



Village News

Autumn 2008



The Flood Risk from the Humber Estuary to North Ferriby

This is a statement from the Environment Agency received on 9th September. By the time that this newsletter is distributed those properties that are still considered to be at risk will have been contacted by the Agency and so hopefully that will afford some comfort to other homeowners in the village. The Parish Council will continue to work with the Agency to explore ways of minimising the threat to those properties that are still highlighted as being at risk.

On 2 May the Environment Agency met with local residents of North Ferriby to discuss the Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy. Since then, as promised, we have been working on a more detailed assessment of the risk of flooding from the Humber Estuary to properties in the village.

So far we have collected information about the level of the floor in peoples' homes, the height of the flood defences and the levels of the ground nearby. We have combined this information with predicted water levels to compare what would happen to the properties in various flood scenarios.

We will be writing to individual homeowners in the next week to tell them about the information we have gathered for their home and the likely risk of flooding from the Humber Estuary. Our assessment is that the number of homes we thought were at risk has reduced. This is because the new information we have collected using the recent accurate survey shows a number of the houses to be higher from the ground than anticipated. However, there do still remain quite a few houses that we consider may be at risk.



Our next step is to calculate the volume of water it would take to overtop the defences. This will enable us to work out the risk to properties both now and in the future. We are also trying to work out how long the existing defences may last, how they may fail and if they did fail, where the water might go. With the information we are producing we will look again at the economic case and re-assess what we can afford to spend to find a solution to the problem of flood risk from the Humber.

We will write again to residents and with the help of the Parish Council we expect to organise another public meeting in the village in mid October to present our findings. At that stage we expect we will be able to provide early indications of what may be possible in terms of making any necessary defence improvements. More specific proposals will be available before Christmas when we will hold a further meeting with residents.

The Environment Agency contact is Philip Winn, Humber Strategies Manager, Tel 01709 312 962, email Philip.winn@environment-agency.gov.uk.



Vive l'Amitié

The first week-end in August saw the renewal of many personal friendships and the establishment of new ones as a party of 14 Le Pellerin families (including 10 children between five and eighteen) was in Ferriby, staying with host families here. Almost half the group were paying their first visit to the village and left promising to return.

The programme of events for the visit was varied to allow the guests to see the village and its surroundings, but also to socialise with their hosts and other members of the Twinning Association.

Once again the most important impression given by this visit was the marvellous spirit of camaraderie and friendship which pervaded it from beginning to end. This was reflected in the many messages of thanks and appreciation which we have received from both sides of the Channel. - **Chris Swindin, Chairman Twinning Association**

Can You help keep the Village Clean?

Due to illness, the Parish Council may not be able to clear the footpaths of leaves this autumn and will therefore have to rely on the service of ERYC which is less frequent than we require at that time of the year.

Could we ask please, that if you see leaves and conkers building up on the pavements outside your home, you spend a couple of minutes with a broom and put what you can into your brown bin.

Also, litter picking on the playing fields may be reduced so any help there would also be appreciated.

Update on GP Surgery

Negotiations are still ongoing between the PCT, GPs, local councillors and patient representatives regarding GP provision following closure of Nunburnholme Ave surgery. However, there is nothing definite to inform residents about as yet.

The PC will update the website as soon as any news is available and ward councillors will put out a newsletter if anything happens before the parish council's next newsletter in December.

Have your say to the Police

Frequently the PC receives complaints from residents about incidents in the village such as speeding motorists, scramble bikes and rowdy behaviour, but we can only pass on the complaints to the Police. If you are concerned about any aspects of behaviour in the village you must **call the police on 0845 60 60 222**. Even if the police cannot respond to your call it will be logged, helping to build up a picture of activity in the area.

You can also attend the Police & Partners Community Forum which is held for residents every 3 months. The next one is on Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm in Swanland Village Hall. Posters advertising these meetings appear around the village, giving usually three weeks notice.

Help The Village Hall

The A.G.M. of the North Ferriby Village Hall Trust will be on Thursday, 25th September in the Priory Room at 7.30 p.m. After many years of dedicated service, several members of the Committee will be retiring and therefore new members are required to fill these vacancies. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month and would like to help run this important village asset, please contact the Chairman, Chris Swindin, on **633 848**

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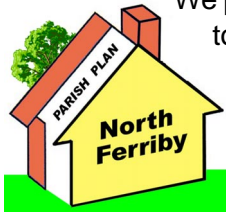
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Parish Plan Progress Report



We plan to distribute questionnaires to North Ferriby households and businesses in October.

