

HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

October 2025



High Tide

(Photographs are by the Editor, John Scotney, unless otherwise stated)

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**A plea for a wider view of Hull's Maritime Heritage
from Hull Civic Society to: Hull City Council, Hull History Centre, The
University of Hull, The National Trust, Trinity House, STAND, the Hull
Fishing Heritage Centre and ABP**

Each of you has part of this city's Maritime Heritage in your hands and you have invested in it and cherished your part. We are very grateful for what you are doing, including the renovation of the Maritime Museum and North End Shipyard, the care of Blaydes House, the restoration of Maister House, the dedicated volunteers who have created the Hull Fishing Heritage Centre on Hessle Road, those who welcome visitors into Trinity House and ABP who handle today's shipping.

However, there is a wide-ranging story to tell and at the moment it all seems disjointed to those of us who live locally, let alone to visitors! The University and the National Trust are owners of two of the finest merchant houses in the city. Without merchants and their overseas trade, there would have been no reason for ships to be built or to sail at all. Without investment in the wharves and the docks, the port of Hull would not have grown. Without the fishing fleets that came from Devon and the work the fleets generated, Hull's great fishing industry would not have grown. The History Centre has conserved all the records which facilitate research.

We urge Hull City Council, Hull History Centre, University of Hull, National Trust, Trinity House, STAND, Fishing Heritage Centre and ABP, to recognise each other's work, talk to and co-operate with each other and value each other's perspective to tell the whole story of the development of Hull as a great port city. It is a story worth telling!

John Scotney, Chair of Hull Civic Society.

Winter Programme 2025-26

Evening Meetings are at the Holiday Inn Express on Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. (unless otherwise shown)

13th October – “My vision for Hull” – *Councillor Mike Ross*

10th November – “Hull KR community outreach” *Paul Sewell*

8th December – “Chapels, Charity and Choirs” – *John Scotney*

12th January – “Sam Allon: documented demolition” *David Ostler*

9th February – “History and Mystery of Spurn Head” *Godfrey Holmes*

9th March – “The long history of Hull Male Voice Choir”
Alan Bagshawe, Bill Leigh and Greg Clarkson

13th April – 7.00 pm - AGM followed by “Hurray for Hullywood” –
Paul Schofield

Our new afternoon visits at 2.00 pm are at various venues.

20th October: at St Matthew’s
Community Enterprise Centre,
(formerly St Matthews Church), 345
Anlaby Road, Hull, HU3 2SA – *a talk on
the St Matthews and West Park Palace
projects, by Richard Motley, Development
& Regeneration Co-ordinator, Giroscope.*
A Civic Society Good Mark will also be
awarded.



St Matthews



17th November: at The
**Masonic Hall, College Street, Sutton HU7
4UP** (Brough 5464 Lodge Sutton on Hull) -
tour of the Lodge and talk by Alan Hatfield.

19th January 2026: at Sewell Group
Craven Park, Preston Road - *tour and talk*

by Liam Waslim. We may also see the Rugby League Challenge Cup and the League Leaders' Shield!

16th February: at Hull Minster – *a talk about the 600th Anniversary by James Cameron*

16th March Humber Field Archaeology, the Old School, Northumberland Avenue, Hull HU2 0LN - *a talk about the Seeds of Change Project by Peter Connolly*

20th April – The New Clarence, Charles St: *a talk about 50 Years of the Hull & East Riding Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) by John Rushforth.*

The Second Hull Civic Society DVD/USB

Following the success of our 60th Anniversary DVD in November 2024, we have produced two new DVD/USB's, with the help of Octovision, who have produced many stunning films for the City Council and commercial companies.

Part 1 - Hull Through the Decades

Includes 1960s - Rare archive film around the city centre with road and rail transport, the fishing industry and trawlers at sea.

1970s – Images of what we had and owned in the 1970s.

1980s - Humber Ferries and the Humber Bridge, pedestrianisation, new roads, and Princes Quay shopping centre.

1990s – River Hull cruise, Norland Ferry and the Marina.

21st century - St Stephens's construction, city of culture 2017.

The launch, on Friday, 7th November at 2.30 pm, will be at St Matthew's Community Enterprise Centre (formerly St Matthew's Church) 345 Anlaby Road, Hull, HU3 2SA.

Part 2 – “Hull Through the Seasons“ will be available in 2026

To register your interest in owning these DVD/USB films please contact Ian Wolstencroft on iwolstencroft@iwolstencroft.karoo.co.uk and say whether you would like Part 1 or Part 2 or both. The price will be around £15 each.

Richard Clarke's Park Walks (all free)

Guided History and Tree Walk

Sat. 11th Oct, 10.00 am – Oak Road Playing Fields. 1 to 1½ hours.

Please meet at 09.55 at the eastern end of Beresford Ave. entrance.

Pearson Park Guided Walks (all at 10.00 am, lasting one hour)

Please meet at the bandstand 5 minutes before the walk starts.

Sat. 11th Nov: Tree Walk;

Sat. 18th Nov: History and Trees

Exhibition at the Carnegie 29th November: 60th Anniversary of the Beverley–Market Weighton-York Railway Closure.

