CONSULTATION ON NEW BOUNDARIES ENTERS FINAL STAGES

Richmondshire residents are being urged to have their say on plans to redraw the district’s ward boundaries - and reduce the number of councillors representing them by ten.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has unveiled its proposals for the 17 new wards - which includes one three councillor, five two councillor and 11 one councillor wards.

The plans have been drawn up at the District Council’s request - members said reducing membership to 24 would help to improve efficiency within the authority. Councillors had suggested 24 single member wards which they believed would make it clearer for residents to know who their elected representative is.

“We are pleased that the commission has agreed that the authority is ‘oversized’ and could easily operate and function with a 29% reduction in members - but still provide the right representation for the district’s residents,” said Council Leader, Councillor Yvonne Peacock.

“As we enter this final stage of the changes we hope local people will have their say on the suggestions - they will be deciding how they will be represented in future years.”

The 17 wards suggested are: Bolton Castle; Catterick and Brompton on Swale; Colburn; Croft; Gilling West; Hawes and High Abbotside; Hipswell; Leyburn; Lower Wensleydale; Melsenby; Middleton Tyas; Richmond East; Richmond North; Richmond West; Scotton; Swaledale and Arkengarthdale; and Yoredale.

The LGBCE’s draft recommendations are out for consultation until January 15 with a final decision on the new structure expected in April next year (2018). Changes will be effective from the local elections in May 2019.

To access the proposals - and have a say - check out lgbce.org.uk where there are full details of the recommendations and interactive maps.
HAVE YOUR SAY - JOIN THE COUNCIL

Richmondshire District Youth Council is looking for new members to help young people have a say on all things important in the county.

The group - of 11 to 19 year olds - meets once a month at Mercury House in Richmond to discuss important issues - including those they want to raise with the District Council and other organisations.

But it isn’t all talk - members are very active in making things happen! They have previously organised a range of events and gigs - including the Castle Calling music event, which takes place in the grounds of Richmond Castle.

Anyone wishing to join in should email Kayleigh Thompson at: kayleigh.thompson@richmondshire.gov.uk
Check out: facebook.com/RichmondshireDistrictYouthCouncil

CASH FOR YOUTH PROJECTS

Youth groups in Richmondshire are being urged to take up the offer of cash from a local grant scheme.

Over the past seven years the Richmondshire District Youth Council scheme has given cash to support a parks festival, helped fund a youth shelter, bought equipment for youth clubs, drama groups, scouts, and sports clubs and supported outings for disabled young people.

Now Youth Council members are looking for new submissions. However grants will not be given to young people for personal use, school projects or projects that have already taken place, or to political groups or activities promoting religious beliefs.

“We can only offer small amounts of money but it is a rolling programme so we are open for applications at any time,” said Council Chair, Lucy Nasby.

“We can help everything from festivals and youth clubs to supporting disabled groups and also urge any young person to look to us for help.”

Applications are considered by youth council members at their monthly meetings.

To apply contact Kayleigh Thompson at: kayleigh.thompson@richmondshire.gov.uk
Check out: facebook.com/RichmondshireDistrictYouthCouncil
BE HEARD!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
BE PART OF
RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT
Youth COUNCIL

Interested in joining? Contact...
Kayleigh Thompson: 01748 901006 | kayleigh.thompson@richmondshire.gov.uk
or Jo-Anne Simpson: 01748 901045 | jo-anne.simpson@richmondshire.gov.uk

MEETING DATES:
15 November 2017 - 4.15pm - 6pm
14 February 2018 - 4.15pm - 6pm

facebook.com/RichmondshireDistrictYouthCouncil
ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES...

Held at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

The Big Music Project is a fantastic opportunity for young people to organise, and take part in, a music event in their local community. If you are interested in learning the skills and knowledge to support a successful future in the music and creative industries and business then we can help.

Participants will work together to research, plan, promote and evaluate their event. It's not just about the music - the event can include a range of art forms such as dance and visual arts and don’t forget, the backstage and technical roles are really important too.

As part of The Big Music Project you will work towards a qualification and be part of a national network of young people who can access a range of special events, industry professionals and work experience opportunities.

The project is aimed at supporting 15 young people aged 14 – 19 years old. Young People aged 11 - 13 and 20 - 25 are also welcome to join in the project.

The project started at the end of September 2017 and runs through to March 2018. Meetings take every Wednesday, 4:30pm - 6:00pm at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Young people enrolling must try their best to commit to all sessions. The project is free - a small contribution for one-off optional activities may be needed. Help with transport may be available.