They will seek the views of residents (and all members of their household) on many aspects of village life, and, for businesses, on factors that affect them in our community. As the questionnaires are anonymous, the information given will not be associated with any identifiable individual.

The results will show how residents wish to see North Ferriby develop in the next few years, and help the Parish Council negotiate with the East Riding Council and other organisations which impact on the way we live.

We need volunteers to help with the distribution and collection of the questionnaires. If you can help, please contact Chris Swindin on **633 848** for further details.

The Parish Plan Steering Group

Under 17? and Love watching Football?

If you are under 17 and live in North Ferriby you can obtain **free admission** to all North Ferriby Utd & Hull City Reserve league matches played at the Church Road ground. To apply for your pass please ask your parent or carer to write to the Club at the clubhouse, stating your address and your age. Normal charges for cup games will apply.



Melton Underpass

Anti social behaviour in the underpass was the subject of much discussion at a recent meeting of Ferriby and Melton residents about Melton Park. ERYC is looking at physical ways to reduce youths hanging about in there but there really needs to be a change of habit amongst our youngsters. However, it is good to report that a group of 11 year old Lifestylers from the two villages worked together on a clean-up campaign and the results are there to see. Well done to Ferriby Five Return made up of **Kathryn Batte, Jess Morris, Amy Hirst, Joanna Brailsford** and **Pippa Hyde!**



New School kitchen

Work is now underway to fit out and equip the school kitchen at the village primary school. It is hoped that it will be fully functioning before Christmas with an official opening in January.

The pupils, governors and staff at the school would like to say a **huge thank you** to everyone in the village, and outside as well, for their generosity in making this happen.

To get together well in excess of £100,000 seemed an impossible dream two years ago but the assistance of the community and ERYC has now made it a reality.

Keep up to date with Ferriby events - **LOOK ON THE FERRIBY WEBSITE !**
www.ferriby.info

Our website is kept fully up to date with the latest Ferriby news and events.
Keep an eye on Ferriby Diary - www.ferriby.info/ferribydiary.htm
Local organisations are invited to send details of their events to the Parish Clerk for inclusion on the website.

Link to the Local Police Page in conjunction with PC Richard Eglan

Join our e-mail up-date list to receive notices by e-mailing:
website@ferriby.info

Riverside Walkway News

On 25th June our botanical experts recorded an astonishing 113 different species and have been listed by Thelma Bannister with the help of Peggy Dunning and Ray Eades. There were fewer Bee Orchids but an increase in Marsh Orchids. The list will be available in the library.

Roll out of Brown Bins

The trial brown bin collection of garden waste has gone well and East Riding Council will be rolling the scheme out across the authority in coming months. Those properties in North Ferriby that have not been on the trial will receive their brown bins in February/March 2009.

Bonfires

Hopefully the availability of brown bins for most of the village will reduce the number of complaints that the PC receives about nuisance bonfires. Once again, can we ask residents to consider neighbours if it is essential that you light a bonfire.

Best Kept Allotments

Yes, this year we have **two worthy winners**. Once again **Howard Kingston** from Collier Close (allotment 12) impressed the parish council judges but after three inspections they were unable to separate his allotment from that of **Richard Whateley** of St James' Road, Melton, (allotment 27) and so they will each have the shield for six months of the year. Well done to both for maintaining a high standard throughout the spring and summer months, in spite of the weather!! The winner of the Most Improved Allotment was still to be announced by the Allotment Society when we went to print.



Brickyard Cottages

The build up of surface water near to Brickyard Cottages continues to cause concern in spite of the drainage improvements undertaken over the summer by ERYC, which is now in communication with Yorkshire Water. Ward Councillors will update the village on progress in between PC newsletters.

Parking in School Lane

Residents and businesses in School Lane have been consulted about double yellow lines on the school side round into Low St. ERYC is now considering responses and may consult more widely. If you have any concerns or wish to support the scheme look out for notices on lamp posts and on our website.

Footpath Improvements

Great news for those who walk regularly up and down Swanland Hill – the narrow section of path on the first bend going up is to be widened, hopefully early in 2009. Parish and Ward Councillors identified it as a priority last year at a Walking and Cycling Workshop linked to the Local Transport Plan and this was accepted by ERYC which has undertaken to do the work. Councillors have met on site to discuss possible design options and local residents will be consulted once proposals are drawn up.



New PC Notice Board

The board at the Station Road crossroads has been relocated from the old police house so please take time to read it when you pass by. Residents are free to make use of the notice board but obviously if space is limited priority has to be given to parish council notices. The Post Office is also an excellent place to advertise things that you wish to get out to the village.

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