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River Ancholme clean-up investment continues



Cllr Rob Waltham and Cllr Carl Sherwood with 'clean up' volunteers.

Brigg Town Council is continuing its investment in keeping the River

Ancholme clean, safe and enjoyable for residents, visitors and wildlife. The

river is one of Brigg's most important natural features, and the Council knows that protecting it requires ongoing effort and funding.

Each year, the Town Council sets aside money for extra litter clearance, riverbank maintenance and the installation of large waste bins at key riverside locations. After a competitive tender process, the Council appoints Glanford Boat Club to carry out much of this work, drawing on their experience

and knowledge of the river.

Cllr Rob Waltham said: "We really wish people wouldn't drop litter in the first place. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay to clean it up, but if we didn't, the river would quickly be in a bad state. We've put extra large bins along the river to make it easier, but sadly littering still happens."

Litter in the river and along the banks can cause serious harm. Plastic, cans and other waste can disturb [Continues on next page.](#)

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1940s AND CLASSIC CAR Event



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River Ancholme clean-up investment continues

Continued from front page. Town Council continues fish breeding areas, lower water quality, and injure birds and other wildlife through entanglement or by being eaten. Keeping the river clean helps protect fish stocks and supports a healthy environment for all wildlife.

CLlr Carl Sherwood added:

“Local people tell us clearly that keeping the River Ancholme clean matters to them. That’s why the

Town Council continues to invest in this work every year and uses a fair, competitive process to appoint Glanford Boat Club. But everyone using the river also needs to do their bit and use the bins or take litter home.”

Brigg Town Council remains committed to protecting the River Ancholme and encourages everyone to help look after this valued local resource for the future.



Save the date - Classic car and 1940s event 20 September

Not wanting to wish the summer away, but we are really excited to tell you all about the big event we have in September. So many of you told us how much you enjoyed the events we



held over the last few years, with our late Queen’s celebrations of 70 years on the throne, and the VE Day 80th Anniversary and commemorations of D Day 80th Anniversary.

Once again we are bringing the party to Brigg. We are holding a Classic Car and 1940s event on Sunday 20 September from 1pm – 6pm. Wrawby Street will be filled with classic cars of all ages and types. As we go to print there are still available spaces, but these are being snapped up fast.

In the Market Place we’ll be stepping back in time to the 1940s. We have already booked some really well-known entertainment acts – Singing Larks Duo, Ancholme River Jazz Band and the event will end with a finale with vintage singer and entertainer Jonny Victory and Smoke and Mirrors group will be leading the dancing. We also have street entertainment booked – balloon modeller and stilt walker – QuirkyCirque.

There will be static 1940s displays and period vehicles, and Sir Winston and Lady Churchill will also be paying us a visit. Once again Brigg Town Council are funding this event that is FREE to attend and fun for all the family. There will be more information in the next edition of Brigg Times, out in August, but put the date in your

diaries for a fun afternoon for all the family.

The War Memorial will be seeing an uplift this year. We have applied for listed building consent to clean the most affected areas of the memorial. If we are successful in this being allowed, the clean will be carried out by the Victoria Cross Trust using a method most suitable for a structure of this importance.

We have also engaged a local award-winning metal sculptor, who has designed and will be making a bespoke forged metal poppy that will remain on the war memorial all year round, as a mark of respect to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the two world wars.

He has also designed and will be making a rail that will hang the Remembrance Poppy Wreaths on in November.

The next edition of Brigg Times is due out in Mid August. If you would like to send any articles of interest please ensure these are received by the clerk by Monday 20th July 2026 at the very latest. Please email to clerk@briggtowncouncil.gov.uk.

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Delivered quarterly in Brigg



DR SHEERAZ JANJUA HONoured AS O'BRIEN'S OPTICIANS LEADS ADVANCED CARE FOR DRY EYE AND DRY AMD

Dr Sheeraz A Janjua, director and senior optometrist at O'Brien's Opticians in Brigg is now being repeatedly recognised for his exceptional commitment to his patients, as evidenced by his very successful adoption of the latest therapeutic non-invasive treatments for Dry Age-related Macular Disease and Dry Eye Syndrome.

The hospital-grade equipment Dr Janjua has installed at O'Brien's facilitates extremely detailed scans of the back of the eye (the retina). The scans are retained on the patient's records, enabling old and new scans to be compared, thus allowing any subtle changes to be picked up as they occur.



Dr Janjua has also recently been inducted Fellow of the College of Optometrists, in recognition of his patient care and his extensive work in furthering his profession. His special interests include Dry Eye Disease, Dry AMD and Binocular Vision Dysfunction and Complex Spectacle Prescriptions and Vision.

This year has been an outstanding one for Dr Janjua, his dedication to clinical excellence and ongoing professional development truly sets him apart. O'Brien's Opticians remain committed to providing a personalised, comprehensive service, ensuring every patient receives exceptional care from the moment they walk through the doors.

The practice welcome the registration of new patients. Call today to make an appointment with Dr Janjua for an advanced eye examination.



HOME VISITING SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

For those patients who have difficulty in travelling to our premises in Brigg, we are delighted to announce the reintroduction of our popular Home Visiting Service which provides eye tests and the dispensing of glasses in the comfort of your own home. Please ask about the service if you think it would be of assistance to you or to someone you know.

Don't just take our word for it, see what our customers are saying...



Dr Janjua is patient, thorough and widely experienced, which gives you confidence that you are being looked after impeccably.



The whole experience of my first time visit was exceptional! All the staff are very friendly and professional making my visit easy and relaxing.



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Brigg Heritage Centre

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Glyn Alexander BHC Manager.

Manager's Update...

Brigg Heritage Centre entered a period of change,

with heavy hearts, we recently said 'goodbye' to our beloved Buttercross. This fabulous upper-level Market Place space had been the backdrop to many fundraising events over the years and was our very special wedding venue. We will sorely miss it! However, behind the scenes, as a charity we are evolving... working on exciting plans: amalgamating and reviewing our 'heritage spaces' for expanded rental potential - to generate vital fundraising for a viable future for Ancholme Valley Heritage Trust Ltd.

We transfer rental operations over to The Angel Suite (via NLC lease) and continue to work with 'legacy community groups' and 'fund-generating private businesses' - striking a balance with our local authority landlord to maintain provision, while enabling us to build up the charity with strategic business focus. Providing town centre rental spaces, for the continued benefit of Brigg, as a fantastic multi-faceted venue. We also are working on our wedding services - which we plan to relaunch from mid-July 2026.

Spotlight on... BHC Sensory Station

Enhancing our 'bringing history to life through play' initiative, the aim of the BHC Sensory Station is to enable our visitors (young and old) to benefit from sensory items, which they can borrow from an array of tactile gadgets.

Visitors can collect a transparent bag and choose 4 items to borrow for their visit throughout BHC's galleries and temporary exhibits. Please remember, at visits end, to deposit the bag in the 'trug-tub' for sanitising and reset - ready for the next visitor who would like to choose their sensory borrows. This worthwhile project utilises funding provided to Brigg Heritage Centre by The North Lincs Rotary Swimathon (2025).

The North Lincs Rotary Swimathon is organised by members of the Brigg, Scunthorpe and Scunthorpe Pentagon Rotary Clubs who formed: The North Lincs Rotary Swimathon Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Reg Charity No: 1206034). This project also made use of kind 'in-house' project-specific donations to boost content availability for - our visitors enjoy.



Displays:

Temporary Displays: The Ancholme Community Showcase (runs until 13 June 2026) and Incognito Monsters & More! (displayed until 5 May 2026). These popular exhibits demonstrated the power of our community engagement initiative. A big thank you to everyone that contributed displayed loan items and time.

Upcoming Exhibition in the Churchill Room: Barton Camera Club's Summer 2026 Exhibition - this new display of photography/images launches from 18 June and runs until 1 August 2026.



What's on... Let's get creative

2026 Farmers' Market Craft schedule
(drop-in - fees apply):

- **23 May:** Mini beasts and how to identify.
- **27 June:** Bitz 'n' pieces.
- **25 July:** Vibrant vacations and summer staycations.
- **22 August:** Oh... I do like to be beside the seaside.
- **26 September:** Vegetable 'buffet' printing.
- **24 October:** Remembrance (lest we forget).
- **Our festive theme will be announced later in the year.**



2026 The 'Create' Escape Workshop schedule
(book a place - fees apply at time of booking):

- **9 May:** Contemporary paper marbling.
- **11 July:** Elementary Embroidery (and maybe a spot of weaving too).
- **8 August:** 'Aqua visions' watercolour workshop.
- **12 September:** Whispers in the wind (windchime).

Do not miss out on an opportunity to meet likeminded people and enjoy focussed craft workshops with mindfulness, tranquillity and wellbeing at the core. Only £15.00 per person / per session - inclusive of all art materials and light refreshments.

Remember... our website provides more detailed information and downloadable schedules!

Barton Camera Club
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FREE ADMISSION

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BRIGG HERITAGE CENTRE
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www.briggheritage.org | <https://bartoncameraclub.org.uk/wp/>

Poster design by: Glyn Alexander | BHC

BHC - Did you know?

Admission to Brigg Heritage Centre is FREE:

The Ancholme Valley Heritage Trust Ltd (Charity No.1157731) is the charity who run Brigg Heritage Centre. We are 'not for profit' and receive no regular structured funding – so, your support is vital. We accept cash and card donations. If you, or your company, would like to show us support, please consider a donation (gift aid will also boost this), nominate us (to be a recipient at an independent funding event), or sponsor us, or one of our projects.

