

Summer 2025

# Pickering News

**Ward news** - information about your neighbourhood and community

## Mischief of Rats

'The Rat Race' has been a part of the Pickering Ward since May 2025, but this is just part of 45 rats around Hull and East Riding representing the late Mick Ronson, who played guitar with David Bowie. Micks first band was called 'The Rats'.

Join in the fun and download the App 'Find a Rat!' for you to collect the rats over the summer.



## Bike library Rokeby Park School



In June this year, Pickering Ward funded R-evolution to visit Rokeby Park School and provide 40 previously donated children's bikes that had been refurbished for the school to use. All of these bikes were marked by the police for security.

This was followed up as part of Active Travel, 'First Steps' who came into the school the following week to deliver cycle training sessions. Confident cyclists had the opportunity to take part in Level 1 training, which focused on off-road biking skills. This was followed by Level 2 sessions, enabling pupils to gain experience cycling safely on quiet local roads.



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## Progress on Gower Park play park

Work has now started on Gower Park with renovation of the new play park. This is due to finish during the Summer. We apologise for the park being closed and hope you will be pleased with the finished play park. We will keep you updated on social media as to progress. You can take a look at the plans in the noticeboard outside the old Bethune housing office.

## Gower Park family fun day

In May we had a family fun day. This was to introduce the Mischief of Rats to the ward. We had a good turnout with face painters and a balloon modeller which were really popular. We had craft activities, fire, police as well as food and drink, and there was a chance to meet your local councillors.

Hull FC came to play rugby and will be on Gower Park throughout the summer on a Monday between 5 - 7pm - all ages and abilities welcome.



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## St Thomas More Illegal encampment defences

After a summer of travellers in 2024, which saw large illegal encampments on the East Riding Thomas More field, Hull City Council and East Riding Council have been holding monthly meetings to formulate a plan to prevent illegal encampments on the fields. This included: Councillors for both Authorities, legal team, waste collection and enforcement. This has resulted in a more streamlined legal process for illegal encampments, defences to prevent travellers accessing the land and a communication plan.

There is now a mound on the Elgar Road end and Thomas More Road as well as one on the small field. This is due to be planted with wildflowers. The large field will now be used by an East Riding football club.



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## Pocket Park, St Thomas More - small field

Around Easter time the pocket park was finished and this consists of a pathway to walk around the park, some fruit trees and other trees. We have also added a mound to prevent vehicles accessing the field.

We are looking for volunteers to either form a group, or just to help. To ensure the fruit trees flourish we need some help with pruning and we hope to provide training on this for those interested. We would like to hold a planting day in the autumn for wild flowers and bulbs. If you are interested in attending or would like training on pruning, please contact your neighbourhood co-ordinator Lisa Bendelow at [west.areateam@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:west.areateam@hullcc.gov.uk).



## Regeneration of the High-rise flats

All residents have now been relocated from the flats pending demolition.

Work is also now well underway to prepare for the demolition of the three high rise blocks. A design team has been established to prepare a demolition specification, although the flats seem quiet, work is going on in the background with consultants and telecoms providers to find alternative locations for equipment on the roof.



It is currently anticipated that the three high rise blocks will be demolished during 2026.

Following this, a design on how the area will look is in place based on feedback from local residents at a consultation in 2024. The plan includes new homes, green space and community facilities. Look out for further consultations over the next year or, at ward forums to put forward your opinion on what you would like to see on the site. Check out the QR code for more details.



## HU4 Community Trust

The HU4 Community Trust continues to make a positive impact across the HU4 area. Their latest initiative 'CC Sunrise to Sundown Radio' is a community-focused digital station designed to engage, empower, and connect residents of the Boothferry Estate and beyond.

In addition to broadcasting, the Trust offers a range of activities and services including bingo sessions, a foodbank, and other local events that bring people together and provide essential support.

Want to get involved or learn more? Just scan the QR code or visit HU4 Community Trust for full details on programs and upcoming events.



**healthy holidays summer**

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with free food included

free activities for school aged children and young people living in Hull

[www.healthyholidayshull.org](http://www.healthyholidayshull.org)

The poster features a bright yellow background with a sun, bunting, and butterflies. A large QR code is prominently displayed, with a cartoon character of a person wearing a hat and sunglasses standing next to it. The text is in a playful, colorful font. At the bottom, there is a green banner with the website URL.

## Community Walks – Summergroves

Over the last few months the police along with the West Area Team have arranged walks on Summergroves, these always meet up at Sable Close. These have been well attended and provide the chance to meet up with your neighbours for a walk and a chat. These are taken at a leisurely pace and will suit everyone, so why not join us.

The next walks will meet at Sable Close at 2pm on Tuesday 19 August and Tuesday 23 September.



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## Monthly Patchwalks

Every month the Pickering Ward has a patchwalk which includes your local Councillors and our partners. The patchwalk is usually held at the end of the month, and the next ones are planned for:

Friday 22 August 2025 at 1pm

Friday 26 September 2025 at 1pm

**Look out for social media updates for the locations if you want to come along, or contact us if you would like your area to be part of a patch walk.**

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## Ward Forums

The Summer ward forum dates are confirmed, and we're bringing the discussion straight to the community. These mobile forums will be held within the ward itself, giving you the chance to share ideas, raise concerns, and speak directly with local representatives.

Forum dates:

Thursday 31 July 2025, 4 - 6pm at Summergroves wetlands.

Thursday 21 August 2025, 4 - 6pm held on the corner of Anlaby Park Road South and Benedict Road.

Thursday 25 September 2025, 2.30 - 4pm held at Christopher Pickering school gates.

Thursday 23 October 2025, 4 - 6pm Peter Pan Coffee Shop.

Would you like to host a forum in your neighbourhood?

Please contact: [west.areateam@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:west.areateam@hullcc.gov.uk)



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