



Hello and welcome to the April 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.

Beltane is almost upon us which marks the [traditional start of summer](#)! The good thing about this time of year, compared to early autumn, is that when we sow a little later, seedlings grow faster because they have extra warmth and light, tending to catch up. In spring it can be tempting to [sow summer beans](#) too early, that then struggle to grow and sometimes get killed by late frost. Sowing them around the middle of May can help to avoid this.

The Biodynamic Association have started a Citizen Science Research Project "Does sowing seeds just before full moon or new moon have any effect on germination rates". [Take part using this link](#) or email [office@biodynamic.org.uk](mailto:office@biodynamic.org.uk) to learn more.

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## Hull Food Partnership News

### Read our top tips for reducing food waste for households and organisations – get ready for 2027

Wasting food is one of the biggest contributors to climate change. A lot of water, land, energy, time, and transportation go into producing our food, and yet in UK homes we waste 4.7 million tonnes of edible food every year. That's enough to make 10 million meals!

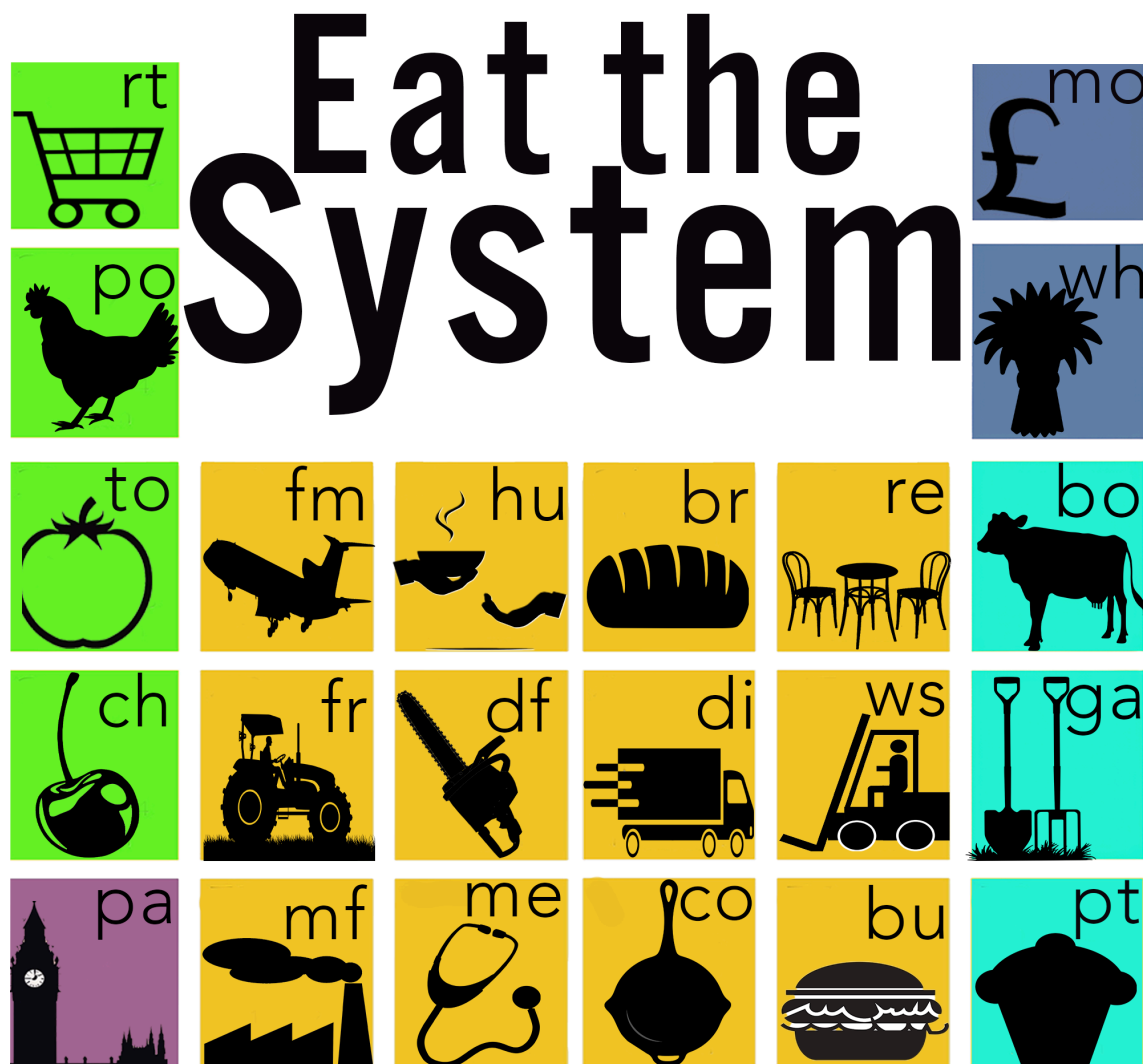
In addition, UK commercial food waste legislation, mandates that organisations with 10 or more employees must separate food waste from other waste for collection by 31 March 2025. This means businesses need to have separate bins for food waste, which must be collected by licensed waste carriers.