Permanent Collection (and evolving visitor attraction):

The 'Brigg Raft' (circa 800BCE) is a very special archaeological artefact, and the keystone to our existence as a heritage

destination. The raft is the principal object in our permanent collection, which spans from the Bronze Age to the 20th Century (WW2 era). We run an annual programme of temporary exhibitions/ displays and events – we love to 'work in partnership with', 'host' and 'collaborate directly with our community' on projects which enrich the Ancholme heritage narrative.

Little Shop @ BHC:

We have a varied selection of gift ideas, Lincolnshire fayre and crafting items. Please support us by 'Shopping Heritage'.

We put a lot of thought, time and effort to offer you a fantastic experience at Brigg Heritage Centre.

For information, our website is the first 'port of call' supported by our designated Facebook group – search Brigg Heritage Centre. Please feel free to contact us to chat about how you can help and get involved – have you considered volunteering or applying to be a Trustee?



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Saturday 25 July 2026
10am – 2pm (setup from 8:30am)
Brigg Primary School

Email Hannah for more info:
hannahmitchell@oikos-brigg.org.uk



Delivered through Brigg Locality Partnership, organised and supported by Oikos-Brigg

What's on in Brigg

Wednesday, April 29: 'Sports' Bike Night at Brigg Town FC's EC Surfacing Stadium, from 6pm, arranged by Lincolnshire Bike Nights. An opportunity to admire motor-cycles ridden to the venue.

Sunday, May 3: Brigg Fire Station recruitment day, 11am to 3pm, off Old Courts Road. Ever thought of becoming an on-call firefighter? Learn what it takes to join the Humberside Fire Service.

Sunday, May 3: Ancholme Rowing Club 'Learn to Row' session with free tuition, from 10.30am; others to follow every Sunday throughout late spring and summer at the Boathouse on Manley Gardens, off Bridge Street. "There is no pressure to come to consecutive sessions," the club stresses. Places must be booked in advance – email row@ancholmerowingclub.co.uk

Wednesday, May 6: Brigg Amateur Social Historians (BASH) meeting at St John's Church Hall, Bigby Street, 2pm start. A talk by Josie Webb about Old Pictures of Brigg. All welcome – free admission. A prize raffle will be held to help with costs.

Tuesday, May 19: Annual Brigg Town Public Meeting, from 6.30pm, Angel Suite (main room), off Exchange Place. Entry via the Rotunda at the rear of the Angel. This session is open to interested local residents. It will include a report about Brigg Town Council's work within the community over the past 12 months, and followed by an opportunity for townsfolk to raise topics of interest to them. Any questions people may have can be put to councillors. This public forum will be followed by the Town Council's Annual Meeting during which a Town Mayor will be elected to serve until May 2027, together with a Deputy Mayor. This session is also open to the public.

Tuesday, May 19: Brigg Yellerbellies History Group public session at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Market Place, from 2pm. All welcome – no need to book. Free admission. For additional information, email yellerbellies2024@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 20: Brigg Bike Night, Lord Nelson Hotel, from 6pm. Visiting motorcycles to be located to the rear of the premises, having arrived via Elwes Street.

Saturday, May 23: Brigg Farmers' Market, town centre, 8am-2pm.

Friday, May 29: The Worksoop Whistler Railtour, from Crewe, will be coming through Brigg station in the afternoon (time to be announced); two Class 20 diesels, built in the 1960s, hauling heritage stock. Time to be confirmed.

Sunday, June 7: Lincsquad's Keyo Brigg Bomber featuring running, cycling and swimming. – 'three different events, with the Quad and the Triathlon having two distances'. The running and cycling will include sections along Brigg roads, including Bridge Street. Plus river swimming. Race headquarters at Ancholme Leisure Centre; registration 8.30pm, event finishes 1pm. email Lincsquadevents@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 16: Brigg Yellerbellies History Group public session at the Lord Nelson Hotel, from 2pm. All welcome. Free admission.

Saturday, June 27: Brigg Farmers' Market, town centre, 8am-2pm.



Action from a previous Lincsquad Bomber event.

Saturday/Sunday, June 27 & 28: The initial Brigg Town Football Club Summer Football Tournament, EC Surfacing Stadium, off Wrawby Road and Hawthorn Avenue, Volunteers to assist with the organisation are being sought. Email officebriggstown@gmail.com

Friday, July 17: Outdoor Theatre 'As You Like It' performance by Illyria for Brigg Live Arts at the Recreation Ground, off Wrawby Road; gates open 6pm, start 7pm. Bring along your own seat and picnic.

Tuesday, July 21: Brigg Yellerbellies History Group public session at the Lord Nelson Hotel, from 2pm. All welcome – free admission.

Saturday, July 25: Brigg Farmers' Market, town centre, 8am-2pm.

Brigg Live Arts 2026 programme



We were very excited that, with the support of Broughton Community & Sports Association and Wressle Oil, Brigg Live Arts carried out our first trial of a free bus service to the widely acclaimed chamber choir Lyndhurst Singers. Their performance was magical and appreciated by an enthusiastic sell out audience. Our thanks to St John the Baptist Church in Brigg for their continued support and kind hospitality.

We wish to thank our new selling outlets, Jolly Miller Wrawby, Church Street Stores Hibaldstow, Scawby Post Office and Go Local Broughton. They have all agreed to continue to sell our tickets for 2026.

Thanks also go to the kind support of The Rabbit Hole bookshop over the years, but sadly the shop will be closing soon. We also wish to show our appreciation to The Loft in Brigg who will continue to sell our tickets.

Our first event of this year was the Coleby Plough Jag which was a free event in the Market Place and again in the Lord Nelson, which we thank for hosting the performance.



Their collection raised £700 for British Heart Foundation. The group is looking for people who would like to take part in next year's event, and they would like to run a workshop for potential players. If you are interested, please contact steve.hindley@lineone.net.

In February we held another great charity Ceilidh by the fantastic Rosianna Band. A big thank you to Sir John Nelthorpe for hosting us again. We raised £800 which we split between Motor Neurone Disease Association and Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Again, it was a sell-out.

In March we held our AGM and it was heartening to

welcome two new supporters. We are a small group and really need more members to help with publicity and running our events. We also would like new ideas for performances too.

Brigg Live Arts were very proud to support the amazing performance of the Passion play on Good Friday. A big thanks to all who attended in such large numbers and stayed with us until the end.

Your support in such large numbers made such a positive difference to the atmosphere surrounding the play. If you missed the performance, you can see it now if you type into your search engine Brigg Passion Play.

Future events

22 May, 7.30pm – Vikki Clayton – “Tour of Blighty” at St John the Baptist Church, Brigg. Vikki is a songwriter known for her pure voice with exceptional guitar skills, folk and contemporary music. We have been very lucky to book her within her very busy schedule.

17 July, 7pm – “As You Like It” performed by Illyria. An outdoor theatre production at the Recreation Ground in Brigg. Gates open at 6pm and bring your own picnic and chairs.

2 October, 7.30pm – Bowtie and Petal, at St John the Baptist Church in Brigg. A duo who are very entertaining with Ralf Shaw, an acclaimed ukulele player and guitarist, joined by Catherine Embleton who is an exceptional player of the clarinet and saxophone. An evening not to be missed.

To find out more or if you are interested in joining us, please visit our website Brigglivearts.org and we are also on Facebook. We can also be contacted via our website or telephone 07706087340.

Huge support for Easter community event

More than 1,000 people were 'part of the day' when the Brigg-based Oikos charity organised an Easter Passion Play in the town centre, followed by a community meal at the Methodist Church.

Spectators of all ages thronged Wrawby Street, near the side entrance to St John's Church, and the Market Place, on Good Friday, to watch the play. Scenes utilised a temporary stage near the Buttercross (pictured), the Bandstand and the County Bridge.

"Very moving" was a very apt description of the play, with many complimentary comments being received on Good Friday and later. Oikos stressed: "This story is as relevant today as it has ever been. A story of

sacrifice, hope, and new beginnings."

It was directed by Darren Johnson, making a welcome return to Brigg town centre where he has entertained crowds, as a well-known stage performer, at some of our annual Christmas lights switch-on ceremonies.

Easter's 'community theatre' play was produced by Lizi Welch. More than 150 portions of food were served later including fish - symbolic Friday fare - over a two-hour period.

Oikos chair Malcolm Bailey, all the volunteer helpers and cast members deserve high praise and thanks for providing this major, free community event. A video of the Brigg Passion Play can be watched online via YouTube.



Sight loss challenges?

Try the latest AI smart glasses

For many people with sight loss, navigating the world independently can be a daily challenge. But, as technology continues to evolve, it's offering increasingly practical ways to overcome those barriers.

In 2023, Meta (the company behind Facebook and Instagram), teamed up with iconic glasses designer, Ray-Ban, to produce Meta smart glasses. Voice-activated and featuring a built-in camera, microphones, and speakers, enabling users to hear their surroundings while using the glasses.

For people living with visual impairment, these glasses have a range of features which can help with navigation, locating objects, day-to-day tasks, and independence.

When going outside they can identify things, for example, tell you what street you are on or read bus numbers. Meta can tell you what the time is or what the weather is going to be like. Let them read your menu, newspaper article, or post to you. In the kitchen they can tell you what a product is and read the instructions... look over a pan and ask "Meta, is this steak cooked?" all hands free. For quicker help, like finding something in the supermarket or your train platform, make a video call through the device giving you real-time information, just like the person you are speaking to is right there with you!

