



Hello and welcome to the July update from Hull Food Partnership!  
You are receiving this email because you have previously signed up to receive more information about the work of Hull Food Partnership.

If you read last month's newsletter you will know that a hosepipe ban was anticipated after drought was declared in Yorkshire. As predicted, on 11th July a Hosepipe Ban came into force, and even though we have experienced some rainfall since then, the ban is likely to be in place until the winter. For information on what you can and can't do, and any exemptions, please visit the [Yorkshire Water website](#).

If you are interested in supporting your garden wildlife during the hot weather, here are a few tips:

- Provide enough water for animals in a bird bath or saucer of water at ground level in a shady spot. Place a stone in the centre of this so that it will help any insects that may fall in! Water straight from the tap contains organic concentrates which can be toxic for certain garden wildlife. Let the water stand for a little while in a bucket first.
- If you have a bird bath, keep it topped up. Birds need water to bathe to keep their feathers in good condition.
- Keep bird feeders topped up and scatter some food like soaked raisins and apples on the floor for thrushes and other animals. When it is hot, insects such as worms tunnel right down so it is difficult for birds who usually feast on them and they need extra support.
- Hedgehogs and other mammals love garden meadows to shelter in, so provide enough shelter from the sun. Logs, stone slabs, rockeries and tall grass are ideal, and will also provide cover for frogs, toads and newts.
- If you have a pond that has steep sides, provide a 'hedgehog ladder' or shallow bank to allow animals to get safely to the water.
- Think about adding a water feature to your garden area if you don't already have one, [Yorkshire Wildlife Trust](#) have some simple, cost effective ideas to get you started.

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## **Hull Food Partnership News**

### **Apply for a Community Food Support Grant now! Deadline 31st August**

Funding from the Department of Work and Pensions (Household Support Fund – HSF7) is being made available via Hull City Council. Part of this is being administered on their behalf by Hull CVS (an organisation that supports the voluntary and community sector in Yorkshire and the Humber) and Hull Food Partnership. This takes the form of small short-term grant funding.

Grants of up to £1,500 (Option 1) and between £1,500 - £3,000 (Option 2) are offered to voluntary and community organisations supporting local communities in the city of Hull.

The purpose of the Community Food Support Grants is to enable VCSE organisations to provide support to Hull residents to manage their household expenditure and cope with the cost of living, with a particular focus on reducing

food insecurity and a reduction in household's reliance on emergency food support.

Research shows that there are 50+ community food providers across the city covering a range of support such as food banks, food pantries, community fridges, etc. These food providers vary in scale, some serving residents with a direct connection to their organisation such as faith groups, others serving hundreds of households across a broad spectrum of household types.

This funding programme is part of a wider initiative to embed sustainable VCSE community food distribution within a comprehensive response to all community groups, and maintain food distribution that supports the health and wellbeing needs of all VCSE beneficiaries.

Guidance from the Department for Work and Pensions for the distribution of the Household Support Fund includes encouragement for local authorities to facilitate preventative approaches, such as the co-location of advice services with food to maximise household incomes, and the development of affordable food clubs such as pantries and social supermarkets. From April 2026, the Government will replace the Household Support Fund with a new Crisis and Resilience Fund, which has a stated objective of 'helping to end mass dependence on emergency food parcels'.

With the above guidance and objective in mind, we are seeking applications from organisations who are proactive in moving their beneficiaries away from emergency food support and incorporating innovative and empowering approaches to community food resilience.

Find out more and apply here: <https://hullcvs.org.uk/grants>

# Eat the System



Hull Food Partnership in association with Creative Projects

## 'Eat The System' podcast.

This month Darren is taking a well deserved break, but there are lots of podcasts in the archive that you can listen to again!

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



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## Local News

### Join Living with Water at family events across Hull this summer!

The [Living with Water](#) team are out in force over the summer holiday with stalls at events showing how you can protect your home from flooding, and what to do in drought conditions. Catch up with them and maybe bag some free wildlife friendly seeds at the following events:

- Weds 6th Aug, 11am-3pm: [Alderman Kneeshaw Play Day](#)
- Thurs 7th Aug, 10:30am-2:30pm: [Cottingham Play Day](#)
- Fri 8th Aug, 11am-3pm: [West Park Family Beach Day](#)
- Tues 12th Aug, 11am-3:30pm: [Dynamic Drains Fun Day](#) at the new park created between Portobello Street and St John's Grove (Holderness Drain)
- Weds 13th Aug, 12noon-4pm: Bransholme Beach Day at Grampian Way Green Space
- Weds 20th Aug, 11am-3pm: [Pickering Park Play Day](#)
- Weds 27th Aug, 11am-3pm: [Pearson Park Beach Day](#)
- Sat 30th & Sun 31st Aug, 10am-4:30pm: [Freedom Festival](#), Hull city centre

