

## Update Bulletin 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025



All pictures are by John Scotney, unless otherwise indicated.

**Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Hull Civic Society to all our readers!**

## Winter Programme 2026

### Evening Meetings (Please see below for Winter afternoon meetings)

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

12<sup>th</sup> January – “The Sam Allon photographic collection” *David Ostler*

9<sup>th</sup> February – “The History and Mystery of Spurn Head” *Godfrey Holmes-*

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

13<sup>th</sup> April – 7.00 pm - AGM followed by “Hurray for Hullywood” – *Paul Schofield*

### Monday Afternoon Visits & Meetings at 2.00 pm

These will be held at a variety of venues outside the city centre.

*Booking is not essential, but if you could tell us if you plan to attend, it would give us an idea of numbers.*

19<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Sewell Group Craven Park complex,  
Preston Road - tour and talk by Liam Waslin. We may also see  
Rugby League Challenge Cup!

16<sup>th</sup> February: Hull Minster - talk about the 600<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary by James Cameron

16<sup>th</sup> March Humber Field Archaeology, - talk about the Seeds  
Change Project at the Old School, Northumberland Avenue,  
Hull HU2 0LN  
by Peter Connelly



Right: Craven Park, Preston Road.

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

## **Other People's Events**

### Barton upon Humber Civic Society [www.bartoncivicsociety.co.uk](http://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](mailto:an.robinson58@gmail.com)  
tel:01652 660380

### Beverley Civic Society [www.beverleycivicsociety.com](http://www.beverleycivicsociety.com)

Meets at St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm, on the Thursday dates shown.

### 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.

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

Meets at Cottingham Civic Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.45 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.

Admission fee £2 for members, £4 for visitors.

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: *Colin Bradshaw, Medieval Beverley;*

Feb 4<sup>th</sup>: *Michele Lewis*, The pavement that walked (and a few that didn't). The mystery behind the remains of a Roman villa in Brantingham;  
March 4<sup>th</sup>: *Mike Rymer*, The Berry mug and the Hull whaling trade in the 18th century;  
April 1<sup>st</sup>: AGM and social event for Society members

#### **East Yorkshire Family History Society**

All talks are held at the Carnegie Heritage Centre on Sunday afternoons. Doors open 1.30 for 2 pm start. All welcome FREE, but a small donation would be appreciated. Refreshments available and EYFHS publications on sale.  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Paul Schofield – *Hull's Myths, Legends, Stories and Witches*.

14<sup>th</sup> June – Mike Rymer – *The Harry Lazarus Hotel & Georgian Houses, Posterngate, Hull 1850-1900*.

13<sup>th</sup> September – Pete Lowden – *The Cholera Epidemic of 1849*

6<sup>th</sup> December – Hannah Stamp – *The Work of the East Riding Archives – Sources for Family History*.

**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 2026:

13 January: Steve Clark, 1939: A Hull School Evacuates to Scarborough

10 February: Mike Rymer, 31-34 Posterngate: Georgian Townhouses & Their Occupants, 1850-1900

10 March: Tony Porter, The Ups and Downs of Horse Racing in and around Hedon

14 April: Alan Beadle, Give Us a 'V': Hull Vikings Speedway Memories

12 May: Peter Connelly, The 'Seeds of Change Project': Celebrating the History of Oil Seed Crushing in Hull

More info: 01482 899180 (Brenda Goldspink) | email: [hedon.history@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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 & East Riding Historical Association** [www.herha.org.uk](http://www.herha.org.uk)

7.30 p.m. at the Nordic Centre (Danish Church), Osborne St, Hull HU1 2PN on the 3rd Thursday of the month

September to May. We ask £3 towards costs from visitors; no charge for students. Visitors coming for the talk should register to be exempt from the parking charge.

