

Be part of our 6th Living APPRA Advent Calendar!

We need 24 households to create an Advent Window each. You choose your starting date, from 1 December to 24 December. Create a festive design, incorporating the date, to be illuminated in one of your front windows. Illuminate the design from your starting date until at least Christmas Day. Many opt to illuminate their windows to Twelfth Night and beyond! To volunteer, just complete the form below and send it to Lesley!

Advent Calendar 2007 - Application form

Closing date: 5 November 2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Preferred date 1: _____

Preferred date 2: _____

To: Lesley Longworth, 57 Westbourne Avenue
 Tel 342516 Email: longworth@lathkill.karoo.co.uk

Important must-do's: you must illuminate the window brightly enough so that people can see the design from the pavement, and you must create a design or scene — a number on its own is not enough.



A beautiful design from 20 Park Avenue, 2006

There are five years of our past Calendars to look at for inspiration at www.hullangel.org, and from that website you can also visit Saltaire Village (in Bradford). The residents were so impressed with our Calendars they created one of their own in 2006!

Entries must be in by 5 November. If we don't get 24 volunteers by then, the Advent Calendar won't run this year.

Repair & Renovation Services

<p>Total Window Repair and Renovation Period Windows: tel 222231 Ventrolla Ltd: tel: 01423 859323</p> <p>Total Window Replacement Brian Parkinson c/o Dairycoates Timber Supply Ltd, 602 Hessele Road: tel 329570 P & J Timbers: tel 07717 2810233 (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 The Woodcraftsman: tel 07896 753861</p> <p>Ironmongery, including sash weights Build Center (formerly King & Co): tel 589989</p> <p>'K' Glass Bennett Glass: tel 820820</p> <p>Secondary Double Glazing Granada Secondary Glazing Ltd Units 1 & 2, Carrwood Trading Estate Chesterfield, Derbyshire tel: 01246 261262</p> <p>Stained Glass N Harrap & Son: tel 329818</p>	<p>Boiler Replacement British Gas</p> <p>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</p> <p>Suppliers of Yellow Pine Timber Arnold Laver, Crowle St, Hull tel: 324525</p> <p>Roofers (Will renew roof with existing slates or tiles) Byron (Hull) Roofing Ltd: tel 224335 L A Hall (Hull Ltd) Roofing Contractors 19 - 27 Lime St, Hull HU8 7AB Tel - 320367 e-mail: info@lahalltd.karoo.co.uk</p> <p>Staircases The Woodcraftsman: tel 07896 753861</p>
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Get quotations as prices can vary quite a lot

This list is now published in more detail as an insert in the Design Guide, delivered to you in Jan/Feb 2007. It should also be available on the APPRA website

Artlink has a new home

Annabel Hanson, ArtLink, Centre for Community Arts

In July 2007 and at the conclusion of a successful capital project, Artlink moved into the Centre for Community Arts, our new home in the culturally-rich area of Princes Avenue in Hull.

Since 1982, Artlink has been dedicated to developing and delivering a range of high-quality community arts activities and events. Our activities and services are targeted to the people of Hull and the Humber, many of whom are socially disadvantaged, economically isolated and excluded.

Artlink's four areas of provision are outreach projects, artist and community exhibitions, training and an information service.

Our new premises, located at 87 Princes Avenue, now feature a beautiful gallery space, versatile studio for workshop activity, fully-equipped training room, shop for artists' work and a rental office. These spaces will enable us to build on our reputation for excellent service and enhance Artlink's capacity to meet the growing needs of our sub-region.

They will also be made available for community use, maintaining Artlink's reputation as a centre for arts development, participation and collaboration.

To celebrate the opening of our new home, Artlink will host an open house event in the early autumn. We would be delighted to welcome our APPRA neighbours to this launch. For details, please call 01482 345 104 or email admin@artlink.uk.net

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APPRA news

APPRA 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

APPRA and ARC pay tribute to Joseph Konrad—architect and Avenues resident
 (see page 3)

Design Guide for The Avenues

Conservation Area

A very big thank-you to those residents who helped with the huge job of delivering the Design Guide to all householders.

If you have very recently moved into the area and thus do not have your free copy, please phone Stephanie Wilson, Chair of APPRA on 493037, and she will provide you with one. As well as being a pictorial celebration of the varied architecture in The Avenues, the Guide provides practical advice on repair and renovation; and information on the planning controls for this area, with details of whom to talk to at the City Council.

