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# Hull's Arctic Corsair Takes Next Step Towards Welcoming Visitors

Work is progressing at North End Shipyard as the next phase of preparations to open the Arctic Corsair moves forward, bringing the trawler a step closer to welcoming visitors in spring 2027.

The trawler arrived at her permanent home on Friday 14 August, following a move from Albert Dock. Now safely dry-berthed within North End Shipyard, contractors are carrying out a series of essential works that could only begin once the vessel was in her final position.

The new dock gate has been fully sealed and welded into position, with concrete works now progressing to complete the permanent closure of the dock. This follows the successful completion of the major dredging operation, including the treatment of the water and removal of the remaining spoil from the North Dock.

Surveys have been undertaken around and beneath the trawler now that she is in the exact position within the dock. This has provided the final measurements needed to progress the new access arrangements, including the main staircase and bridge onto the ship, a raised steel deck within the central dock, a secondary emergency staircase and a new platform lift to ensure access for visitors.

Once complete, these structures will allow visitors to board the Arctic Corsair and also

descend into the dry dock, providing a completely different perspective of the vessel from below and gain a greater understanding of the scale and engineering of Hull's last surviving sidewinder trawler.

Councillor Mike Ross, Leader of Hull City Council, said:

It is fantastic to see work continuing at pace as we move towards opening this remarkable attraction to the public in spring 2027.

Since the vessel arrived at North End Shipyard, significant progress has been made in preparing both the ship and the surrounding site. From preparing the access structures and visitor facilities to installing exhibitions that will bring Hull's fishing and shipbuilding heritage to life, each stage is helping to transform the Arctic Corsair into a truly unique visitor experience.

Visitors will not only be able to step aboard Hull's last surviving sidewinder trawler but also explore the dry dock beneath her and discover the stories of the men and communities connected to Hull's world-renowned fishing industry.

### The next steps

Across the wider shipyard site, activity is continuing, with the concrete structure surrounding the new dock gate and supporting infrastructure advancing over the coming weeks.

The drainage system within the South Dock is substantially complete, with the new pumps installed, while work will now progress on the Central Dock drainage. This will include new pipework, a pumping sump, rising main and associated equipment to manage water within the dry dock once the attraction is operational.

Work is also progressing on the new access structures and the railings around the site. This includes the restoration of sections of the historic dock railings to retain this shipyard's historic character alongside new gates and edge protection required to create safe visitor routes around the Arctic Corsair and through the shipyard.

Inside the new visitor centre, fit-out contractor Marcon has begun installing exhibition displays, cases and technology which will tell the story of the Arctic Corsair and the 400 years of shipbuilding history associated with North End Shipyard.

Interpretation will also extend onto the trawler itself, enabling visitors to discover more about life on board and the experiences of the crews who worked on Hull's distant-water trawlers in the harshest conditions.

As the current contractors complete their respective packages of work through the autumn, the focus will increasingly move towards completing the visitor infrastructure, interpretation, landscaping, testing and operational preparations.

Together, these final stages will transform North End Shipyard into a major new heritage attraction, ensuring the Arctic Corsair continues to share Hull's maritime story with future generations when she opens to the public in spring 2027.

**By Albert Nelson** Online 2 October 2026
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# Smart Traffic Camera Installed to Speed Up Emergency Responses at East Hull Fire Station




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Photo supplied by Hull City Council

Hull City Council has installed a new intelligent traffic camera system at the Rosmead Street and Southcoates Lane junction to assist operations at East Hull Fire Station.

Working in partnership with Humberside Fire and Rescue Service and SWARCO, a traffic technology and intelligent transport systems specialist, the council has installed a Bernard smart camera to support firefighters at East Hull Fire Station respond to emergencies.

The project was developed following concerns raised by the fire station regarding delays when emergency vehicles left the site. Previously, the Station relied on a WigWag warning system only, which temporarily stopped traffic while emergency vehicles left the site.

However, the system only halted traffic for 40 seconds, and due to traffic calming islands, parked cars, and a narrow road, traffic was often flowing again by the time the vehicles left the station and reached the junction.