On Saturday the 29th November 2025 between 10:00am and 4:00pm at the Carnegie Heritage Centre on Anlaby Road next to the MKM Stadium, there will be the 60th Anniversary of the Beverley–Market Weighton-York Railway, which closed on 30th November 1965, exhibition.

Stalls will include both the Market Weighton Line Group and H & B Railway Society with many pictures and displays on show. Other stalls will represent Hull Civic Society (selling the Hull DVDs) and the Fishing Heritage Centre, showing plans for St Andrews Dock. There will also be Model Railways operating. Admission is £3 and we hope to see you all there!

Ian Wolstencroft

Please Gift Aid Subscriptions and Donations!

When you tick the Gift Aid Declaration Form, it gives Hull Civic Society permission to claim Gift Aid from the Government adding significantly to our income. This year the total of £1,488 in gift-aided subs and donations will give us an extra income of £372. If you are in a position to complete the gift aid declaration, please do so!



Hull Civic Society

Promoting the Future - Protecting the Past

You are warmly invited to a lunchtime event to meet and talk to members of Hull and District Societies and Associations at The Guildhall on
Thursday 27th November 2025

between 11:00 and 13:00

Hot and cold drinks will be available.

The occasion will be an opportunity to meet and talk to people who are passionate about Hull's heritage, history and what is on the horizon.

The event is free, although donations for drinks would be appreciated.

Please would you let us know if you are coming by emailing John Scotney at
chair@hullcivicsoc.info

or emailing Ian Pearson at
treasurer@hullcivicsoc.info

We hope to hear from you by 1st November

Thank you and best wishes

Hull Civic Society

Good Mark – Gamebore Cartridge Co Ltd



Hull Civic Society awarded a well-deserved Good Mark to Gamebore Cartridge Co. Ltd for the visual improvements to its factory and shot tower on Great Union Street. The certificate was presented to the Director, Philip Plowman on 19th September. The following text, composed by

Mr Plowman, gives more information about Gamebore.



Above: Gamebore from the River Hull: below: presentation to Philip Plowman (photos by Ian Pearson).

Gamebore Cartridge Co. Ltd, a world leader in shotgun cartridge innovation, has completed a series of improvement works at its Great Union site in Hull. It was founded in 1974, operating from a small facility on Spyvee Street, and relocated to the Great Union Street site in 1984/1985. Since then, the company has grown steadily, expanding its operations and reputation year after year.

Today, Gamebore remains proud of its humble beginnings while continuing to focus on innovation and product quality. Recognised and respected worldwide, the company has become a leader in cartridge technology. This success was further acknowledged when Gamebore was honoured with The Queen's Award for Export, a prestigious

achievement reflecting its strong international presence and ongoing commitment to British manufacturing.

Recent successful Great Union Street Site improvements and investments to Gamebore Cartridge Co. Ltd. have included external cladding and have been undertaken for three primary reasons:

1. To secure the structural integrity of the building.
2. To enhance the aesthetics of the site and surrounding area.
3. To display the Directors commitment to maintain operations / business in the city of Hull.

Wherever possible, Gamebore worked with local contractors and suppliers to deliver the project. The company's philosophy is clear: to reinvest within the city of Hull, and where this is not possible, to source from within the UK.

Contractors and Businesses Involved:

- C. Gowers Architects – Architectural Design (Hull)
- Carl Turner – Project Management & CDM Coordination (Hull)
- Morgan Wolff – Building Control (Hull)
- GGP – Structural Engineers (Hull)
- Roclad – Cladding Installation (Hull)
- Alliance Steel – Steelwork Supply & Installation (Hull)
- Barras – Construction Services (Hull)
- Core Drillers – Specialist Drilling Works (Hull)
- FIS Fire Protection – Fire Safety Systems (Lincoln)
- Zarrfra Monorail – Overhead Monorail Systems (Manchester)
- Coverworld Sheeting – Roofing & Sheeting (Chesterfield)

Gamebore extends its sincere thanks to all contractors and businesses involved for their expertise, professionalism, and contribution to the successful completion of the project.

Phillip Plowman - Director

East Bank Urban Village

At a “workshop” session at the Guildhall on Friday 19th September, plans were revealed for a proposed new East Bank Urban Village to provide about 850 homes along the eastern bank of the River Hull between Drypool Bridge and Myton Bridge. The development partners are Hull City Council and ECF, a consortium of Muse, Legal & General and Homes England.

The 850 homes would be a mixture of affordable and build-to-rent apartments and townhouses, with commercial spaces, amenities and new green spaces.



Artist's impression of the part of the East Bank Urban Village at the end of Scale Lane Bridge (from website <https://www.eastbank-hull.com>)

With a £9.875 million grant from the Levelling Up Partnership to start the project, the scheme represents a significant long-term investment in Hull's future.

The intention is to deliver the project in four stages, with construction of Phase 1 starting in 2027 and completion of Phase 4 in 2040.

