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Hull Maritime Museum Welcomes More Than 3,000 Visitors on Opening Weekend

Hull Maritime Museum officially opened to the public on Saturday 8 August, welcoming more than 3,000 visitors through its doors once again after an extensive programme of restoration and redevelopment.

The opening weekend saw a strong turnout from residents, visitors, and stakeholders, marking a proud moment for the city as one of its much-loved cultural attractions returns to the heart of Hull city centre. Tickets were sold out for the whole weekend and welcomed many walk-up visitors too.

Housed in the historic Dock Office building, the museum now offers a refreshed and enhanced visitor experience. Carefully restored galleries and updated displays showcase Hull's rich maritime heritage, including its fishing and whaling industries, alongside the powerful stories of the communities connected to the sea.

The museum was officially reopened by the Lord Mayor of Hull and Admiral of the Humber, Councillor Maria Coward, Leader of Hull City Council, Councillor Mike Ross, and former Dock Office worker and Hull Maritime volunteer, Ralph Marks, who joined together to cut the ribbon and welcome visitors into the

building.

Funded by Hull City Council and The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the revitalised museum combines the preservation of nationally significant collections with improved interpretation, making it more accessible and engaging for a wide range of audiences.

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

The reopening of Hull Maritime Museum was a proud and significant moment for our city. This much-loved building has been carefully restored to ensure that Hull's rich maritime heritage can be shared and celebrated for generations to come.

"Thanks to council and National Lottery funding, the transformation of the museum creates a modern, engaging space that honours the stories of our past while inspiring future visitors. I'm delighted to see it open once again at the heart of Hull's cultural offer.

Eilish McGuinness, Chief Executive at The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said:

It's incredibly exciting to see that Hull Maritime Museum reopen and welcoming so many visitors from near and far to share and celebrate the city's rich and fascinating maritime heritage. Those lucky enough to have visited already will have been captivated by the significant collections of the museum, and the striking beauty of the Grade II* listed building and its stunning architecture, that has been painstakingly preserved as part of the regeneration project.

"We're incredibly proud that thanks to National Lottery players, the Heritage Fund is able to support place-based investment boosting pride in place and connecting communities and visitors with this vital heritage. The museum is a major contributor to the city's ongoing, heritage-led, cultural renaissance, alongside and provides another gateway to all of the wonderful things that Hull has to offer.

The opening forms part of Hull's ongoing commitment to celebrating and preserving its heritage while strengthening the city's cultural and tourism offer.

Early feedback from visitors has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising both the quality of the restoration and the renewed focus on telling Hull's maritime story in a modern, engaging way.

Leah Borrill visited on Saturday with her four children and father, she said:

It is nice to see if finally open after it has been boarded up for so long and to be able to bring the children in and see what Hull used to be like.

"Everything is so nice and there's lots of interactive things to do for the children to do. It has been amazing.

Richard from Newcastle, said:

I'm originally from Hull and my Granny used to take me around the museum, with variable amounts of enthusiasm on my part. Wow, how things have changed from the 1980s!

"This time around the stunning building and entranced coupled with the friendly welcome from staff so full of pride that I got a shiver down my spine. The first area I went into with a whale skeleton and polar bear was just like the set-up when I was a kid, but now everything is so beautifully presented.

By Catherine Wiliams Online 12 August 2026
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Hull Maritime Museum Reopens After £20.4m Transformation



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Opening weekend fully booked as one of Britain's oldest maritime museums prepares to reopen with immersive galleries, a new planetarium and internationally significant collections.

More than 8,000 visitors have already booked free tickets for the opening month of Hull Maritime Museum with all advance timed-entry slots for the first weekend booked up ahead of the reopening on Saturday 8 August. A limited number of walk-up visitors will still be able to enter the museum each day, subject to capacity.

New photography released today reveals the completed transformation of one of Britain's oldest maritime museums following a six-year, £20.4m redevelopment that has restored Hull's Grade II* former Dock Offices while creating an entirely reimagined visitor experience.

At the heart of the wider £70m Hull Maritime programme, the transformation doubles the museum's public space and displays around 1,300 objects, bringing Hull's internationally important maritime collections to life through immersive interpretation, major new displays and interactive experiences designed for visitors of all ages.

Visitors journey through more than 800 years of maritime history, exploring the stories of trade, migration, fishing, whaling, Arctic exploration and the communities whose lives have been shaped by the sea. Alongside restored historic interiors, contemporary galleries reveal how Hull became one of Britain's great maritime cities and why the Humber remains the UK's busiest port complex today.

By Zoe Walker Online 8 August 2026

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Mapping Out a Greener City: New Hull Cycling Guide Features 10 Key Routes and Local Services



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Photo supplied by Hull City Council

A new cycle map has been created by Hull City Council to promote the benefits of cycling and help residents plan a journey by bike, whether it is for leisure, commuting to school or work or for making short trips, such as errands or visiting family and friends locally.

The city has an expanding network of on-road cycle lanes, off-road cycle tracks, quiet streets and open spaces, which provide the perfect opportunity to choose quicker, more convenient and cost-effective modes of travel, such as cycling.

