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THANK YOU

2025 was a great year for Victoria Dock. With the return of the Fun Day, improvements to the village hall, some great and inclusive clubs, classes and societies and another fantastic visit from Santa, the year was definitely a highlight but what has 2026 got in-store for this amazing area?

Last year was a tent pole year for the Village Hall & Community centre but we couldn't have achieved any of this without the fantastic support we receive from local businesses, companies and you, the residents of Victoria Dock.

Our thanks go out to all of the sponsors of the bi-annual Victoria Dock Fun Day including Humber Fish Company, Breedon Aggregates, The Three Crowns Pub, Karl & Jo Bradley, Chesters Fish & Chips Shop, Victoria Dock Church, Stagecoach & Jacob & Associates Ltd and those who so kindly gave prizes for the raffle including Peak Physique Health & Fitness Centre, TeamSport Karting, Moo Music, Train Time, Glow Bambino and all the residents who also contributed. We would also like to thank the stall holders who booked pitches at the event, the staff who managed the rides, Humber Police and Fire & Rescue and all our wonderful volunteers who made the day run so smoothly. The Victoria Dock Fun Day will return in the summer of 2027.

The Village Hall itself had some TLC in 2025 with a few new layers of paint to brighten up the place. The main upgrade was the Kitchen however, with a major update and redesign, thanks to grants from Hull CVS and Hull City Council.

Christmas came early to Victoria Dock as Santa and his Elves returned to the Three Crowns Pub in December. This was another fantastic evening for the children (and the adults) on the Dock and we would like to thank the management and the staff of the Pub for allowing us to have the event there. Also all the volunteers who help make the evening such a success and, of course, the Big Man himself who told us he loves coming to the Dock every year. Santa and his Elves will return this December.

2026 is going to be another great year for the residents of Victoria Dock. Firstly, the Residents Association meetings have a new format and are being replaced by a more regular surgery with the Local Councillors. The Police also have their drop-in events, so you'll still have the opportunity to raise any issues with the Councillors or the Police. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for dates and times. Secondly, the Victoria Dock Easter Trail returns this April as the Easter Bunny leaves pictures of eggs all around the Dock for you to find and you could win a prize. Lastly, with all the classes, clubs, societies and teams running every week, there has never been a better time to try something new at the Village Hall and Community Centre.

So thank you for all the support over the last year and may it continue into 2026.



Hull City Council
 with Diana Hatcher

QUARTERLY SURGERIES

Victoria Dock Village Hall & Community Centre

Next Meeting
Monday 11th May 2026
 6:00pm - 7:00pm

A TRIBUTE TO CHRIS HALL

It came as a shock to hear our Chairman, Chris Hall, had passed away on Christmas Eve.

Chris had been involved with the Village Hall since it opened back in 1995, meeting the then Prince Charles at the opening. From the first "It's a Knockout", to the Fun Days we have today, Chris was always interested in the Community and making Victoria Dock a better place to live. He was always one of the first to volunteer and gave his time generously.

He helped establish the **Village Hall Committee** and served as the Vice Chair for a number of years before becoming Chairman when Gordon Rason passed away in 2022. He also Chaired the Resident's Association meetings and was a familiar sight around the Community as well as the Pub!

Over the years, Chris worked relentlessly to raise the funding necessary to make sure the **Fun Day** happened and loved nothing better than manning the bar on the day. He was instrumental in bringing **Father Christmas** to the Dock and always became an elf for the night! Chris brought energy and enthusiasm to everything that he did and he will be sadly missed. The Village Hall Committee continues with Maria Kelwick as our new Chair and we are always looking for new volunteers - people like Chris with a passion for their local Community.



A WORD FROM THE VICAR

I was recently asked: "Do you have hope?". It's one of those questions that seems simple but the more you think about it, the harder it is to answer. Something similar happened when I was training at Bible College, when one of the professors asked us "What is love?". After a few of us answered "Baby don't hurt me", there was a deafening silence.

"Do you have hope?". It depends what we mean. Some say 'hope' is wishful thinking - "I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow", "I hope they don't notice the stain on the carpet", etc. If that's what hoping means, I suppose we all hope from time to time. But to "have hope" is surely something more. It's a confidence that things will one day be better than they currently are. Some people point to their children or 'the human spirit' as reasons for such optimism. But given that the news is usually full of corrupt governments, despotic leaders, unpredictable weather, heartbreaking poverty, ugly divisiveness, and more, we would forgive someone for saying they don't have hope. In such a world, perhaps it's naïve and irrational to have hope. Jesus and his earliest followers also lived in a turbulent world, and so it's interesting that his friend Peter described being a Christian as having a "living hope". This is neither wishful thinking or naïve cheerfulness, but something more - an eager, confident expectation of a better future.