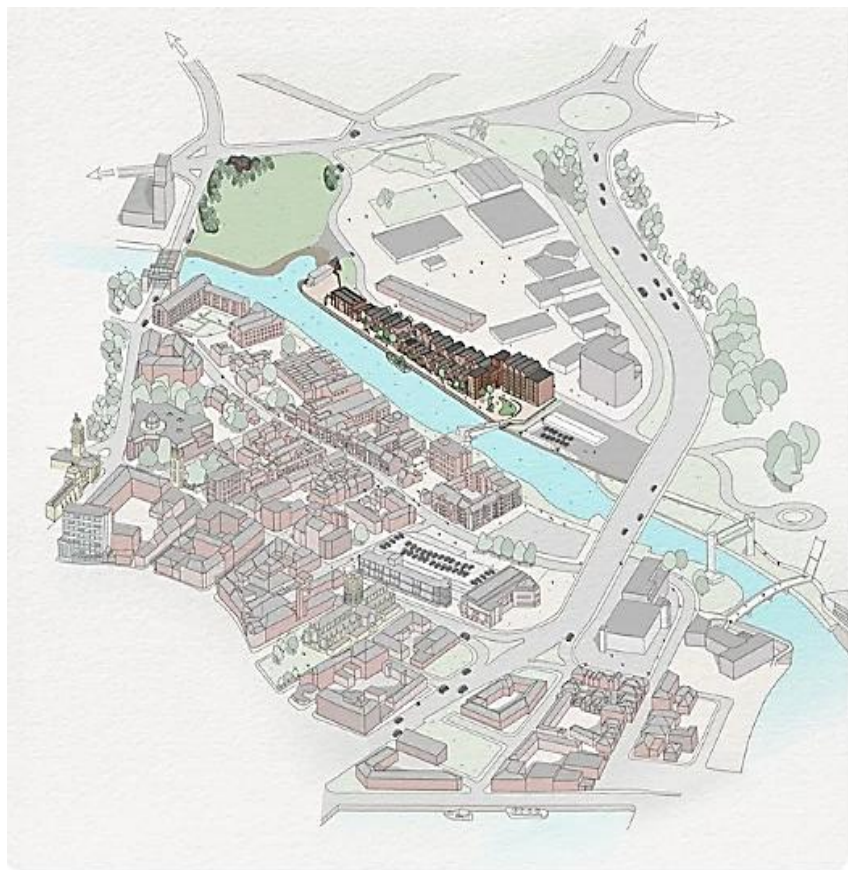


Location of the proposed East Bank Urban Village

The east bank of the River Hull has been waiting for a residential development for some time. Sadly, an earlier scheme, named “The Boom” did not materialise, so we wish every success to this proposal by ECF and Hull City Council.

The site offers various advantages: firstly, some of the land is vacant; secondly, it is a brownfield site, so development here will help to protect Hull’s green spaces; thirdly, there is easy access to roads, public transport, and local services, and it will be a walkable, low-carbon neighbourhood.

Phase 1. This phase would establish the core of the new neighbourhood, creating the landing for the Scale Lane bridge on the eastern bank of the River Hull and a riverside connection to the existing Trinity House Buoy Shed (1901). This phase would include 50 three-bed family townhouses and 63 apartments across two low- and mid-rise buildings. All of the homes built as part of this first phase of development would be delivered as affordable housing, helping to meet local demand and ensuring the new neighbourhood is inclusive and accessible



Phase 1

Phase 2 would be constructed southwards towards The Deep and improve connections and access to nearby areas, notably the Fruit Market. This phase would deliver up to 270 build-to-rent (BTR) apartments across three buildings, creating the southern landing point for the Scale Lane Bridge and completing this section of the site



Phase 2

Phase 3 & 4

Phase 3 would be located along the northern edge of the Drypool Basin (former entrance to Victoria Dock from the River Hull) and would consist of about 300 build-to-rent (BTR) apartments across two taller buildings, with ground floor commercial spaces along the riverfront. In addition to the new homes, Phase 3 would also transform the Drypool Basin into a public space for the community. The final phase of development would see the completion of the neighbourhood through a further 180 BTR homes across two buildings and a new residential courtyard



Above: Phases 3 & 4, below: Trinity House Buoy Shed in 2013

As a Civic Society, we believe that the proposed East Bank Urban Village development is to be welcomed.

Our preference would be for the Grade II listed Buoy Shed, to be used as a village hall for flexible community uses. It was built in 1901 to the design of David Christie for Hull's Trinity House, who were responsible for navigation lights on the Humber at the time.



Hull Freightliner Terminal and HS2

One of the more positive parts of Dr Beeching's 1962 report on the Reshaping of British Railways, was the proposal for general freight to be conveyed by a network of "Liner Train" services carrying containers which could be loaded at the sender's premises, conveyed by lorry to the rail terminal, conveyed on fast long-



Hull Freightliner Depot on 26.3.1987, shortly before closure.

distance container trains and delivered by road from the end rail terminal to their destination. These "Freightliner" trains still run, but not to Hull, whose Freightliner depot was sited near the Western Docks instead of the Eastern Docks where containers could have been transferred directly onto ships. Hull Freightliner closed in 1987, but can still be seen just east of Hessle, as you approach Hull by train.