For more information
Richie Bastow - Youth Development Worker
Email: richie@nyy.org.uk Mobile: 07384 263 978

Limited spaces available!
POPPY DISPLAY IN RICHMOND

A spectacular poppy walk was created at Richmondshire District Council’s headquarters to celebrate the 2017 Remembrance Day.

Council officers made hundreds of the red flowers, attached them to netting and cloth and then draped them around the Mercury House building in Richmond - both inside and out.

“The team worked for weeks - in their own time - creating all the poppies for our wonderful tribute for remembrance day,” said Chief Executive, Tony Clark.

“Our poppy walk was spectacular - and was free for everyone to see at Mercury House.”

The craft team included Jane Foreman, Jackie Allen, Ali Corner, Rhona Marsh, Caroline Walton, Tracy Clarkson, Carol Little, Sue McNabb and Sue Bell.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY MESSAGING SERVICE

Richmondshire residents and business owners are being urged to sign up for a free new information service.

The district council has joined the North Yorkshire Community Messaging service - a free system that gives registered users up to date community news by email.

More than 18,000 people have already registered for alerts from the police - but now, along with other North Yorkshire authorities, Richmondshire has added its name to the list using the system.

Community Messaging allows updates and information to be sent instantly to residents and businesses in a very specific area - or areas depending on how they set up their alert system.

It will include information on community news and events, emergencies - such as flooding, waste and recycling services and public consultations.

To register go to nycm.co.uk
WHEELS 2 WORK
Moped Loan Scheme

No transport to work or training?
Wheels 2 Work may be the answer.
Jodie said...
“The scheme is fantastic, I wouldn’t have my qualification or job without it”

To apply or find out more contact:
The Co-ordinator for Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate and Richmondshire on:
01609 780458 or email wheels2work@hambletoncommunityaction.org

For more information or to find out if you are eligible for the scheme please visit:
hambletoncommunityaction.org

Registered Charity No. 1164895
CASH FOR AMBITIOUS SPORTS SCHEME

An ambitious £650,000 scheme to create a sports and community hub in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales has received another cash boost from Richmondshire District Council.

The Leyburn based Wensleydale Rugby Club has been awarded £46,717 for its second phase ‘Towards 2017’ project. It received £20,000 for the first stage - Towards 2015.

The community rugby club is looking to build on its success by providing much needed club facilities. Phase one included creating new changing rooms and showers, improvements to the main clubroom and bar, and a new kitchen. This second phase will extend the clubroom space, and create a welcoming entrance with male, female and disabled toilet facilities and an office.

It is hoped that this will increase senior and junior members, volunteers and coaches - as well as attract new community groups by making the building available during the non-rugby playing part of the week. The club will promote the building as a wedding and party venue; meeting/conference venue; hub for sporting events; facility for social groups; place for theatre/live music and comedy performances; caravan/camping venue; and a hub for schools to hold multi schools events.

Chris Taylor from the rugby club said: “We are delighted to receive continued support from Richmondshire District Council. The award enables us to start work on phase two later this year and once the development is complete we will have first class facilities for our members and the wider community.”

Richmondshire’s award has come from its £270,000 ‘Social Fund’ which aims to support community projects taking place within one of the districts five growth areas - Colburn, Hipswell, Leyburn, Richmond and Scotton.

“This grant scheme is helping communities that we want to see grow,” said Council Leader, Councillor Yvonne Peacock, who is pictured with members of the Rugby Club.

“We are able to help a wide variety of schemes. So far cash has gone to two projects - Richmond School received an offer of £50,000 to support the implementation of a 3G Artificial Sports Pitch and Scotton Parish Council received £10,500 to make improvements to the footpaths to allow better access to local facilities.

“The rugby club has been ambitious in its aim to improve sports facilities for the community - but it is almost there, having raised a huge amount of money already. It is very exciting to see it come to fruition.”

SAFEGUARDING GUIDANCE

As part of Richmondshire District Council safeguarding procedures, the authority has been working with partners across North Yorkshire to look for ways to support groups wanting to develop a set of safeguarding procedures and guidelines - such as Parish and Town Councils.

For more information, contact Jo-Anne Simpson - jo-anne.simpson@richmondshire.gov.uk or 01748 901045
MORE CASH FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

A scheme that has injected more than £120,000 into small businesses across Richmondshire over that last four years has had another £30,000 added to its pot.

District Councillors have allocated funding to the authority’s Small Business Grant Scheme which aims to support local businesses and economic growth.

In the 12 months to March 2017, 36 schemes were supported, bringing the total over the four years to 142 for everything from IT and computer purchases to website support and training courses. Since 2013, this has generated £131,000 in match funding.

