



# APPROA news

APPROA exists to help retain the unique character of the Avenues and Pearson Park conservation area and to support the neighbourhood's strong community spirit

## APROPOS

### Tenfoots

We are investigating the possibility that tenfoots are rights of way.

### Copyright in public sculpture

A question has arisen over ownership of the copyright to tree sculptures in the Avenues. We are consulting m'learned friends.

### Avenues artist Sabine Bieli

is showing new work in the **roof space** gallery at Salt's Mill, in the model village of Saltaire (Bradford), 9-18 Sept. Lots to see at any time in this former textile mill - *David Hockney strong influence* - boutiques, galleries, book shop, cafés etc

**John Street Gallery** near the New Theatre offers commercial platform for local artists. Plus bespoke framing and photography services. Next show preview: 17 Sept, 6pm **Be there!** [www.clubart.org](http://www.clubart.org)

### DARE YOU VENTURE OUT TO A HALLOWE'EN EVENING IN PEARSON PARK?

Organised by Friends of Pearson Park, largely for the younger community, but all are welcome. Some events to be designed by the young people (eg break dancing and koi kites). There will be food, music, HAPPENINGS...

**28 October, 6.30 to 9.30** in the park.

### C A R G O (Hull Friends of the Earth)

*Collecting And Recycling Garden Organic Waste* in the Avenues, Newland Park and Ella Street. Every Monday (not Bank Holidays). Buy labels for 30p each from AveNews (Salisbury St), Grain (Newland Ave), Clements News (Princes Ave) or Recycling Unlimited (Newland Ave). Biodegradable waste only, please, in standard bin liners. tel 07817 824418 web [www.cargo.org.uk](http://www.cargo.org.uk)

### Advent Calendar Windows

Please contact Lesley Longworth on 342516 to book a date for your window. To see all previous years' windows, visit [www.hullsangel.org](http://www.hullsangel.org)

From Stephanie Wilson  
APPROA Chair

## Planning Applications

I need to clear up some problems raised during our door-to-door meetings with you all while collecting subscriptions. First, I want to explain how I approach Avenues planning applications (which the Planning Office kindly send us) because, to my surprise and alarm, one resident reacted adversely to my method. I always put a card through the door of both next-door neighbours, asking if they have any difficulty with the proposal; I think of this as a consultation to help us in forming our response to the Planning Committee—it is not in any way intended as covert or hostile to the application. It is simply information-gathering; I contact the applicants as well, to clarify their intentions and views. Usually, the applicants have already cleared their plans with the neighbours and I can then report to the APPROA Committee that they're all happy. Now and again, there is a less harmonious situation; it isn't always possible to help, but we can report the problems in our response. This takes time, but I think of it as time spent in a responsible and worthwhile way; I was therefore taken aback by a different interpretation—that approaching neighbours was somehow sneaky.

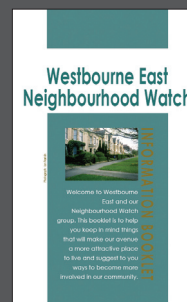
## Article 4 Directions

I'm afraid that many residents are cross and uncomprehending about the incursion of the Article 4 Direction into their plans to renovate their windows; replacement windows at the front may now need planning permission (see **Planning permission**, page 3). The first thing to say here is that there was a sufficient local vote in its favour to bring it into force in the Avenues. In our view, it has been difficult to see any consistency in the decisions made under the Direction; and residents are resentful when their windows are turned down, although there are similar styles nearby, installed before the Direction took effect. To which the answer is—we have to start somewhere; in this instance, we may be unrepresentative—but probably not,

considering the original vote—since we are, as a Committee, opposed to the use of UPVC. The planners are not as implacable; the legal position is that new windows should be in keeping, in the material preferred. We hope that the Design Guide we are working on will be useful in providing a future basis for understanding and agreement.

## St Ninian's Walk

As you walk around, why not wander along St Ninian's Walk and wonder if there's room for a house, or even three, plus an approach road, in the wooded stretch of land between No 3 and the house already there, on the edge of Ella Street. The officers recommended the application—for a No 5—for approval; the Planning Committee turned it down, for green and access reasons. The applicant says he'll persevere. **Let us know what you think.**



## Info booklet

"Westbourne East Neighbourhood Watch have prepared an illustrated information booklet for all residents on our street. It contains information about all kinds of civic responsibilities (things like when to get your bins out and a polite note to recover them as soon as emptied), and information on how to get involved in all the activities in our area. This is not a flimsy little booklet, but a sturdy guide that is meant to be used by current residents, but then passed on to new occupants should some of our residents move. I would be happy to show any residents of the Avenues the booklet we have prepared in case you would like to do something similar for your own street."