Disused for nearly 30 years, the Freightliner Depot on Freightliner Road has been purchased by a company called "Voestalpine Turnout Technology UK". Their planning application (Ref. No: 25/00258/FULL, approved in June 2025) to install a third siding was accompanied by a statement which highlights the national role to be played by Hull Freightliner Depot in the 21st century

"The Applicant has been an important supplier to the UK rail industry since 1995 and UK operations are managed by voestalpine Turnout Technology UK, (va TTUK), which already has a machining workshop in Edinburgh and a track layout assembly site at Harworth, near Doncaster.

va TTUK are now involved in the HS2 national

infrastructure project with the supply of junction track layouts lasting from 2024 until the early 2030's. The layouts will be delivered to four project construction hubs by rail. The manufacture and assembly of components is very specialised work, which few plants are equipped to undertake. Components for these layouts will therefore be manufactured in voestalpine factories in Germany and transported to the UK by train via the Channel Tunnel. Supplying the project requires a rail-connected storage site in the UK, which the Freightliner Road site will function as.

The Applicant identified the Application Site in Hull as the most suitable site for operations and an application was subsequently submitted in 2023 (ref: 23/00409/FULL) and planning permission was granted for the development including the change of use of the land, installation of two rail sidings, erection of a warehouse building, two storey modular office building, single storey staff welfare units, plus associated car parking and fuel tank.

Now va TTUK are seeking permission for the creation of a third siding located alongside the two sidings with existing permission. This is an imperative requirement in order to meet the logistical demands of the HS2 national infrastructure project that they are committed to."

The Merchant Navy Memorial

Hull Civic Society have been asked by the Hull Independent Merchant Navy Association to help speed up the transformation of the **Merchant Navy Memorial** structure behind the Maritime Museum to a more representative depiction of a Ship's Bow, please see photographs.

We have agreed and have run a petition on our website at <https://hullcivicsoc.info> to gauge people's opinions which have been brought to the attention of the Hull City Council. The present black memorial structure is 4 metres high and is behind the Maritime Museum. To make it look more like a ship's bow the following changes need to be made:

1. It needs to be painted a realistic colour.
2. The anchors need to represent ship's anchors.

3. The Merchant Navy emblem needs enlarging.
4. The plaque showing the thousands of ships and tens of thousands of seamen lost in the two world wars needs raising to eye level.
5. To have the water line depict waves to stop it being used by skateboarders.
6. Have the Port of Hull prominently displayed on the bow.
7. Have draft marks drawn.
8. And to stop it being used as a urinal or rubbish tip it has to be sealed at the back with metal plate.

Ian Pearson.

On 1st October, there was a positive response from Gillian Osgerby, Programme Director, Major Projects & Infrastructure at Hull City Council, inviting members of the Hull Independent Merchant Navy Association to meet her on a site visit and to discuss the proposals. Thank you from Hull Civic Society to all concerned, for proposals that will enhance this important memorial.

Editor



Left: the memorial as it looks today. Right: the memorial as it should be.
(pictures supplied by Ian Pearson).



Hull
Philharmonic
Orchestra

Hull Philharmonic Orchestra Concerts at Hull City Hall

Sunday 23rd November 2025 16:00: Operatic Showstoppers

The Hull Philharmonic join forces with singers from **East Riding County Choir and Hull Choral Union** for an unforgettable afternoon of rousing operatic choruses.

From Bizet's triumphant 'March of the Toreadors' (Carmen) to Verdi's poignant 'Va Pensiero' (Nabucco) to Puccini's mesmerising 'Humming Chorus' (Madame Butterfly), this is a concert that has something everyone and is certainly not to be missed!

Saturday 28th February 2026 19:30: Vive La Musique

Serving more 'Oh là là!' than the Eiffel Tower wearing a beret, this concert brings together the greats of French classical music.

Starting with Berlioz's mercurial 'Carnival Romain', the Hull Philharmonic will then lead the audience through the romance of Delibes's 'Ballet Suite' from Sylvia and Ravel's beguilingly melodic 'Bolero', winding up to the explosive crescendo of Saint-Saëns' mighty 'Organ Symphony'.

Saturday 9th May 2026 19:30: Jewels of the East

Feast upon the beauty of Russian classical music in this dazzling concert! The Hull Philharmonic will showcase Shostakovich's celebratory 'Festive Overture' as well as the work of his favourite pupil, Ustvolskaya, in her evocative 'Symphonic Poem No. 1', the blooming musical panoramic of Glazunov's 'Summer' from The Seasons and Mussorgsky's iconic 'Pictures at an Exhibition'.

Hull Choral Union additional concerts

Saturday 13th December 4.00 pm at Hull Minster – Highlights from Handel's Messiah

Spring concert: date to be confirmed

East Riding County Choir additional concerts

Saturday 20th Dec 7.00 pm: Handel: Messiah at Beverley Minster with Beverley Minster Choir and Black Dyke Band

Blue and Green Plaques around Hull

There is a list of Hull's city centre and Old Town plaques published by Hull City Council, but Hull Civic Society would like your help to create a full list of these plaques that are scattered in less well-known. Here is the list so far reported. If you know of any others, please let us know.

