



Hello and welcome to the February update from Hull Food Partnership!
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You may have noticed a shift towards warmer weather during February which means that Spring is in the air. On [20th March the Vernal Equinox](#) also marks the astronomical first day of spring.

It's a big month for [sowing vegetable seeds](#), including broad beans, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, lettuces, radish, peas, spinach, summer brassicas, salad leaves, leeks, chard, kohlrabi and turnips, try sowing these in modules or trays in a greenhouse or on a warm windowsill, or some can be sown directly in the ground later in the month and given protection with horticultural fleece, a grow tunnel or cloche.

March is also an excellent time to start planting [chillies and tomatoes](#) as it gives them enough time to mature before the end of summer. These are best grown in a greenhouse or started off in heated propagator.

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Hull Food Partnership News

Hull's Young Mayor launches the Food and Solutions campaign

Since 2023, Hull Food Partnership has been working with [Hull's Young Mayor and Youth representatives](#) on the design and implementation of a [Food and Solutions campaign](#) to support young people in Hull with access to information about nutrition, easy recipes and a map of food support across the city.

This process included ideas and content development, identifying and applying for funding, engaging a designer and developer, and creating and promoting the finished product. We are really proud with what [they have accomplished](#) and their work will be now part of the suite of resources to support households across the city.

Seed Celebration Success!

Thank to everyone who came along to the Seed Celebration on 22nd February. We had 20 exhibitors who contributed to the event, and more than 200 people through the door to make the most of the seeds and advice that we were able to share.

We intend to run the event again next year. So, if there's anything specific you'd like to see there in the future, please let us know.

Eat the System



Hull Food Partnership in association with **Creative Projects**

'Eat The System' podcast. Episode 13 – EMS

[This episode](#) is a deep dive into the whys and wherefores of a sector that has increased massively, in numbers, and in social importance, over recent years. The problems may be the same, but the solutions are as varied as they are inventive.

EMS is a charity that has worked to reduce food and fuel poverty in Hull and the surrounding area for over 25 years, their innovative approach has led to being finalists in the BBC Food and Farming Awards as well as winners of the BBC Make A Difference Awards.

You can listen to the podcast via: [Spotify](#) / [Amazon](#) / [Apple](#) or [Deezer](#)



Local News

Help shape the future of Rooted in Hull – Deadline 10th March

[Rooted in Hull](#) are currently applying to transfer into a registered charity.

In order to facilitate this process, they would very much appreciate as many of Hull's communities to help gather information about the role Rooted in Hull has in your life.

The more people that fill in the survey, the more accurate a picture they can present about the work they do. Please take a little time from your day to help collect as much information as possible by [completing this online form](#).

Hull primary schools take part in Breakfast Clubs early adopters scheme

The Government's [breakfast clubs early adopters scheme](#) is designed to break down barriers to opportunity, as well as tackle the impact of child poverty.

All primary aged children in early adopter schools will be able to access a free breakfast and at least 30 minutes of free childcare, every day, helping to support parents getting into work by dropping their children off half an hour earlier.

Schools are encouraged to offer [healthy, varied and nutritious breakfasts](#), with examples from wheat bisks and porridge to fresh fruit and yoghurt.

The early adopter schools also provide a setting to host activities including arts and crafts, educational puzzles, reading and more.

Hull schools that have been accepted on to the scheme are as follows:

- Longhill Primary School
- Maybury Primary School
- Neasden Primary School
- Kingswood Parks Primary School
- St Vincent's Voluntary Catholic Academy
- St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy
- Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy
- St Nicholas Primary School
- Thorpepark Academy
- Ings Primary School
- St Charles Voluntary Catholic Academy
- Broadacre Primary School
- Ganton School

Schools that become early adopters will get early access to government funding to deliver free and universal breakfast clubs from the first day of summer term 2025.

Need a hand in the garden? The People's Land Cooperative may be able to help

[The People's Land Cooperative](#) are an ecological gardening and landscaping business based in Hull. As well as providing all aspects of garden maintenance such as hedge-trimming, lawn-care, weeding, and pruning, they specialise in designing beautiful low-cost gardens that provide an abundance of food as well as habitat for local wildlife.