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36 Westbourne Avenue

# Verge preservation

Sally Walker

## Repairs

We received **£19,159** from Wyke Area Committee to:

- ▶ widen the street openings to badly overridden tenfoots (17 in all)
- ▶ repair the deep ruts on verge edges
- ▶ replace 100 metres of low kerb

We are indebted to **Alan Lowey** of Highways Department who has walked every avenue and street in the conservation area to survey the degradation and underlying causes of verge damage—it is invariably thoughtless motorists. He listened to our woes and wishes and has meticulously prepared a programme of works. Thanks also to **Richard Townend** of Highways Department who started the process by meeting APPRA and Cllr Robinson.

The work will not start before mid September but it will be done this Autumn. The Council have agreed to tamp down the new soil. Usually, rut repairs are not tamped down and are thus ruined immediately by the first uncaring motorist. However, the new soil will still be incredibly vulnerable to vehicles which override the kerb—so please continue to be vigilant about such motorists; and mindful that accidental override is as damaging as deliberate! Please park very carefully.

There is no way to protect the newly seeded grass other than not driving on it. If it is driven on, please feel free to find your spade and tamp it down at once. If you see a new rut developing in the new repair, please contact *Sally Walker* (details on right.)

## What is not being repaired

Sadly there was not enough public money available to repair all damage.

- ▼ There will not be repairs to incipient erosion on verge edges, the first stage before deep ruts. We need to remind motorists as often possible about the vulnerability of all verge edges.

- ▼ Damage, some of it very bad, alongside some private vehicular accesses, is not receiving remedial attention. One landlord, whose entrance way is hugely damaged, is in the process of being formally approached by the Council as it is the responsibility of the person(s) who damaged the verge to pay to put it right. This will probably be a very long process but it is vital that such offenders are made aware of their legal liability. It may help stop future degradation when the word gets around.

We hope to find funding for the continued preservation of our verges. We now have a list of current problem areas, having done a survey. If you have any thoughts on funding sources other than Wyke Area Committee, please let Sally know.

## Caring for the verges

### What APPRA has done

**We have written to identified offenders**, including skip companies, Tesco, Post Office, Hull City Council and institutions within the Conservation Area. Some responded sympathetically, some have not replied at all. We will continue this approach—please let Sally know of such offenders, if you do not wish to contact the Council yourself.

**We have set up a system of volunteers to put leaflets on offending cars**, not only reminding them that it is illegal to park on the verges, but also pointing out that parking with 2 wheels up is damaging to our environment. Our thanks to these volunteers who have each taken on half an avenue or street.

The general feedback is that the response from motorists has been positive but the problem of parking on verges will always be with us because of the amount of vehicles which are not indigenous to the area; and because there is now a culture which asserts the primacy of the motorist above all else. Hopefully we can work to change this culture.

Regular offenders who ignore our leaflets can have their licence plate photographed and sent to Highways for further action.

We have begun discussions with the Parks Department with a view to **stopping the policy of spraying around trees and street furniture**. The spraying to kill the weeds has caused as much damage as bad parking,

as it has created erosion: and is encouraging the spread of weeds, which colonise the areas where the grass has been killed off. If this process is not halted the weeds will encroach upon the grass in ever widening circles. In some places it has already spread right across verges, which are now totally bald except for flourishing weeds.

## What you can do to help

- ✓ Offer to put leaflets on cars. The volunteers cannot effectively police each area without being up and down the street all day. You could monitor the area near to your house, or keep a look out when moving around the Avenues. Leaflets are available from Sally who will deliver them to you.
- ✓ If you see a council vehicle on the verge, please report this to the Council under their “Well Driven?” scheme, which encourages the public to report bad driving, which includes bad/illegal parking. You phone the number indicated on the back of the vehicle, giving date, time and vehicle registration number. If the van has no phone number, then you phone 300300.
- ✓ Ask your builders in advance not to park on the verges. If you see a builder on the verge, it is a good idea to take their details/address for future reference, as some have a habit of leaving behind rubble, pallets etc. which it is their responsibility to remove. You can then inform Highways of who was responsible for damaging the verge. Or tell Sally who will contact Highways. Builder damage seems to happen more often at the end of the Avenues where work is actually taking place on Chanterlands or Prince’s Avenues.

