



# UPDATE

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**Welcome** to the August 2016 edition of **UPDATE**, our briefing paper for Parish and Town Councillors in Hambleton.

## Charges for Green Waste

**Charging for collections of green waste from Hambleton homes is to be introduced next year.**

Cuts in government funding and other budget pressures mean the council has £1 million to save in 2017/18. By introducing charges for green waste collections substantial savings can be made to contribute towards this target - the service currently costs the council £455,650 a year.

It will also mean the authority is in line with most of its counterparts - five of the seven councils in North Yorkshire already have a charging policy in place. The level of charge - which will be on a voluntary subscription basis - will be decided next month (September).

The council introduced a free garden waste collection service 12 years ago as part of a national drive to boost recycling rates. Since then compulsory targets have been removed and because these collections are not a mandatory service, the trend across the country is now to charge for green waste collections.

Hambleton householders will have the choice of opting in or out of the service - they may prefer to compost their garden waste or dispose of it themselves at the household waste centres. And for people with small gardens there is the opportunity to share bins. Information on the scheme - including the level of charges and how to subscribe to it - will be issued to every home later this year.



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## Kerbside Rates Soar!

**Kerbside recycling rates are soaring since the introduction of the districts new recycling scheme at the end of February.**

During March, April and May 2015 the council collected 1179 tonnes of recycling at the kerbside but this year it's a whopping 1952 tonnes...a 66% increase!

Residents may have also noticed there is more space in their black bins too - in the same period the black bins have also decreased in weight. Last year we collected 4785 tonnes and this year 4394 tonnes - an 8% reduction.

The quality of material we collect remains good, so it's a big thank you to all our Hambleton residents for doing their bit and impressing our contractors!



### A few tips...

- Please keep glass out of the wheeled bin - use your blue box
- Metal lids from jars and bottles can be put in the recycling wheeled bin
- Rinse items - we cannot take food waste
- Keep bags, sacks and plastic film out of the recycling bin

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... on our local rate number

**01609 779977**

# Food Safety Review



**A review of community halls - and their need for food hygiene inspections - is underway.**

Community organisations are being asked to check if they need to register with the district council.

The Food Standards Agency has issued guidance on community and charity food provision - the application of EU food hygiene law and when registration is needed to provide food.

Environmental Health officers are currently reviewing premises registered with the council to establish if they still need to be registered - and to prioritise high risk activities for inspections. Many groups will receive letters asking for information on the food served to be provided but officers are aware that there are many unregistered premises that need to be registered - and vice versa.

All community hall committees are being asked to look at the guidance. Groups which need to be registered should check they are and complete a self-assessment questionnaire available at:

[hambleton.gov.uk/info/20128/food\\_hygiene/174/food\\_hygiene\\_and\\_safety/2](http://hambleton.gov.uk/info/20128/food_hygiene/174/food_hygiene_and_safety/2)

Groups and halls which may have been registered can check if they are on:

[hambleton.gov.uk/downloads/download/361/food\\_premises\\_public\\_register](http://hambleton.gov.uk/downloads/download/361/food_premises_public_register)

## In general the following groups need to be registered:

- A faith group providing monthly hot food in a hall to local people - including luncheon clubs (free or payment).
- A community café opening for three days per week on a pay-what-you-can basis offering food which has been donated by other businesses and by individuals.
- A sports club serving hot meals regularly during the season - such as an amateur football club serving food every other Saturday from September through to May to club members and visitors.
- A small community centre supplying around 12 people with free hot food two lunchtimes per week, where some of the food has been prepared by volunteers at home.
- A charity volunteer operation organising the daily collection of sandwiches from supermarkets for distribution to homeless people.
- A volunteer-run operation providing hot soup and bread to homeless people each evening.

## These groups do not need to be registered:

- One off event such as church or school fete, or a street party.
- Daily small-scale provision in the weekday afternoons of low-risk foods by community/charity volunteers, such as provision of tea and biscuits in a church hall.

