the North Sea.

18th July 1511, Tailor Thomas Mateson, of Stamford Bridge, claimed sanctuary at Beverley for the homicide of John Pott, also of Stamford Bridge, labourer.

19th July 1692, Elizabeth Howe, nee Jackson, aged 57, was hanged for witchcraft at Salem, Massachusetts with 4 other women; at the age of 3, she was among the Puritans who emigrated from Rowley to found Rowley, Massachusetts.

20th July 700 AD, St Osanne (or Osana or Osmanna) died aged 30 (at least, this is her saint's day). Sister of Osred I, King of Northumbria (or daughter of Aldfrith), she was a nun at Jouarre, France. Her miracles are recorded: when a concubine of the Howden rector was so impious as to sit upon Osana's tomb, Osana stuck her to it so that she could not be removed.

22nd July 1869, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, officially opened the new Albert Dock, Hull.

23rd July 2012, the Royal Engineers carried out 15 controlled explosions on the beach at Mappleton, after a landslide (on Sat 21.7) revealed at least 1,000 rockets, grenades and bombs from WW2.

24th July 1912, a heavy cloudburst over Westwood brought flooding to Beverley town centre. Water was a foot deep on Walkergate.

25th July 1328, King Edward III is said to have closed down the Warter annual fair on St James Feast Day because of the number of murders that had been committed at the fair. In 1328, King Edward III issued an order that it was an offence to go armed into any fair or market. Probably not aimed specifically at Warter.

26th July 1986, 8 rail passengers and 1 person travelling in a van died when the van was struck by the 9.33 Bridlington to Hull train at Lockington level crossing, and the train was derailed. 51 people were injured, 10 of them seriously. There is a memorial to those who died in Driffeld Memorial Garden.

27th July 1855, James McLoughlin, aged 13, asked Hull Magistrates Court for the protection of the court on account of his mother having beaten him severely with a stick and a fire poker because he would not go out stealing for her.

28th July 1720, William Marsh and John Parker, church wardens of St Giles, Marfleet, were ordered by the archdeacon to buy a bible for the church (which apparently didn't possess one).

29th July 1678, Andrew Marvell, MP for Hull, had what turned out to be his last meeting with Hull Corporation. He returned to London shortly after, and died suddenly, aged 58, on 16th August, some supposed of poison.

30th July 1643, the parish clerk of St Mary's, Beverley, reported in the parish register that they

buried 13 men killed on the King's side in the Civil War.

31st July 1332, King Edward III sailed from Ravenspur to battle in Scotland. He also visited Hull, and was reported to be pleased with the progress of the fortifications there.

We have no notable events for the 21st July. Please let us know if you know of one



A Bi-Annual Update on Planning Matters in Beverley

**Beverley Civic Society
Talk on Thursday
11 June 2026**

Stephen Hunt – Director of Planning and Economic Growth ERYC

Dick Lidwell introduced Stephen Hunt and explained that he is also the Interim Director of Prosperity and Place on the ERYC Executive, so in a perfect position to talk about recent developments in Beverley.

Stephen's talk had several topics to cover: -

- ◆ An overview of the Planning Department.
- ◆ Ongoing developments in Beverley.
- ◆ Recent Enforcement cases.
- ◆ Renewable energy schemes.
- ◆ The role of the Local Plan.

Stephen reported that there have been many changes to the Planning Department over the last 2 years, it is now much larger having merged with the Economic Department. The aim of this is to aid development and investment in the area. The department now has many roles including Planning Policy, Enforcement, Business Support, Regeneration, Ecology, Conservation, The Humber Forest partnership, Landscape and Tourism to name a few.

Stephen referred to some of the successes the Department is currently overseeing: -

- ◆ Withernsea/Bridlington. A £20m grant funding secured from central government to invest in infrastructure, employment and business over a 10-year period.
- ◆ 300,000 trees planted over the last year.
- ◆ 4 conservation officers now employed to look after 2,500 listed buildings in East Riding.
- ◆ ERYC has the 25th busiest Planning Department in the UK, and in terms of large-scale developments it is the 4th largest.
- ◆ 95% of Planning Applications are determined on time.
- ◆ 1,132 Enforcement cases managed.
- ◆ 86% of applications are approved.
- ◆ 5,981 decisions made.
- ◆ 70% of Planning Appeals dismissed.
- ◆ 92% of major applications approved.

Current Plans

- ◆ Lord Roberts Road and old Probation Office. The proposal for 21 homes was refused by the Planning Committee and the appeal dismissed by the Inspectorate. The original plan which included 3-storey homes was deemed to be entirely inappropriate for the conservation area. Future plans will need to be of traditional build, pantile roofs etc., which will limit commercial appeal to developers. The site will go back on the market in the next few weeks.
- ◆ Grovehill Road – Sargent Electrical. Now being made ready for the construction that will bring jobs to the former brown field site.
- ◆ Saturday Market pedestrianisation. A £500,000 scheme part funded by the Department of Transport. This includes York stone paving, planters, seating. There have been delays due to underground services work but should be completed before the end of June.
- ◆ Weel Bridge. The bridge from 1953 had come to the end of its life after 70 years. After its removal it is now in Sheffield for refurbishment to be returned in July when completed.
- ◆ A164 redevelopment. Will be open fully in August. An £80m scheme largely funded by central government. There are 30,000 vehicle movements daily using this route. Stephen showed several images of the progress to date and made reference to the 25,000 trees that have been planted as part of the scheme.
- ◆ South Beverley/Figham Springs pedestrian rail crossing. This has been closed for some time. Current plans include for landscaping and a heightened bridge due to the possibility of future electrical requirements. The bridge also needs provision for cyclists and horses in addition to pedestrians. Will be considered soon.