If you wish to buy a copy for a friend, they cost £5. Available from Stephanie Wilson, Panache on Chanterlands Avenue and Clements News on Princes Avenue.

Antisocial behaviour

We have been informed that a large gang of youths, who have been causing considerable nuisance on the edges of the Avenues, are now beginning to come into our area.

Do not attempt to deal with this gang. Phone the police (**0845 6060222**), who have been making a quick response in dealing with these youths.



Westbourne Avenue 4pm on Monday 25 June 2007

Photo: Chrys Bavey

Interesting times?

Stephanie Wilson
 Chair, APPRA

One of my brothers-in-law has warned me in recent years, "You live in an area in danger of flooding." I've reacted blithely, "I've lived there nearly forty years and it's never flooded."

How those carefree, mistaken words echoed in my head as we waded home after a weekend away on 25 June. I've humbly asked advice from said brother-in-law; he's recommended googling 'National Flood Forum' and going to 'Blue pages' for devices to protect our homes—for example, barriers to be slotted into doorways, or in front of airbricks, when waters start to rise. Have any of your ideas for similar home defences? It may never happen again; but we need not to be taken by surprise if it does—and we need to have some plan of action, even if our efforts to protect our houses have an unequal chance against the sheer volume of water.

There are many theories as to contributory causes—like the Council's alleged economizing on regular drain clearance: the covering-over of the open drain which used to run along Queen's Road and behind Victoria Avenue—it was apparently capable of carrying away larger quantities of water

than today's culvert: some people blame unswept leaves for silting up the drains; many tenfoots have gullies that are so definitively blocked as to have grass growing in them. The report commissioned by the City Council will presumably discuss all such issues, and produce a plan of action for the City; meanwhile, we have written of our concerns to our Councillors. At the time of writing, this report made a Radio 4 headline, but has been notably absent from the national papers we read—to adapt a recent 'Observer' cartoon, this is another instance of 'the forgotten City of Hull twinned with the lost City of Atlantis.'

Tree Walks

We've also written to thank Tim Beckley, the Urban Forestry Officer, for the two Tree Walks he conducted this summer in Pearson Park and the Avenues. He loves and knows trees, which made for such delightful and illuminating evenings—I had no idea, for instance, that there was a ginkgo growing in the Park.

Cherry tree felled

Vigilant neighbours acted quickly when a flowering cherry tree was felled early one morning in Richmond Street; there'd been no consultation, due



Your column—your say

Satellite dish scourge?

Chris Coulson

The area we call 'The Avenues' has been a conservation area since 1974 and was designated as such in an attempt to protect it from the pressures and indeed the ravages of development. We would do no better than reflect on the sentiments in the recently published 'design guide' that the unique atmosphere of the area depends on the harmony of the frontages of the Victorian and Edwardian houses here.

Over the recent years developments have occurred which severely detract from the area's uniqueness and degrade the environment in which we live. Bins left unnecessarily on the grass verges, derelict front gardens, front gardens with over flowing waste bins or old furniture, vehicles parked on the

thin worms which eventually slither into holes bored into window frames.

While satellite dishes need to face 'south' I know of several cases where considerate owner occupiers on the north side of an avenue have placed dishes on rear extensions or rear chimney stacks so they are not visible from the road. Why is this not the norm? Is it because the easiest and the cheapest option is just to drill them into the front wall and low down too? When a property is rented don't landlords object to satellite erectors damaging the bricks and woodwork of their houses? Do they actually know it's happened? Perhaps for many landlords it becomes a 'fait accompli'!

Very recently I picked up, by chance, from the HCC Planning Office in Kingston House, Bond Street, a booklet entitled 'Supplementary Planning Guidance Note Number 11 Designing for satellite dishes. (Adopted May 2000)' and very interesting reading it makes.

Within a Conservation Area it transpires that planning is required for any satellite dish on a house or bungalow if it is to be located on a) a chimney b) a roof or wall fronting the road or

rooms leave, any dish they have installed should go as well. This would certainly make it easier to stop a new one being erected once a re-renting takes place. Perhaps landlords could be approached via the City Council who I understand have to liaise with them when property is under multiple occupancy.

The planning note goes on to say that satellite dishes need to be erected to respect the views from the street and keep them out of sight as much as possible. This is not as difficult as it seems as the diagram below illustrates.

As usual a little thought would go a long way in improving our environment.