- School breakfast club/playgroup where volunteers supply simple breakfast foods like toast and cereal and orange juice which is given to children and/or toddlers for two or three hours each day during term-time.
- A village hall event held about six times per year where a two course hot meal is served to about sixty people including elderly people - where the food is cooked at home by volunteers or brought in and is reheated in the hall kitchen prior to consumption.
- A small food bank operating for just an hour or two per day on an infrequent basis by volunteers collecting donated tinned and packaged foodstuffs not requiring temperature control for distribution to local people.
- Scout or guide camp lasting a few days at a time and cooking food.
- Infrequent provision of food by members of a club or society for their shared consumption at a private event.
- A church hall providing food made by volunteers for mourners after a funeral.
- Amateur drama group serving packaged foods and soft drinks for audiences for limited periods.
- A 'cooking club' where members bring in the food ingredients or pay the course leader to supply the ingredients - people attending learn to cook using equipment in the hall and then all sit down to eat together or take food home.

For the guidance visit [food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/hall-provision-guidance.pdf](http://food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/hall-provision-guidance.pdf)

For further Food Safety Advice visit [food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/food-hygiene/charity-community-groups](http://food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/food-hygiene/charity-community-groups) or [hambleton.gov.uk/downloads/20128/food\\_hygiene](http://hambleton.gov.uk/downloads/20128/food_hygiene)

For more information contact Hambleton's Environmental Health team on 01609 767215 or [ehs@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:ehs@hambleton.gov.uk).

# Update Your Action Plan!

**Parishes are being urged to update their action plans to take into account all community based priorities.**

For the last five years Hambleton District Council has been working with Parish Councils to produce action plans which identify their priority public open space, sport and recreation projects. They are being used to allocate Section 106 funds which come from new developments.

However in April 2015 the Council adopted a new system for collecting developer contributions - the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Parish Councils receive 15% from CIL contributions in their parish - increased to 25% if there is an adopted Neighbourhood Plan. Guidance on the type of projects that it can be used for is currently being issued.

The introduction of CIL means that monies for public open space, sport and recreation is now unlikely to come from Section 106 agreements - but could be funded by CIL.

The Action Plans will still be used in the short term to allocate existing Section 106 funds - however this cash will eventually run out and funding for play areas, sports clubs, allotments, village greens and outside space for young people will be sought from external sources or from CIL.

Parish Councils are being asked to revisit existing action plans - or consider creating a new plan - so that future CIL contributions take account of community priorities including public open space, sport and recreation.



Bedale Athletic and Sports Association received £78,000 to update facilities.

For further information on CIL contact Helen Dinsdale:  
[helen.dinsdale@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:helen.dinsdale@hambleton.gov.uk)

For further information on Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plans contact Lisa Wilson:  
[lisa.wilson@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.wilson@hambleton.gov.uk)

## Expanded Dog Warden Service

**Hambleton's dog warden service - and the purge on dog fouling - has been expanded.**

The council has brought pest control into the service, meaning all the officers can deal with both areas.

The in house dog warden service was set up two years ago to carry out patrols in areas where fouling is an issue to act as a deterrent and issue on the spot fines where necessary - as well as deal with stray dogs. Since then the number of stray dog calls has risen from 93 to 310 and fouling incidents from 60 to 171. Fouling is also a concern for local people - in a recent survey 52% of residents reported incidents near their homes.

"In order to deliver a better dog warden service we have combined the two teams," said Head of Service - Environment, Paul Staines.

"It means we can still undertake all our pest control duties but when the officers are out and about they can also deal with dog issues.

"The team can be multi-functional - and will be a very visible presence in their newly liveried vehicles.

"They will be checking known dog fouling hotspots and keeping their eyes open for problems."

He said that it is hoped the new service will also have the capacity to work more closely with schools and parishes to proactively promote and address dog fouling problems.



Paul Staines (far left) is pictured with some of the new team: Will Hopson, Andy Harbottle and David Granger.