Key Features for Visual Assistance

Look and See – Just say "Hey Meta, what's in front of me?" to receive audio descriptions of your environment.

Text to Speech – The glasses can read text, such as signs and documents, aloud.

AI Assistant – Useful for getting quick information, anytime, anywhere.

Be My Eyes Integration – The glasses integrate with the Be My Eyes app, allowing users to connect with sighted volunteers who can see through the camera and provide real-time guidance.

Voice-Controlled Communication – Send messages, make calls, and record videos using simple voice commands.

They look like standard Ray-Ban frames, helping users blend in rather than appearing to wear specialized, bulky assistive tech plus the cost remains reasonable compared to other devices on the market. At Holland & James in Brigg, they retail from £375 to £455 depending on your frame colour and lens choices, plus for an additional cost you can add your own prescription. They are easy to set up, all you will need is an up-to-date smartphone device, and a Meta account to use the glasses.

Want a demo? Please call in or contact us to make an appointment.

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The Beat Goes On fundraises to provide cardiac screening appointments for young people aged 14-35 years, in North Lincolnshire.

In February 2019 our lives changed forever when we found our 31 year old son Nathan, dead in his bed.

Nathan was fit and healthy with no symptoms or illness, he simply died in his sleep.

We later discovered he had an undiagnosed cardiac arrhythmia, a condition that could have been detected by a simple Electrocardiogram (ECG) test.

We discovered that EVERY WEEK in the UK at least 12 fit and healthy young people under 35 years, die from undiagnosed cardiac conditions. 80% of these

young people have no symptoms.

90% of these young people could be saved through Cardiac Screening.

The NHS do not provide cardiac screening unless you are diagnosed or present with symptoms.

The Charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) provide a mobile cardiac screening unit.

In Nathan's memory we fundraise to provide these screenings for young people in our community.

To date we have funded over 800 cardiac screenings with a further 200 planned for 2026/2027.

To date 55 young people who were screened from North Lincolnshire were found to have cardiac conditions they were unaware of. Young lives have been saved through these screenings.

As well as providing these cardiac screenings, we are campaigning the Government to introduce cardiac screening for all young people at aged 14 years.

Over the last three years we have met Government officials in London on 4 occasions and currently have a Government Petition to introduce these screenings.



Stephen & Gill Ayling, Nathan's parents, meeting with Cllr Rob Waltham.

Stephen and Gill Ayling

Nathan James Bryan died aged 31

Nathan was one of the **12** people aged 35 & under who **die suddenly every week** in the UK from heart conditions

#12AWeek

c-r-y.org.uk/12aweek



SAVE YOUNG LIVES

THE BEAT GOES ON 31



SCAN ME!



12 YOUNG PEOPLE DIE SUDDENLY EACH WEEK
in the UK from undiagnosed heart conditions (aged 35 and under).

We're calling on the Government to act now and introduce mandatory screenings to stop preventable deaths, but **we need your help.**

Scan the QR code and sign the petition

Update from Priest-in-Charge Revd Julie Wearing

Good Friday in Brigg was marked by a powerful contemporary Passion Play, made possible through the collaboration of both Christians and non-Christians across the town. As a cornerstone of the Christian calendar, Good Friday leads into Easter Day, celebrating the Resurrection- an event that remains central to the faith, even as modern traditions often focus on chocolate and Easter eggs.

Thy Kingdom Come For

Christians, Easter extends beyond a single day, forming a six-week season that culminates in Pentecost, the celebration of the Holy Spirit. This follows Ascension, which occurs nine days earlier and is when Jesus is believed to have returned to heaven. From 14-24 May, churches across Brigg will take part in "Thy Kingdom Come," a global prayer initiative inspired by the Lord's Prayer. As part of this, St John the Evangelist Church will host an exhibition based

on the Lord's Prayer during its café opening hours on a Thursday and a Saturday. Further details of all events, across all churches and OIKOS can be found on the St John the Evangelist's Facebook page.

West Lindsey Open Churches Festival The West Lindsey Open Churches Festival also returns for its second year, offering visitors the chance to explore local churches, learn about their history, and enjoy a warm welcome.

At St Mary the Virgin in Wrawby, a village-themed display will showcase local artwork, photography, crafts and writing, celebrating community life. Contributions are still welcome. The church will be open on Saturday 9 May from 11am to 3pm, and Sunday 10 May from 12 noon to 3pm.

Meanwhile, All Saints Church in Cadney-cum-Howsham will host a family-friendly activity, on the Saturday with teddy bear parachuting on Saturday-

visitors are invited to bring a bear and take part (parachutes provided - and a quilt display on Sunday by the Cadney Sewing Bee. The church will be open both days from 10am to 4pm.

Other churches in the area will also be participating. For more information, visit the West Lindsey Churches Festival website. Hope to see you there.

Revd Julie Wearing Priest-in-Charge, Brigg, Wrawby and Cadney

Brigg cadets complete Gold DofE Assessed Expedition in the shadow of history



A team of six determined cadets from 2222 (Brigg) Squadron RAF Air Cadets — Flight Sergeants Travis Bush, Morgan Timmis and Phoebe Wood, and Sergeants Erin Porter, Thomas Sanderson

and Rebecca Tinus — have successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Assessed Expedition in dramatic fashion, persevering through the full force of Storm Amy to reach their final

checkpoint.

After four days of relentless wind and rain across the rugged terrain surrounding Glossop, Hayfield, Edale, Kinder Scout and the Derwent & Ladybower Reservoirs, the team concluded their journey in a truly iconic location — standing proudly in front of the Derwent Dam.

For many members of the RAF Air Cadets, but particularly those from Lincolnshire, Derwent Dam holds special significance. It was here that the crews of 617 Squadron — the legendary Dambusters — trained for their historic raid in 1943. To complete their Gold expedition beneath the same walls that echoed with the engines of Lancasters more than 80 years ago made the achievement all the more poignant.

Three Years, Three Levels, One Unbreakable Team

This Gold expedition marked the culmination of a remarkable journey for this team that began back in September 2023, when they first came together during their Bronze training weekend at the Outstation in Stape near Pickering.

Since that first weekend in North Yorkshire, the cadets have tackled Bronze, Silver and now Gold side by side — growing not only in skill and resilience, but in friendship and character. Shared tents, blisters, rainstorms, sunshine, laughter and evening camp stove meals & mugs of hot chocolate have forged a bond that no weather system could break.

From nervous first-timers to confident expedition leaders,



they've supported one another every step of the way — proving that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is about far more than just miles walked.

It's about memories made, challenges overcome, and friendships built to last a lifetime.

As they stood together beneath the towering face of Derwent Dam — soaked, exhausted, but triumphant — they didn't just represent their squadron. They represented the very spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme & the Royal Air Force Air Cadets: determination, teamwork and pride in heritage... Venture Adventure.

Planning a party or holding classes?

Are you looking for a great venue to hold an event, a party, classes etc then look no further than Wrawby Village Hall? The hall can be hired for one off events or on a regular basis.

The hall can seat 110 & has staging with lights, a fully equipped kitchen & ample parking. In addition to the main hall there is a smaller meeting room which can comfortably seat 20 people and is suitable for meetings or as a buffet/refreshments room.

The rates for hiring are very reasonable so if you wish to book the hall or find out more please contact Susan Day on 01652 653699 or

**07969 403911 or email her on susanmday54@gmail.com
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The premises has recently been redecorated.

Annual Brigg garden competition

The annual garden competition will be slightly different for 2026. We are asking for nominations for the Best Front Garden, Best Hanging Basket and Best Business in Bloom.

All you need to do is get in touch with the Clerk on 07584315971 – phone/WhatsApp/text or email clerk@briggtowncouncil.gov.uk and let us know where the best gardens, hanging baskets and businesses in bloom are and we will do the rest. You can nominate a neighbour or a friend or just tell us where you have seen a garden that is worthy of a nomination. Don't forget to tell us the exact address or business name and address. As long as they are in Brigg they are in the running to win an award.



From year 11 to Young Entrepreneur: Sam Brister's sweet success



My name is Sam Brister. I am 16 years old, currently a Year 11 pupil at Sir John Nelthorpe School. I have my own bee keeping and honey business based in Scawby, North Lincolnshire. I started keeping bees when I was 14. I was given a swarm of bees that I housed in a hive that I made from scratch. I taught myself how to keep bees using information available online and from the British Beekeeping Association. The rest, as they say, is history!

I have built up my apiary to 12 hives that are kept across Scawby and Hibaldstow villages, and hope to expand further this year (at the same time as sitting my GCSE exams) My honey is currently sold at Scawby

Post Office and Church Street Stores in Hibaldstow as well as from an honesty box outside my house.

I have been very lucky to be allowed to keep some of my bees on local farms so that the bees have access to a large amount of pollen and nectar, and in return, the bees provide a pollination service for the farmer's crops. This also means that my honey is very local and therefore useful for people suffering from seasonal allergies. I detail some of my beekeeping journey on my Scaw-Bee Honey Facebook page so that my customers can see exactly where their honey comes from and how it is produced as I feel food traceability is very important.

As well as honey, I am just about to launch my own range of natural beeswax cosmetics including lip balms, soaps, and pet paw balms using only natural ingredients. Next year, I will be attending Bishop Burton college to study Countryside Management to enable me to combine relevant studies with my business.

SCHOOL NEWS

Life of a child in Brigg Brigg Primary School



I enjoy drawing and colouring, and I like it because I like to be creative. I also like to go outside and play with my friends.