(I'm indebted to the Planning Dept of Hull CC for permission to reproduce material from SPG note 11). ■

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent APPRA policy. Ed)

Urban rights of way

Bob and Rose Sandham



It's not only in the countryside that there are public rights of way; they are also in built-up areas such as The Avenues. Wherever people have walked for twenty years or more without being challenged, a right of way exists, whether it has been formally recognised or not. It doesn't matter what the landowners' deeds may say.

The Avenues' network of tenfoots and connecting passages are all private property but as members of the public we have the right to use them. When the council decided to give a grant for the erection of a locked gate on the passage running from the Park/Victoria tenfoot into Victoria Avenue, without using the correct procedure to close a presumed right of way, they were in error.

With the support of users, some of whom had walked the passage for more than sixty years, we applied to the council for this to be officially recognised as a public right of way and added to the council's definitive map. The request was lodged in February 2006. Finally, in July this year, the council recognised their mistake and issued an order that the dog-legged passage running between Park and Victoria Avenues is a public right of way.

Stephanie Wilson continued from page 1 to a rare oversight in the Planning Office. So the felling wasn't illegal, but we do wonder if it's suspicious – the plot is now clear for a house to be built in the garden of 222 Park Avenue.

As I've said before, we are opposed to all such infill on principle, and to this possibility in practice; so we've asked that a replacement tree be planted.

Right of way in tenfoot

Legal Services has at last responded to the gated tenfoot issue; I quote — "**Having considered the evidence, the Council has made an Order which designates the tenfoot a public right of way.**"

The tenfoot in question is the one leading from Park Avenue into Victoria Avenue, but there are obvious implications for other gated tenfoots. If there objections which cannot be resolved, the matter will go to a Public Inquiry, which would be a chance to air the different and passionately held opinions on the subject. I myself — as an individual — hope for a sensible compromise between private security and the public interest.

Princes Avenue "regeneration"

Our July meeting was attended by a young scholar researching what she called 'the regeneration of Princes Avenue' for her MA. It'll be interesting to read what she made of our feeling that we've got enough of the café/wine bar regeneration and would now like to have some more shops; we opposed the proposal to open yet another café/wine bar on the old Zebra, now *Al Noor* site, since we think a shop is a more valuable presence there (and that it's too close to family houses for nocturnal revelry).

APPRA subscriptions 2007

Collecting subscriptions — never our favourite job — has been fun this year, as enough kind residents have turned out to make it an amazingly speedy job; we've chatted our way down each Avenue in a team, and enjoyed talking to you all and are grateful for your generosity. Thanks too to the thoughtful residents who respond to our 'Sorry you were out' letters, and post their subscriptions through our doors. ■

Total collected to date: £1,030

Some residents object to this decision and have a right to be heard, if necessary before an adjudicator appointed by the DEFRA Secretary of State. The closing date for objections to be lodged with the council is 28 September. ■



Bob and Rose Sandham, Debbie Cook and Paul Dodsworth
Avenues Open Gardens organisers

Flood challenge

Nobody needs reminding that this was the summer of the floods. Opening gardens to the public six days after the Monday downpour was too big a challenge. **For the first time ever** an Avenues Open Gardens was cancelled.

By the following Sunday we had dried out somewhat and about 50 brave householders opened their gates to welcome the visitors. The rains came at 13.45 and again at 15.30 forcing all but the most dedicated to call it a day. Some brave souls even went home, changed into wet weather gear and returned to complete the circuit. *We salute you.*

Money raised for charity

Despite all these tribulations we have been able to donate **£4,156** to this year's charities. For the record this is how the total is made up:

Dove House Hospice	£2,050
St John Ambulance	£500
Barnardo's	£500
Sailors' Families	£500
East Hull Community Farm ..	£500
DEC Darfur/Chad appeal	£156

Amazing variety

Since Open Gardens began in 1976 it has grown to embrace much more than just gardens. This year we should have hosted no less than **eight** different musical events ranging from Irish folk fiddle through a Scottish ceilidh band to a capella singing.

Good causes such as Friends of the Earth promoted their work, St Ninian's sold Fairtrade goods, and Mires Beck, a nursery for those with learning difficulties, sold plants for £580 on the second Sunday alone. These sums are additional to the donations to the nominated charities.

Wyke Area supported us with a grant to pay for a special Scrapstore children's workshop, the Portalo and other running costs.

Local businesses gave their support through advertising, donations and Prossers sponsored the hail-n-ride bus.

Finally, a **special thank you** to those generous people who simply gave us money to help us reach a total that has surprised and cheered us.