**Contact: Sally Walker: tel 447558  
or e-mail: Sally@lobster.karoo.co.uk**

Do please let her know about about companies who have damaged the verge in any way. She will contact Highways who will ensure that it is put right. The difficulty for Highways is that they are invariably unaware that damage has been done. They are only too happy to deal with the offender as the responsibility and cost for repair devolves to the Council after 2 years. In the past it is mainly Utilities who have caused serious damage.

## Repairs + Renovation Services

### Total Window Repair and Renovation

Period Windows Elloughton: tel 669553  
Ventrolla Ltd: tel 01423 859323

### Total Window Replacement

P & J Timbers: tel 346893 (moving to Ash Grove, off Beverley Road, 1st tenfoot on left)

Paragon Joinery: tel 585205

Cottingham Joinery: tel 868145

Brian Fawcett: tel 01964 670818

G E Rice Joinery Ltd: tel 01964 551402

Jubilee Joinery: tel 224275

*Get quotations as prices can vary quite a lot.*

### Ironmongery, including sash weights

King & Co: tel 589989

### ‘K’ Glass

Bennett Glass: tel 820820

### Secondary Double Glazing

Granada Secondary Glazing Ltd  
Units 1 & 2, Carrwood Trading Estate  
Chesterfield, Derbyshire tel: 01246 261262

### Boiler Replacement

Martin Ainley Plumbing: tel 445492

British Gas

### Building Services

Stubbs Brothers Building Services Ltd (builders, joiners, plumbers & roofing contractors) specialise in all types of joinery manufacturing incl hardwood and softwood windows, doors, staircases and mouldings. Free advice + quotations: tel 01482 449195/473149

# Advent Calendar 2005

Book now to get your preferred date for this year's Advent Calendar windows.

This "tradition" started in 2003, when a resident suggested that 24 households create a seasonal scene in one of their front windows to be lit on the appropriate day and thenceforward until all 24 windows were alight.

To get an idea of previous designs and themes, you can visit [www.hullangel.org](http://www.hullangel.org) where all the Calendars are shown in detail. You can book your window with Lesley Longworth on 342516, or book online at [www.avenuesonline.org.uk](http://www.avenuesonline.org.uk)



The design should include the number of your day, be fairly large in scale and **well-lit**, because people will be looking at it from the pavement, in the dark.

## Planning permission

### What to do if you are having work done on your property?

Short answer: write to Ian Brown, Planning Development Manager, Planning Services, Kingston House, Bond Street, Hull HU1 3ER

We have discussed with Ian Brown the best way to work out if planning permission is required for work on your house (the outside) or on other parts of your property (eg garage, shed). He says: write to him, stating what you want to have done, in advance of the work being carried

out. There is no charge for this advice.

He will write back to you to let you know if you need planning permission or not. This written answer will be of help to you in the future when you are selling or remortgaging.

There is no fee for any planning application required for window alteration/replacement to houses because windows fall under an Article 4 Direction.

# Bloomin' marvellous!

Bob Sandham

And still they came. This year's Open Gardens was blessed with splendid weather and lots of visitors who put their hands deep in their pockets. There were more gardens open than ever, more than sixty, more visitors than ever and so more money for charity than ever before. Open Gardens started twenty-nine years ago to help the North Humberside Hospice Project that went on to become Dove House. We still give half of the receipts to the hospice but now other charities benefit as well.



The total of **£9,250** is a big increase on last year's record of £7,700. This is a wonderful team effort and so congratulations to all those who opened their gardens, helped by

selling refreshments and raised money in many other ways. Coletta & Tyson's Outlet Nursery was this year's big innovation. We approached them for a cash donation and they overwhelmed us by offering almost as many Dutch plant trolleys as we could take. Saphia Crowther, her family and friends installed themselves in Paul Sowden's Westbourne Avenue garden and raised over £600 through plant sales alone.

But what about next year, Open Gardens' thirtieth anniversary—can the £10,000 barrier be broken?