I am proud of being a child because you can learn a lot. I really like maths because you learn times tables, fractions and how to work the answers out. But I like deeper learning as it is a little but hard. **Alyssia aged 8**

Being a child in Brigg is sometimes tricky and sometimes easy. The tricky part is you don't always get to do what you love. The good part is you don't have to buy lots of stuff and mummy sometimes buys what you want. I wish grownups would know what I mean sometimes, like if I want to go to a place or I want to help them but they always say something like "No its fine", then I am like "ok" Agh!

I am proud of lots of things, like I practised doing animal noises lie a duck, a dolphin and a cat. I like holding my breath under water for 15 seconds and out of water for 30 seconds.

Joel – Aged 8

The many things I enjoy doing are reading a book. I like dramatic, mysterious books with no pictures, so I can make a picture in my head. Another thing I like doing is playing games. I like shooter games and games with a mission.

One other thing I like dong is sleeping, for I make up interesting dreams. Some achievements I have is becoming a good chef. Sometimes I burn the food.

One other achievement I have made is getting four thousand (4000) coins on a game. One more achievement is making a robot. Being a child is tricky because sometimes parents say "one minute" but they are still talking in 10 minutes. Sometimes they make up a lie to make you behave. On a school day you have to wake up at 6am, 7am and even 8am. **Oscar – Aged 9**

After school I play Roblox with my brother on a game called Blox Fruits. When I play with him he helps me get certain stuff. Also when I wake up I play with my other friend on a game called Sailor Pierre.

I am proud of building a large den, with my brother and my sister. The den connects to my sister's bed. My den is made out of blankets, pillows and teddies.

The tricky part about being a child is when I want to go out and my mm says I can't go out because I am too young. I wish my parents understood that when I get Roblox, I spend it on useful stuff like my avatar, which is currently Satori, and gifting other people game passes on a game called Jujitsu Shenanigans which is based on an animal called Jujitsu.

Tyler – Aged 9

Being a child in Brigg is great! I love drawing scary posters for my favourite movie called Beetlejuice. My whole entire wall is covered in black and white posters. I really enjoy cutting out characters and scaring my mum! My best achievement was when I spoke an entire speech in front of the full audience.

I was very nervous because I was the only one on stage, the spotlight was on me! But I faced my fears and did it! After I was so proud of myself and my mum gave me flowers! But things can be hard as a child.

I am very small, so people act like I am

a piece of dust. At Christmas Markets it is so busy that I have to go home in 5 minutes. I wish my parents understood that I need my wn space and I don't need my mum to hold me, except when I cross the road. My parents seem to think I am still a baby, and I need to be supervised. All the time!

Lucy – Aged 9

Being a child in Brigg is AWESOME! At home I really enjoy playing on my games. My favourite is Roblox, which is online. I am also proud of my self, as I faced my fears and held a tarantula. My cats, Bonnie and Flossie, are very clever because Flossie can stand on two feet and Bonnie can spin in the curtains. The funniest thing they do is clean the floor with their paws. After they do tricks I give them Cat – Nip. Its so funny!

The hardest thing about being a child in Brigg is that siblings are annoying an sometimes our work at school is hard with work and trying new things and discovering can be difficult. The thing I am most excited about this term is that I am selling things to get money and I am making fidgets and key rings and crocheting things for people, because I need some money!

Lacey – 9 Years Old

Students complete a 13-week business education course

Since the start of the 2025/26 school year, ten ambitious students from years 9, 10, and 11 at The Vale Academy have completed a rigorous 13-week business education course run by the YESS (Young Entrepreneurs Smart Start) Foundation. As the first school in the UK to integrate these in-person, school-led sessions, The Vale Academy has set a new standard for youth enterprise.

The programme demanded significant discipline, requiring students to watch over 80 instructional videos, complete weekly assignments, pass consistent exams, and develop a comprehensive business plan. The journey culminated in a high-stakes "Dragon's Den" event, where students pitched their unique business concepts to local industry leaders.

In March, the school hosted a celebratory Graduation and Awards Evening, attended by Mayor Carol Ross, Principal Dr. Sarah Stokes, and representatives from the Delta Academy Trust. The event served as a testament to the students' dedication, balancing this intensive training alongside their regular academic workloads. Facilitator Catherine McHale praised the group's research and commitment, noting that their potential to launch viable business ventures is immense.

Special recognition was given to award winners Sophie N., Amelia M., Louis T., and Kaari S. for their excellence in vision, planning, pitching, and effort. This life-changing initiative was made possible through the generous sponsorship of local business coach John McHale.

By fostering confidence, resilience, and financial literacy, the YESS programme is actively shaping the next generation of leaders. For students aged 12–22 interested in future cohorts, or schools wishing to bring this programme to their classrooms, visit www.yessfoundation.org.uk or contact Catherine McHale at catherinemchale@actioncoach.com.



SCHOOL NEWS

Update from Sir John Nelthorpe School



Our Next School Musical is Shrek Jr!

Following the incredible success of Matilda Jr: The Musical and Mary Poppins Jr, we are thrilled to announce our next big adventure. This autumn, we're trading in

the spoonfuls of sugar and telekinetic powers for a swamp, a donkey, and a very misunderstood ogre. Our next production will be Shrek The Musical Jr! Our auditions have already taken place and we are hard at

work practicing for the shows which will be in mid-October. We look forward to sharing more news with you soon including how to book your tickets. We'd be delighted to see you there!

Community Support for our Drop-in Breakfast Club

Over the past few months we have been able to offer our pupils the opportunity to come along to our drop in Breakfast Club. The club was made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Tesco Stronger Starts program. A nutritious start is the key to a productive day and the club enabled us to offer a variety of healthy

options to help boost energy and concentration levels.

The Tesco Stronger Starts grant has been instrumental in getting this project off the ground. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Tesco and everyone in the community who voted for us with their blue tokens. You are helping us build a stronger, healthier start for every child in our school.

Holocaust Memorial Service

We were honoured to be invited by Brigg Town Council to take part in our local memorial service in January. Our pupils performed readings

and we were extremely proud of them.

This year's theme was Bridging Generations and in school pupils talked about this and Holocaust Memorial Day during tutor time.

"A reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors -it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us.

This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past - to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward.

By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future." HMD Trust 2026.

St Mary's Primary School reach final of the Humberside Cup



St Mary's Primary School (Grammar School Rd) have reached the final of the Humberside Cup football competition for the first time in their history. The team made up of boys and girls from Year 5 and 6, played their quarter-final and semi-final fixtures in recent weeks.

In the quarter-final they faced St Thomas More Primary School (Hull) and the match took place on the first team pitch at Brigg Town FC. In a wonderful display of attacking football, St Mary's ran out 16-0 winners, securing a tie against Springhead Primary (Hull), in the semi-final.

On March 11th, the team travelled across the Humber Bridge and faced off for a place in the final. In a hard fought fixture, St Mary's won 7-0 and are now awaiting the news of

their next opponents. They are now ready to play the final, with the aim of winning the trophy and being crowned Humberside Champions.

At St Mary's we have a vast array of clubs, trips and activities, allowing the children to enjoy experiences outside of the classroom and giving them the opportunity to develop new skills and meet new friends.

Alongside the amazing extra-curricular offer we have in place, we also continue to be one of the top performing primary schools in the country, securing outcomes which are above national and local averages.

If you would like your child to come to St Mary's, please contact the school office and you can arrange a tour (during the school day or after school) with the Headteacher - **Mr Leech**.

St Mary's Primary School Grows a Greener Future with Community Tree-Planting Event

Children, families and staff at St Mary's Primary School came together to make a lasting difference to their school grounds – and the environment – by planting 200 new trees. The ambitious project was made possible after children from the school council successfully applied to the Woodland Trust for a large number of free saplings. Keen to turn the opportunity into a true community celebration, the school invited families and friends to join pupils on the school field over two afternoons of planting.

Armed with spades, gloves and plenty of enthusiasm, every child at St Mary's planted their very own tree, carefully placing it in the soil and helping it begin its journey to maturity. Parents, grandparents and many other family members took part alongside them, creating a lively and memorable atmosphere as generations worked together towards a shared goal.

The new trees will form a developing woodland area on the school field, transforming the landscape and providing a valuable natural space for learning, play and reflection in the years to come. In addition, bushes have been planted



around the perimeter of the field, helping to encourage wildlife and create a more diverse natural habitat.

Staff at the school praised the commitment and teamwork shown by the children and their families. As well as supporting environmental sustainability, the project gave pupils the chance to learn first-hand about caring for nature and the importance of protecting green spaces. With muddy boots and smiling faces, the event was a clear success.

St Mary's has limited places available in its Reception class for 2026. If you would like to come and visit, please call 01652 653355 or email enquiries@stmarysbrigg.com. There are also places available in some of our other classes too.

Young Guiders on PGL residentials



Taking our girls away to PGL for the weekend was an eye-opening experience, especially for me, being in my early 20s. I learnt so much about my Brownie troop and never to underestimate these girls, either. They made me push myself out of my comfort zone, to show them that if I can do it, so can they.

For me, the trapeze was by far the scariest activity to do, such a small platform. I didn't dare stand up but for all those who made it to the top, it came so easily to them. Even though the words "why do I feel like I'm gonna die" was yelled down to us, she didn't stop and we all just laughed it off, knowing she was still going to go for the top! 1st Brigg Brownies is one of the most supportive groups in the town and to be lifted up and motivated by a group of 7 to 10-year-olds is an experience I will never forget.