Organisations with fewer than 10 employees have until 31 March 2027 to comply.

The legislation applies to all businesses and non-household premises in England, so if you haven't thought about it yet, now is the time to get ready!

We've put together this handy page of tips to help residents and organisations in Hull reduce food waste and ensure they comply with the law:

<https://hullfoodpartnership.org.uk/reducefoodwaste/>



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

### 'Eat The System' podcast: St Philip's Food Community

What does a community food organisation look like? Chances are it doesn't look like a community food organisation!

With the exception of actual food banks run by Trussell, everyone else started off doing something else, and they continue to at least try to fulfil their primary roles.

Community centres, youth clubs, schools, housing projects, and of course churches - so many have taken on the burden of managing some sort of food provision. St Philip's is C of E church in one of the outlying estates in Hull. With a history dating back over half a century, it is currently better known in the local community for attending to nutritional needs rather than spiritual needs.

This podcast examines the crucial role St Philip's plays in supporting residents when the state fails to provide.

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

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**Living  
Room**  
Jubilee Central

## Local News

### Welcome to The Living Room a new coffee shop, eatery and event space in the heart of Hull

Based in an old bank at the front of Jubilee Church on King Edward Street, [The Living Room](#) offers “A New Kind of Wealth” for our city. This new community coffee shop opened over the Easter break with the aim to support unemployed people who will work alongside award-winning chef Nick Hill (formerly of The

Hispanist). The menu is “in the breakfast and brunch style of the coffee houses of Los Angeles or Australia”, with gluten free, dairy free and vegan options available.

Offering outstanding coffee, locally sourced food, excellent service, and a deeper purpose behind everything they do, why not visit them soon at [62 King Edward Street, Hull, HU1 3SQ](#). Opening times are Tuesday-Saturday from 9am-3pm. More info 01482 328196 / [info@jubileecentral.org](mailto:info@jubileecentral.org)

### **Get involved in Tree Stories and “tell the tale of a tree”!**

[Tree Stories](#) is a brand new creative community project across Hull and the East Riding, led by Hull & East Riding Friends of the Earth with local climate artist [Lauren Saunders](#) and supported by The National Lottery Community Fund. They're inviting local residents to “tell the tale of a tree” in whatever way feels right - through poetry, artwork, music, wildlife recordings, maps, memories, folklore, science, or your imagination.

Your contributions will become part of a shared, publicly accessible “Digital Forest” - an evolving online map of storied trees across the region, that other local residents can explore virtually and in real life. There will also be free workshops, activities, and a community TreeFest, plus opportunities for local organisations to get involved and showcase their own tree-related work under the Tree Stories canopy.

Explore, take part, or find out more at: <https://www.hfoe.org.uk/treestories>

### **Good news as Hull transforms local breastfeeding culture**

New mums have welcomed an [impressive rise in breastfeeding rates in Hull](#). More than half (52%) of all babies aged six weeks are breastfed in the city, compared with just over 30% a decade ago.

Charlotte, 28, said she had found breastfeeding her son “really challenging” after six weeks, but received “reassuring” home visits and advice from a breastfeeding peer support project, run by the Goodwin Development Trust. Now, her son is six months old and she describes him as a “milk machine”.

Caroline Scuffam, a project manager at Goodwin, described the improvement in breastfeeding rates as something she had “dreamt of”.

“Hull's an amazing city, it's full of such passionate people,” she said.

“And now we can say that we've got really high outcomes in the right places.”

In 2015-16, 30.1% of babies were breastfed in the city at six to eight weeks, according to statistics from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, external, compared with an average of 43.2% across England. By 2024-5, the rate had improved to 46.6% in Hull, compared with 55.6% for England.