## Area Partnerships

The four Area Partnerships across Hambleton are working closely with local community groups and other voluntary organisations to develop and deliver Community Plans which seek to identify and resolve local issues.

The Partnerships provide an excellent opportunity for community organisations to work together and share resources, knowledge and expertise. The dates for Area Partnership meetings in 2016 are:

### Bedale and Villages Community Forum

- September 15 (Annual General Meeting)
- November 10

All meetings are held in the Drawing Room at Bedale Hall at 7.30pm

### Easingwold and Villages Community Forum

- October 27 (Annual General Meeting - the Galtres Centre)
- December 8 (venue to be confirmed)

All meetings are held at 7.30pm

### Northallerton and Villages Community Forum

- October 13 (Annual General Meeting)
- November 24

All meetings are held in the Civic Centre in Northallerton at 4pm

### Stokesley and Villages Community Partnership

- September 7
- November 2

All meetings are held in the Town Close offices of the Stokesley and District Community Care Association at 7.30pm.

For further information contact Peter Cole on **01609 767212** or [peter.cole@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:peter.cole@hambleton.gov.uk)

## Silver Housing Services



Hambleton's Housing Options Team has reached the half way point in its goal to become a 'gold' standard service.

It has passed six of the ten challenges needed to be awarded the title - bringing it up to silver standard.

The challenges - of which the remaining four are now being assessed - are:

- To adopt a corporate commitment to prevent homelessness which has buy in across all local authority services.
- To actively work in partnership with voluntary sector and other local partners to address support, education, employment and training needs.
- To offer a housing options prevention service to all clients, including written advice.
- To adopt a No Second Night Out model or an effective local alternative.
- To have housing pathways agreed or in development with each key partner and client group that include appropriate accommodation and support.
- To develop a suitable private rented sector offer for all client groups, including advice and support to both clients and landlords.
- To actively engage in preventing mortgage repossessions, including through the Mortgage Rescue Scheme.
- To have a homelessness strategy which sets out a proactive approach to preventing homelessness and is reviewed annually to be responsive to emerging needs.
- To not place any young person aged 16 or 17 in bed and breakfast accommodation.
- To not place any families in bed and breakfast accommodation unless in an emergency and for no longer than six weeks.

The authority's Homelessness Strategy for 2015-20 incorporates this work and a comprehensive action plan for the next five years. The Landlords Forum has also been relaunched - the last meeting was held in June at the Evolution Business Centre in Northallerton when there were representatives from the council and the Fire Service to advise on services on offer and changes to legislation that affects all landlords.

For further advice or support from the Housing Options Service contact Alison Morton Housing, Options Team Leader, on **01609 767177**.

## Christmas Flooding



Since Decembers 2015's extensive flooding, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has been working tirelessly to administer grants and collate data and statistics from the seven affected councils across North Yorkshire, as well as Cumbria, Lancashire and Northumberland. As one of the areas affected Hambleton provided the following information:

- **21** .....Households affected
- **3** .....Businesses affected
- **£10,500** ...Emergency Recovery payment paid to affected households within three weeks of flooding
- **£10,150** ...Council Tax relief awarded
- **£13,000** ...Business Rate relief awarded
- **£20,000** ...Flood Resilience grants awarded by DCLG

# Community Led Housing

The North and East Yorkshire Rural Housing Enabler Network (RHE Network) is working with partners to find innovative ways to deliver more rural affordable housing.

One approach is Community Led Housing, which allows communities to take the lead in providing their own housing solutions. It can take the form of new build, conversions, refurbishment of empty properties or even an element of new build housing on a larger development.

Schemes can be in a variety of legal forms - including self-help housing, co-housing, cooperatives, community land trusts and community self-build.

Rural Action Yorkshire and the RHE Network have secured funding from the Nationwide Foundation, North Star Housing and the UK Co-Housing Network to explore the potential for community led housing to be part of the solution to the shortage of affordable, high quality housing in rural North Yorkshire and East Riding.