26th February, 7.30 Professor Simon Hall, Leeds University: *Fidel Castro – Beatnik Revolutionary*

19th March, 7.30 Dr. Marianne Gilchrist, Hull University: *Robespierre's Nose, The Physionotrace & Revolutionary Portraiture*

**Hull History Centre**: Tel. 01482 317500, [www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk](http://www.hullhistorycentre.org.uk), The History Centre is open to the public Tuesday-Thursday, 9.30-4.30. We are open on the first and third Saturdays of the month, 9.30-12.30. We open at 10am on the third Tuesday and third Thursday of every month

**History Centre Behind the Scenes Free Tours**: 11am-12pm Free, booking required. The tour will take 1 hour. Places are limited, so please book in advance. To book your place you can email us, call us on 01482 317500, or speak to a member of staff at the enquiry desk during our opening hours.

**Lunchtime talks at 12.30 pm**: free, all welcome.

### **Planning Report 4.12.25**

Decisions w/c 17.11.25

Erection of external handrail between amphitheatre and walkway

OLD TOWN - Amphitheatre, @ The Dock 31 - 38 Queen St HU1 1UU Ref. No: 25/00749/FULL |

Status: Application Permitted

Listed Building Consent for. Erection of external handrail between amphitheatre and walkway.

OLD TOWN - Amphitheatre, @ The Dock 31 - 38 Queen St HU1 1UU Ref. No: 25/00750/LBC

Status: LBC Approved

Installation of uPVC windows to some opening in front elevation Installation of vehicle and pedestrian gates to front boundary.

NORTH - 52 Pearson Park HU5 2TG Ref. No: 25/00172/FULL Status: Application Refused

[LBC for alterations associated with creation of 4 residential units](#)

CITY CENTRE - Victoria House Park Street HU2 8TD Ref. No: 23/02882/LBC | Status: LBC Approved



Victoria House, Park St (Children's Hospital until 1967). The additional 4 flats would be in the central block.  
Below: The Lord Line Building in Nov. 2012

*(Listed Building Consent was granted on 29.3.21 for conversion into 60 flats (ref 20/00829/FULL))*

[Change of Use from Office To Residential \(Use Class E to C3 of The Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(England\) Order 2015 As amended\) \(Application to determine whether prior approval for development consisting of a specified change of use is required\)](#)

WEST - Lord Line Building, St Andrews Quay  
Ref. No: 23/02785/PCOU | Status: Prior Approval Granted

The Lord Line Building in November 2012



[Construction of a new cycle hub for up to 180 cycles](#)

CITY CENTRE - Paragon Station Ferensway HU1 3QX Ref. No: 20/00345/LBC Status: LBC Approved

New Applications w/c 17.11.25 – nil\*

#### Decisions w/c 24.11.25

Change of use from offices (Class E) to hotel (Class C1) (70 rooms) (involving internal subdivision works, no external works proposed).

Prospect Centre (North Block) Brook Street HU2 8PP Ref. No: 25/00710/FULL | Status: Application Permitted

Prospect Centre, corner of Prospect St and Brook St

Erection of single storey extensions, refurbishment and internal alterations of existing Care Home, with associated infrastructure and external works.

[Show less description](#)

NORTH - St Marys Nursing Home 344 Chanterlands Avenue HU5 4DT Ref. No: 24/01199/FULL | Status: Application Permitted

Replacement of existing decayed timber windows with aluminium windows of the same arrangement, colour and with similar opening mechanisms

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MARINA - Warehouse 13 Kingston Street Ref. No: 24/00882/FULL | Status: Application Permitted



The replacement of existing decayed timber windows with aluminium windows of the same arrangement, colour and with similar opening mechanisms.