According to the Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust, Hull has now passed the 50% milestone, with the trust's latest figures showing 52% of babies are

receiving breast milk at six weeks. The organisation has been awarded Unicef Gold accreditation for its work to improve rates.

Scuffam said the number of mothers choosing to continue breastfeeding had "increased massively" since Goodwin's baby feeding practitioner project was launched three years ago.

The project provides home visits, one-to-one breastfeeding support, a phone line and support for mothers from pregnancy to until they chose to stop breastfeeding. Scuffam added: "It's not about forcing opinions on to somebody else or forcing feeding routes that people don't want.

"We would support somebody no matter what their choice is. But it is about getting timely support for those who really want to achieve."

Find out more about [getting breastfeeding support in Hull here](#).

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Hull and East Riding

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Tree Stories

Explore - Discover - Take Part

Tell the tale of  
a local tree

A new **community project** for Hull & East Riding residents

## Research finds school food shaped by convenience and profit, not children's health

Pupils in England are routinely eating pizza slices, sausage rolls and paninis for lunch as school canteens become dominated by a “grab-and-go” culture of unhealthy food. Convenience foods eaten on the move are ousting sit-down meals as the main way secondary pupils in England refuel during lunch breaks, [the report from Bite Back](#) found.

Food campaigners fear [the trend could worsen childhood obesity](#), leave pupils struggling to focus in classes and undermine the government's pledge to raise “the healthiest generation ever” of children. Time and money pressures are driving pupils to increasingly buy food that is less nutritious but easier to consume while moving around, according to [Bite Back, the charity behind the report](#). Such options also include chips, rolls, sugary drinks, cakes and confectionery.

The findings come as ministers consider new moves to improve school dinners, including [an overhaul of the School Food Standards](#) to ensure food contains less fat, salt and sugar. Groups such as Bite Back, the Food Foundation and the all-party parliamentary group on school food want monitoring of school food to be overseen by Ofsted, the Food Standards Agency or school governors.

There is a concern that too many schools are getting trapped into long-term contracts with big food companies that then provide too many unhealthy “grab-and-go” products.

The Department for Education said: “We know school food needs to improve, which is why we are working with experts to revise the school food standards for the first time in over a decade as part of our mission to create the healthiest ever generation of children.

“This, alongside our historic step to offer free school meals to every child from a household in receipt of universal credit, will ensure children across the country have access to good-quality nutritious food in that sets them up to achieve and thrive.

“We recognise the importance of compliance and are developing options to help supports schools and caterers to get this right.”

## Five leading organisations launch partnership to transform school food

The Food Foundation has joined a groundbreaking partnership involving Chefs in Schools, Bite Back, School Food Matters and The Jamie Oliver Group to help transform school food.

[The School Food Project](#) aims to ensure delicious, nutritious meals are served to students up and down the country by providing practical, hands-on tailored support within budget.

This announcement comes as the government [launches a consultation on new school food standards](#) - the first time they've been reviewed in a decade. This offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to be part of systemic change and are encouraging schools, caterers and school cooks to get involved by joining the movement.

The School Food Project has also [published a report](#) showing how raising the quality of school food leads to increased uptake, based on case studies from schools from across the country.

Find out more and [get involved here](#).

### **Citizens' Charter launches to challenge food industry to prioritise health**

A major new public campaign was launched this month by [Recipe for Change](#), a coalition of 45 organisations led by Sustain, The Food Foundation and the Obesity Health Alliance, is sending a clear message to government and industry that people want their health to be prioritised alongside corporate profit-makings.

New YouGov polling reveals almost half of the British public (47%) think it is harder to eat a balanced diet now than 20 years ago, with a food system that makes unhealthy choices cheap, prominent and hard to avoid, while healthier options remain too expensive for many families. The polling is part of a new Citizens' Charter, developed by people across the UK and launched by Recipe for Change, urging the public to sign a collective call to ministers to take tougher action on the food industry.

Among Britons who say it is hard to eat a balanced diet now, more than eight in ten (81%) say one reason for this is rising food prices, and 70% say it is because less healthy food costs less than healthier options. Among the entire population, there is also a clear sense that both government and industry are falling short, with 79% saying government should be doing more to make it affordable to achieve a balanced diet, and 84% saying companies themselves should be doing more.