The result will be a greater understanding of community led housing and resources to help communities and other stakeholders better understand the options and funding opportunities. The network also aims to identify up to five pilot communities interested in bringing community led housing to fruition.



If these pilots are successful and have a good take-up from Parish Councils and communities, the project will create resources that can be disseminated to other community councils across England to support more communities to take forward community led housing.

The Rural Housing Enablers, employed by Hambleton District Council, will provide support and guidance for any communities in North Yorkshire and East Riding wishing to consider this mechanism for delivering affordable homes in their parishes.

To find out more contact the enablers on **01609 767048**.

To book a place at the 'Building on Shifting Sands' rural housing conference at Hutton Rudby Village Hall on 29 September register at:  
[eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-on-shifting-sands-north-east-yorks-rural-housing-conference-2016-registration-26407131441](http://eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-on-shifting-sands-north-east-yorks-rural-housing-conference-2016-registration-26407131441)

## Your Views Wanted...

In response to national planning policy changes, Hambleton District Council has prepared a draft 'Guidance Note' for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople.

The guidance seeks to provide practical advice and assist members of those communities who are considering submitting a planning application.

Councils have a duty to ensure fair and equal treatment for travellers, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic way of life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community.

Once finalised the guidance note will provide a tool for planners to use when handling planning applications and appeals and will hopefully reduce the number of enforcement cases. It will also provide advice to applicants on when a planning application is needed, choosing a site and the planning application process.

An eight week consultation exercise started this month and all residents, agents and the traveller community are encouraged to give their views.

You can download the document at [hambleton.gov.uk/Guidancenote](http://hambleton.gov.uk/Guidancenote)

Alternatively paper copies are available at any of the district council offices in Northallerton, Stokesley and Easingwold or by calling **01609 779977**.

Responses should be sent to Planning Policy and Conservation, Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UU or [planningpolicy@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@hambleton.gov.uk) by 5pm on Friday 23 Sept.

# Lucky Thirteen!

Thirteen inspirational entrepreneurs have been recognised at an annual Hambleton awards ceremony.

And three of them have been named 'champions' for their work promoting the district and encouraging economic prosperity.

Guy Baragwanath of Thirsk and District Business Association, the 'Thirsty Thursday' group from Stokesley and Peter Rush of Thirsk TIC could not be separated by the judging panel - each devoting a huge amount of time and effort to the district.

"The Hambleton Business Awards are now in their third year and the judging gets tougher and tougher," said Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Peter Wilkinson.

"Hambleton is a great place to live, work and grow your business and the standard of entries showed just that - competition was very strong. The council supports businesses no matter how big or small, established or just starting out - and these winners demonstrate that Hambleton is a place to develop and raise a business."



## Awards went to:

- **Learning and Development:** engineers and manufacturers of curtainside tensioners Langver of Thirsk, for the business's commitment to developing staff and for the exceptionally skilled team.
- **Engaging Young Minds:** Liz Pocklington of Riverford Home Delivery of Easingwold - which delivers organic food boxes - for her dedication to Crayke School where she has helped educate children and parents on healthy eating, as well as help to raise funds for the school.
- **Apprentice Champion:** Lucy Collins at Tollerton Surgery for what she brings to the practice where she is now a key member of the team.
- **Graduate Champion:** Lauren Bennett of Analox of Stokesley - a world leader in the design and manufacture of gas sensors and analysers - for the impact she has had in transforming the company brand.
- **Local is Best:** joint first place went to coffee shop Stamps of Great Ayton, ice cream parlour Sorella of Stokesley and the Fruity Kitchen of Sutton on the Forest - which makes chutneys, relishes and jams - for their customer service, great local

produce and their passionate approach to running a business.