As with previous years, the scheme will initially be split by the five area partnership areas - Central, Garrison, Lower Wensleydale, North Richmondshire and Upper Dales - with each area allocated £6,000 to award to businesses. After three months, any remaining funds from each area pot will be placed in one pot for any business, regardless of location, to apply into.

Applications for the new funding opened on November 1, 2017 and will close once the cash has been allocated. Applications will be considered on a monthly basis. Application forms are on richmondshire.gov.uk or can be obtained by contacting Samantha.coultish@richmondshire.gov.uk. Call 01748 901037 for more details.

SAFER COMMUNITIES

Thirty-one Richmondshire parishes have installed life-saving equipment thanks to grant aid from the District Council.

Residents now have the benefits of defibrillators in rural locations following a shared cash handout of almost £30,000.

There are machines located in the parishes of: Gunnerside; Muker; Burton-cum-Walden; Marske and New Forest; Preston-under-Scar; Aysgarth; Hunton; West Witton; Bellerby; Spennithorne; Hudswell; Low Row and Feetham; Hawes and High Abbotside; Whashton; Leyburn; Richmond; Carperby-cum-Thoresby; Carlton Highdale; Dalton on Tees; Newton le Willows; Thornton Steward; Constable Burton and Finghall; Carlton; Barton; Middleton Tyas; Colburn; Patrick Brompton and Moulton.

The defibrillators have been installed with guidance and training from Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust. Head of Community Resilience at the Trust, Paul Stevens, said: “Having easy access to a defibrillator means that immediate life-saving care can be provided in an emergency situation, such as cardiac arrest, in the vital minutes before the ambulance arrives. Defibrillators are simple and safe to use, with the machine giving clear spoken instructions.

“We know that in many medical emergencies the first few minutes are critical and if effective treatment can be performed straightaway, lives can be saved and disability reduced.”

If any Parish or Town Council - or community organisation - wants to install a defibrillator in their location they should contact Samantha Coultish on Samantha.coultish@richmondshire.gov.uk, 01748 901037 or Chloe Lewis on chloe.lewis@richmondshire.gov.uk, 01748 901038.
Hey! Have you heard about the ‘One Way £1’ scheme on all Dales and District and The Little White Bus Services for young people? (Under 19s)

Wow that’s sounds great!

It is valid after 5pm every evening (still valid if you catch a bus before 5pm and it runs past this time), every weekend and all School holidays.

Buses cover: Richmond, Reeth, Leyburn, Hawes, Catterick Garrison, Catterick Village and surrounding villages.

Some of the locations the buses travel to: Darlington, Northallerton, Ripon, Bedale, Masham and Barnard Castle.

To find the most up to date bus times visit:

www.procterscoaches.com/dales-district-timetables

www.littlewhitebus.co.uk/timetables
A Local Parent's Experience with a Community Led Charity

In 2012 I heard about a pilot project that the National Childbirth Trust was starting up, to train volunteers from local communities to support parents who are struggling with tough life experiences when they are expecting and looking after their children. They wanted parents who knew what it’s like to be the volunteer peer supporters.

That was something I needed when I was a new young mum, because I had a lot to cope with and there wasn’t anything like that available. It sounded like it would give me just the sort of challenge I needed. I went to a workshop to find out more and I was met by a group of other mums who were all in same situation as me. I was nervous and slightly scared at first but Viv, the Project Manager who ran the workshop, made us all feel relaxed. Once everybody started talking I realised they were there for the same reason as me – they wanted to give something back.

So in 2014 when the pilot project was coming to an end and it looked like the services were going to close, we set up our own charity, Parents4Parents-North Yorks, to keep them going. Since then I’ve carried on being a volunteer but also become a trustee.

So far we’ve offered support to 500 parents who’ve either been introduced to us by an agency or friend, met one of our volunteers through our outreach activities or contacted us themselves. We collect evidence about the difference the support is making to the parents we work with. The results show that having the peer support and becoming a peer supporter changes people’s lives for the better - by improving their emotional and mental wellbeing and making them more resilient.

We want to build on what we’ve achieved, and recruit more volunteers so we can reach and support more parents. We want to carry on leading our charity in the direction the community wants it to go, listening to real people with real issues and responding to their needs - the only way it’s going to work.

We want to meet more people from other agencies so they find out what we’re like, get a better understanding of what we do and who we are, recognise what we offer and tell parents about us.

If you’d like to find out more about us, just call 07749 430833/07864 502301 or email info@parents4parents-northyorks.org.uk

Nicole
Are you aged between 11 and 19?
Do you have a passion for heritage and the arts?
Would you like to be able to volunteer within a museum and make a difference to the way museums and galleries cater for youth?