PGL is also such a wonderful place, the staff are amazing and so motivating, they never failed to push the girls to reach their full abilities, to

keep climbing, keep throwing and to actually get into a harness was a giant step for some of them.

At the top of the abseiling tower, going down the stairs was always an option, and no one was ever made to feel bad if that was the route they chose. Seeing each group chant names as each brownie came down the tower was such an amazing display of friendship, and I really do feel that the entire group bonded there more than they ever could at our weekly



meetings. These small displays of friendship were consistent throughout the weekend as well, they could really utilise their outdoor voices and who knew such loud singing could come from some of the youngest there!

Being a younger guider, it really does make me realise why I keep doing this, and why I miss it so much being away at university. It is a sisterhood you don't get anywhere else. I've been in guiding since I was 5 years old, and I can't imagine the kind of person I might be without it.

We learn life skills, and currently, we use power tools (safely) to create more exciting crafts. So, when our group leader asked if the wood whittling should be taken out of the survival skills activity one morning, the answer was a solid NO!

Our weekend away at PGL is an experience I will never forget. I am so grateful I was able to experience it and I can't wait to do it all again another time!

Lizzie Bennett.

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New bus service starting Monday 27 April

- JustGo will become *Connect 2*
- New, modern blues vehicles
- New app for booking
- Revised booking zones
- 7 day booking window
- Cheaper fares!



Community engagement sessions

Wednesday 22 April

09:00 – 10:30 Crowle Community Hub
09:30 – 11:00 Winterton Library
11:15 – 12:45 Epworth Live Well

Thursday 23 April

09:00 – 10:30 Brigg – The Angel
11:15 – 12:45 Baysgarth Community Hub
14:30 – 16:00 Scunthorpe Central

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Emergencies (outside normal working hours):		Social Services:	
- Social services emergencies	01724 296555	- For older people	08451 303862
- Emergencies affecting other council services	01724 276444	- For people with physical disabilities	01724 298000
Litter, dog nuisance, bulky items abandoned vehicles, etc	01724 297000	- Mental health	01724 275959
		- Children and families	01724 296500
		Street lighting	01724 298517



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Plan your journey with these helpful bus timetables



‘Super Saturday’ train service for Brigg

On May 16, Brigg station is set to experience a rare event dubbed ‘Super Saturday.’ For the first time in years, local residents will have access to a comprehensive Saturday passenger train service, providing a unique window of opportunity for weekend leisure travel to destinations like Grimsby, Cleethorpes, Retford, and Sheffield.

Brigg station typically sees just two trains a day, Monday through Friday only, with no weekend service at all. However, due to planned engineering works diverting traffic away from the standard route via Scunthorpe, eight trains are scheduled to call at Brigg on this specific Saturday.

The one-off service comes amid sustained pressure from local advocates for a permanent improvement. Brigg Town Council recently lobbied the Government for a second return service, but the request was rejected by Westminster, citing an estimated six-figure annual cost. The plight of the line has even garnered media attention, with the BBC’s Look North featuring interviews with North Lincolnshire Council Leader Rob Waltham and veteran campaigner Phillip Hewson. Furthermore, Martin Vickers MP has frequently pressed for a better passenger service in the House of Commons.

While ‘Super Saturday’ is a result of operational necessity rather than policy change, campaigners hope the increased footfall will demonstrate the clear demand for a more robust, permanent service. For one day only, Brigg residents can enjoy the freedom of the rails, catching a glimpse of the connectivity the town fights for.

4 bus times towards Brigg & Kirmington		Mondays to Fridays except public holidays														
		runs as service 4c on college days only														
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Wrawby Church		0850		1048		1248		1448		1648						
Barnetby Church		▼		1054		1254		1454		1654						
Melton Ross Melton Hall		▼		1058		1258		1458		1658						
Humberside Airport entrance		0858		1101		1301		1501		1701						
Kirmington Limber Road		0901		1104		1304		1504		1704						

for Saturday services to Wrawby, Barnetby, Humberside Airport and Kirmington, please see the service c4 timetable

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Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays except public holidays

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	Brigg Cary Lane	0910	0930	1030	1230	1330	1430	
	Brigg Springbank	0915	0935	1035	1235	1335	1435	
	Brigg Poplar Drive	0917	0937	1037	1237	1337	1437	
	Brigg Cary Lane	0922	0942	1042	1242	1342	1442	

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays except public holidays

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Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays except public holidays

Brigg Cary Lane	1000	1200	1400
Brigg Garden Centre	1005	▼	1405
Cadney Main Street	▼	1210	▼
Howsham Main Street	1010	1214	▼
Cadney Main Street	1014	▼	▼
Brigg Garden Centre	▼	1219	1410
Brigg Cary Lane	1024	1224	1415

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Service number	94	94	94	94a	94b	94
Brigg Cary Lane [depart]	0940	1140	1340	1455	1540	1540
Brigg The Vale School [arrive]	▼	▼	▼	1500	▼	▼
Brigg The Vale School [depart]	▼	▼	▼	1510	▼	▼
Brigg Sir John Nelthorpe (Upper)	▼	▼	▼	▼	1545	▼
Scawby Mill Lane	0948	1148	1348	▼	▼	1548
Sturton Gainsborough Lane	0949	1149	1349	▼	▼	1549
Hibaldstow The Nookings	0954	1154	1354	▼	▼	1554
Hibaldstow Post Office	0955	1155	1355	1520	1555	1555
Redbourne Red Lion	0958	1158	1358	1523	1558	1558
Kirton in Lindsey Queens Head	1003	1203	1403	1528	1603	1603
Kirton in Lindsey Dunstan Hill	1007	1207	1407	1532	1607	1607
Scotter Church				1545	1620	
Messingham Green Tree				1552	1627	
Bottesford Spar				1557	1632	

for Saturday services to Kirton in Lindsey, please see the service c4 timetable

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Service number	94a	94b	94	94	94	94
Bottesford Spar	0745	0745				
Messingham Green Tree	0750	0750				
Scotter Church	0757	0757				
Kirton in Lindsey Queens Head	▼	▼	1004	1204	1404	1604
Kirton in Lindsey Dunstan Hill	0810	0810	1007	1207	1407	1607
Redbourne Red Lion	0819	0819	1014	1214	1414	1614
Hibaldstow Post Office	0823	0823	1019	1219	1419	1619
Hibaldstow The Nookings	▼	▼	1023	1223	1423	1623
Sturton Gainsborough Lane	▼	▼	1027	1227	1427	1627
Scawby Mill Lane	▼	▼	1029	1229	1429	1629
Brigg The Vale School	0834	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Brigg Sir John Nelthorpe (Upper)	▼	0833	▼	▼	▼	▼
Brigg Sir John Nelthorpe (Lower)	▼	0836	▼	▼	▼	▼
Brigg Cary Lane	0839	0841	1037	1237	1437	1637

for Saturday services to Brigg, please see the service c4 timetable

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Scunthorpe Bus Station stand M			1115	1315	1515	1715
Lakeside Morrisons	0800		1123	1323	1523	1723
Greetwell Crossroads	0807	0855	1130	1330	▼	1730
Scawby Church	0809	0857	1132	1332	▼	1732
Sturton Crossroads	0811	0859	1134	1334	▼	1734
Brigg Cary Lane	0819	0907	1142	1342	1535	1742

additional services run between Scunthorpe, Lakeside and Brigg as service 4 throughout the day

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Brigg Cary Lane	0810	0910	1210	1410	1540	1745	
Sturton Crossroads	0818	0918	1218	1418	▼	1753	
Scawby Church	0820	0920	1220	1420	▼	1755	
Greetwell Crossroads	0822	0922	1222	1422	▼	1757	
Lakeside Morrisons	0829	0929	1229	1429	1551	1804	
Scunthorpe Bus Station stand A	0837	0937	1237	1437	1559		

additional services run between Brigg, Lakeside and Scunthorpe as service 4 throughout the day

Saturdays

Lakeside Morrisons	0800
Greetwell Crossroads	0807
Scawby Church	0809
Sturton Crossroads	0811
Brigg Cary Lane	0819

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Saturdays

Brigg Cary Lane	1745
Sturton Crossroads	1753
Scawby Church	1755
Greetwell Crossroads	1757
Lakeside Morrisons	1804

additional services run between Brigg, Lakeside and Scunthorpe as service 4 throughout the day

Saturdays

Kirmington Limber Road	0905	1105	1305	1505	1705
Humberside Airport Main Entrance	0909	1109	1309	1509	1709
Melton Ross Melton Hall	0913	1113	1313	1513	1713
Barnetby Church	0917	1117	1317	1517	1717
Wrawby Church	0925	1125	1325	1525	1725
Wrawby Tunnel Road	0926	1126	1326	1526	1726
Brigg Cary Lane [arrive]	0932	1132	1332	1532	1732
Brigg Cary Lane [depart]	0940	1140	1340	1540	
Scawby Mill Lane	0948	1148	1348	1548	
Sturton Gainsborough Lane	0949	1149	1349	1549	
Hibaldstow The Nookings	0954	1154	1354	1554	
Hibaldstow Post Office	0955		1355		
Redbourne Red Lion	0958		1358		
Kirton in Lindsey Queens Head	1003		1403		

for weekday services to Kirton, Brigg and Kirmington, please see the service 4 & 94 timetables