- **Hambleton Champion:** Guy Baragwanath, Thirsk and District Business Association; Thirsty Thursday, Stokesley; Peter Rush, Thirsk Tourist Information Centre.
- **Innovation:** manufacturer of tailor made robotic solutions, Labman of Seamer, for their dynamic, innovative approach to solving client needs around the world, championing of apprenticeships and enthusiasm for their unique approach to business solutions.
- **Best Dressed Window:** Alina Florist of Thirsk for her creative window designs, transforming the business offer in Kirkgate for local shoppers and visitors.
- **Community Contribution:** community shop and post office, Barkers of Huby for the great partnership between the villages of Stillington and Huby and the 420 residents who have secured the shop and post office for the area.



Highly commended awards went to: North Yorkshire Physiotherapy for work in the local community; Caroline Todd of Hot Toddi for her passion for the area; Skeldale Vets of Thirsk for their promotion of Hambleton and Amelia Herbert of Great Ayton for her work on the Tour de Yorkshire in Great Ayton.

The awards were sponsored by Dales of Thirsk, Proper Tasty of Northallerton, STAR Radio, and the Federation of Small Businesses - and the ceremony compered by Tim Lichfield of Star Radio.

# Have Your Say

**Hambleton residents are being asked for their views on a scheme which reduces the amount of Council Tax for those on low incomes.**

The district council is considering bringing its current system in line with the changes made by central government in relation to Housing Benefit and Universal Credit.

Currently the maximum discount is 80% of Council Tax for working age households and up to 100% for pensioners - the national scheme for pensioners will not be affected by these proposals.

“Since the termination of council tax benefit three years ago all councils have to develop their own council tax reduction schemes which are reviewed every year,” said Head of Service for Finance, Louise Branford-White.

“It is really important that everyone has their say as those who do not receive a discount are subsidising those who do in order to provide the same level of council services.”

An eight week consultation exercise is now underway and all residents are encouraged to give their views by completing the consultation form online at [hambleton.gov.uk/survey/ctrs](http://hambleton.gov.uk/survey/ctrs)

Alternatively paper copies are available at any of the district council offices in Northallerton, Stokesley and Easingwold or by telephoning 01609 779977.

The consultation closes on 2 October.



## Planning Update

Along with this newsletter is a copy of the powerpoint presentation made to parishes earlier this year to explain various planning issues and processes - including the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), planning portal and planning consultations.

For more information contact [maria.shiel-dods@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:maria.shiel-dods@hambleton.gov.uk)

Also enclosed is the Street Naming and Numbering booklet.

# Primetime Fun

**Five primetime groups are now running across Hambleton.**

The Hambleton District Council initiative has been developed in partnership with North Yorkshire Sport and North Yorkshire County Council.

It helps reduce isolation and loneliness by using low impact sport - boccia and new age curling - to engage with local members of the community to improve physical involvement and social links.

Now in its second year there are five established groups in Husthwaite (term time only), Topcliffe, Stillington, Great Ayton and Stokesley. And on top of the regular sessions the groups also meet up with each other for some friendly competition - which allows them to mix with each other. It is also what Primetime is all about - making new friendships and enjoying yourself.

For further information contact Joe McKechnie on [joe.mckechnie@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:joe.mckechnie@hambleton.gov.uk) or 01609 767261.



## £2.5m Re-Vamp for Leisure Centre

**A £2.5 million re-vamp of Hambleton's premier leisure centre has been given the green light.**

The final piece of funding for a major overhaul of the Northallerton based centre has been approved with the District Council securing a £213,000 investment of National Lottery funding from Sport. It is one of 19 schemes supported nationally with £6.5million.

The lions share of the project's cost will be borne by Hambleton District Council itself - it will spend £2.2 million to extend and refurbish the health and fitness facilities.

The scheme includes a new gym extension that will double the current work out area; two studios for group exercise and spinning classes; and new and improved changing rooms.

It means an improved programme of activities to help promote the health and well being of people of all ages and levels of fitness can be introduced.

"It is estimated that one in six deaths are caused by physical inactivity - and from research it is clear that areas with good quality leisure centres fair better in helping people achieve a healthy lifestyle," said Cabinet Spokesman, Councillor Bridget Fortune.