Contact one of the organisers: Rose & Bob at 81 Victoria, Debbie & Paul at 184 Marlborough or by e-mail: [opengardens@avenuesonline.org.uk](mailto:opengardens@avenuesonline.org.uk)

Dove House Hospice	£4,625
St John Ambulance	£1,100
Multiple Sclerosis	£1,100
Barnardos	£1,100
Tree Aid	£1,100

The final £225 was given to a local holiday club for children with muscular dystrophy.

# New tree sculpture

Westbourne Avenue is the site of the latest tree sculpture, near number 65. Jacky Ward Lomax says the dual nature of the tree stump has inspired her to sculpt entwined serpents—similar to the Hull Sea Dragon Gamelan at the Albemarle Music Centre.

She is also influenced by an exhibition of 19C British furniture held at the Whaling Museum, in particular: a chair whose legs, back and arms were entwined by gilded Chinese-style dragon-like serpents (see photo).

**Many thanks to Stubbs Brothers Building Services, who cover the insurance for our sculpture projects.**



Photo: Jacky Ward Lomax

## Tree sculptures - an asset to the Avenues?

The editor would like to hear from as many residents as possible: should APPRA continue its programme of carving tree stumps as they become available (with the local residents' approval, of course)?

Some people believe that the tree sculptures are an interesting feature of the Avenues; that they improve the community "feel" of our area; that non-residents are interested in them; and that they are an additional attraction during Open Gardens. They also biodegrade (the first sculpture,

the Angel, 1998, is nearing the end of its life).

However, some people don't like them and would rather not have any more.

**To review all the sculptures to date, from 1998 to the present, visit [www.hullangel.org](http://www.hullangel.org)**

To contribute to our feedback request, complete the form below, and send it to the editor.

Alternatively, email the editor (contact details are on page 4 of this newsletter).



## Should APPRA continue its tree carving programme?

Yes  No



## Your column—your say

**"The cutting down of the gorgeous big trees** on our avenues proceeds apace. The Council says this was agreed on by the Residents' Association at a series of Extraordinary Meetings. That is correct, but this happened a number of years ago and residents' views may have changed. There is no scientific proof that the trees being removed have caused subsidence problems. We all happen to live on clay soils and as the weather changes the soil shifts and may cause

problems. The trees have not reached the end of their life span, and there are many of us who do not want these beautiful trees which contribute to the atmosphere of the avenues and our quality of life to be removed and replaced by trees that will never reach the magnificence of these old ones. I would like to find out the views of as many residents as possible, so please put those views in writing and send them to the editor, or check the website at [www.avenuesonline.org.uk](http://www.avenuesonline.org.uk) and express your views there."

Haris Livas-Dawes

[Views expressed in this column are those of the individual concerned and do not necessarily represent APPRA policy...ed]

"The then Arboricultural Officer, Malcolm Waller, and the Committee achieved a binding agreement with the many residents present at the two meetings which gave a mandate for the rolling programme: 20 trees to be felled every year for twenty to thirty years. The intention was to preserve the beloved green corridor effect, but unfortunately subsidence and the many claims intervened. Long stretches lost their big trees—fellings all driven by insurance companies and the judgement finding Humberside negligent in tree management. Because of this accelerated loss, the Urban Forestry Department reduced the programme to an average annual felling of 10 trees. We are notified in advance and consult residents affected. When individuals are unhappy to lose 'their' tree, we work with Urban Forestry (tree-lovers themselves) to save it and find a substitute." **Stephanie Wilson, Chair, APPRA**

Note from Chair



# Put out more flags! Ella Street celebrates 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## Ella Street Residents Association recently held a most successful street party.