Enforcements

Stephen reported that these are often submitted by the public as concerns and gave several examples: -

- ◆ Watches of Beverley. After repossession by the Bank, it was part boarded up with metal shutters, inappropriate for a Listed building. This was removed and the Bank, for a period, had 24-hour security on site instead. This building will now be re-sold.
- ◆ Vegetation growing on North Bar. This has now been removed.
- ◆ The former Strefford's shop, now a Turkish barber. Inappropriate neon signage and banners removed.
- ◆ Mirage in Wednesday market. Was in the process of being painted yellow, this was stopped.
- ◆ Former banks – NatWest and Barclays. Unsightly blanking off previous cash machine locations. Stonework and windows now fully reinstated.
- ◆ The RSPCA building on Butcher Row. Had the original window removed and replaced with UPVC without consent. This building is Listed. An appropriate timber window to match the original will now be installed.
- ◆ Coombes' Yard. A house with planning permission was built too high. This went through Enforcement and the resulting Appeal was dismissed. This building will now have to be reduced in height by 2m.
- ◆ Protected trees. The Light Dragoon at Etton. The developer was fined £7,000 for felling a tree with a TPO. This was the same developer who built the house in Coombes' Yard.
- ◆ Sproatley. A tree felled without permission resulted in a £4,000 fine.
- ◆ Foggathorpe. A Willow tree felled without permission resulted in a £5,600 fine.

Renewable Energy

This is a hot topic; Stephen showed a map of all the schemes that have been approved to date. In the past there were many objections to wind farms which lead to the moratorium on wind farms in 2016. There are many plans in process for solar farms covering hundreds of hectares in the East Riding, this includes for hydrogen pipelines and converter stations. The large-scale development has yet to be

approved but many of the smaller schemes have been. They will all connect at some point. Stephen reported that as the schemes are under the realm of 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure' they are decided by the Secretary of State not the Local Authority. He stated the decisions represent a balancing act about the Nation's need for renewable energy versus local impact. As a result, most are approved.

East Riding Local Plan

Stephen provided an update. The Local Plan is produced every 5 years and represents a 15-year plan for future development. It covers all areas – infrastructure, number of homes to be built, recreation areas and protected areas. Each one takes 7/8 years to produce. It has become clear that more resources are now required to deliver each Local Plan. The current plan has identified 50 areas in East Riding for new development, Goole, Beverley, Drifffield and Bridlington being the largest areas. The headlines: -

- ◆ 20,900 new homes for East Riding.
- ◆ 3010 in Beverley.
- ◆ 630 Ha of land for employment in East Riding.

In terms of the Beverley plan, the green areas are all protected and most development will be to the South of the town including an additional 47 homes near Morrisons. Government policy has changed as there's now a National figure for New Build that is being imposed on Local Authorities. This now dictates 1,997 homes per year planned for Beverley though many are already accounted for.

Questions from the floor

- ◆ Lord Robert's Road site. Could the Beverley Housing Association be considered? Stephen stated that due to future constraints on the site, affordable supported housing/assisted living may well be a viable option.
- ◆ Car parking in Beverley and access to unutilised spaces e.g. the land next to the former Probation Office on Lord Robert's Road. Stephen reported that there are now adequate parking facilities with spaces available across town and that the Park & Ride scheme was scrapped due to lack of demand.
- ◆ Solar Farms, concerns were raised about the sheer scale of 4 large projects including converter sites. Stephen stated that the focus on the East Riding is due to the logistics of the region, proximity to the coast and converter sites already extant,
- ◆ Unacceptable signage in shop windows – Stephen will investigate the shop highlighted.
- ◆ Concerns about 3,000 homes being built in the South of town and potential traffic congestion, Stephen reported that ERYC's focus will be to promote pedestrian access and public transport to assist access including cyclists. He is keen to upgrade Sparkmill Lane to Long Lane to assist this plan.
- ◆ Left turns onto Long Lane now prohibited. Stephen highlighted public concerns regarding safety and keeping that area as green as possible.
- ◆ Planning application being onerous – Stephen reported the validation process that can take 8 weeks is to attempt to assist applicants to submit an acceptable application. As a result, only 7-8% of all applications submitted are retrospective and dealt with in the same way as a fresh application.
- ◆ Park & Ride. The successful developers in South Beverley were required to contribute towards this scheme, now this has been scrapped where will the money be spent? On community/public projects rather than more houses? Stephen will investigate this suggestion.
- ◆ Finally, Stephen referred to the recent application via Natural England wishing to designate the Wolds as an area of Outstanding Beauty. This is currently in a consultation process and one of the few schemes in England being taken forward.

R. F.

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