"In Hambleton we are blessed with wonderful outdoor spaces to exercise in and the district council has always been committed to complimenting this with excellent indoor leisure provision.

"By improving and extending Hambleton Leisure Centre we can demonstrate this commitment - all the improvements will be moulded towards the needs of local people as we help them balance busy lives with great health and exercise opportunities.

"This is the final part of an investment programme which has seen the council upgrade leisure facilities in all five of our market towns. And we have worked hard with Sport England to make this happen."

The project is split into two phases - to be delivered together. The first is a £413,000 scheme to improve and modernise the swimming changing and ancillary areas and it is for this that Sport England is contributing £213,000.



Cllr Fortune (centre) is pictured at the site of the new leisure centre extension with members of the leisure team

Sport England Property Director, Charles Johnston, added: "Thankfully as a nation we are becoming more active. Meeting this demand can be challenging, but thanks to National Lottery funding we can help sports club improve their facilities so even more people can enjoy a really first rate experience of being active."

The second phase to extend the gym and improve the studio areas and changing facilities, providing the biggest and most modern facilities in Hambleton, will cost £2m - which is being borne by the council.

The authority will now seek a development partner to help deliver the scheme - with a target to complete it by spring 2018.



# Tour de Yorkshire Exhibition

## The legacy of the Tour de Yorkshire is living on in Hambleton!

A special exhibition of eleven of the pieces of land art created for the May visit of the world famous race has been mounted by the District Council.

Throughout the summer visitors to the Civic Centre in Northallerton can check out framed photographs of the work by local communities. Several schools are represented - Applegarth County Primary; Northallerton School; Brompton County Primary; East Thirsk County Primary; Stokesley School; and Hutton Rudby County Primary.

There is also work by Thirsk and Northallerton Golf Club, Hillside Scout Group and the White Horse Explorer Scout Unit; Great Ayton village; and District Councillor Bridget Fortune.

And an image of the piece created in partnership by Hambleton District Council with the Yorkshire Gliding Club and North York Moors National Park is also on display!

"Communities across Hambleton embraced the visit of the tour but these pieces of land art were only visible from the air so were not seen by many people," said Council Leader, Councillor Mark Robson.

"We wanted to mark this work so we took drone pictures of some of them and this exhibition gives people a chance to check out the artistic talent that was on show."

The exhibition is open from Monday to Thursday 8.45am until 5.15pm and from 8.45am until 4.45pm on Fridays.



Representatives of the organisations involved in the land art are pictured with Cllr Robson and Cllr Fortune (both top right)

## Cut Price Sports Pitches

**Leisure centres across Hambleton are giving local residents the chance to hire sports pitches at less than half price.**

Juniors using the multi-use games areas in Bedale, Northallerton and Stokesley on Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm will pay just £1 per hour as long as there is a minimum of eight players.

And adults can hire any of the pitches for £20 per session. The offer runs until Sunday 4 September.

There is also a pitch to hire at Thirsk.

For further information, terms and conditions visit [hambleton.gov.uk/zest/offers](http://hambleton.gov.uk/zest/offers) or contact the centres: Bedale **01677 427272**, Hambleton **01609 777070**, Stokesley **01642 711140**, Thirsk **01845 522447**



Hambleton's annual performance review - **Hambleton Highlights** - has been published.

The document gives an overview of how the council performed during 2015-16, summarising progress and highlighting significant local outcomes.

Check it out on [hambleton.gov.uk](http://hambleton.gov.uk)



# Anyone Can Run!



**Mum of two, Leanne Todd, is proof that anyone can run!**

Six months ago the 35 year old had never run regularly in her life - now she has completed her first 10k thanks to joining a Thirsk community running group!

And she is looking forward to more challenges.

Thirsk Community Running Group is led by Malcolm Aitken, who is part of the team that attended training sponsored by Hambleton District Council eight months ago. The team now each have a Leadership in Running Fitness qualification, which enables them to lead community running groups.