Looking ahead

Next year's weather cannot be any worse and so we are looking forward to a splendid summer, lots of gardens and as many other attractions as we can cram onto the programme. Please contact us if you want to be involved in any way. ■

Christmas decorations?

Alan Worsley

Midwinter sees a variety of street decoration lightening the dark nights and providing amusement. Advent windows are organised. Climate changing extravaganzas mostly in other parts of Hull are informal.

Here, with the street art of the tree sculptures and other occasional displays of artistic creativity, notably the indoor/outdoor two storey giraffe seen over several years at 196 Marlborough Avenue we have another tradition in the making. Some of us are thinking it could be developed along the lines of a more wide ranging temporary display of witty art work, visible from the street and well lit.

There is no need to register. Legal and decent and on your own property should cause no problem.

If however you wish to have it displayed on the **www.hullscangel.org** website please let us know where it will be and when it is visible (contact the Editor, details on page 4).



Pearson Park wins lottery!

Haris Livas-Dawes
Chair, Friends of Pearson Park

The Friends of Pearson Park have won **£10,000** from the Big Lottery, the largest sum on offer and in competition with parks across the UK. We have received much publicity from the area's media relating to our bid, which was all about partnership working. Our partners are the Biodiversity Partnership, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, BCTV (for work with volunteers), CASE, the HCC Tree Officer and local businesses.

We (the Friends with partners) intend to do the following:

- improve the pond area,
- create a new educational biodiversity area,
- run a school contest to design signage for the park,
- repair some paths,
- plant more trees,
- provide a duck refuge and
- work with volunteers to improve the park.

In writing the bid we described the Friends' goal as "to make the park a better place—more attractive, more enjoyable, more inclusive and more educational."

The new funding will help us do this. ■

PLANNING MATTERS

Tidying up your garden?

Remember planning permission is required for felling or pruning trees which are over 75mm in stem diameter, 1.5m above the ground.

Are you doing house repairs or improvements?

Is planning permission required?

Always ask before you build or do alterations. Hull City Council will give you advice. Write to:

**Planning Services
Kingston House
Bond Street
Hull HU1 3ER**

with your proposals. They will let you know in writing if you need planning permission or not. Informal advice can be given by telephone: **612345.**

In the Avenues and Pearson Park Conservation Area **specific planning permission (under Article 4 Directions of 1995)** is required for:

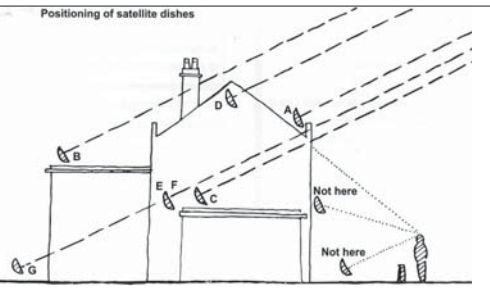
- the construction of a *driveway* across a pavement or verge;
- the removal or alteration of a *window or bay* facing the highway.

There is no fee for an application resulting from an Article 4 Direction.

Detailed information is available from the Council in leaflet and other forms; and on the website:

www.hullcc.gov.uk/planning

The full text of this article appeared in APPRAnews issue 25, April 2006. Copies on request to the Editor.



Legend for diagram:

(A) Behind a roof parapet; (B) on rear extension roofs; (C) on lower roofs or garages; (D) shielded by a chimney or other projection; (E) on side walls; (F) spaces between roofs; (G) in a rear garden.

grass verge, windows altered, the list is long. However a scourge, hurried on by the digital age, which not only makes an actual house frontage ugly but damages its fabric as well is—the satellite dish!

In our area these are an eyesore on the front of houses particularly those under multi-occupancy. The dishes scatter themselves, some only just above head height, like large black lice over house fronts, their unsightly wires trailing like

footpath or c) on a building 15 m (49 ft) high, ie where it can be seen from the road. Now there's a surprise! I thought it only had to be less than 90 cm across—but not so.

It seems that in all cases the dish must be installed to minimise its effect on the external appearance of the building and be removed as soon as reasonably practicable once it is no longer needed. This would suggest that if the occupants of, say, flats or rented

APPRA/RIBA/ARC ARCHITECTURE EVENING

Mara Clifton has lived in Park Avenue for 57 years. Her first husband, **Joseph Konrad**, lectured at the School of Architecture from 1942-63. Come and celebrate with Mara his earlier architectural work in Bratislava, exhibited at **arc**, Blanket Row, Hull on **Tuesday, 16 October, from 6.00-8.00pm**. Light refreshments—booking helpful but not essential.

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