Crucially, a Christian's hope is not rooted in our observations of the world around us or having faith in humanity to turn things around. It's rooted in a promise God has made. When Jesus came the first time he showed us a glimpse of what it looks like for God to heal the world, and before he left he promised to come back and complete the job. To eradicate evil and suffering. To right wrongs. To bring complete justice. And to wipe every tear from our eyes. So do I have hope? No and yes. No - I'm frankly not confident the world is going to get materially better any time soon. But Yes - I'm looking forward to when Jesus comes back and makes everything sad come untrue.

If you're looking for a reason for hope, you're very welcome to come along to Victoria Dock Church any time and hear more about the hope that Jesus Christ offers. Easter Sunday is coming up and we have two services - a sunrise service at 7am by the waterfront (at the corner of the outer basin by Lancelot Court), and an Easter celebration at 9am in the Village Hall. If you'll pardon the pun, I 'hope' to be able to meet you there.

Rev Jonny Guy, Vicar of Victoria Dock Church

Weekly Services
Every Sunday, 10:45am in the Village Hall

Special Services
Easter Sunday (5th April): 7am by the waterfront and 9am in the Village Hall



THE EASTER TRAIL RETURNS

The Easter Bunny returns to Victoria Dock this Easter Sunday for the ultimate egg hunt all over the dock.

On Sunday 5th April, the Easter Bunny will be placing pictures of decorated eggs around the Dock for all the children and families to find. Pick up your Map/Entry form from the Premier store and then follow it to different areas of the Dock to discover where they are hidden. Then all you have to do is write down their location on the Map/entry form and post it in the entry box located back in the Premier store for your chance to win a prize.

So save the date and look forward to the Easter Bunny returning to Victoria Dock on Sunday 5th April 2026.



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NEW VENUE

Pilates Class

Victoria Dock Village Hall in Hull
Every Wednesday at 6pm
Reserve your spot: Paula 07725 232381

LEARN SOME NEW TRICKS IN 2026
JOIN A NEW CLASS, GROUP OR LEARN A NEW SKILL
AT THE VICTORIA DOCK VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tiny Forest is coming to Victoria Dock Park

WHAT'S A TINY FOREST?

Made up of 600 native trees planted in an area the size of a tennis court, Tiny Forests bring the benefits of woodlands into the heart of our cities: mitigating the impact of climate change, connecting people with nature and creating homes for wildlife.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Soil preparations will take place w/c 16th February, weather permitting. We have careful plans to ensure the least disruption possible.
- You are then invited to join a celebratory community planting event where local schools and people can come together to create the Tiny Forest - this will take place on **Wednesday 25th February**. We hope to have a number of schools join us in the morning with an open community session from 1pm.

- Urban forests are very important for climate adaptation.
- Trees retain water, increase local water storage, cool the local environment and take up carbon dioxide.
- Tiny Forests supports rich wildlife and are capable of attracting over 500 animal and plant species within the first 3 years.
- The whole community can use the Tiny Forest as a place to learn, play and enjoy nature.

Join us for the Tiny Forest planting day! Register on Eventbrite (FREE event):

For more information please contact us at tinyforest@earthwatch.org.uk

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Discover more: earthwatch.org.uk/tinyforest



WHAT'S ON at the Victoria Dock Village Hall & Community Centre

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
MONDAY	Train Time UK 10:30am - 11:30am	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	Yoga (6yrs - Adult): 6:30pm - 7:30pm Jr. Chess Club: 6pm - 7pm Fellowship Group: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
TUESDAY	Moo Music: Classes at 10:00am, 11am & 12:10pm	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	Jr. Chess Club: 6pm - 7pm Chess Club: 7:15pm - 10pm The Troublemakers Group: 8:15pm - 9:15pm
WEDNESDAY	Baby Sensory: Classes at 10:00am & 11:30am	New Friends Group: 12pm - 1pm	Pilates: 6pm - 7pm AA Just for Today Meeting: 7:30pm - 9:00pm Hull Male Voice Choir: 7:30pm - 9:30pm Guitar Group: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
THURSDAY	All Abilities Expressive Arts - Session: 10:00am - 12:00pm	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	ReNew: 5:45pm - 7:45pm Book Club: 7:30pm - 9pm (1st Thursday of the month only) Ukulele Group: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
FRIDAY	Glow Bambino: Classes at 9:30am & 10:45am	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	Kung Fu Class: 5:30pm - 6:30pm Karate for Kids: 5:15pm - 6:15pm & 6:15pm - 7:45pm
SATURDAY	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE
SUNDAY	Church Service: 10:45am - 12pm Cafe Church: 1st Sunday	AVAILABLE FOR HiRE	AA Just for Today Meeting - 7:30pm - 9:30pm

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HIRE CHARGES (PER HOUR)

	Member	Non-Member	Capacity
Main Hall	£18	£30	100
Commodore's Room	£8	£15	25
Captain's Room	£5	£10	12

(50% extra hire fee for bookings past 8pm)

Kitchen - £15 includes the use of the Cooker

(All residents of Victoria Dock are classed as members)

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