Blue/Green Plaque Who of	Where
James Walworth and John Rochester, London Carthusian brothers lodged in the Hull Charterhouse on their way to be executed at York under King Henry VIII;	west wall of the Old House at the Charterhouse,
Andrew Marvell	north front of the Master's House at the Charterhouse
Sir Leo Schultz	Newland Park
Hull Corporation Transport	26 Newland Park
Dr Eva Crane, Honeybee writer, researcher and editor	Newland Park
Temporary home of Hull Telephone Department	Newland Park
Sylvia Meek, dedicated life to control of infectious diseases	93 Newland Park
Philip Larkin lived here 1974 - 1985	Newland Park
Peter Louis Dermond proprietor of renowned restaurant Powonly's lived here 1919-1937	Newland Park
John Good Shipping Group	Maritime Buildings Alfred Gelder St, just past the City Hotel pub
J Arthur Rank birthplace	371 Holderness Road
Built in 1902 to a design by Benjamin Septimus Jacobs the building at the rear was the Western Synagogue used by the Hull Hebrew Community until its closure in 1994	Linnaeus Street

Purchased by the Western Hebrew Congregation in 1901 The Hull Hebrew School used 15/17 Linnaeus Street as a Girls School (1902-1945) and a Boys Hebrew Evening Class (1902-94)	Linnaeus Street
This building operated from 1876 as the Hydraulic Power Station serving the Old Town and other areas. The first hydraulic system laid by Act of Parliament in England at was also the first public utility in Hull	Machell Street
Zachariah Charles Pearson 1821 - 1891 Philanthropist and twice mayor of Hull 1859 and 1861 donated land which became Pearson Park lived here 1864 - 1891	Pearson park
Holderness House Home of Thomas R. Ferens MP (1847 - 1930) Industrialist, Politician & Philanthropist	Holderness House
In a cottage near this his grandfather's mill was born. Joseph Rank 1854 - 1943 founder of the milling firm of Joseph Rank Ltd	The Mill Holderness Road
Christopher Pickering (1842 - 1920) Trawler Fleet Owner and Philanthropist Lived here 1874 - 1890	No 114 Coltman Street
From 1914 - 1963 the Headquarters of the Hull Corporation Telephone Department was here at 65 Mytongate. In 1987 the department became Kingston Communications (Hull) PLC	Castle Street
Joseph Groves Boxhall 1884-1967 Fourt Officer of RMS Titanic and survivor of disaster lived here	Avenues
Professor Martin Brasier. Geologist, Paleobiologist and Author lived here 1977-1982	Avenues
Ian Carmichael. Actor lived here 1921-1929	Avenues
Jean Hartley. Writer and Publisher of Philip Larkin lived here 1971-2011	Avenues
Amy Johnson. Airwoman lived here 1918-1927	Avenues

Jack Kaye. Epicurean Grocer served the Avenues Area for 365 days a year from his shop 1947-1998	Avenues
Chris Ketchell. Author, Historian and Founder of Hull's Local History Unit lived here from 1986-1995	Avenues
Philip Larkin. Poet lived here 1956-1974	Avenues
Kay Mander (1915-2013). Pioneer Cinematographer and Director was born in this house	Avenues
Anthony Minghella. Playwright and Film Director lived here 1976-1981	Avenues
James Neal. Artist lived here from 1958-2011	Avenues
Alan Plater. Playwright lived here from 1960-1979	Avenues
John Saville. Socialist and Historian lived here with his wife, Constance, from 1948-2008	Avenues
Dorothy L Sayers. Writer and Scholar lived here 1916-1917	Avenues
Thomas Sheppard. Curator lived here 1888-1892	Avenues
Thomas Somerscales. Marine Artist lived here 1910-1920	Avenues
Ralph and Gerald Thomas. Film Directors lived here 1926-1929	Avenues
Lal Waterson. Folk Singer and Songwriter lived here 1968-1976	Avenues

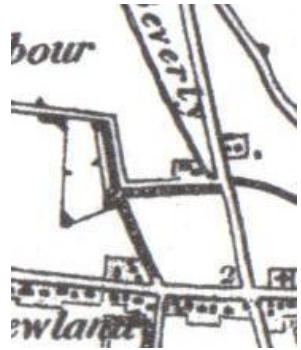
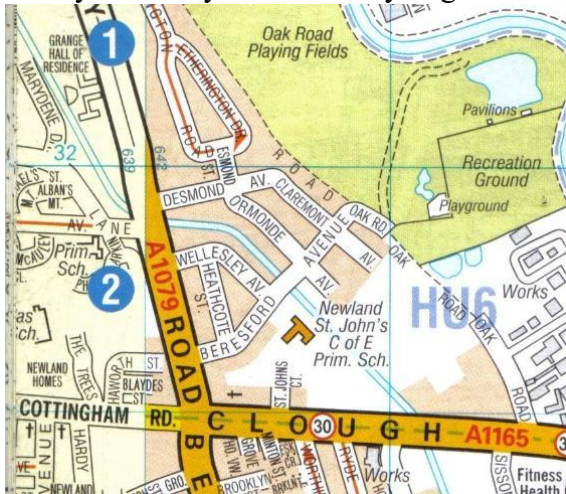
The Bridges of the Beverley & Barmston Drain – Part 3

Parts 1 and 2 appeared in September 2024 and May 2025 (see website).

We were approached in early 2024 by Daniel Jagucki of the Yorkshire Water Authority for information about the districts served by the bridges across the Beverley and Barmston Drain in Hull, with the aim of creating information panels.