## **Hull continues to celebrate 20 years as a Fairtrade City with new council motion re-affirming commitment to Fairtrade actions**

On July 17, at Hull's full council meeting, a motion was passed unanimously by elected members to [re-affirm Hull City Council's commitment to supporting Fairtrade](#) and the values it represents, with the following resolutions:

- Ask the Executive to ensure that the Council offers Fairtrade food and drink options internally and in our catering offer, also consider Fairtrade cotton for staff uniforms and other opportunities to use Fairtrade products.
- Ask the Executive to ensure that a commitment to fairer trade is recognised as a way to deliver against other sustainability commitments.
- Make sure posts promoting Fairtrade and celebrating the local Fairtrade City commitment are regularly posted on social media channels.
- Use influence to encourage local businesses to offer Fairtrade options.
- Continue to nominate Council representatives (Members and Officers) to be active members of the Hull Fairtrade Partnership Group and support ongoing work to promote Fairtrade.
- Support local Fairtrade events, including by providing facilities where local campaigners can meet and host events.
- Organise events and publicity during National Fairtrade Fortnight, the annual national campaign to promote sales of products with the Fairtrade Mark.

Cllr Charles Quinn, portfolio holder for environment at Hull City Council, said: "Hull has had an active group of Fairtrade campaigners and supporters since the start of the movement over 30 years ago and has demonstrated this by achieving reaccreditation as a Fairtrade City since 2005".

Maintaining this momentum over two decades is a cause for celebration for Hull Fairtrade Partnership and this is the first time the city centre flowerbeds have been used to promote this. On the same day as the motion was passed, a newly planted flowerbed at the junction of Ferensway and Freetown Way was revealed with the [Fairtrade symbol as the centrepiece](#).

As members of Hull Fairtrade Partnership, we are ensuring this re-affirmation is reflected in the Hull Food Strategy and Action Plan and look forward to celebrating the rest of this momentous year!

## **Songbird Survival Garden officially opens to the public in Bransholme**

The award-winning [Songbird Survival Garden](#), a star attraction at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May, has now been opened to the public at the [Neighbourhood Network's Community Centre](#) in Bransholme.

The garden's relocation marks a significant step in providing a vibrant green space for local residents and a vital habitat for native songbirds.

It is designed to demonstrate simple, achievable ideas that individuals can replicate in their own gardens and outdoor spaces to create bird-friendly habitats.

Lucy Carew Joint Chief Executive Officer, Neighbourhood Network commented: "The Songbird Survival garden is a fantastic addition to our community centre and has already generated huge excitement. It will be a welcoming home for songbirds, a tranquil space for reflection, a living classroom for schools, and a hub for community engagement around nature. We look forward to seeing it flourish for years to come."

The garden is now officially open to the public, just [pop into the Community Centre whilst they are open](#) and the staff will open the gates for you to enjoy.

### Don't miss 'Unearthed: The Power of Gardening' exhibition across Hull Libraries

Have you spotted Unearthed: The Power of Gardening in your local library? A free panel display is now on show in 30 library services across the UK as part of The British Library's Living Knowledge Network partnership. Alongside the display, libraries have been exploring the theme of gardening through talks, workshops and activities. Find out which libraries in Hull are hosting the exhibition and when here: <https://libraryon.org/campaigns/unearthed>



## Government announces new UK Food Strategy with focus on healthier food and sustainable supply chains

Earlier this month the UK Government released a new policy paper, [A UK Government Food Strategy for England: Considering the Wider UK Food System](#), setting out its vision for a more resilient, healthier and more sustainable national food system.

Framed around the idea of building “good food cycles”, the paper highlights the importance of joined-up food systems that support health, nature, livelihoods and local economies. Crucially, both the paper and its accompanying press release [recognise local food partnerships as essential](#) to delivering this vision—pointing to them as best-practice models already making change happen.