Then join us

For more information please contact us on 01748 825611 or email: Admin@richmondshiremuseum.org.uk
The Safer Richmondshire Hub, co-ordinated by Richmondshire District Council, aims to respond to local community safety issues by adopting a multi-agency problem solving approach.

Scam Advice
Avoid being the victim by being scam aware:
- Did the call, letter, email or text has arrived unexpectedly.
- You have never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about and didn’t buy a ticket.
- The caller is asking you to send money in advance.
- You are being urged to respond quickly so you don’t get time to think about it or talk to family and friends.
- You are being asked to keep something a secret.

If you are concerned contact Citizens Advice’s consumer service on 03454 04 05 06 for advice - they can also pass details on to trading standards.

Scams or suspected scams should be reported to Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

Get Safe Online
Get Safe Online is the UK’s premier source of information and advice for the public and small businesses on keeping safe and secure online.

It is a joint initiative between the Government, National Crime Agency and other law enforcement agencies, and private sector organisations from the world of technology, communication, retail and finance.

Get Safe Online offers free, impartial, easy to follow advice via: getsafeonline.org

ACT: Action Counters Terrorism
The message is clear - Don’t Worry, Don’t Delay, Just ACT by:
- reporting suspicious activity to the Police by calling confidentially on 0800 789 321 or at Gov.UK/ACT
- reporting online terrorist and violent extremist material
- remaining alert at home, work and when out and about, so we can all play our part in detecting terrorism and keeping everyone safe

More information on what to look out for and how to contact people can be found at Gov.UK/Act

The Police and the security and intelligence agencies depend on information from you. Be our eyes and ears and help keep yourself, your family and your local community safe by looking out for suspicious activity and reporting it to the police in confidence.

You may see or hear something that could be that vital piece of information needed to stop a terrorist attack.

Tragic events this year remind us that attacks can occur at any time or place without warning. The current threat to the UK stands at SEVERE which means an attack is highly likely.
IN THE EVENT OF AN ACID ATTACK

REPORT

dial 999

REMOVE

contaminated clothing carefully

RINSE

immediately in running water

BAPRAS
British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

NHS England
Think with your feet
Friendly Football

Anxious, Lonely and Isolated, Mental Health concerns?

Why not join our Think with your Feet football sessions and extend your social network, get healthy and active in a fun, social, non-judgemental environment.
DEMENTIA AWARENESS

Richmondshire now has its very own Dementia Action Alliance Group that is working to create a district wide Dementia Friendly Community.

The steering group - which meets monthly - can offer support and advice to any organisation or business wanting to become Dementia Friendly.

To join the Richmondshire Dementia Action Alliance follow the link at:

dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/14581_richmondshire_dementia_action_alliance

If your group or organisation would be interested in hosting a session to enable your community, employees or volunteers to become Dementia Aware - or a Dementia Friend - please contact Jo-Anne Simpson on jo-anne.simpson@richmondshire.gov.uk or 01748 901045

VETERANS’ GATEWAY

In November 2016 the Ministry of Defence announced £2 million of funding from the Covenant Fund for a one-stop service to better support British Armed Forces veterans in need.

The gateway responds to calls from veterans’ charities and groups for help in navigating the wide range of services and organisations set up to support those who have served in the Forces.

It is the first point of contact for veterans and their families to access information, advice and support on a range of issues including healthcare, housing, and employment. And it allows information and services from partners to be accessed from one place with all enquiries followed up to ensure that veterans receive the right support.

The Veteran’s Gateway provides website, online chat, phone line and text message services to any veteran, from anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day. Veterans can access face-to-face support through the Gateway network of partners and organisations across the UK and overseas.

The formal launch of the service this summer marked the completion of the second phase of the promotional plan. Veterans’ Gateway has now entered the third phase of its development which is to continue to increase awareness and comprehension amongst veterans, enable the service to adapt to the demands made of it, and allow us to identify new partners and to expand the database supporting the geo-location tool.

For more information please visit: veteransgateway.org.uk or tel 08088021212
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT & CAREERS FAIR
@ CATTERICK

Catterick Leisure Centre
Gough Road, Catterick,
North Yorks DL9 3EL
23rd November 2017
0930 - 1400hrs

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www.bfrss.org.uk | 02476 939 931
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SING, DANCE, PLAY INSTRUMENTS, CUDDLE AND ENJOY AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH YOUR CHILD

MEET OTHER PARENTS FOR A CUPPA AFTERWARDS TOO!