The new map includes:

an overall view of the city's cycle network and links to surrounding towns and villages, including route types, safety and traffic information, cycling facilities and public services and landmarks

a city centre pull-out

some of the environmental and health and wellbeing benefits of cycling

where to find cycling services and support in Hull

ten recommended routes.

Councillor Mark Ieronimo, cabinet portfolio holder for transport and infrastructure at Hull City Council, said:

By Zoe Online 6 August 2026

Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/mapping-out-a-greener-city-new-hull-cycling-guide-features-10-key-routes-and-local-services**

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Free Cycle Training Helps Hull Adults Get Back on Their Bikes



Photo supplied by Hull City Council

A cycle training programme in Hull has recorded its third successive year of growth, with more people choosing to get back in the saddle and make active, sustainable journeys.

Rusty Riders is a free cycle training course for Hull adults who want to refresh their cycling skills. The programme is funded by Hull City Council and delivered by qualified local instructors.

Weekly sessions take place at various locations in the city, on a rotating basis, including East Park, Pearson Park and the Hull History Centre.

The two-and-a-half-hour sessions are designed to refresh the skills of adults returning to cycling by preparing them to cycle safely and confidently on Hull's roads.

By Albert Nelson Online 27 August 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/free-cycle-training-helps-hull-adults-get-back-on-their-bikes**

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Cllr Mark Ieronimo Joins Crews to See Hull Road Repairs First-Hand



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Councillor Mark Ieronimo, portfolio holder for transport and infrastructure at Hull City Council went 'back to the floor' with the highway operations team.

The hands-on experience, which took place on Tuesday 4 August, gave Cllr Ieronimo an insight into the vital work carried out to keep the city's transport infrastructure safe and reliable.

The team are made up of 26 operatives working across 12 teams and are responsible for responding to around 590 jobs per month, using approximately 3,500 tonnes of tarmac every year.

By Albert Nelson Online 14 August 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/cllr-mark-ieronimo-joins-crews-to-see-hull-road-repairs-first-hand**

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Hull Named Joint Top in England for Children's Cycle Training



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Hull has again been confirmed as the top place in the country for the delivery of cycle training to children, according to new figures from The Bikeability Trust.

Between April 2025 and March 2026, 87% of Year 6 pupils in the city received either Level 1 or 2 Bikeability training (2,958 children in total), putting Hull joint first in England alongside Herefordshire Council.

Hull City Council is responsible for the full delivery of all Bikeability training in the city and has continued to take additional steps to reduce cancellations and increase participation, including the rollout of training to all primary schools in the city, catch-up sessions for pupils and support for children in Hull who are home educated.

By Zoe Walker Online 16 August 2026
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Sculcoates Park Reopens After Major Community Improvements



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A thriving Sculcoates Park in Hull has formally reopened having undergone significant improvements to increase participation, safety and community involvement.

New footways and lighting to increase accessibility and safety for the community and park users have been installed, as well as the introduction of natural play equipment and fencing around the children's play area.

The popular sports area and 'Red Top' basketball court, complete with new hoops and lighting, has also been refurbished as part of a new multi-use games area.

Picnic tables and a chess table have also been installed to further encourage community use.

By Albert Nelson Online 24 August 2026
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In brief



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Read Easy Hull & District Seeks Volunteers to Help Adults Learn to Read

Could you help Read Easy Hull & District change lives? Read Easy Hull & District is a completely volunteer-led local group providing free, confidential, one-to-one reading support to adults who want to improve their reading skills.

By Madelaine Hoskin Online 11 August 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/read-easy-hull-district-seeks-volunteers-to-help-adults-learn-to-read**



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Hull Photographer Documents the Paradox of "Legal" Street Art

A new photography zine launching this month turns its lens on Bankside Gallery, one of the few places in the country where painting on walls is done with the council's blessing rather than against it

By Osg Archive Online 24 August 2026
Continued at **hullmagazine.co.uk/hull-photographer-documents-the-paradox-of-legal-street-art**



YORK

Award-Winning Actor Billy Bowness Brings Comedy, Theatre and Television Success Back to Yorkshire

Harrogate-based actor and television personality Billy Bowness is continuing to make his mark on stage and screen, with an award-winning career that has taken him from British television and West End theatre to the Great Yorkshire Show.

By Paula Sandino Online 11 August 2026
Continued at **yorkmagazine.co.uk/award-winning-actor-billy-bowness-brings-comedy-theatre-and-television-success-back-to-yorkshire**



YORK

York to Light City Walls in Blue and Yellow for Ukraine Independence Day

Valerii Zaluzhnyi, the Ambassador of Ukraine, has written to City of York Council, requesting our support to mark Ukraine's 35th Independence Day on Monday 24 August 2026.

By Zoe Walker Online 24 August 2026
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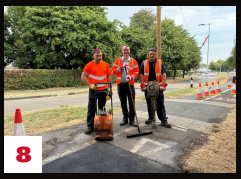
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