The first camera of its kind in Hull, it will work alongside the existing WigWag system by placing it into a ‘ready state’ when the firefighters are first alerted to an incident.

On exiting the station, the camera will detect the authorised emergency vehicle, and the Wig-Wag warning system will begin its start-up sequence.

**By Catherine Wiliams** Online 21 October 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/smart-traffic-camera-installed-to-speed-up-emergency-responses-at-east-hull-fire-station**

# Hull College Receives Good Travel Plan Award



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One of Hull's best-known further education providers has been recognised nationally for its work to encourage and support staff and students to walk, cycle and use public transport to travel to and from its city centre campus.

Hull College has received a Good Travel Plan Award from Modeshift STARS.

The college joined the programme earlier this year and has worked closely with Hull City Council to identify opportunities to improve sustainable travel for both staff and students, resulting in improvements to security for onsite cycle parking, the installation of EV charging facilities and plans to introduce a car sharing scheme.

The college is also dedicated to providing sustainable travel options for students at the time of enrolment by promoting BetterPoints Hull, a city-wide initiative that rewards sustainable journeys, through the Hull College student app.

Matthew Blowman, director of facilities and infrastructure at Hull College, said:

We're delighted to receive this recognition, which reflects our commitment to making sustainable travel an easier and more practical choice for our staff and students.

As a city-centre college, we have a real opportunity to encourage healthier journeys, reduce our environmental impact and help ease congestion. Working with Hull City Council has helped us turn that ambition into practical improvements, including secure cycle parking and better promotion of the travel options available.

**By Albert Nelson** Online 8 October 2026

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## Hull Business Recognised for Supporting Greener Staff Commutes




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One of Hull's leading businesses has received national certification for its workplace travel plan, which encourages and supports staff to walk, cycle and use public transport for their daily commute.

Siemens Gamesa, a global leader in wind energy that supports companies and countries worldwide in building resilient, affordable and sustainable energy systems that accelerate the energy transition, has received a Good Travel Plan award from Modeshift STARS.

Siemens Gamesa joined the Modeshift STARS programme in the city in 2023 and has shown commitment to supporting sustainable travel choices for its staff.

**By Albert Nelson** Online 5 October 2026
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## Much-Loved Hull Library Secures Long-Term Future After Community Campaign



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A much-loved community library, saved by local residents 12 years ago, has reached another important milestone after securing a long-term agreement to help protect its future.

Hull City Council's cabinet has approved a 35-year Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for Anlaby Park Community Library, helping to secure the facility's long-term future.

The CAT of Anlaby Park Library to Anlaby Park Community Library, Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), will ensure its long-term viability as a community-focused hub.

**By Barbara Parker** Online 18 October 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/much-loved-hull-library-secures-long-term-future-after-community-campaign**

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# Hull Apprentices Claim First and Second Place at National Paperhanger Awards




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Two Hull Training and Adult Education (HTAE) apprentices have claimed top national honours at the prestigious Painting and Decorating Association Apprentice Paperhanger of the Year Awards.

Jazzmin Smith was named the 2026 Apprentice Paperhanger of the Year, with fellow apprentice Daisy Milner securing second place at the national final held at The Milner York.

Earlier this year, they impressed judges during a demanding six-hour competition at Doncaster College, securing places in the national final against some of the UK's most talented decorating apprentices.

**By Albert Nelson** Online 28 October 2026
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# Hull Heat Network Takes Shape as Government Officials Visit City



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Representatives from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) visited Hull to see the progress being made on the city's low-carbon heating project, the Hull Heat Network.

The visit on Wednesday 14 October provided an opportunity to demonstrate how UK government, one of the key funders of the project, is supporting the delivery of cleaner energy in Hull.

DESNZ is the government department to improve the UK's energy security and support the transition to low-carbon energy through investment in projects such as the Hull Heat Network.

**By Zoe Walker** Online 20 October 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/hull-heat-network-takes-shape-as-government-officials-visit-city**

# In brief



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## Hull Youth Parliament Celebrates 20 Years of Giving Young People a Voice

Hull's Young Mayor and Youth Representatives welcomed children and young people from across the city to the annual Youth Parliament, held at the Guildhall on Thursday 22 October.

