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Dive into Hull's seafaring history

Free tickets are now available to tour Hull's historic Spurn Lightship, which re-opens to the public on 7 March after a multi-million-pound restoration. Built in 1927 to guide ships through the treacherous River Humber, it became a floating museum before closing in 2018 for a major restoration. Now fully restored, and with new interpretation, it will become the first of the new-look maritime visitor attractions to open as part of the £65m five-year Hull Maritime project. Limited on-board capacity means pre-booking is encouraged. <https://bit.ly/4cDFfGi>

Pocklington's bid for glory

Nestled at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds, a town of 10,000 but with a cultural history dating back more than 3,000 years, is in the bidding to become the UK's first ever UK Town of Culture in 2028. Pocklington made headlines in 2017 when a chariot and horse skeletons were unearthed shedding light on the Arras culture, which flourished in East Yorkshire during the Iron Age. Now the town, also shaped by the Vikings and Romans, is setting its sights on the future. <https://bit.ly/3ME9gv8>

No need to cry, 'mark-it' in your diary

Visitors once flocked to Grantham for the historic onion charter fair when the relics of St Wulfram church would be one of the attractions for devout pilgrims. Now this centuries old tradition is being revived as part of a series of markets in the Lincolnshire town. This October, the modern version will see onion-themed goods, crafts, food and drinks, music and street performers, as well as an onion eating contest. It is one of several 'specials' scheduled for 2026. <https://bit.ly/3Mh1kjr>

20 Women Who Changed the World

A new exhibition has opened in the Museums Quarter in Hull, celebrating the lives of twenty historical women who changed the world, spanning from the 1500s to the present day. *20 Historical Women Who Changed The World* is a collection of works depicting modern and historical figures from Marie Curie and Zaha Hadid to Florence Nightingale, in addition to other women whose achievements continue to shape people's daily lives. The free-entry exhibition runs until 11 April 2026. <https://bit.ly/47WUK9P>

Snap to it in Lincolnshire

Visitors to Lincolnshire's Doddington Hall can discover the changing story of this Elizabethan house through a fascinating display of archive photographs and carefully chosen objects. Spanning more than a century, *Then & Now* traces how the Estate and the wider village have evolved, from the development of its buildings to the lives of the people who worked there. The free entry exhibition runs until 27 March 2026. <https://bit.ly/4c365Y9>

Hop into a fun-packed Easter playtime

Following last year's popular event, William's Den will be welcoming families back for a full day of springtime fun and adventure. Easter Adventures at the award-winning adventure play attraction on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds will run daily from 28 March to 12 April featuring indoor-outdoor play, live entertainment and hands-on seasonal activities. Tickets start from £17.95 for children aged from 3 years, £15.95 for those aged 1–3 years, and £12.95 for adults. <https://bit.ly/4tZjdEm>