As a worker's cooperative, they are owned and managed by their workers, and pay a living wage. The money they make is reinvested into upskilling their workforce and supporting community growing projects in our city.

They are fully insured and are in the process of becoming accredited Permaculture Landscape Designers.

Contact them for a free quote via 07960 078593 /

peopleslandcooperative@gmail.com



National News

Food prices rise faster than inflation

February statistics from the Food Foundation's [Food Price Tracker](#) show food inflation rise by 3.3% (CPIH) over taking overall inflation for the first time since September 2024. This indicates that food prices are starting to rise at a faster rate meaning increased prices on supermarket shelves. The rising cost of essentials such as food hits low-income households the hardest, as they spend a greater proportion of their disposable income on food.

Concerningly, grocery shoppers are being warned of further food price increases in the coming months as retailers who are subject to the cost of budget tax rises (such as the rise in National Insurance) may pass through any cost rises. The British Retail Consortium has forecast an average food price rise of 4.2% in the latter half of 2025.

Government action on food prices and food insecurity continues to be insufficient. The House of Lords Food, Diet and Obesity Committee's report [Recipe for Health: A Plan to Fix Our Broken Food System](#) cited research by Food Standards Scotland and the Food Standards Agency in Northern Ireland,

which found that an essential food basket costs between 23% and 40% of a low-income household's income.

With food prices projected to continue rising, millions of families will continue to struggle to afford a nutritious diet.

The [Government response](#) commented on some of the challenges of tracking these costs - such as regional disparities in food access and stated that more evidence is needed before implementing any measures.

In 2024, the Food Foundation Insecurity Tracker reported that 59.9% of food insecure households were cutting down on fruit, with 44.2% also cutting down on vegetables.

Without stronger intervention, such as strengthening nutritional support schemes such as Healthy Start and Free School Meals, ensuring benefits and wages cover the cost of a healthy, sustainable diet, changing the commercial incentives for businesses to rebalance the relative cost of healthy and less healthy foods in the basket, and stricter regulation of unhealthy food marketing - the government risks allowing food insecurity and diet-related health inequalities to worsen.

As it stands, the government's response lacks the urgency and decisive action needed to tackle the root causes of food price inflation and ensure that everyone can afford to eat well.



[#EatThemToDefeatThem returns on 10th March!](#)

In 2018 [Veg Power](#) created the [Eat Them to Defeat Them](#) campaign. This multi-award winning campaign combines the power of advertising with a schools' programme and moves away from traditional five-a-day messaging to a concept designed for children – one they find fun and engaging. The campaign has involved a collaboration of creative talent, celebrity support, local government support, schools and catering companies with a positive buzz and a central narrative which puts the parents and kids on the same side.

Coming into its seventh year in 2025 this much-loved campaign has been supported by £20m of TV advertising with over 1.7m different children taking part in over 5,000 primary and special schools. The evaluation data confirms that repeated involvement in the campaign leads to increased veg consumption over the long term and population scale improvement in veg consumption.

There's still time to get involved – [sign up now!](#)



EASTER

AT HOLDERNESS HOUSE



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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK, CONTACT CHARITY@HOLDERNESSHOUSETRUST.CO.UK



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Consultations / Campaigns

Survey: Hull Adult Social Care Strategy 2025 to 2028. Deadline 3rd March

Hull City Council are creating a new adult social care strategy and need your input. Whether you've used services for yourself or on behalf of someone else or just have ideas for improvement, let's make it better for everyone!

Complete the survey here: <https://yoursay.hull.gov.uk/ascstrategy>

Hull Community Highstreets. Deadline 14th March

Hull City Council is undertaking a £6million Community Highstreets investment project. The citywide scheme aims to reinvigorate high streets through enhancing quality of place, environmental performance, accessibility, community services and satisfaction, as well as increasing footfall and reducing shop vacancy rates.

An online survey asks you to feed back your ambitions for 6 areas:

- Anlaby Road / Coltman Street
- Barham Road
- Chanterlands Avenue
- Gipsyville
- Grampian Way
- Holderness Road / Woodford

Take part here: <https://yoursay.hull.gov.uk/hub-page/community-high-street>

Hull City Centre Vision. Deadline 16th March

Hull City Council want to hear from people all across Hull about how the city centre could be improved: from flooding, to housing, to green spaces, to jobs and skills. [Read the information carefully, then fill out the short survey](#) to help shape the City Centre Vision.