The ‘[Towards a Good Food Cycle](#)’ strategy outlined ten priority outcomes needed to build a thriving food sector whilst tackling challenges such as obesity and climate change:

### Healthier and more affordable food

- An improved food environment that supports healthier and more environmentally sustainable food sales
- Access for all to safe, affordable, healthy, convenient and appealing food options

### Good growth

- Conditions for the food sector to thrive and grow sustainably, including investment in innovation and productivity, and fairer more transparent supply chains
- Food sector attracts talent and develops skilled workforce in every region

### Sustainable and resilient supply

- Food supply is environmentally sustainable with high animal welfare standards, and waste is reduced
- Trade supports environmentally sustainable growth, upholds British standards and expands export opportunities
- Resilient domestic production for a secure supply of healthier food
- Greater preparedness for supply chain shocks, disruption, and impacts of chronic risks

### Vibrant food cultures

- Celebrated and valued UK, regional and local food cultures
- People are more connected to their local food systems, and have the confidence, knowledge and skills to cook and eat healthily

Transforming the food system is a long-term project. It will require changes from government, industry, civil society and individuals to deliver a cultural shift in

how we value our proud food heritage. Many of the changes will take time to be delivered at scale.

Sequencing matters. For example, there is strong evidence that to support healthier and more environmentally sustainable diets, the local food environment needs to improve. Improving the food environment requires businesses to make changes to the products they produce and how they promote and market them, alongside wider changes to our food culture.

Businesses need time to prepare and plan for those changes.

The government needs to set a clear direction and stick to it.

### **New data shows 1.6 million children in the UK are now affected by the Universal Credit two-child limit**

This short briefing from the [Child Poverty Action Group](#) (CPAG) analyses new data released by the government this month regarding annual statistics on families affected by the two-child limit.

For the first time, these statistics include a breakdown of the impact by gender, ethnicity, disability, conditionality status, and age of the children in the household.

Eight years after the introduction of the two-child limit, 1 in 9 children are now impacted by the policy. It is the primary driver of rising child poverty in the UK, which stands at a record high of 4.5 million and is expected to rise further. Every day the policy pushes another 109 children into poverty.

Multiple studies show children growing up in poverty face worse educational outcomes, poorer physical and mental health, and fewer opportunities in adulthood. This not only harms those children and their families but also weakens the economy and places greater pressure on public services in the long run.

Analysis by CPAG estimates that child poverty costs the government £39 billion a year, in terms of reduced revenues and increased spending.

We look forward to seeing these issues tackled in the government's [Child Poverty Strategy](#), which is due out this Autumn.



### **Veg Power launches 'Attack the Snack' campaign**

Veg Power's mission is to get more children eating fruit & veg snacks more often. The '[Attack the Snack](#)' campaign starts in July with healthy summer holiday snacks when families are out and about.

In September they'll turn to schools with classroom activities and take-home resources.

The Veg Power ambassador chefs and nutritionists will be inspiring and simplifying everything with their ideas on social media. With an expert panel sharing their top tips and advice for parents – to take the stress out of making small and important incremental changes.

Interested? Find out more here: <https://vegpower.org.uk/attack-the-snack>



# FUN DAY

Bug hunts, games, water safety, seed bombs, and quizzes – all while learning to protect drains and the environment!

**TUESDAY**   
12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

**TIME**   
11:00 - 15:30

**HOLDERNESS DRAIN BANK**   
EXETER GROVE HU9 5XP



## Consultations / Campaigns

### Hull People's Panel – deadline 18th August

In 2023 Hull City Council and partners asked local people to tell us about their ambitions and aspirations for themselves, their local area and for the city for the next 10 years – the result was the Community Plan.

The results of [this new survey](#) will be used by Hull City Council services to understand how they are delivering on the Community Plan, and what you want to focus on.

All responses will be entered into a draw to win £250 high street vouchers.

### **The Whole Truth – national campaign**

The Soil Association is calling on the UK government to resist the influence of the ultra-processed food industry and make minimally processed food accessible to all. Find out more and [sign the petition here](#).

### **Changing Coasts East Riding survey – deadline 1st November**

The Changing Coasts East Riding (CCER) project is aimed at supporting and preparing communities for the challenges posed by coastal change.

This is your chance to get involved in designing how we respond to an eroding coastline. We need your help to ensure the project is meeting the needs of our coastal communities and businesses.

Fill out the [Changing Coasts East Riding survey](#) for a chance to win a £50 Love2Shop voucher.