**By Albert Nelson** Online 26 October 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/hull-youth-parliament-celebrates-20-years-of-giving-young-people-a-voice**



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## Sustainable Drainage Planters Installed at Hull Paragon Interchange

Three sustainable drainage planters have been installed at Hull Paragon Interchange to help make the station more resilient to climate change and reduce disruption for rail users.

**By Zoe Walker** Online 12 October 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/sustainable-drainage-planters-installed-at-hull-paragon-interchange**



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## Hull City Council Secures £9 Million Government Grant to Build 83 New Council Homes

Hull City Council has secured over £9 million in government funding to deliver 83 new council homes across six local sites.

**By Zoe Walker** Online 14 October 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/hull-city-council-secures-9-million-government-grant-to-build-83-new-council-homes**



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## Lord Mayor's Charity Rainbow Ball Returns to Hull's Historic Guildhall

The Lord Mayor's Charity Rainbow Ball will return to Hull's historic Guildhall next month. The event takes place on Friday 27 November, with doors opening at 7pm ahead of an 8pm start.

The event will conclude at midnight.

**By Barbara Parker** Online 23 October 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/lord-mayors-charity-rainbow-ball-returns-to-hulls-historic-guildhall**

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## Hull City Council Urges Residents to Recycle Halloween Pumpkins Responsibly

With Halloween approaching, Hull City Council is reminding residents how to dispose of their pumpkins responsibly.

**By Catherine Wiliams** Online 30 October 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/hull-city-council-urges-residents-to-recycle-halloween-pumpkins-responsibly**



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## York Grandfather Encourages Others to Quit Smoking This Stoptober

A York grandfather who smoked for more than 40 years is encouraging others to give up cigarettes this Stoptober after receiving free support from York's Health Trainers, who helped him quit for good.

**By Barbara Parker** Online 6 October 2026
Continued at **yorkmagazine.co.uk/york-grandfather-encourages-others-to-quit-smoking-this-stoptober**



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## Major £55,000 Donation Secures 21,000 Free School Breakfasts for York Pupils

More than 21,000 free breakfasts will be served to schoolchildren across York following a major donation to the York Hungry Minds campaign.

**By Catherine Wilson** Online 15 October 2026
Continued at **yorkmagazine.co.uk/major-55000-donation-secures-21000-free-school-breakfasts-for-york-pupils**



Photo: St John Ambulance

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## Jamie Set for Special Starbeck Homecoming After Inspirational 500-Mile Challenge for St John Ambulance

A determined young man from Starbeck is set to receive a very special welcome home as he completes an inspirational 500-mile fundraising challenge for St John Ambulance and raising over £2500

**By Hazel Thompson** Online 4 October 2026
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Photo: Make It York

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## York Christmas Market Returns With Tuesday Rest Day and Access Changes

Between Thursday 12th November and Monday 21st December 2026, Make it York will once again host York's Christmas Market, bringing festive shopping, seasonal food and Christmas atmosphere to the heart of the city.

**By Zoe Walker** Online 29 October 2026
Continued at **yorkmagazine.co.uk/york-christmas-market-returns-with-tuesday-rest-day-and-access-changes**



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## Children and Families Benefit from York Parks Upgrade Programme

Hundreds of children and families across York are already benefiting from major improvements to parks, play areas and green spaces, with more projects due to be completed over the coming months.

**By Zoe Walker** Online 3 October 2026
Continued at **yorkmagazine.co.uk/children-and-families-benefit-from-york-parks-upgrade-programme**



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## Free Slippers and Falls Prevention Advice Offered Across York

Almost 1,000 pairs of free slippers have already been given to older residents in York at ten events, with more planned. The events offer information, advice and a free pair of well-fitting slippers.

**By Barbara Parker** Online 5 October 2026
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## Roundhay Rotary Club Launches Winter Coat Appeal

Residents across Leeds are being urged to donate pre-loved, good quality adult winter coats to help those who are struggling to keep warm.

**By Zoe Walker** Online 20 October 2026
Continued at **leedsmagazine.com/roundhay-rotary-club-launches-winter-coat-appeal**




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