Part of the NYMAZ Youth Music Programme, funded by the National Foundation for Youth Music

Catterick Garrison
Community Centre, Loos Road, DL9 4HP

Contact Army Welfare
Service 01748 872912 for further info
North Yorkshire County Council’s Stronger Communities Investment Programme Launch

Building on the first two years of the Stronger Communities programme this new programme aims to support, invest in and partner with community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. Our ambition is for all communities in North Yorkshire to have greater collective control of their own well-being and ultimately reduce inequalities.

Projects must contribute to one of our four priorities Libraries; Children, Young People and Families; Community Transport; Older People and Vulnerable Adults.

There are three distinct investment programmes which together aim to deliver real changes for North Yorkshire communities:

**Inspire Fund**
Grants of up to a maximum of £1,000 are available for smaller community projects and activities. We want to encourage people to get involved in their local community by offering small grants to help establish new services, events or activities that help to increase social interaction, encourage neighbourliness and improve the well-being of individuals and communities. Projects can range from: gardening clubs and community gardens, knit and natter groups, youth groups to online shopping groups, community sports, village hall activities...the list goes on...

**Achieve Together**
Our main investment programme; we would like to build longer term strategic partnerships with communities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises who share our priorities. We are interested in designing with partners a range of social action projects and services that meet clearly evidenced need, are sustainable and where required, are capable of delivery at scale.

**Time to Innovate**
To keep pace with both changing needs and an ever changing social and economic environment we are also keen to invest in creative new ideas that contribute to our priorities. This will be an annual competition for one off investment, and each year the theme will be different. More information in late Autumn 2017.

For your copy of our new prospectus go to [www.northyorks.gov.uk/stronger-communities](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/stronger-communities)

Contact Gillian Wall, Stronger Communities Delivery Manager (Richmondshire)
E: gillian.wall@northyorks.gov.uk T: 01609 53 3579
Don’t miss out - sign up to North Yorkshire Connect: the brand new quick and easy to use community directory connecting people and groups across North Yorkshire.

Late September saw the launch of a new community directory for groups in North Yorkshire - North Yorkshire Connect.

This exciting new project was developed by a number of partners across North Yorkshire, including North Yorkshire County Council and Richmondshire District Council. The new and improved online system will provide a way of connecting people to groups across the county by bringing together a number of smaller community directories under one simple umbrella. The project will mean groups only have to sign up once and it is quick and easy.

Listings on North Yorkshire Connect will generally be for not-for-profit community groups, clubs or organisations and will also include activities and things to do such as youth clubs, sports groups, knit and natter groups, book clubs, luncheon clubs, music clubs, photography, regular coffee mornings and art sessions.

It is a resource for people of all ages and also professionals. Many professionals work with people who are lonely or just want to get involved in local groups but can’t find the information. The new system will help people find out about services, community and voluntary organisations quickly by going online. The system was also designed and developed with groups and individuals who said it had to be easy to use and update. And its available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

So take a look and sign up to North Yorkshire Connect at www.northyorkshireconnect.org.uk

Still not sure? There is something you want to tell us? For questions or comments about the new community directory, email customertheme@northyorks.gov.uk
Hawes Christmas Lights presents

Wensleydale’s Got TALENT

Saturday 2nd December 2017
commencing 7.15pm prompt

Hawes Market House

All types of group/solo entertainment, all ages

For more information - Hawes Community Office or Wensleydale Press or lizwp@tiscali.co.uk
AID FOR RICHMONDSHIRE BUSINESSES

Richmondshire businesses are to receive additional rate relief from the District Council.

The authority has already awarded relief to almost 60 pubs - which can get up to £1,000 per property.

Now councillors are also supporting small businesses – especially those facing large increases because of the loss of small business or rural rate relief. Affected ratepayers will pay no more than £600 additional rates during 2017/18 compared to 2016/17.

And the council has introduced a discretionary rate relief award scheme to limit increases for all businesses suffering more than an 8% increase in business rates in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17.

The aid is being supported by government funding, and is not expected to cost the Council money.
Working on behalf of members in Richmond, Catterick, Colburn, Brompton on Swale and surrounding areas to promote all aspects of business and tourism.

We are a voice for businesses in the area.

We aim to encourage all our members to share knowledge and adopt best practice.

Contact info@originalrichmond.co.uk or Marcia McLuckie on 01748 825525
Community Engagement and Economic Development

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Samantha Coultish (Funding Support/Community Engagement)
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Culture, Health and Well Being

Jo-Anne Simpson (Culture & Wellbeing Delivery Manager)
Email: jo-anne.simpson@richmondshire.gov.uk | Tel: 01748 901045

Ryan Rutherford (Lifestyle Officer)
Email: ryan.rutherford@richmondshire.gov.uk | Tel: 01748 829100

... or write to the team at:
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