### **Competitions/Offers/Resources**

#### **Simply Veg competition to win a Cuisinart Indoor Pizza Oven – deadline 8th August**

Pizza night just got a serious upgrade! Imagine wood-fired taste, ready in just 5 minutes, all from the comfort of your kitchen. Whether it's thin & crispy, deep dish, calzone, or even focaccia, – no smoke, no pellets, no faff – just plug in and

go.

Perfect for family fun, Friday nights, or feeding a hungry crowd – and it comes with a full pizza kit: stone, peel, cutter & deep dish pan. [Enter now!](#)

### **Picture Hull – Family Friendly Photography Trail – deadline 31st August**

Hull was recently voted one of the top 10 coolest places to live by the Sunday Times.

In celebration of this Hull BID want to see your favourite parts of the city centre. Using a smartphone or digital camera, your challenge is to explore our amazing city and take lots of pictures as you go.

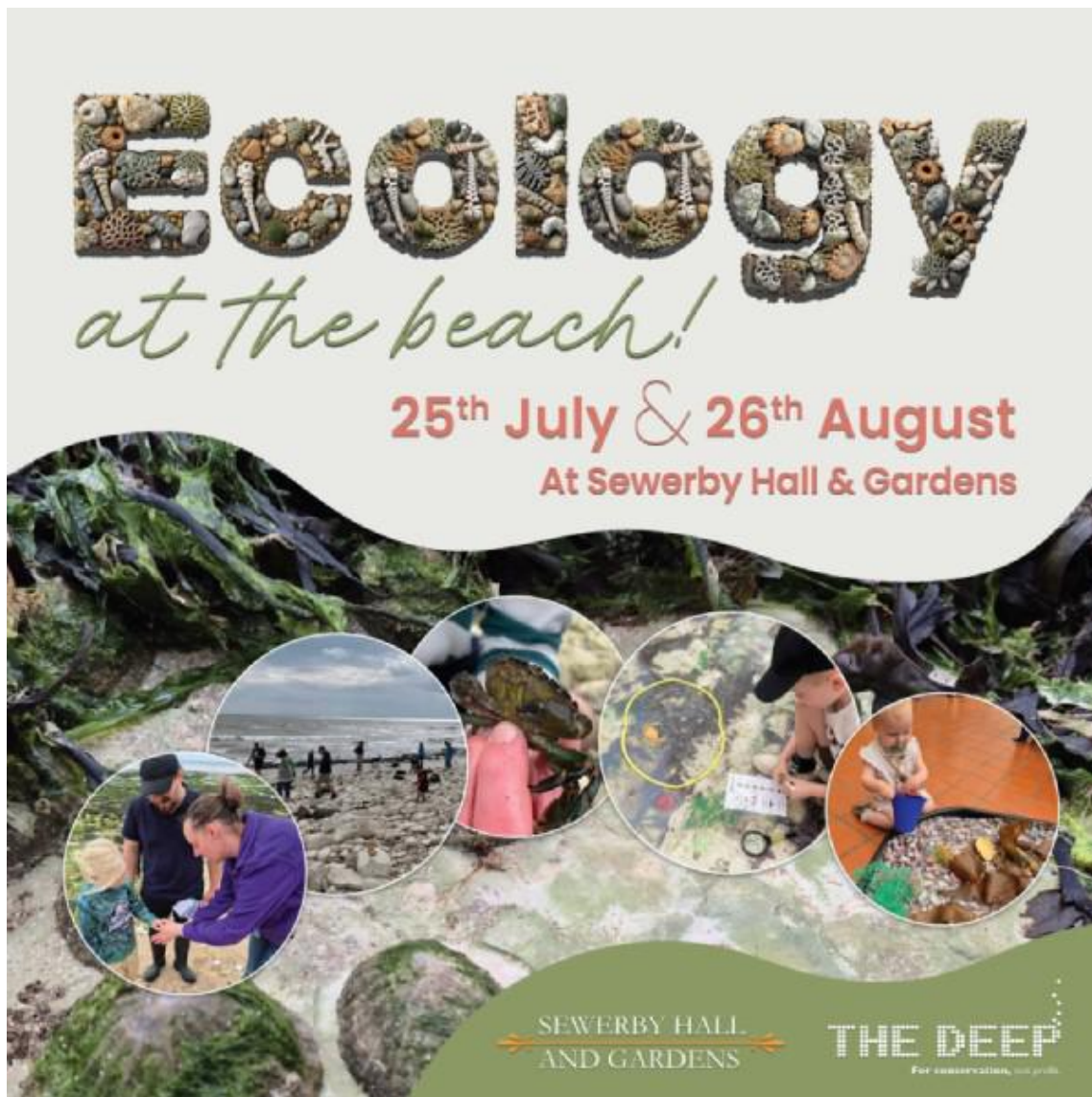
In September they're planning to hold an exhibition of some of the pictures taken during the challenge. So, if you get involved your image of Hull could be part of this for everyone to see and enjoy!