This summer, the completed City Centre Vision will be released, and the council will be asking for your feedback on the final document, but for now, they want to know about your experiences and aspirations for the city, so that they can make sure the City Centre Vision will bring changes that benefit everyone.

Government Consultation: Land use in England. Deadline 25th April

England has limited land with growing demands being made of it. [This consultation explores the land use changes](#) implied by commitments to restore nature, support food production, improve climate resilience and deliver new housing and infrastructure.

It seeks views on the type and scale of land use changes that might be needed, as well as the actions government could take to support this. This will help to foster a public discussion about how land can better support government's plan for change.



Competitions/Offers/Resources

Simply Veg – Ninja Airfryers to be won – Deadline 7th March

Save time, energy, and effort with the ultimate airfryer! Six different cooking functions help to make meals healthier by using less fat. And with two large cooking zones you can prepare two dishes at once to save time on busy days. Let this energy-saving gadget take the stress out of cooking.

Simply Veg have two of these airfryers to give away. [Don't miss your chance to win – enter now!](#)

Take the RHS community growing survey and win £125 garden vouchers – Deadline 31st March

Do you grow or garden in your community? We have teamed up with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) to understand more about your experience growing or gardening in your community.

This is part of a major national research project to learn more about community growing spaces, your input will help shape support for community gardening in future. Take the 15-minute survey about your community growing space here: <https://link.mhminsight.com/GEN>

There are lots of ways people garden in their local area from planting bulbs in high street planters, to food banks harvesting allotment produce to share with

others. Let them know how you garden in your community, and what would make it better!

If you have any questions about the survey please email communities@rhs.org.uk

As a thank you for taking part, respondents will have a chance to enter a prize draw and eight lucky winners will be selected at random to receive £125 in National Garden Gift vouchers. The winners will be notified directly by email by Monday 7 April 2025.



Funding

DEFRA: Tackling food surplus at the farm gate – Deadline 13th March

Food redistribution charities can submit applications for grants starting at £20,000.

Applicants can submit bids outlining how they intend to form relationships with farmers to access any surplus food, and how they would seek to increase their capacity to redistribute this food to communities.

The funding can go towards purchasing new packaging and labelling equipment and vehicles to move goods from farms to a redistribution organisation, as well as new equipment, like fridges or freezers, to safely store food and ensure it lasts longer.

The fund is open to food redistribution charities and any groups with an interest are encouraged to apply. [More info and apply here.](#)

Hull Community Recovery Fund – Deadline 19th March

Hull City Council has received funding from the Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government (MHCLG) in response to the violent disorder that took place across late summer 2024. Other local authorities that experienced riots also received funding.

In Hull, a proportion of this money has been allocated for the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, and schools, to provide projects and activities that will help to improve community cohesion.

There is £275,000 available in total, and £70,000 of this must be spent on capital – that means buildings, vehicles or equipment. The rest of the funding is for revenue expenditure – that means things like activities, room hire, travel expenses, volunteer expenses, training and staff time. Small grants are from £500 to £5,000, main grants are from £5,001 to £40,000.

The fund aims to support projects and activities that:

- Build connections between different communities, particularly between people who would not otherwise come together
- Help to address tensions in the community, for example through creating safe spaces for challenging conversations
- Build critical thinking and strengthen people's resilience (including young people) against misinformation
- Promote shared values across communities, for example by tackling a shared challenge or recognising the positive things that unite people

[Visit the FORUM website](#) for full information on how to apply and the criteria, eligibility and restrictions.

Grow Wild Youth Grant – Deadline 19th March

Are you aged 16–25 and live in the UK? Apply for a £500 Grow Wild grant to bring your nature project to life this summer! Then apply for the [Grow Wild Youth Grant](#)

You'll get a £500 grant for your project. This can be used for anything you might need from materials, equipment, resources to helpful training, support, online sessions and resources from Grow Wild. Plus opportunities to connect with other participants across the UK and see your project featured in a collective portfolio and the chance to complete Kew's Young Environmental Leader Award designed to work alongside your Grow Wild project and recognise your achievements.