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MARINA - Warehouse 13 Kingston Street Ref. No: 24/00883/LBC | Status: LBC Approved

Warehouse 13 in 2009

#### New Applications 24.11.25

CITY CENTRE - 25/01082/S19 Q23 Chris Peach 612734 1 Jarratt Street HU1 3HB

Variation of condition 8 (part a - relating to internal room restoration detailing and part f - external render) of approval ref. 22/00829/LBC - Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations in connection with proposed change of use of existing buildings and land to form 6 no. apartments etc. To allow a revised scheme consisting of lath and plaster repair/replacement to rooms and to allow retention of existing external render Application under Section 19 of The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

#### Appeal w/c 24.11.25

NORTH - 24/01145/FULL 109 – 111 Beverley Road

Erection of three storey extension to rear, external alterations, and change of use from offices / retail to HMO (house in multiple occupation) (total of 24 bedrooms), 1 self contained flat and offices. (Amended plans received). Refusal Approval Refusal

#### Decisions w/c 1.12.25

Revisions to condition No. 6 (Railing details) of approval: 22/01668/S73 - Proposed dismantling of Scott Street Bridge and provision of a scheme for replacement leafs and enhancement and conservation of the bridge approaches - to allow an alternative location for display of the Banksy artwork. (Revised Description and proposal) - To remove reference of stainless steel material

NORTH - Scott Street Bridge Lifting Bridge, Scott Street Bridge And Approaches HU2 0HB Ref. No: 25/00853/S19 | Status: Unknown





Application to determine whether prior approval for development consisting of a specified change of use is required - Change of use from vacant retail use to 178 Apartments (175 x 1 bed apartments and 3 x 2 bed apartments) - on all floors (but to include retention of some retail floorspace on ground floor (Revised Proposal) (Use Class MA of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended)

Former Debenhams Store 36 Prospect Street HU2 8PQ Ref. No: 25/00661/PCOU | Status: Prior Approval Granted

The applicant has already converted Shirethorn House (formerly Bladon's department store, 1956) into apartments in a very sympathetic way that retains the building's 1950s architecture. Hull Civic Society is looking forward to completion of the same developer's scheme for Debenham's building.

Debenham's Brook St / Prospect St corner. This was the first rebuilt section of Thornton Varley's department store, opened on 11.11.1955, after wartime destruction.



#### The Portland Hotel, 65 Paragon Street

On 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Hull Daily Mail reported that on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the City Council's Planning Committee had approved the "controversial" application by Knight Wood Portfolio Limited for:

Change of use from Student accommodation to a Large HMO (Sui Generis) (109 bedrooms), change of use of ground floor bar (Sui Generis) to commercial (class E), subdivision of the existing ground floor commercial unit (Class E) and external alterations including the addition of windows. (Revised Scheme)

In fact, the situation is a little more complex. On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the Planning Committee decided that, "Following the signing of a Legal Agreement for an open space contribution of £1160, the application be approved subject to various conditions".

The conclusion of the 44-page report that accompanies the decision notice s that:

*The proposal is considered to provide many benefits in terms of regeneration and housing provision. The concerns raised because of its residential density, layout, form and location have been considered as have the issues of the potential increase in crime levels and a fear of crime and anti-social behaviour within the surrounding area. Following further detailed submissions in terms of a "Security Strategy Proposals" document and 'Response to Humberside Police Feedback' these matters have been addressed, importantly Humberside Police no longer object, conditional approval is now recommended. The proposal is considered to comply with Local Plan policies 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 16, 26, 32; SPD5, SPD20, and NPPF guidance paragraph 2, 61 to 87, plus Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.*

Hull Civic Society's view is that it was essential to refurbish the building, but that the scheme should include a proportion of self-contained apartments to widen the age range of residents, with a security desk, staffed 24-hours every day, to control entry to the premises.



Former Portland Hotel, 65 Paragon St, on 4.3.25

Commented [Mounce Si1]: Layout? Typology?

Commented [Peach Chr2]: Added.