Find out more and enter here: <https://hullbidevents.co.uk/picture-hull>

### **Eden Project Wildflower Photographer of the Year – deadline 30th September**

The Eden Project is launching a new photography competition to celebrate 25 years of the National Wildflower Centre. The wildflowers must be native to Britain and Ireland (there are 1,600 species, so plenty to choose from), and the photos must be taken in Britain by a UK resident.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.edenproject.com/wildflower-photo>



## Funding

### Cost of Living Community Grants – Deadline 11th August

Funding from the Department of Work and Pensions (Cost of Living Community Grants) is being made available via Hull City Council. This is being administered on their behalf by Forum CIO (an organisation that facilitates the voluntary and community sector in Yorkshire and the Humber). This takes the form of small short-term grant funding.

The purpose of the grants is to enable VCSE organisations to provide support to Hull residents to manage their household expenditure and cope with the cost of living. This includes managing regular outgoings such as on energy and food, debt prevention and dealing with existing debt.

VCSE organisations are encouraged to provide advice and guidance (or host advisors from reputable organisations), signposting, Warm Spaces and complimentary provision such as social activities and/or food. Organisations may also bid to become a Money Matters trusted partner, allowing them to nominate residents to receive a one-off £100 cash voucher to assist with their household expenses.

Find out more and apply here:

### **GSK IMPACT Awards – Deadline 20th August**

The GSK IMPACT Awards provide funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. Now in their 29th year, they are open to registered charities that are at least three years' old, working in a health-related field in the UK.

Up to 15 awards will be made, ranging from £4,000 to £50,000. In addition, the training and development is valued at a further £13,500.

Organisations will also receive help with press and publicity, be given a set of promotional materials and receive pro bono offers from GSK.

Find out more and apply here: [www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/projects/gsk/how-apply-gsk-impact-award](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/projects/gsk/how-apply-gsk-impact-award)

### **Greggs Foundation Community Grants – Deadline 22nd August**

The Greggs Foundation is now accepting applications to its Community Grants Programme. Grants of up to £20,000 per year for two years are available to not-for-profit community organisations for projects addressing social deprivation. There are four funding rounds each year, each focusing on different areas of the UK.

In this round, application will be accepted from organisations in Hull. Funding is for core costs.

The programme aims to support organisations that focus on one or more of the following:

- Addressing direct needs in the local community.
- Providing food and support for individuals.
- Reducing social isolation and widening networks.
- Building knowledge, confidence, and opportunities

Find out more and apply here:

[www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/community-funding](http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/community-funding)

### **LNER Customer and Community Investment Fund – Deadline 28th August**

LNER's Customer & Community Investment Fund (CCIF) works to support charities and causes along its route. It provides vital funding to small and medium sized projects that deliver a positive impact.

There are three priorities the fund supports:

#### Better for People

- Fostering a culture of equality, that champions diversity and inclusivity.
- Creating a culture of positive mental health, bringing people and communities together.

#### Better for Places

- Creating skilled and inclusive communities along our networks that can thrive.

#### Better for Planet

- Conserve resources, reduce waste and reuse where possible.

The maximum amount that can be applied for is £10,000. Requests over £10,000 will not be considered and will be removed from the application process. Preference will be given to small and medium charities over larger charities.

Find out more and apply here:

[www.lner.co.uk/about-us/customer-and-community-investment-fund](http://www.lner.co.uk/about-us/customer-and-community-investment-fund)

#### **McCarthy Stone Foundation - Creating Connections – Deadline 29th August**

The Creating Connections Grant Programme will be awarding 20+ grants of up to £7,500 to charities and community groups who are helping to reduce loneliness and isolation for the over 65's.

They are looking to fund initiatives that help create meaningful social connections for people aged 65 and over, including:

- Befriending services, including meal delivery for those living independently
- Social groups, such as art classes, dance sessions, lunch clubs, and coffee mornings
- Community transport, connecting older people to local activities and services

Please note: Dementia-specific charities and groups will not be eligible in this grant round, as they have a dedicated Dementia Grants Programme launching in Spring 2026. However, charities that serve a broad older population — including individuals with dementia — are still welcome to apply for a Creating Connections grant.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://mccarthystonefoundation.org/our-grant-programmes/>

#### **Hull Community Food Support Grant – Deadline 31st August**

Grants of up to £1,500 (Option 1) and between £1,500 - £3,000 (Option 2) are offered to voluntary and community organisations supporting local communities in the city of Hull.