The Avenues were developed from 1875 by **DAVID PARKINSON GARBUTT** and it is possible that Garbutt was also involved in the development of nearby Ella Street. The street may be named after a member of his family; the other perhaps less likely option is that the church at Kirk Ella could reputedly be seen from the vicinity. Peck's map of 1885 shows the street laid out, but with no houses built, whereas Kelly's directory of the same date does not include the street. The 1885 plan shows that Ella Street originally was intended to extend further west, but the building of the high level Hull & Barnsley railway embankment c1881-82 (the railway opened in 1885) cut off this western end. Bacon's 1906 plan shows a footpath west of the railway line. The northern part of Chanterlands Avenue where the railway bridge is now, is of the 1920s. So, no houses in Ella Street in 1885, but by the date of Bulmer's 1892 directory, there has been some development, all on the south side of Ella Street, and mostly in the "Squares". There are perhaps only seven or eight houses actually fronting the street itself; Nos 2 and 3 **VICTORIA VILLAS** at the eastern end (Newland Avenue corner) and Nos 1,2,3,4,6 **FARNLEY VILLAS** between **VICTORIA SQUARE** and **FARNLEY SQUARE**. The other "squares" fully occupied in 1892 were **VICTORIA** and **ALBERT**. So the first houses in Ella Street were built between 1885 and 1892, but much of the housing, and all on

the north side, came later (between 1892 and 1907).

The occupations of these early Ella Street residents included, in 1892, numerous clerks (*who could live this far out of the centre of the town where the majority of them presumably worked because of the S'tram route, extended along Newland Avenue to Cottingham Road from 1903*). By 1907 Ella Street appears to have been mostly completed with a vast increase in the number of residents, perhaps three times as many as in 1892. **THE CHESTNUTS** and **THE POPLARS** have been added to the "Squares" on the south and on the north the numbers extend to No 160 at the west end and the "Avenues"; **HAYES AVENUE**, **THE LIMES**, **TRINITY GROVE** and **MALVERN AVENUE** have been built and occupied. The OS plan of 1919 shows Allotment Gardens between the **JEWISH BURIAL GROUND** (opened c1900, according to the *Victoria County History*. Although it is listed in Kelly's 1907 directory, a plaque formerly on the wall, now demolished, next to the cemetery entrance had the date 1917) and the lake adjoining the drain north of Victoria Avenue. The only undeveloped land in the street by this date was at the west end of the north side. Later the **NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY COTTAGE HOMES** of 1925-26-27 were built here, incorporating a 1st WW memorial to railway workers from the Western Docks. Ella Street was then nearly complete. By 1916 the H&B Railway Co's **RECREATION GROUND** was established adjoining the coal depot.



Photo Chrys Bavey

Also by 1916 there was a grocer's shop at the corner of Salisbury Street, this later became **JACK KAYE's** shop (*he arrived in Hull from Leeds in 1946*). In 1921 **WALTER SANDERSON**, joiner and **TOM SANDERSON**, joiner at Nos 135 and 135A were at the corner of Salisbury Street, adjoining the grocer's. In 1916 and 1921 No 215, next to the Jewish Burial Ground, was occupied by **ERNEST B LONGLEY**, dairyman; by 1939 this was **ALBERT BLYTH**, poulterer (*various outbuildings in a yard to the rear of this property now may relate to these earlier uses*). By 1930 **FREDERICK HAROLD PICKERING** (builder) had premises at the rear of No 137, west of Salisbury Street; by 1939 this was **SANDERSON'S GARAGE**, motor engineers (later Salisbury Garage).

A small development of houses were built west of the railway cottages c1976. **CHRIS JONES'** architect's house was built in St Ninian's Walk, on former allotments, adjoining the railway embankment, with vehicular access from the west end of Ella Street in the 1990s. More recently **NUNNINGTON CLOSE**, has been built adjoining the line of the drain

(ten-foot) on Mr Sanderson's former joiner's yard. Jack Kaye's former shop, empty for some years, has been demolished this year. The cycle-track and footpath, on the former Cottingham Drain, leading north to Goddard Avenue was named **JACK KAYE WALK** some few years ago.

Outline planning permission has been granted for houses on the site of the former Allotment Gardens, known colloquially as '**SANDERSON'S FIELD**'. A new house on the site of the Jewish burial ground caretaker's house is slowly in course of construction. Cars, cars and more cars have replaced the grass verges. Is this progress? No doubt the Ella Street residents, like Avenues' residents, have strong views on this and other matters affecting this attractive part of our city, which this year can probably claim to be celebrating its one hundred and fifteenth anniversary, or thereabouts.

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## WEBSITES

APPRA online	www.avenuesonline.org.uk	news + pictures of all Avenues events incl Open Gardens; info on Conservation, planning matters; APPRA committee minutes; back issues of APPRA newsletters, and much more...
Art in the Avenues	www.hullangel.org	complete record of tree sculptures; fountain rescue; Advent Calendars