Find out more and join the campaign here:

<https://www.recipeforchange.org.uk/we-are-fed-up/> and email your MP to get them to support the campaign here: <https://www.recipeforchange.org.uk/action>



## Win Lego sets from Veg Power – competition closes 30th April

#EatThemToDefeatThem is back and Veg Power have 101 Lego sets up for grabs!

[#EatThemToDefeatThem](#) is the award-winning campaign that gets kids eating more veg the fun way! Their website is packed full of fun, expert advice and useful resources to help schools, caterers and families to get their children eating more veg.

Can you be a #VegHunter and [enter the competition](#) for a chance to win?

## Your experience matters

Help us better understand the challenges people face with self-care and everyday living.

Take our short anonymous survey

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## Consultations / Campaigns

### Citywide Self-Neglect Survey – deadline 15th May

Sometimes life gets on top of us. When that happens, everyday tasks can start to feel overwhelming. Stress, low mood, trauma, loss or physical health problems can all affect how we care for ourselves and our home. Hull's health

teams want to better understand people's experiences of self-care and self-neglect, so local services can respond with the right support. People with a HU postcode are asked to [complete this short anonymous survey](#) to help shape local understanding and support.

### **Applications for next phase of pocket parks open – deadline 27th May**

Applications for [round four of Hull City Council's pocket park scheme](#) can now be made. Residents are able to propose further locations for pocket parks in their area by contacting their [local ward councillor](#) or [neighbourhood co-ordinator](#). Proposed sites should typically be no larger than 0.4 hectares and are small green areas on council-owned land.

To date, the flagship scheme has developed numerous sites across the city, improving unloved, neglected or derelict areas into new green space to benefit the physical and mental wellbeing of local people. Pocket parks also provide good quality green space for social interaction in a sustainable and community-led manner and are part of the council's wider plan to make Hull a greener, cleaner and safer place to live.

The deadline for completed applications for the next wave of pocket parks is Wednesday 27 May at 12noon.

### **National Consultation: School Food Standards: updating the legislative framework – deadline 12th June**

The Requirements for School Food Regulations 2014 (known as the School Food Standards) provide the legislative framework to ensure schools in England provide children with healthy food and drink, and to make sure that children have the energy and nutrition they need across the school day.

The existing standards have been in place for over ten years and no longer align with current dietary advice. The government is seeking views on what should be contained in the revised standards.

Find out more and [contribute to the consultation here](#).

### **Bite Back in Schools looking for new entrants to Autumn programme – deadline July 24th**

Bite Back in Schools is a fully funded programme that empowers students in Years 7–10 to lead positive change in their school food environment. Through assemblies, interactive sessions, and the School Food Champions club, students explore food system inequalities and design social action projects that make healthy food the easy choice. By taking part, students develop confidence, leadership, and advocacy skills — all while transforming their school for the better.

Over 30,000 students in 200+ schools have already joined the movement, so now is the time to get involved!

The Bite Back in Schools Programme is fully-funded, thanks to support from the National Lottery. Your school will also receive a £500.00 grant to help you run the programme.

Find out more and [nominate your school here](#).

## **9 in 10 parents agree: It's time for Free School Meals for All – national campaign**

A YouGov/NEU poll of 2,106 parents shows overwhelming support for extending Free School Meals to every child in primary school. The numbers affirm what we see in our schools and communities every day: The cost-of-living continues to hit hard: just 1 in 4 parents in England feel financially comfortable. This is impacting what food families can afford: nearly 1 in 3 parents have had to cut the quantity or variety of their food shop since the start of the school year.

The Government's coming changes don't go far enough: 56% of parents not on Universal Credit (UC) said Free School Meals for All would help ease their family finances, and 44% say it would have a positive impact on their mental wellbeing.

Sign the petition for free school meals for all: <https://deliverthedinners.org.uk>



## Hull Volunteers' Celebration

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

12pm - 2pm

Holderness House, Hull, HU8 8PA

Join us for a buffet lunch, and  
fun activities

**Please RSVP by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**#VolunteersWeek**



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### Competitions/Offers/Resources

#### FREE Rewilding Youth Film Screening – 5th May

An invitation is extended to interested parties for a special screening of Rewilding Youth's new film. Created in collaboration with Hinterland Creative, the film explores the impact of wild camps, nature connection, and our work with young people across Hull and East Yorkshire.