If you are under 18, please firstly obtain permission from a parent or guardian before getting started on your application.

- Find a Supporting Organisation to help you deliver the project.
- Read guidance for applicants and guidance for Supporting Organisations.
- Come up with your exciting project idea!
- Make a two-minute video telling about your project idea

Once you're ready to apply, submit your online application form.

More info and apply here: <https://growwild.kew.org/apply-grant/youth>

The Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund – Deadline 23rd March

The Yorkshire Policy Innovation Partnership (YPIP) is a UKRI-funded project operating in Yorkshire and The Humber, covering the 4 Mayoral Combined Authority areas of York and North Yorkshire, Hull and East Riding, South

Yorkshire and West Yorkshire. The partnership brings together universities/academic research, local government and community organisations on place-based initiatives themed around:

- Inclusive economy
- Creative industries
- Climate

A key element of YPIP is the £800k [Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund \(CIYF\)](#). The aim of the CIYF is to support projects, studies, activities, and collaborations that:

- advance YPIP's commitment to innovative approaches to inclusive growth, sustainable living, and data informatics
- include partnerships with – or significant input from – members of Yorkshire communities, and/or that deepen the capacity for the involvement of members of Yorkshire communities in policy innovation.

The CIYF particularly encourages:

- projects that focus on socially marginalized residents of the region – racial/ethnic or national minorities, women, residents of spatially isolated communities, those living in poverty and/or without adequate access to educational or vocational opportunities
- demonstrator projects, research addressing evidence gaps, the piloting or study of new approaches (or of existing approaches in new places).

Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund applications must select and have a leading focus on one of the 5 YPIP themes:

- Collecting and Utilising Community Data
- Good Work and Better Business
- Culture and the Creative Industry
- Climate-Ready Places
- Communities in Their Places

The Communities Innovating Yorkshire Fund offers two different funding pathways:

- Seedcorn funds of up to £10k
This funding pathway is for small/pilot projects, to be inclusive of smaller, grassroots initiatives. Applications for seedcorn funding will enable organisations to develop/pilot their ideas. The purpose of the seedcorn round is to enable groups without prior experience of grant applications to have the opportunity to 'learn by doing'.
- Larger project funds of up to £50k
This funding pathway is for developing existing/more established ideas. Larger projects should propose 'deeper dives' into one or more of the five priority areas identified above.

Information webinars to support those interested in the Communities Innovating

Yorkshire Fund are taking place on the following dates:

- Theme 2 'Good Work and Better Business' specific information session – Friday 28 February, 9:30am to 10:30am, Google Meet
- General information session – Tuesday 4 March, 10am to 11am, Google Meet
- Theme 4 webinar: 'Climate-ready Places' – Tuesday 4 March, 3pm to 4pm, Google Meet
- Theme 3 webinar: 'Culture and the Creative Industry' specific information session – Wednesday 5 March, 2pm to 3pm, Google Meet
- Theme 1 'Collecting and Utilising Community Data' specific information session – Wednesday 12 March, 10am to 11am, Google Meet

Email the team on ypip@leeds.ac.uk to sign up to attend the webinars

All information about the fund can be found on the [YPIP webpage](#)



Dates for your Diary / Events

- Hull Community Pub Society share relaunch [1st March](#)
- Good Things Market [2nd March](#)
- World Wildlife Day [3rd March](#)
- British Pie Week [3rd-9th March](#)
- Shrove Tuesday [4th March](#)
- IDEAS Fund Hull Showcase [5th March](#)
- Cottingham Green Scene Event [6th March](#)
- St John's Bransholme Community Planting Day [8th March](#)
- #EatThemToDefeatThem [10th March-6th April](#)
- Spring/Vernal Equinox [20th March](#)
- Great British Spring Clean [21st March-6th April](#)
- British Summer Time begins [30th March](#) (clocks go forward one hour)
- Hull City Nature Challenge 2025 [25th-28th April](#)
- FREE Community Meals [every Thursday at 6:30pm](#) (Marfleet Community Centre)

- Waffle pay what you feel Community Meals, [every Tuesday 4:30-7pm](#) (Lonsdale Community Centre) plus [order home delivery](#) for a set price.