The Beverley and Barmston Drainage Act was passed in 1798 and the new drain cut during the next few years (The Draining of the Hull Valley, June Sheppard - East Yorkshire Local History Society, 1958, reprinted 1976). In Hull This drain is usually called the Barmston Drain. It enters the city boundary north of Hall Road and flows into the River Hull at High Flags, after passing under Wincolmlee.

Beverley High Road The drain curves round to flow under Beverley Road at its junction with Inglemire Lane (the lane through the Igglemire or leech-pool). A 60-foot-wide highway from Hull to Beverley was established by 1305 and it became a turnpike road in 1744, with a toll house at the junction with Cottingham Road. Until the 1960s, the official name of the road between there and the city boundary was Beverley High Road.



Left: part of 2011 A-Z street atlas Above: Beverley High Rd in 1824 (OS Map 23 Reprint, David & Charles)

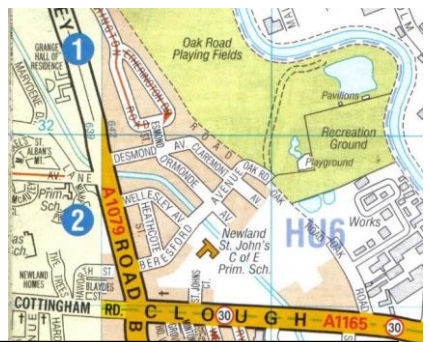
The outer ends of Holderness, Anlaby and Hessle Roads also had the name "..... High Road", still a common usage and possibly unique to Hull. The present bridge probably dates from July 1926, when tram service B was extended northwards from Cottingham Road to Endike Lane. The central reservation of the dual carriageway, which starts just north of the bridge was laid out to separate trams from other road traffic. The Beverley Road trams were withdrawn in 1938, replaced by

trolleybus service 63 and trees and shrubs were planted on the central reservation. Just to the south of the drain bridge, on the south side of Inglemire Lane and west side of Beverley Road, a brick wall surrounds the site of the former Endsleigh Convent and Endsleigh Teachers' Training College (1905-1974), established by the Sisters of Mercy. Much of the site has been cleared for new housing and the convent buildings have been converted into flats, including Dawson House, built as Endsleigh House in 1876-77 by brewer William Glossop and purchased by the Sisters of Mercy in 1900 to form a convent and Endsleigh Roman Catholic teachers' training college (1905-1974).



Beverley High Rd - Upper: north side of the bridge. Lower: looking north. Right: Dawson

Beresford Avenue Bridge has 1950s-style 'rustic' brick parapets and is probably of that date, as it does not appear on maps of the 1930s. It links the pre-1914 housing on Beresford Avenue and Wellesley Avenue with later housing and gives access to Oak Road.



Beresford Avenue Bridge. left: southern side showing later housing east of Barmston Drain; right: A-Z map 2011.

Planning and Buildings

Old Town

The Civic Society was consulted in late September on a revised application for residential development on land south of Humber St, west of Queen St and north of Wellington St (ref. 24/00337/FULL). Although the scale and details of the façades were an improvement, we have objected, as the last surviving late Georgian houses in the southern Old Town and the former Victoria Rooms would still be demolished.



The applications by the National Trust for various works on Maister House, 160 High Street, including complete replacement of the lantern structure above the staircase, were approved in w/c 18/8 (ref. 25/00187/FULL & 25/00188/LBC)



Left: Maister House; right: Victoria & Albert Chambers

Trinity House's scheme for complete refurbishment of the listed Victoria & Albert Chambers, Posterngate (ref. 25/00338/LBC) was approved in w/c 15/9. The building used to house Department of Transport Marine Offices.

Drypool Bridge closed to all traffic for essential repairs on 15/9 until November. During this period, there will also be excavations to lay insulated hot water ‘flow and return’ pipes (ref. 25/00530/FULL) for Phase 1A of the Hull District Heat Network in various streets in the Old Town and northwards connected to the ‘energy centre’ on Trippett St and George St, approved w/c 21/4/25 (ref. 24/01155/FULL)

Wykeland’s restoration of the Burton Building at 34 Whitefriargate is externally complete, even to the re-instatement of the Montague Burton’s logo at the top of the façade. Work is continuing internally to fit the building for new uses.



City Centre

A new future as a church for The Calvary Christian Centre was approved (ref. 25/00459/COU) in w/c 9/6, at the former Cecil Cinema (more recently a Mecca Bingo Hall).



The neglected condition of the former Portland Hotel on Paragon St has been a matter of concern since it closed in 2013. There is still anxiety over the application to refurbish it as an HMO with 122 bedrooms (ref. 25/00558/FULL w/c 16/6). We wrote to propose its use as a lower number of flats.



There was an application (ref. 25/00661/PCOU, w/c 21/7) to change the disused Debenhams building into (187 x 1 bed apartments and 3 x 2 bed apartments). An application for external alterations is not entirely satisfactory, however. (ref. 25/00506/FULL, w/c 14/7)

On a happier note, the former Europa House at the north-west corner of Ferensway and Anlaby Rd re-opened in late August as *The Monocle* with flexible work spaces, offices and meeting rooms on the upper floors and the welcoming Daze Café on the ground floor. Construction work was carried out by Allenby Commercial, who also run the centre.