"I lead a very busy life," said Leanne. "In addition to looking after my boys, I travel to work and run my own caravan and camping business. I never thought I had the time to fit in exercise, but the running group was a perfect opportunity to get me started.

"Everyone was so welcoming, friendly and supportive. I love the freedom that running gives me as it enables me to fit in regular exercise around my busy work and home life, and it's free."

She began attending parkruns before moving on to her first 10k race - The Pendragon Northallerton 10k. Now she runs three times a week and keeps tab on her progress using a mobile app.

"I would urge anyone who is thinking of giving running a try to go along to one of their local running groups, they're great fun," she added.

For more information on Hambleton Running Hub initiatives contact David Earl on **01609 767202** or **david.earl@hambleton.gov.uk**



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## Sports Club Support

**Hambleton District Council recognises the vital part sports clubs play in our communities - and is developing ways to offer clubs in the district support.**

This year two Club Matters workshops have been held. Club Matters is Sport England's one stop shop for sports clubs - it provides free, convenient, practical resources to help develop and run a sustainable club.

In addition, the council hosted its first Club Night in May when sports clubs were invited to come along and network with other clubs and share their aspirations and challenges. The next Club Night is on Wednesday 21 September from 6.30 - 8.30pm at the Civic Centre in Northallerton.

For further information on support available to sports clubs - or to book a place on the Club Night - contact: [clare.lowe@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:clare.lowe@hambleton.gov.uk)

## Licensing Consultation

**A six week consultation on Hambleton District Council's draft licensing policy is about to start.**

Licensing authorities are required under the Licensing Act 2003 to publish a Statement of Licensing Policy which they propose to apply when exercising their functions. The policy must be published at least every five years.

As part of the consultation all licence holders, responsible authorities, district councillors and parish councils will be invited to take part - along with certain government and trade bodies.

All responses will be considered by the Council's Licensing Committee prior to any referral being made for final approval. Further information will be provided to parishes shortly.

For more information contact Simon Fisher, Principal Licensing Officer, on **01609 767209**.

## Fair Play

**Parish Councils and Play Associations are being invited to a free fact finding event!**

And if you can answer yes to any of these statements it's the event for you!

- Do you have responsibility for any play areas in your parish?
- Would you like to meet like-minded people and find out about their projects?
- Would you like know more about the support that is available to you?
- Would you like some advice on how you can develop your play area?
- Would you like to know more about funding?

'Fair Play' takes place on Wednesday 21 September at 6.30pm at the Civic Centre in Northallerton.

To book a place contact Kate Staines [kate.staines@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:kate.staines@hambleton.gov.uk) or **01609 767203**.



# Sports Awards

**Hambleton's annual Sports Awards are open for nominations.**

Residents are being urged to nominate the district's top sporting heroes for the 2016 awards.

There are nine award categories again this year:

- Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year (18+)
- Disabled Sportsperson of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Community Sports Project of the Year
- School Sporting Achievement
- Outstanding Voluntary Contribution
- Lifetime Achievement



Full details of the award categories and eligibility, together with the Nomination Form, are available on [hambleton.gov.uk/sportsawards](http://hambleton.gov.uk/sportsawards)

The deadline for nominations is 22 September. Short-listed candidates and their nominator will be invited to attend the awards ceremony, which will take place on the evening of Wednesday 2 November.

For further information contact [clare.lowe@hambleton.gov.uk](mailto:clare.lowe@hambleton.gov.uk)

## Transforming Our Communities Consultation

**Parishes are being urged to have their say about the transformation of local community health services.**

The Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group is wanting views on a set of options - including those for the Lambert Hospital in Thirsk and the Rutson Ward in Northallerton.

The three month long consultation runs until the start of October.

The survey can be accessed online at [surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J2NNWLQ](http://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J2NNWLQ)

More information can be found on [hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk/transforming-our-communities](http://hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk/transforming-our-communities)

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