Training/Webinars

FREE in person training: Hull City Nature Challenge, Wild Walks & Talks iNaturalist training sessions. 12th March (3pm-4pm) and 12th April (10am-11am). The Deep.

Booking essential: <https://www.thedeep.co.uk/events/wild-walks-talks>

In advance of the Hull City Nature Challenge come along for two FREE practical training sessions to help get you started! Meet in The Deep's Sea Lab 3 for a short training workshop on how to use iNaturalist to record wildlife. This will be followed by the opportunity to explore the green spaces around The Deep's car park with support from experts, putting your new skills into practice!

After these sessions, you will have all the tools you need in preparation to participate in this year's Hull City Nature Challenge (25th-28th April 2025). Think RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, but for all wildlife! No matter if you are a beginner to the app, or just need a refresher, all are welcome to attend these FREE sessions!

Useful Information (please read before booking):

- Please bring along a smartphone or tablet ready to install the iNaturalist app (available via Android or Apple App Store) and take photos.
- Parking is available in The Deep's main car park and is free of charge as you are booked in with us for these sessions.
- Please arrive at the entrance marked 'Learning Centre' no later than 5 minutes prior to your workshop time.
- You will be met at this entrance and shown to Sea Lab 3 for the training session.
- After the training is complete, head outside to explore The Deep's green spaces with support from our experts. Put your skills into practice and start recording the wildlife you see!
- Please ensure you wear sensible footwear for walking outside and remember to wrap up warm if it is a cold day!
- Take care whilst walking around The Deep's car park and green spaces, as there are uneven surfaces, kerbs and moving vehicles.
- Toilets, including baby change facilities and accessible toilets, are available on-site.
- There is also a café and picnic area at The Deep.
- If you would prefer not to be included in any filming/photography or have any queries regarding your booking, please email marketing@thedeep.co.uk
- Spaces are limited and must be pre-booked in advance.

Entry to these workshops are free of charge, however if you would like to visit The Deep before or after these sessions, tickets to The Deep must be purchased and pre-booked here: <https://www.thedeep.co.uk/visit/book-tickets>

FORUM Neighbourhood Health Workshop: [Tuesday, March 18: 10am-12pm](#)

Over the past few months, the VCSE Collaborative in the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership has been leading a piece of work around the role of the VCSE in delivering health and care services at a neighbourhood level.

The Partnership vision moving forward is that more services are delivered within local communities, and this needs better integration of the work currently being undertaken by the VCSE, community services and primary care.

Neighbourhood Health is a co-ordinated and collaborative approach to supporting local communities and increasing access to a range of services across all three sectors.

The VCSE, from larger organisations to smaller community groups, has an important role to play in Neighbourhood Health.

FORUM will be holding a workshop session to provide more information about work to date and to begin to explore the opportunities for the VCSE in Hull.

Please note that places are limited and are restricted to one person per organisation. If you require any additional information please contact Linda

Hull CVS Training: Award in Food Safety for Catering Level 2 (Accredited)

Thursday 29th May: 09:30-16:00

The training is free to groups and charities who have an income less than £100,000 per annum, other stipulations apply and are outlined on the website.

This is our most popular food safety qualification for anyone involved in the preparation of food. The course includes the basics of food preparation, regulations, precautions and care when handling food for others.

Successful completion of course and assessment leads to a 3 year nationally recognised Food Safety certificate.

Find out more and book here: <https://hullcvs.org.uk/event/award-in-food-safety-for-catering-level-2-accredited>

WEA Training:

Founded in 1903, the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) is a charity dedicated to bringing high-quality, professional education into the heart of communities. Many courses are FREE or discounted (subject to eligibility).

Some courses we think you'll find interesting include:

- Carbon Literacy [Starts 6th March](#)
 - Nature, Ecology & Permaculture: Health Wellbeing and the Environment [Starts 24th March](#)
 - Nature, Ecology & Permaculture: Food Sustainability - Improve health and reduce waste [Starts 7th April](#)
 - Nature, Ecology & Permaculture: Greener practices in the garden [Starts 14th April](#)
- Cooking from Scratch - Summer Recipes [Starts 10th June](#)





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