Saturdays

Kirton in Lindsey Queens Head	1004		1404			
Kirton in Lindsey Dunstan Hill	1007		1407			
Redbourne Red Lion	1014		1414			
Hibaldstow Post Office	1019		1419			
Hibaldstow The Nookings	1023	1155	1423	1555		
Sturton Gainsborough Lane	1027	1159	1427	1559		
Scawby Mill Lane	1029	1201	1429	1601		
Brigg Cary Lane [arrive]	1037	1209	1437	1609		
Brigg Cary Lane [depart]	0840	1040	1240	1440	1640	
Wrawby Tunnel Road	0846	1046	1246	1446	1646	
Wrawby Church	0848	1048	1248	1448	1648	
Barnetby Church	0854	1054	1254	1454	1654	
Melton Ross Melton Hall	0858	1058	1258	1458	1658	
Humberside Airport Main Entrance	0901	1101	1301	1501	1701	
Kirmington Limber Road	0904	1104	1304	1504	1704	

for weekday services to Kirton, Brigg and Kirlington, please see the service 4 & 94 timetables

4

bus times towards
Scunthorpe • Brigg

Sunday and Bank Holidays

Service number	4	4	4	4	4	4
Scunthorpe Bus Station	0915	1115	1245	1415	1615	1745
Ashby High Street Market	0929	1129	1259	1429	1629	1759
Lakeside Morrisons	0932	1132	1302	1432	1632	1802
Broughton Red Lion	0940	1140	1310	1440	1640	1810
Broughton South View	0942	1142	1312	1442	1642	1812
Broughton Town Hill Drive	0945	1145	1315	1445	1645	1815
Arties Mill	0951	1151	1321	1451	1651	1821
Brigg White House	0954	1154	1324	1454	1654	1824

4

bus times towards
Brigg • Scunthorpe

Sunday and Bank Holidays

Service number	4	4	4	4	4	4
Brigg White House	1000	1200	1330	1500	1700	1830
Arties Mill	1003	1203	1333	1503	1703	1833
Broughton Town Hill Drive	1009	1209	1339	1509	1709	1839
Broughton South View	1012	1212	1342	1512	1712	1842
Broughton Red Lion	1014	1214	1344	1514	1714	1844
Lakeside Morrisons	1022	1222	1352	1522	1722	1852
Ashby High Street Market	1025	1225	1355	1525	1725	1855
Scunthorpe Bus Station	1040	1240	1410	1540	1740	1910

96

bus times towards
Barton - Brigg

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Service number	96	96	96	96	96
Barton Rail Station	0945	1130	1415	1600	
Barton Market Place	0948	1133	1418	1603	
South Ferriby Blacksmiths	0954	1139	1424	1609	
South Ferriby School Lane	0815	0955	1140	1425	1610
Horkstow Main Street	0817	0957	1142	1427	1612
Saxby The Old Rectory	0821	1001	1146	1431	1616
Bonby Sheepdyke Lane	0825	1005	1150	1435	1620
Worlaby Grangefield Road	0828	1008	1153	1438	1623
Elsham	0833	1013	1158	1443	1628
Wrawby Church	0841	1021	1206	1451	1636
Brigg Cary Lane	0848	1027	1212	1457	1642

96

bus times towards
Brigg - Barton

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Service number	96	96	96	96	96
Brigg Cary Lane	0900	1030	1330	1510	1710
Wrawby Church	0906	1036	1336	1516	1716
Elsham	0914	1044	1344	1524	1724
Worlaby Grangefield Road	0919	1049	1349	1529	1729
Bonby Sheepdyke Lane	0922	1052	1352	1532	1732
Saxby The Old Rectory	0926	1056	1356	1536	1736
Horkstow Main Street	0930	1100	1400	1540	1740
South Ferriby School Lane	0932	1102	1402	1542	1742
South Ferriby Blacksmiths	0933	1103	1403	1543	
Barton Market Place	0940	1110	1410	1550	
Barton Rail Station	0942	1112	1412	1552	

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Shireoaks	d	1004	
Worksop	d	1009	1015
Retford platform 4	d	1018	1025
Gainsborough Central	d	-	1040
Kirton-in-Lindsey	d	-	1053
Brigg	a	-	1104
Barnetby	a	-	1109
Grimsby Town	a	-	1129
Cleethorpes	a	-	1145

From Cleethorpes to Brigg and Sheffield			
Cleethorpes	d	1320	-
Grimsby Town	d	1327	-
Barnetby	d	1347	-
Brigg	d	1353	-
Kirton-in-Lindsey	a	1403	-
Gainsborough Central	a	1421	-
Retford platform 2	a	1437	1459
Worksop	a	1449	1510
Shireoaks	a		1514
Kiveton Park	a		1519
Kiveton Bridge	a		1523
Woodhouse	a		1529
Darnall	a		1534
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New Banking Hub offers easy access



Brigg's Banking Hub, which launched in January, continues to provide a valued service to many local residents, offering easy access to cash and providing a range of other money-related services. It has become even more useful since the closure of our town's last staffed 'high street bank' branch, Lloyds, on Wrawby Street, in early March.

The ground floor Hub, accessed from the front entrance to the Angel building in the Market Place, offers access to cash over the counter, Monday-Friday, for account holders of all major banks. Turn immediately right and go through the glass door seen in our picture. The Hub has comfortable seating available to customers. Printed Post Office receipts are issued for withdrawals made through a card machine located on the counter.

Close by is an enclosed room where customers can discuss their requirements, in confidence, with advisers from various banks, as follows: Monday, NatWest; Tuesday, Halifax; Wednesday, HSBC; Thursday, Barclays; Fridays, Lloyds. There is no

requirement to book appointments with these advisers in advance - just ask helpful Hub staff to ask on your behalf.

Customer advisers (or community bankers) can assist customers by moving money from one account to another, handle balance enquiries, arrange payments for goods and services, and sort out bill payments. The Hub's counter service is available from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday.

Banking advisers may not always be available at lunch-times. As the Lloyds and Halifax banks are very closely connected, Lloyds customers can access all the services they need from company advisers on Tuesdays as well as Fridays, while Halifax customers can do likewise on Fridays in addition to Tuesdays. Cash Access UK is providing this temporary Brigg Hub at the Angel. However, a permanent location within the town centre will be established.

Edit – at the time of going to print a planning application has been submitted for the permanent location of a banking hub that will also include an ATM at The Buttercross.

This application will need to go through the legal and transparent planning process. We will keep you updated as this progresses. Hopefully by the next edition in August, we will have more information.

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Orchard Court unveils “Bennett’s Beauty” Salon

Orchard Court has unveiled a brand-new on-site hair and beauty salon, created in loving memory of a much-adored resident, Margaret Bennett. The salon, named Bennett’s Beauty, was officially opened this week by the Mayor of

Brigg, Penny Smith, in a special ceremony attended by Margaret’s family, team members residents and residents families. The new space offers residents a welcoming environment to enjoy

hairdressing services alongside a fully equipped nail bar. The initiative was inspired by Margaret’s vibrant personality and her love of looking and feeling her best. Margaret, lived at Orchard for several years, . Regular trips to the hairdresser were one of her greatest joys, often lifting not only her own spirits but those around her. Speaking at the opening, the Mayor praised Orchard Court for its thoughtful tribute, highlighting the importance of creating spaces that support wellbeing and community within residential care. Manager Tracy said Margaret had a wonderful way of making people smile “She believed that a simple trip to the salon could brighten your whole day. We wanted to create something lasting in her memory that would

continue to bring that same joy to others.”The salon has been thoughtfully designed to provide a relaxing and sociable environment. Residents can enjoy professional haircuts, styling, and treatments, as well as manicures and nail care at the dedicated nail bar. The space also encourages social interaction, helping to combat loneliness and promote wellbeing. In addition, the care home has introduced a unique adjoining service, Auriol’s Alterations, developed in collaboration with a resident who has a passion for sewing. Known for her skill and enthusiasm, she now offers clothing alterations for both residents and staff, helping ensure everyone can look and feel their best in perfectly fitted garments. The addition of Auriol’s Alterations not only provides

a practical service but also empowers residents to share their talents and remain actively involved in the community within the home. Margaret’s family, who attended the opening, expressed their gratitude for the touching tribute. “It means so much to see her remembered in this way,” a relative shared. “She would have absolutely loved this.” Tracy said the addition of Bennet’s Beauty, alongside Auriol’s Alterations, reflects a wider commitment to enhancing residents’ quality of life, ensuring they have access to services that promote dignity, confidence, and a sense of purpose. As the first clients took their seats, it was clear that Margaret’s legacy lives on - not just in the name above the door, but in every smile reflected in the salon mirrors.



Time for picnics and healthy walks

Warmer weather may well prompt Brigg residents of all ages to enjoy health walks over the coming weeks.

Brigg Town Council provides a picnic area, with tables and seating, on a grassed area between the Old River Ancholme towpath and the Ancholme Way footpath & cycle track. It's free to use and there is no need to book. After visiting, please remember to

remove any litter you may have to hand.

The picnic area, overlooking the river, is a short distance beyond the Ancholme Way flyover bridge and is directly opposite Glanford Boat Club on the facing bank. Picnics can also be enjoyed on Elwes Street's Millennium Green, managed by Brigg Town Council, where tables with seating are provided.

A popular walk, with the option for a midway refreshment break, takes in neighbouring Wrawby village. Head down St Helens Road, Brigg, which begins not far from the Monument roundabout. Where St Helens Road meets Yarborough Road, continue straight ahead along the signposted Clothes Hedge public footpath, with wooden fencing on both sides. Cross over Churchill Avenue and head along the marked path into open countryside. Beyond a wooden bridge, the path skirts agricultural land all the way to Wrawby village. Having crossed the stream, walk in the direction of the distant wind turbine - a useful landmark. Where an inclined section begins, stay alongside the mature hawthorn hedging. Watch out for the distinctive building in a field to the left. This marks the location of



historic St Helens Well, whose 'Sacred Spring' provided Brigg's initial piped water supply in the mid-19th century. Impressive views of the Lincolnshire Wolds can be enjoyed from this path's highest section.