The maximum grant you can apply for depends on the type of project you will run. We recommend that organisations supporting 25 people a week or fewer apply for Option 1 (up to £1,500) as this will be a simpler application and reporting process.

Please ensure that you read all of the Grant Guidance before applying.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://hullcvs.org.uk/grants>

## KCOM Digital Inclusion Grants – Deadline 30th September

KCOM are partnering with HEY Smile Foundation to award local groups and charities with grants of between £5K-£15K to address the digital divide. They'll be giving out awards twice a year for projects that promote online inclusion, connect generations, and help boost digital skills across the Humber. Find out more and apply here: <https://app.beecan.org/public/funding-programme/8a1092d7-1383-5532-7387-0bb1a1ce798b>

**REWILDING YOUTH PRESENTS...**

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**Come and spend some time outside with us this summer in some of Hull's beautiful wild spaces!**

**East Hull Community Farm  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm (5-9 year olds)**

**Gower Park, Boothferry  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 12-4pm (age 10+)**

**Noddle Hill Community Woodland  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 12-4pm (Age 10+)**

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## Dates for your Diary / Events

- The Big Butterfly Count, [18th July – 10th August](#)
- Healthy Holidays Hull, [23rd July – 19th August](#)
- Yorkshire Day, [1st August](#)
- Humber Street Sesh, [2nd August](#)

- Hull 4 Heroes Summer Family Day, Mercure Hull, Grange Park Lane, Willerby, HU10, [10th August](#)
- National Allotments Week, [11th-17th August](#)
- National Potato Day, [19th August](#)
- Ecology at the beach with The Deep at Sewerby Hall, [26th August](#)
- Hull Freedom Festival, [28th-31st August](#)
- Zero Waste Week, [1st-5th September](#)
- Organic September, [1st-30th September](#)
- World Cleanup Day, [20th September](#)
- World's Biggest Coffee Morning, [26th September](#)
- World Rivers Day, [28th September](#)
- 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

### Rewilding Youth summer Wild Workshops programme

Although there is a cost to attend, there are two free places on each workshop for people who may find the cost a barrier to participating.

Venue: Rewilding Space at East Hull Community Farm - most sessions are aimed at adults and young people over 12 years.

Book: online at [rewildingyouth.co.uk](http://rewildingyouth.co.uk)

Queries: email [hello@rewildingyouth.co.uk](mailto:hello@rewildingyouth.co.uk)

- Introduction to Teas, Decoctions and Syrups - Sat 2 August - 12-2pm - £15 pp
- Introduction to Herbal Vinegars - Sat 9 August - 12-2pm - £15 pp
- Introduction to Whittling - Mon 11 August - 6-8pm - £15 pp
- Introduction to Willow Weaving - Mon 18 August - 6-8pm - £15 pp

- Local Myths and Legends - Sat 23 August - 2-4pm - £10 pp (both young people and adults welcome!)
- Willow Weaving Animals - Sat 30 August - 10am-2pm - £25 pp

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

Tuesday 5th August: 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/>

### **Hull CVS: Advanced Bid Writing, Thursday 7th August. 09:30 to 12:30.**

This session particularly aims to encourage participants adopting a strategic approach to fundraising which seeks to save time and effort. There will be opportunities to share ideas and tips. Find out more and book here

<https://hullcvs.org.uk/event/advanced-bid-writing>

### **FREE Webinar: A community approach - how Bury secured a Right to Grow. 7th August**

Find out how Incredible Edible Prestwich & District spearheaded the Right to Grow journey in Bury:

### **FREE Webinar: Community Growing - the things that get in our way! 11th August**

Delivered by the Eden Project, this is a conversation for anyone with an interest in community growing - you do not have to currently have a place to grow or have even started at all. This hour long session is designed to bring people into one place to share experience and gain confidence from each other with the hope we can all take something positive away.

### **WEA courses**

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:

- Cooking Practical: Cooking from scratch. [Starts 10th September](#)
- Nature, Ecology & Permaculture: Climate Literacy - Understanding Climate Change. [Starts 29th September](#)



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