#### New Applications w/c 1.12.25

OLD TOWN - 25/00778/FULL Q06 Simon Mounce 612920  
River Hull And Northern Dry Dock Upon Western Bank Of  
River Hull

Engineering works involving: 1. Dredging works to the River Hull as part of the "Hull: Yorkshire's Maritime City" project to access the dock gate and facilitate the navigation of the Arctic Corsair into the dry-dock at the North End Shipyard. 2. Temporary storage of dredged material within North Bridge Dry Dock prior to disposal.



Old Dock Office, River Hull and "North End Shipyard" on 14.6.13. The river will be dredged near the gates and the material stored in the North Bridge Dry Dock (out of sight to the left of this scene). The picture was taken from Hull College.

OLD TOWN - 25/00895/LBC Q23 James Matchett 612309 10 King Street Kingston Upon Hull HU1 2JJ

Listed Building Consent application for: Installation of blue plaque to front elevation

CITY CENTRE - 25/01087/S19 Q23 Connie Phillips 614529 Jubilee Central Church 62-64 King Edward Street HU1 3SQ Variation of condition of approval ref 25/00728/S19 Condition 1 (approved plans) to revise the position of new internal staircase from the position shown on the approved drawings. Application under Section 19 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act) 1990 (as amended)

OLD TOWN - 25/01090/LBC Q23 James Matchett 612309 Quayside Bar And Bistro The Quayside Public House (Formerly Leonardos) Princes Dock Street HU1 2JX

Listed Building Consent application for: Installation of grey paint) to ground floor exterior.

CITY CENTRE- 25/01109/LBC Q23 Chris Peach 612734 12 - 13 Jarratt Street HU1 3HB (St Charles church)  
Listed Building Consent for:- 1. Replacement front downpipe to the presbytery with a new powder coated Aluminium pipe. 2. Repair and replace damaged decorative timberwork, plaster work, covings, floorboards, ceiling joists, skirting boards. Following the treatment of wet and dry rot. 3. Installation of replica replacement timber sash window in the basement.



St Charles Church, 12-13 Jarratt St, in 2017

#### Decisions w/c 8.12.25 – nil\*

#### New Applications w/c 8.12.25 – nil\*

#### Decisions w/c 15.12.25 – nil\*

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*\*Please note that the Planning Report usually includes only applications for work to public buildings, nationally and locally listed buildings, prominent features in the city's townscape and important public works. We normally omit applications for alterations and extensions to private houses, advertisement consent and 'discharge of conditions' attached to applications already approved.*

### Work Observed

#### Old Town

- Posterngate – renovation work has started on Victoria & Albert Chambers, owned by Trinity House (observed 13/12)
- Drypool Bridge re-opened for traffic on 28/11, but there will be a further 8-week period of closure in May.
- Whitefriargate - Burton House is now occupied by Pizza Express (Hull Daily Mail 23.12.25).



Left: Burton Building with window vinyls proclaiming the opening of Pizza Express by Christmas (27.11.25).  
Right: Victoria Chambers and Albert Chambers undergoing refurbishment (13.12.25)

#### North

- Beverley Rd – work to install drainage is ongoing at the former National Picture Theatre (observed 19/12)
- Spring Bank – steelwork for the new rear extension has been erected at the Kurdish mosque & community centre (former bank at the corner of Park St) (observed 19/12).
- Newland Ave – external work to convert the former Piper Club into the Potter's House Church is finished and the new name has been painted above the entrance (observed 10/12).

Newland Ave – the Vox pub (corner of De Grey St) has been repainted in various shades of green and renamed “Molly Mangan’s” Irish Bar, complete with Céad Mile Fáilte (a hundred thousand welcomes) written above the entrance. (observed 13/12). The building was originally Teal’s furniture store, opened on 21.11.1958. It later became a pub with a succession of names: “The Hogs Head”, the “Nags Head”, “Newland Tofts”, and “Vox”.

***Have you observed any new building, demolition or other work not mentioned here? Please email [chair@hullcivicsoc.info](mailto:chair@hullcivicsoc.info) and I will include your observation in the next Update Bulletin.***