On a smaller scale, another stylish new flexible workspace has opened in Broadway House, offering a mixture of working spaces, including individual desks, private offices, ‘coworking spaces’, ‘Zoom rooms’, meeting rooms and an event space. The building, now a bar (the Broadway Party Bar) on the ground floor, with Flexworks using the upper floors (Broadway House) was built in 1932 as the Broadway Hotel

Top: Former Portland Hotel, Paragon St
Below: The Monocle



East

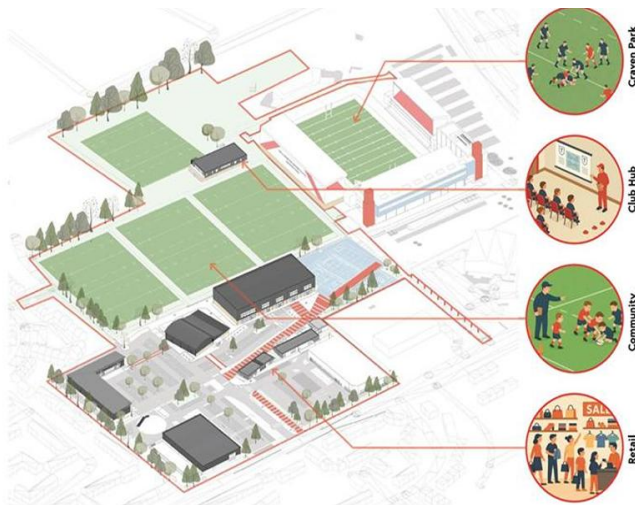
An application (25/00378/FULL, w/c 16/6) to build up to 418 houses on land west of East Carr Rd, Sutton, has provoked strong opposition.

The Society has objected on several grounds: a) it would only be accessible through roads designed for a 1960s estate; b) no shops or other facilities are included; c) increased flood risk; d) wildlife displacement and loss of habitat.

The division of the Matalan clothing store at Kingswood Retail Park into two and installation of mezzanine floors was approved in w/c 2/6, (ref. 25/00191/FULL). This will enable M & S to bring a much-missed complete store, including clothing, back to Hull, though not in the city centre.

At Netherhall, on Wawne Rd, Sutton, (built 1810 for Henry Bedford, a Hull banker) the construction of 8 supported-living bungalows next to the original house used by Social Services was well-advanced when observed on 8th July. The scheme was approved on 27.7.23 (ref. 22/01113/FULL).

A major mixed-use development on Preston Rd, next to Craven Park Stadium, with retail, commercial and leisure uses (for Hull Kingston Rovers) was proposed in w/c 9/6 (ref. 25/00529/FULL),



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Image from the Design & Access Statement (© Corstorphine & Wright) in the planning documents

West

A vacant site at 423-429 Anlaby Rd, opposite the Carnegie, is to be built up with an attractive 3-storey block of 18 two-bedroom flats, with parking (ref. 25/00544/FULL, w/c 18/8).



Above: Proposed flats opposite the Carnegie
Below: Albert Hotel

Work appears to have begun at the former Albert Hotel, 394 Anlaby Rd (opposite St Georges Rd), but which of two schemes is it for? In w/c 5/5 permission was granted to change this 16-bed hotel into a 22-bed HMO (ref. 25/00131/FULL) and also in the same week to build a 2-storey rear extension to provide 6 additional hotel rooms (ref. 25/00523/FULL).



Albert Hotel, Anlaby Road

Paul Gibson's excellent book "The Anlaby Road" says that it was originally a house called Fairholme, built in 1894 for William James Cooke of the shipbuilding firm Cook, Welton and Gemmell. The architects were Freeman, Son & Gaskell, who also designed the "new" White Hart on Alfred Gelder St.

In w/c 2/6, a scheme was submitted to bring Hull's former Freightliner Depot back into use by a company called Voest Alpine Turnout Technology UK. *(Please see the article on pages 13-14)*

North

At Wellington House, 108 Beverley Rd, MIND, the mental health charity, applied in w/c 29/9 to build a 2-storey office behind Wellington House, 3 single-storey supported living apartments, and one detached single-storey supported living apartment, (ref. 25/00808/FULL.).

Permission was refused in w/c 1/9 for the former Hardaker's Heating & Fireplaces showroom at 109-111 Beverley Rd to be turned into a 24-bed HMO (ref. 24/01145/FULL). The scheme lacked off-street parking and outdoor amenity space and was over-development of the property.

Other People's Events

Barton upon Humber Civic Society www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk

Meets at Joseph Wright Hall (JWH) or the Wilderspin School, Queen St (WS), Barton mainly on the 3rd Friday of the Month (unless otherwise stated). You can contact us: **By Post** c/o Wilderspin School Museum, Queen Street, Barton upon Humber North Lincolnshire DN18 5QP, **email:** Secretary Andrew Robinson an.robinson58@gmail.com **tel:** 01652 660380

Friday 17 October, 2pm, at JWH **Turn and Face the Strange** – a look at our changing flora and fauna *Dr. Jack Hatfield* **Friday 21 November**, 2pm, at JWH **In Conversation – O H Boyd and the Royal Coaches** *O. H. Boyd* Local sculptor, illustrator and Woodcarver to the Palace O. H. Boyd returns to discuss his involvement with the Royal Coaches, carving the Imperial Crown centrepieces for the Royal Diamond Jubilee Coach 'Britannia', and, more recently, for the new King's Carriage.