The screening will take place at Reel Cinema on 5th May at 6:00pm. Following the film, there will be an opportunity to hear from and ask questions to the filmmakers, the Rewilding Youth team, and some of the young people involved. If you would like to attend, please book your space by emailing Ben Harris, Research and Project Development Coordinator via [ben@rewildingyouth.co.uk](mailto:ben@rewildingyouth.co.uk)

#### FREE Volunteers' Week Celebration Event – book by 15th May

Hull CVS want to invite you and your volunteers to a special Hull Volunteers' Week Celebration at Holderness House on June 3rd to say thank you for everything they do!

A few things to note:

- When booking, please include dietary requirements for everyone attending.
- Each organisation can reserve up to ten tickets initially. If you'd like more, let them know — they'll be in touch if extra spaces become available.
- There's no parking on site, but plenty of on street parking nearby.
- Feel free to bring a picnic blanket or anything comfortable to sit on.

Find out more and [book here](#) by 15th May.

### **FREE resources for 30 Days Wild in June – sign up now!**

30 Days Wild is back, bringing you a month packed with fun, easy ways to reconnect with the natural world, from your garden to the wolds and the coastlines. And the best part? Anyone can join in, wherever you are and however you choose to go wild. When you register, you'll receive:

- Occasional emails between now and June, full of inspiration and wildlife stories
- Your FREE digital 30 Days Wild goodies in April 2026
- Postal pack in May 2026 (if you choose this option)
- Daily emails in June, packed with simple, uplifting ideas to help you complete your wild challenge

Sign up here: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild#sign>

**BEE LADY DAY**  
MAY 13TH

**BEE LADY**  
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**9 MAY**

**10AM TO 3PM**

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## Funding

### Efficiency North Community Foundation Fund – Deadline 1st June

Grants of up to £5,000 will be awarded to support projects operating in communities supported by Efficiency North’s membership with equipment and items, with a limited number of awards up to £25,000 for those demonstrating greater need and wider impact.

The fund will support practical, community-led initiatives to reduce poverty and promote healthy living delivered by registered charities, voluntary groups, social

enterprises, co-operatives and unincorporated associations, with priority given to inclusive projects that have clear outcomes, strengthen local resilience and deliver tangible impact across communities.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://www.energynorth.org/community-fund/>

### **Pillswood Battery Community Fund – Deadline 1st June**

The Pillswood Battery Storage project is developed and managed by Harmony Energy, it is committing £10,000 per year to support the local community around the Pillswood Battery Storage project in Cottingham, in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

They are inviting local groups to apply for a grant by submitting project or community ideas. Projects should support or benefit the local area within a 10-kilometre radius of the site.

A total grant pot of £10,000 is available and applications should be for a minimum of £500 covering the following objectives that align with UN Sustainable Development Goals:

- Community development
- Skills and employment
- Health, safety and wellbeing
- Climate change
- Nature and biodiversity
- Reuse and recycling

Find out more and apply here:

<https://www.bizgive.app/public/pillswood-battery-community-fund>

### **Grocers' Charity Grants Scheme – Deadline 1st September**

One-off grants of up to £5,000 are available to small UK registered charities for work in the specific areas of: relief of hardship; children and young people; disability and inclusion; the elderly; health; military; environment and conservation; the arts; and heritage.

There is a two-stage application process:

- The first stage is to submit the Initial Enquiry form. Groups will receive a reply within up to three weeks after the deadline.
- The second stage is by invitation only to those who were successful at stage one. They will be sent a link to fill in an online form which they will have one week to complete.

Applicants should complete the online eligibility checklist for the relevant area to access the online enquiry form.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://grocershall.co.uk/the-charity/apply-for-a-grant>

## **Groundwork Grassroots Grants – Deadline September**

Groundwork is working with People's Postcode Lottery for a third year to deliver Grassroots Grants. This year, the programme will provide unrestricted funding of up to £2,000 to 700 small, local organisations in England that are making a positive difference in their communities.

It's very much aimed at smaller organisations with income below £25,000 in the last year and applications may be submitted at any time between January and September.

Funding can be used for project ideas within an organisation's charitable or constituted objects including access to food or basic essentials, improvements to local green spaces, cultural initiatives, support or wellbeing activities, volunteering opportunities to improve the local environment or support people or training to improve the capacity building of your organisation.