The route ends at Tongs Farm, Wrawby, where it meets the A18. Having crossed the main road, turn right if you wish to make a refreshment stop at the nearby Jolly Miller

(Jollies) pub & restaurant. Or head left towards Brigg. At the bottom of the hill is the Barton Road junction. Continue straight ahead into Brigg via Wrawby Road. Or turn right along the wide Brickyard Lane track (signposted). This eventually connects with a public footpath leading to the northern end of Grammar School Road, taking walkers back towards Brigg town centre.

New signal-controlled crossing improves access in Brigg



With road safety very much in mind, North Lincolnshire Council recently installed a new button-controlled crossing on the very busy A18 in Brigg. Located on Wrawby Road, near the junction with Churchill Avenue, it halts oncoming traffic to allow waiting pedestrians and cyclists to

cross. The facility is already seeing a good deal of use. Among those to benefit are many pupils making their way to and from local schools. The new crossing connects with a long-established shared pedestrian/cycle path on the western side of Wrawby Road.

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NOSTALGIA

The Sporting Heart of Brigg: Life at the Recreation Ground in the 1980s

Throughout the 1980s, the Brigg Recreation Ground - affectionately known as "the Rec" - stood as the undisputed epicenter of local sporting life. Managed by the then-Glanford Borough Council, the site was a hive of perpetual activity, where the distinct sounds of leather on willow and studs on turf provided the soundtrack to the weekend. Demand for the grass pitches was insatiable, reflecting a decade when community team sports were the primary social fabric of the town.

On any given Saturday, the pitches were at maximum capacity. Brigg Amateurs alone flexed their muscle by fielding three league sides, while White Horse FC contributed a further two. The competition for space was fierce, fueled by a proliferation of pub-based teams that defined the era's grassroots culture. Clubs like the Black Bull, the Gladiator, and Ancholme Wanderers were permanent fixtures, joined later by Barton & District League contenders such as Ancholme Valley Royales, Falcon Cycles, and King Billy FC.

The atmosphere on a Sunday was particularly electric. The demand for pitch time was so profound that

adjacent games were scheduled in such close proximity that spectators could essentially curate their own viewing experience. Standing between pitches, a fan could drift between two Scunthorpe & District League fixtures, weighing up which match offered the most entertainment based on the fluctuating scorelines. The pitch bordering the row of tall poplar trees and the agricultural field became the domain of Brigg Servicemen's FC, managed by the ever-watchful Ronald 'Geordie' Fox, while Brigg Royales claimed the early Sunday morning slot near the Hawthorns.

Beyond football, the Rec was a multisport paradise. Three grass hockey pitches, varying in size, hosted the energetic Brigg Men's and Ladies' clubs. While the men boasted four Saturday teams, Sunday afternoons saw the largest pitch, facing Wrawby Road, reserved for friendly hockey fixtures. Cricket, too, played a vital role; Brigg Town Cricket Club utilized the Rec for its league schedule, with scorers keeping the record from the verandah of a quaint wooden pavilion. During the summer, the ground's versatility was further demonstrated by the



popularity of both grass and hard tennis courts - a pastime that saw a predictable surge in bookings whenever Wimbledon graced the television screens.

The infrastructure of the Rec was a testament to a changing era. While the iconic groundsman's residence - a relic of the site's former life as Woodbine Farm - was demolished in the late 1970s, the surrounding farm outbuildings remained throughout the '80s to store the council's heavy machinery. One of the most significant upgrades of the decade was the transition from basic, shed-style changing rooms to a modern breeze-block facility, which featured the luxury of functional showers, a welcome reprieve for players caked in mud after a winter fixture.

The experience at the Rec

rarely ended at the final whistle. The post-match ritual was as disciplined as the football itself. Players would make the short pilgrimage to the Brigg Town FC clubhouse, where the social hierarchy was etched in stone: footballers gravitated toward the stage, while hockey players claimed the territory near the kitchen. The culture of hospitality was robust, characterized by the tradition of buying the opposition a jug of beer - or, in the case of Sunday afternoon hockey, crates of bottled ale.

As the weekend wound down on Sunday evenings, the analysis moved to the Brigg & District Servicemen's Club on Coney Court. A dedicated cohort of players and ex-players would convene in 'Suppers' Corner', dissecting the day's tactical triumphs and blunderous defeats over rounds of drinks and snacks.



The evening often culminated in a final, frantic visit to the Grammar School Road chip shop. Legend has it that one particular regular, upon finding the shop on the verge of closing, would bypass the menu entirely and simply ask, "What's left?" before clearing the warming shelf of every remaining portion.

Looking back, the 1980s at the Brigg Recreation Ground represented a unique confluence of amateur ambition and community cohesion. It was a time when the quality of play mattered, but the quality of the company - fueled by rivalry, shared history, and the occasional post-match feast - mattered just as much. The Rec was more than just grass and goalposts; it was the stage upon which the local community performed its most cherished traditions.

Brigg groups enjoy looking back

Brigg's local history scene is thriving thanks to the efforts of two dedicated groups: the long-standing Brigg Amateur Social Historians (BASH) and the more recently formed Brigg Yellerbellies. BASH, which has been active since 2003, continues to draw crowds to St John's Church Hall with a diverse program of illustrated talks.

Recent highlights included Steve Stubbins' nostalgic journey through North Lincolnshire's cinemas, featuring the long-lost Grand and the Corn Exchange. This was followed by Paul Hildreth's practical guide to family history research and Marilyn Roberts' provocative April lecture on the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. These "open to all" meetings are set to continue with a highly anticipated session in May.

Meanwhile, the Brigg Yellerbellies offer a more informal "come and chat" atmosphere at the Lord Nelson Hotel. Their recent sessions have become a treasure trove of nostalgia, featuring surviving copies of the Lincolnshire Times and Brigg Star from the 1970s and 80s. Members find the vintage advertisements and property prices just as captivating as the headlines. The group also recently explored a 1950s auction catalogue detailing local land in traditional acres, roods, and perches. A particularly memorable moment occurred when former students of Brigg Grammar School broke into a rendition of the school song, Fortitudine.

With both groups planning a full calendar of events through 2026, residents have ample



opportunity to explore the rich heritage of their town through both formal lectures and relaxed social storytelling.

FISHER'S FOCUS

Close-knit community admires handiwork



The streets of Brigg are currently a vibrant mosaic of the old and the new, where whimsical craftivism meets deep-rooted local history. Recently, the town centre has been transformed by the "Undercover Yarners," a group of volunteer knitters who have adorned street furniture with colorful, handmade displays.

From a multi-colored snake winding around an ornamental tree in the Market Place to the aptly named "WOOLpack" pub near the Brigg WOOL shop, the "Yarn Trail" has become a literal hot topic, sparking a digital "thread" of discussion and shared photography across social media.

On some social media platforms this well-discussed topic constituted a THREAD! A helpful map was created, and posted online, to direct people to varied locations on the 'Yarn Trail' between Bridge Street and Bigby Road. Printed poster notices were also on show.

Clydesdale Way



This spirit of creative community is mirrored by the town's ongoing evolution. On the northern outskirts, the Buttercross Meadows development continues to expand, with its newest thoroughfare, Clydesdale Way, serving as a poignant reminder of Brigg's agricultural past.

The name honors the heavy horses that once tilled the local land, but it also evokes a more prestigious equine connection: the 1948 Grand National victory of Sheila's Cottage. Owned by local businessman John Proctor, the mare's 66/1 upset remains a legendary "outsider" tale. Today, with the 2026 Grand National season upon us, there is a growing local sentiment that this historic achievement deserves a permanent tribute, such as a commemorative circular plaque in the town centre.

Little Fox sweet shop



Nostalgia also thrives on Wrawby Street, where the traditional sweet shop has found new life. Little Fox, having just celebrated its first anniversary, offers a delightful trip down memory lane.

With jars lining the shelves and sweets weighed out in the classic manner, the shop serves as a modern successor to the beloved "Goodie" Binns of yesteryear. It stands in fascinating contrast to its neighbor, Wallhead's outfitters, which has been a fixture of the street since the 1890s.

Tuckers Ice Cream



Congratulations go to Brigg-based ice cream maker Josh Dewick. His brand, Tuckers, has now been operating for 10 years. Tuckers, which uses the slogan 'Proudly made in Brigg', entered flavours in a major national competition which involved many much larger makers than Josh, who is recognised as 'a young trader business' within the trade. A noticeboard - pictured recently in Brigg Market Place - informed potential customers about the 10th anniversary and participation in the 2026 competition, through vanilla and chocolate varieties. Perhaps we can justify calling this ice cream update a 'scoop' for Brigg Times!

Commercial life in Brigg continues to adapt to contemporary needs. Planning is currently underway for a new "Timpson Pod" in the Tesco car park near Barnard Avenue, a move that promises to streamline services like key cutting and dry cleaning for locals. Interestingly, this national expansion echoes the loss of similar family-run services that once defined the high street.

A hidden piece of Brigg's Victorian past briefly resurfaced, but only for a few days. A small patch of old cobbles saw the light of day again on Queen Street during a re-laying contract being carried out for North Lincolnshire Council, our local highway authority. Pictured below.