Beverley Civic Society www.beverleycivicsociety.com

Meets at St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm, on the Thursday dates shown. 9 Oct AGM (No Talk); 13 Nov Margaret Powell Lecture *Larkin and Beverley* - Philip Pullen; 11 Dec *Archaeology finds in East Yorkshire* David Marchant (ERYC).

Carnegie Heritage Centre Tel: 01482 561216 [email: info@carnegiehull.co.uk](mailto:info@carnegiehull.co.uk)

Talks: 10.30 on the last Wednesday of the month, apart from Aug. and Dec. Admission £3.00, cash or card. Oct 29th My time as a Police Officer in Hull, *Mike Dixon* Nov 26th Hull's Old Town Fortifications *Pete Walker*
Exhibitions Sat 18th Oct: Annual Miniature Fairground Exhibition – working models of fairground rides 10am to 4pm

Sat 29th Nov Exhibition of Model Railways + Picture Galleries and displays – organised by Ian Wolstencroft (Hull Civic Society)

Cottingham Local History Society <https://cottinghamyorkshirehistory.co.uk>

Meets at Cottingham Civic Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Admission fee £2 for members, £4 for visitors.

Nov 5th: *Mark Richmond*, A 'German' in Cottingham during the First World War; Dec 3rd: *Peter Connelly*, The Seeds of Change Project: celebrating the history of Hull's oil seed crushing industry; Jan 7th: *Colin Bradshaw*, Medieval Beverley; Feb 4th: *Michele Lewis*, The pavement that walked (and a few that didn't). The mystery behind the remains of a Roman villa in Brantingham; March 4th: *Mike Rymer*, The Berry mug and the Hull whaling trade in the 18th century; April 1st: AGM and social event for CLHS members

Hedon & District Local History Society Meets on the 2nd Tues of the month from Sep to May at 2 p.m. at Hedon Methodist Church, 5 Church Lane, Hedon HU12 8EL. PROGRAMME 2025/26 (details of talks to be confirmed): 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec, 13 Jan, 10 Feb, 10 Mar, 14 Apr, 12 May. **More info:** 01482 899180 (Brenda Goldspink) | email: hedon.history@gmail.com

Hessle Local History Society <https://www.facebook.com/people/Hessle-Local-History-Society> Meets in Hessle Town Hall from March to November at 7.15 pm on the third Thursday of the month. Oct 16 - Transport in Hessle, *Michael Free* November 20 – AGM, then Hessle Miscellanea, *Ian Wilkinson*.

Hull Central Library Saturday Talks. 11.00-12.30 Meetings are held every third Saturday of the month in the James Reckitt Reading Room, 1st floor, Hull Central Library and there is a charge of £3 including refreshments

Hull History Centre: Tel. 01482 317500, www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk, The History Centre is open to the public Tue-Thur, 9.30-4.30. and on the first and third Saturdays of the month, 9.30-12.30. We open at 10am on the third Tuesday and the following Thursday of every month **Lunchtime talks at 12.30 pm:** free, all welcome. 14 Oct, The Humber Outport: Lloyd's Register in the port of Hull since c.1760 *Dr Sam Wright*; 11 Nov The Hull to Grimsby Hovercraft Service *Paul Drury-Bradey* Travel back

to 1969 to find out why a high-tech crossing that joined Hull to Grimsby only lasted a year. This talk will explore the origins of the two companies running the services and why it inevitably fell into decline after such a short period of time.

National WW2 Memorial Trust Thur 16th Oct –

“Victory Celebration” – WW2

Home Front-themed Meal at Hitchcock’s

Vegetarian Restaurant, Bishop Lane /

HighStreet, Hull. Price £30. Book via hilary-byers50@oulook.com



Left: National WW2 Memorial
Above: Hitchcock's

Nation Radio

On Monday, the 29th September 2025, we had a thoroughly enjoyable and productive meeting with Sally Groome, Account Manager, of Nation Radio Yorkshire and North East (formerly KCFM) at the new Daze Cafe, Monocle, in Ferensway. Sally advised us that our talks and events will be advertised on their website at

<https://www.nationplayer.com/nation-radio-yorkshire/events/>

This as you can imagine, is a wonderful collaboration between Nation Radio Yorkshire and Hull Civic Society, and we would appreciate you letting your family, friends and colleagues know about it. Thank you.

Committee Changes

At the AGM, we were very pleased to welcome David Ostler onto the committee. We also filled two roles that had been vacant for some time: Malcolm Sharman became Vice Chairman and Cynthia Fowler became our President, to mark over 45 years' service on the committee.

Hull Civic Society Committee at 14th April 2025

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There is still a need for more members to join the committee. If you are interested, please speak to a committee member.

We are very grateful for the additional help given by Susan Heritage, who has kindly taken minutes of the AGM and many committee meetings.

Application for membership of HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

Annual Membership: £15.00 (£24.00 for two people living at the same address). Please pay by bank transfer or Standing Order to Hull Civic Society, Sort Code 20-43-47, Account No. 50568724, or send a cheque to our Hon Treasurer at 218 Saltshouse Road, Hull, HU8 9HH.

Title_____First Name _____

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