They will consider costs for a range of purposes which could include:

- Paying staff or volunteer expenses
- Costs for equipment or materials
- Core, ongoing running costs of your organisation, such as, rent, utilities, and other general running costs
- Training for staff and volunteers
- Consultant time to help develop your organisation or key policies

Find out more and apply here: [www.groundwork.org.uk/grassroots-grants](http://www.groundwork.org.uk/grassroots-grants)

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**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

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### Dates for your Diary / Events

- Beltane [1st May](#)
- No Mow May [1st-31st May](#)
- International Compost Awareness Week [3rd-9th May](#)
- Our Land, FREE Screening at REEL Hull [6th May](#)
- Bee Lady in the Square [9th May](#)
- Bee Lady Day [13th May](#)
- Green Farm Collective: Soil to Slice Conference, Harrogate [20th May](#)
- Hull Theatre Quarter Beer Festival [21st-24th May](#)
- National Children's Gardening Week [23rd-31st May](#)

- 30 Days Wild [1st-30th June](#)
- World Day Against Child Labour [12th June](#)
- Refugee Week [15th-21st June](#)
- Rootstock V, Rooted in Hull [20th June](#)
- Hull Global Food Festival, Pearson Park [21st June](#)
- FREE Community Meals every Thursday at 6:30pm ([Marfleet Community Centre](#))


**THE GREEN FARM COLLECTIVE**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026**  
 THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOWGROUND

**SOIL TO SLICE**

**A conference focusing on how regenerative agriculture can benefit the entire supply chain, from farmer to baker to consumer**

### Training/Webinars

**FREE webinar:** Delivering the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. [11th May, 6-7pm.](#)

At this webinar, open to anyone, you will have the opportunity to hear about the final published content of the HEY LNRS, key project developments as the team transition into delivery, other recent activities, and future opportunities for you to get involved.

**FREE webinar:** Civil Food Resilience in Practice. [13th May, 10-11:30am](#)

Join this Sustainable Food Places session and find out how local food partnerships across the UK are stepping up to the challenge of strengthening an

increasingly fragile food system and preparing for emergencies, centring community assets and knowledge.

### **FREE Entangled in person workshops** from University of Leeds, Global Food & Environment Institute

Calling all growers in Hull and East Riding! Whether you grow food for humans or wildlife (or both) the University of Leeds wants to hear from you. Join one of their creative and informative workshops exploring the relationships between urban food growing and nature recovery.

Facilitated by local researcher (Claire Gribben) and artist (Lauren Saunders), expect to uncover our multi-species community either side of a shared lunch. They will also explore what nature recovery means to us, and what the implications may be to wider policy.

They are keen to understand your views whatever your level of expertise - you could be growing food in your backyard, be part of community food growing group, work, or volunteer in nature projects.

Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm and help explore multi-species connections across Hull and East Riding together.

Workshops spaces are still available on the following dates

- [Mon 18th May](#), Marfleet
- [Sat 30th May](#), Beverley

Just [click on this link](#) or contact [c.gribben@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:c.gribben@leeds.ac.uk) for more information.

### **Hull CVS in person training**

Hull CVS offers a variety of low cost training courses for the Voluntary and Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. Upcoming courses include;

- Tuesday 05 May - Bystander First Aid Training
- Thursday 07 May - Fire Safety Principles Level 2 (Accredited)
- Tuesday 12 May - Advanced Bid Writing
- Thursday 14 May - Introduction to Risk Assessments
- Tuesday 19 May - Health and Safety Level 2 (Accredited)
- Thursday 04 June - Emergency First Aid at Work Level 3 (Accredited)
- Tuesday 09 June - Volunteer Recruitment Workshop
- Wednesday 10 June - Award in Food Safety for Catering Level 2 (Accredited)
- Wednesday 17 June - Introduction to Safeguarding (Children & Adults)
- Thursday 18 June - Martyn's Law Level 1 (Accredited)
- Thursday 18 June - Community Bleed Kit Awareness Course
- Tuesday 23 June - Hull 4 Funding Training

Find out more here <https://hullcvs.org.uk/training>

# Theatre Quarter Beer Festival

The relaunch of the Hull  
Theatre quarter beer &  
cider festival.



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## DATES 21ST TO 24TH MAY 2026

The Hull Theatre Quarter Beer Festival is not centred on a single location; the aim is to involve as many pubs and bars in the Theatre Quarter area as possible.



Hull Food Partnership, The Strand, 75 Beverley Road, Hull, HU3 1XL

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