Although better suited to the 19th century's horse and cart era, cobbles of various sizes adorned many roads within Brigg town centre well after the internal combustion engine had taken over. Indeed, some cobbles were still evident before pedestrianisation scheme paving appeared on the scene in the mid-1990s.

Brigg businesses continue to benefit from 'passing trade'. The Easter weekend saw footballer supporters from Hartlepool and Harrogate call in for refreshments en route to watch their teams play at Scunthorpe United and Grimsby Town respectively.

There was also an Easter visit by more than 30 motor-cyclists who stopped off at Wetherspoon's White Horse pub during a bank holiday ride-out. In previous seasons, football fans on their way, by coach, to away games at Lincoln City and Hull City have also made refreshment stops in Brigg town centre, visiting a range of licensed premises and takeaways.

The town's resourcefulness is also on display in its modern practicalities: as households adjust to new, larger recycling bins, local stalwarts like Brian's DIY are helping residents stay organized with sticky-back numbers, a simple solution that highlights the shift from the singular, shared dustbins of the 1960s to today's complex waste management systems.

in the local sporting calendar. The association offers membership to ex-pupils of Sir John Nelthorpe School and the former Brigg Grammar and Brigg Girls' High establishments. Ex-staff are also welcome to join. Those interested in playing in the tournament need to contact Helen Cresswell - email hcresswell@westrum.co.uk For association membership inquiries, email briggensiansassociation@gmail.com The Briggensians' 49th annual dinner (ticket only) is coming up on 9 May. The association's golfing section is hosting some matches this year. It is also hoped to hold a summer's evening cricket match between a Briggensians team and one representing Sir John Nelthorpe School.

Nigel Fisher.

SPORTS

Brigg Hockey Club: Inspiring the Next Generation On and Off the Pitch

At the heart of our local sporting community, Brigg Hockey Club continues to provide a welcoming, inclusive and energetic environment for players of all ages—particularly our young people, who remain the future of the club.

With the 2025/26 season now wrapped up, it's been fantastic to see so many juniors pulling on the green and white, developing not only their hockey skills but also confidence, teamwork and friendships that extend far beyond the pitch. From first-time stick holders to those progressing into adult teams, the club prides itself on creating clear pathways for young players to grow and thrive.

We recently hosted a Lincolnshire Hockey tournament, welcoming teams from Louth, Horncastle and Grimsby. With over 100

children taking part in age-specific activities, our juniors had the opportunity to put their skills into practice while enjoying a fun and memorable experience.

As we move into the Spring and Summer months, the club is excited to launch a fortnightly training programme, designed to keep players active, engaged and enjoying the sport during the off-season.

Our junior sessions, open to children up to and including age 12, offer a fun, safe and supportive introduction to hockey. These sessions focus on fundamental skills, game-based learning and, most importantly, enjoyment. Whether your child is completely new to the sport or already plays regularly, there is a place for them at Brigg Hockey Club. Sessions commence on Monday 13th April and will run fortnightly



from 18:00–19:00 throughout the summer.

For older children aged 13+, training sessions integrate with adult players, helping to bridge the gap into competitive hockey while maintaining a social and encouraging atmosphere. It's a fantastic opportunity for young players to learn from experienced teammates and build confidence in a mixed environment. These sessions will run fortnightly from Monday 20th April, 19:00–

20:30. Parents are also very welcome to come along and get involved.

Brigg Hockey Club is about more than results—it's about community and giving young people a positive outlet to stay active. With DBS-checked coaches, supportive volunteers and a strong club ethos, we aim to ensure every player feels valued and inspired.

We're always delighted to welcome new faces. If you're looking for a great way to

keep young people active, build confidence and be part of a thriving local club, Brigg Hockey Club would love to hear from you.

For more information, please email the club or have a look at our Facebook page:

Email: hockey@brigg hockey club.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BriggHC

All sessions take place at Brigg Hockey Club, Recreation Ground, off Wrawby Road, Brigg, DN20 8DT.

Busy season for our 'Premier' cricketers



Brigg Town Cricket Club has now joined a 'Premier' competition. The 2026 season, which is underway, sees our local club, and the one based in neighbouring Broughton, operating in a new league formed by the sport's governing body, the Cricket Board. The Lincolnshire County Cricket League, which both our local clubs initially joined back in 1976, has merged with



the South Lincs & Border League.

Resulting from this, Brigg (and Broughton) have become members of the Lincolnshire Premier Cricket League, as "one county-wide structure" operates for the very first time, involving clubs from Barton (in the north), through Lincoln and district and down to Stamford, in the far

south. However, a regional structure is keeping travel to a minimum, with Brigg Town allocated a place in Division Three North.

In addition to 18 Saturday afternoon/early evening divisional fixtures continuing until mid-September, there will be an interesting cup competition using a shorter T20 format. Brigg's home games are being played at the Recreation Ground, off Wrawby Road, with spectators very welcome to watch the 1st XI in action under the direction of new skipper Owen Dunderdale (pictured left).

Saturday home league fixtures at the Rec over the coming weeks (12.30pm starts) are as follows:

2 May 2 v Barton Town 2nds.

16 May v Scunthorpe Town 3rds.

6 June v Haxey 2nds.

20 June v Normanby Park.

27 June v Grimsby Town 3rds.

On Saturday, 30 May Brigg Rec has

been chosen to host a round of the newly-formed Mick Savage T20 Cup, with some exciting cricket in prospect. 10.30am: Brigg v Scothern 2nds.

1.30pm: Brigg v Bracebridge Heath 3rds. 4.30pm: Scothern v Bracebridge. The side with the best overall record will progress to the next stage. Brigg Town's 2nd XI will again be playing in North Lindsey League Midweek Division Two. The opening home fixture for captain Adam Bishop's team is scheduled for Thursday, May 14 against Appleby-Frodingham (6pm start).

Brigg will then play Alkborough 2nds at the Rec on Sunday, May 17 in the first round of the Mick Walker Memorial Cup organised by the North Lindsey League (from 1pm).

Prospective players interested in joining our local club can contact officials during any home game, or email brigg towncc1@gmail.com. Town's players prepared for the new season with indoor practice net sessions held at the Ancholme Leisure Centre.

SPORTS

Best supported team in the division

Brigg Town Football Club recently completed the 2025/26 season which saw the introduction of an impressive floodlit all-weather playing surface and various other additions to facilities at the EC Surfacing Stadium.

Although finishing sixth - a place higher than they managed in the previous campaign - the first team just missed qualifying for the end-of season promotion play-offs in Macron Northern Counties East League Division One. They had held down fifth spot for many weeks, which would have booked a play-off spot. But Leeds UFCA took advantage of games in hand to overtake the Zebras as the league campaign neared its

conclusion.

However, Town were comfortably the best supported team in their 22-team division with an average attendance of 343. This total was also better than all but two clubs managed in the Premier top flight! Brigg's highest attendance, 457, was achieved twice at the EC Surfacing Stadium.

Four other home fixtures saw crowds exceed 400. Josh Batty was Brigg's leading scorer in league games with 20 goals. Reviewing the campaign, chairman Jim Huxford stressed the first team had achieved a higher placing but acknowledged the disappointment of narrowly

missing out on a promotion play-off spot.

He thanked all connected with the club for their continued support. Brigg Town Development (Reserves) ended the season as champions of Lincolnshire League Division One. Other Town teams - including Ladies, Veterans and Juniors - can reflect on some enjoyable games during 2025/26. In the Scunthorpe & District (Saturday) League, Briggensians FC achieved a notable knockout cup double.

They began by winning the Ironstone Cup (final played at Brigg's EC Surfacing Stadium) and soon added the Barton Brotherhood Cup, this final

taking place in Bottesford.

Briggensians and Brigg Town Colts met in a mid-April Division Two encounter. The Colts went into the

game as league leaders, with Briggensians, also having a good divisional season, winning this 'local derby'. Brigg-based Henry's FC finished in third place in Scunthorpe & District (Sunday) League Division Three.



Historic club on the ball with 'green' project



Brigg Town Football Club has embarked on a praiseworthy eco-friendly project. With the club now putting its new all-weather pitch to very good use, the grassy training area behind one of the ground's stands has been re-purposed in a good cause. Saplings have been planted close

to the boundary with the extensive children's play area, off South View Avenue.

Brigg Town FC has extended "a huge thank you" to its groundstaff "who have been busy planting over 1,000 trees and bushes around the club." The club stresses: "This fantastic work

not only improves the surroundings of our football ground but also helps support the environment by boosting biodiversity, improving air quality and creating a greener, more sustainable home for the club and the local community." Having branched out into tree planting for the future, the club has received a suggestion to install a row of Hawthorn trees.

This would provide a link with the past, particularly if sited near the original entrance to the ground via the 'tenfoot' off Hawthorn Avenue. Historic Brigg Town FC (founded in 1864) established what became known as The Hawthorns ground in the early 1960s, having previously played on a pitch behind the old Brocklesby Ox pub, off Bridge Street.

A few years ago its current venue was re-named The EC Surfacing Stadium, reflecting welcome support afforded by a well-known locally-based business. Our recent picture shows the array of saplings, with protective tubes in place, behind the stand. It was taken from the well-used footpath linking East Parade and South View Avenue, looking towards Hawthorn Avenue.

Brigg Town FC's efforts follow a huge and still on-going project to plant several hundred thousand saplings at various locations across the district, including on Brigg's York Road area of public open space (three circular clumps already in place). North Lincolnshire Council is overseeing this project, whose aims are supported by Brigg Town Council.

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