

# VILLAGE NEWS

## Winter 2024



### — SWANLAND u3a —

Swanland u3a serves both Swanland and surrounding villages including North Ferriby. Membership is open to anyone not in full time work and there is no age limit, upper or lower. In fact, we very much welcome retirees or those who have gone on to part time work and can bring us new ideas and enthusiasm. The ethos of the u3a is to share interests and knowledge in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere: learn, laugh and live!

The u3a is an ideal way to make new friends while exercising both mentally and physically. We have talks on a wide variety of subjects at St Barnabas on the first and third Thursdays of most months and our 400+ members run around 50 interest groups ranging from local history to wine-tasting, philosophy to scrabble, languages, literature, art and creative writing and more. There are also groups playing badminton, walking (with a pub lunch as a reward), playing golf and croquet. We have an excellent choir too.

Annual membership is only £10 and extra costs, if any, will vary depending on where groups meet and equipment needed. Please do look at our website for further information: [www.swanlandu3a.org.uk](http://www.swanlandu3a.org.uk)

Come and give us a try – we're really looking forward to having your company.

Alison Peck, Chair, Swanland u3a

## NORTH FERRIBY OPEN GARDENS FESTIVAL

— Sunday, 22nd June 2025 —



We are delighted to announce that another Open Gardens Festival will take place in 2025.

To make this Festival as successful as previous events we would like 15-20 village gardens to open. All shapes and sizes of garden are welcome.

We particularly need new gardens that haven't opened before to maximise interest in the Festival.

If you are thinking of participating please e-mail [ferribyopengardens@gmail.com](mailto:ferribyopengardens@gmail.com)



*North Ferriby Parish Council wishes all residents and friends of the village a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2025*



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## PARISH COUNCIL WITHDRAWS FROM LEGAL ACTION

It is with regret that North Ferriby Parish Council has withdrawn from the legal action to seek a Judicial Review on the decision of East Riding of Yorkshire Council to grant permission for a series of soil bunds, 1.4m high, on Public Open Space. North Ferriby Parish Council is of the opinion that there is insufficient certainty that, even if the JR finds in its favour, ERYC and Wykeland will make positive attempts to seek a position of compromise. Both parties have been aware of the wishes of residents, the Parish Council, Ward Councillors and the local MP Sir David Davis, since April 2022, and have made no effort to prevent the construction of engineered bunds on the Public Open Space through the planning process. The Public Open Space is owned by ERYC, and therefore, as owner and landlord, ERYC has been in a position of control over what works can take place thereon. The Parish Council is exceedingly disappointed and considers it unacceptable that ERYC has chosen to ignore the wishes of the local community and its taxpayers.

Furthermore, the Parish Council is also deeply disappointed that a clear message from Humberside Police that bunds on the Public Open Space will reduce lines of sight for users and could become a target for anti-social behaviour, was subsequently reversed with no explanation. As a consequence, safe accessibility for users of the open space for leisure purposes will be reduced which appears to be at odds with the duty on both the Police and ERYC in respect of community safety under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and also contradictory to ERYC's own planning policies.

North Ferriby Parish Council has done its best to secure an acceptable solution for its residents but does not feel that it can justify spending further taxpayers' money when there is such persistent determination from ERYC, Wykeland and Humberside Police to frustrate its efforts.

## KNOW YOUR NORTH FERRIBY



In October the Parish Council hosted 'Know Your North Ferriby' in the Village Hall. Over thirty clubs and groups set out stalls to show the community what they could get involved in. The day was well supported by residents, and it is hoped that it will become a regular event in the calendar. Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Belinda Hookem, welcomed the public and thanked the stall holders. It was attended by the MP Sir David Davis and Ward councillors Margaret Corless and Paul Hopton.

## LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day were marked in North Ferriby with the annual parade, and the laying of wreaths on both days. Thank you to all those who turned out to march, express their support and to attend the various events put on by our wonderful volunteers. Thank you also to Gill Blyth for providing the verge poppies.



**Residents are asking for considerate parking on Low Street, as parking on bends and double yellow lines prevents access for bin trucks and emergency vehicles.**



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## — DATES FOR YOUR DIARY —

### SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 4.30 p.m.

Father Christmas begins his sleigh tour around North Ferriby, departing from The Duke of Cumberland. Ferriby Ladies Choir will be singing carols at the pub from 4.00 p.m. to send him on his way. Donations to charity will be appreciated as Father Christmas goes around the village.

### MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 7.30 p.m.

The Parish Council holds its monthly meeting in the Village Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 7.00 p.m.

Carols around the Lych Gate at All Saints Church with the Parish Council. Bring a torch or lantern. Refreshments in the Church afterwards.

### SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 7.30 p.m.

A Winter's Tale at the Village Hall (See Village Hall article for details).

Please check out the Facebook pages of other locations in the village where entertainment will be provided for you throughout December and the New Year.



## LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR LONG PLANTATION

The Parish Council is aware of concerns about a request from Wykeland plc to enter into license agreements with those residents in the village who have accesses into Long Plantation. The PC has no knowledge of these letters, particularly as this is a private matter between the company and residents. However, the PC is happy to share what it recalls when a similar situation arose twenty years ago and hopes that this will provide some clarity for homeowners.

A legal agreement arising from a 2003 planning approval for land now referred to as Melt E, required the Long Plantation to be transferred to East Riding of Yorkshire Council by the then owners, Ashtenne Ltd. However, before it could be transferred to the council, the issue of access gates onto the Long Plantation and structures placed therein such as fences and bridges, had to be resolved by Ashtenne. The company therefore wrote to the woodland facing homeowners in Plantation Drive, The Triangle, Marine Avenue, Riverview Avenue and Southfield Drive in July 2004 requesting that the accesses be closed and structures removed. Understandably, there was concern from residents, some of whom still had licenses to access the Plantation dating back to Capper Pass days.

It was therefore agreed by ERYC and Ashtenne that Ashtenne would instead invite homeowners to enter into a license agreement which would give them access rights into the Plantation. In return it was in the agreement that liability for any structures in the Plantation rested with the homeowner. The Parish Council offered to facilitate the coordination of the process by corresponding with homeowners and obtaining legal advice for the residents with all costs being borne by Ashtenne. A public meeting attended by c50-60 residents was held and any legal matters raised were subsequently raised and clarified with the developer. The PC does not have details of which homeowners did enter into the agreement, but the matter was closed not long after the public meeting in March 2005.

The 2005 agreement contained the clause for an annual fee of £1 from each homeowner, and existing license holders will know whether that was ever demanded. It is evident from the list of homeowners compiled in 2004/05 that many residents still occupy their homes presently and may be able to provide further information to newer residents.'



## — WORKS ON FERRIBY HIGH ROAD —

Many residents are enquiring what is going on at the former garage site on Ferriby High Road. The site is being used as a compound by Yorkshire Water while it increases the capacity of the storm overflow system for the eastern side of the village.

## IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

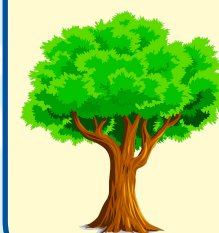
In October, along with The Conservation Volunteers, local residents helped to clear reeds from the Reed Pond. It was hard work, but the results were well worth the effort put in.

Later in the month, residents also assisted The Conservation Volunteers in clearing the woodland on Riverside Walkway, thinning out the trees to create glades which will allow the under canopy to develop. Many brash hedges were constructed from the felled trees to create rich habitat for wildlife.

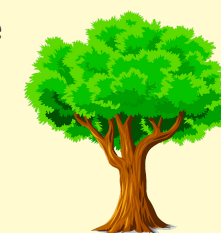
Thank you to all those who helped at the Reed Pond and in the woodland



## TREE PLANTING IN THE VILLAGE



Over the winter months, the Parish Council will commence its programme of planting trees in the verges around North Ferriby. Proposals were displayed at the 'Know Your North Ferriby' event and several residents agreed to take care of the trees with regular watering until they are well established. Based on feedback, the Environment Committee has agreed that the first phase of planting will take place in Corby Park, Highfield Way, Derwent Avenue, Priory Avenue and Riverview Avenue.



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS & EVENTS FOR 2025

It's been quite a year at the Village Hall and it's wonderful to welcome so many new faces to our regular events, such as our two annual Craft and Produce Markets and our exciting programme of cinema and our latest venture, live professional theatre. This has been made possible through our grant-funded new stage infrastructure and lighting. Our latest Digital Grant award has given us much-improved Wi-Fi throughout the building and four information screens to keep visitors up to date with the latest news at the hall. So, here's just a little of what you'll see on those screens in the coming months.

**Saturday, 21st December** at 7.30 p.m. Former members of Ferriby Dramatic Society join Ferriby Ladies Choir in a concert to put you in the mood for Christmas. A pot-pourri of festive readings and music. There are Christmas favourites and plenty of comedy in this fun-filled evening - and mince pies too!

Looking ahead to the New Year we've an exciting new cinema programme starting on January

See our quarterly flyer and posters, with reminders of all our events for the first quarter, from January to March 2025. Pick up a flyer at the Village Hall.

### What's on... @ North Ferriby Village Hall

January - March 2025

3rd Jan Film - Twisters (Cert 12)

24th Jan - Barnstormers  
Comedy for Friday night

**BARNSTORMERS  
COMEDY**

7th Feb Film - Wicked  
Little Letters (Cert 15)

A CELEBRATION OF  
**SIMON & GARFUNKEL**  
PERFORMED LIVE BY  
TIM CHIU & IAN BAILEY

28th February  
- A Celebration  
of Simon & Garfunkel

7th March Film -  
The Great Escaper (Cert 12)

29th March  
Spring Market

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